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“Wells Fargo and the Asian Pacific Community”

Currently on display (Mon-Fri), 9am-5pm, Wells Fargo Center, Second Floor (1300 SW Fifth Ave, Portland). View “Wells Fargo and the Asian Pacific Community,” a free exhibit at the Wells Fargo History Museum focusing on the Asian community in Oregon and beyond. The display features images and artifacts from Wells Fargo’s corporate archives, the Oregon Historical Society, and the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site in John Day, Oregon, and highlights Chinese-owned companies, such as the Twin Wo Company and the Wing Sing Company. To arrange a guided group tour for 30 or more people, call (503) 886-1102 or e-mail <steve.m.greenwood@wellsfargo.com>. For info, visit <www.wellsfargohistory.com>.

“History Hub”

Currently on display, 10am-5pm (Mon-Sat), noon-5pm (Sun), Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland). View “History Hub,” the Oregon Historical Society’s newest permanent exhibit for youth, students, and families that explores the topic of diversity through fun, hands-on interactives, objects, and pictures. Admission to the museum is free for Multnomah County residents and all Oregon school groups. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

One World, One Sky

Now showing (Tue-Sun), 12:30pm, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, Kendall Planetarium (1945 SE Water Ave, Portland). Watch *One World, One Sky: Big Bird’s Adventure*, a film following Big Bird, Elmo, and their friend from China, Hu Hu Zhu, on a fanciful trip from Sesame Street to the Moon. On their journey of discovery, the friends learn about the Big Dipper, the North Star, the Sun, and, of course, the Moon — and how very different it is from Earth. For info, call (503) 797-4000 or visit <www.oms.edu>.

“Cityscape Burma”

Through Jan 29 (Tue-Sun), noon-5pm, Blue Sky Gallery (122 NW Eighth Ave, Portland). View “Cityscape Burma,” a formal photographic study by Eric West of the country’s urban landscape, which reveals the subtle relationships between people and place. The images serve as visual documents of Burma in transition, as the military government’s recent opening up of the country to tourism and the influence of western culture has begun to reshape the previously isolated Buddhist nation. For info, call (503) 225-0210 or visit <www.blueskygallery.org>.

“Democracy’s Blueprints”

Through Feb 1, 10am-5pm (Mon-Sat), noon-5pm (Sun), Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland). Visit “Democracy’s Blueprints: The Documents that Built America,” an exhibit featuring some of the earliest printings and engravings of the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the United States Constitution, and the Monroe Doctrine — five iconic documents that made American freedom what it is today. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

“Bridges of Portland”

Through Feb 1 (Wed-Sat), 10am-4:30pm, Architectural Heritage Center (701 SE Grand Ave, Portland). View “Bridges of Portland: Paintings by Christopher Mooney,” an exhibit of Mooney’s representational work portraying the urban landmarks and bridges of Portland. For info, call (503) 231-7264 or visit <www.visitahc.org>.

“Meet Me at Higo”

Through Feb 15 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View “Meet Me at Higo: Journey of a Japanese-American Family Over 100 Years,” a pop-up exhibit of photos, journals, and artifacts that explores the Japanese-American experience through the eyes of Seattle’s Murakami family, which owned the Higo 10 Cents Store. The display addresses the family’s imprisonment in internment camps during World War II, the help they received from friends and neighbors in the Jewish community that prevented the family from losing their store, and more. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Forum on racism

Jan 17, 7pm, Southminster Presbyterian Church (12250 SW Denney Rd, Beaverton, Ore.). Attend a forum on racism hosted by five Beaverton religious congregations to learn about critical issues facing the Portland metropolitan area regarding diversity, race, housing, policing, gentrification, privilege, and economic justice. The event features panelists Ibrahim Mubarak, an advocate for the rights of unhoused people; Jo Ann Hardesty, president of the Portland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and Teresa Raiford, a social-justice advocate. For info, call (503) 644-2073 or visit <www.southmin.org>.

Health insurance enrollment assistance

Jan 17, 21 & 28; Jan 17, 3:30-5:30pm, Belmont Library (1038 SE César Chávez Blvd, Portland); Jan 21, 10am-2pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland); Jan 28, 10:30am-noon, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Learn about the health insurance application and enrollment process at a library event held in partnership with the Multnomah County Health Department and Health Plans in Oregon. Interpreters are available with 48-hour advance notice. Open enrollment for health insurance ends January 31, 2017. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 988-5382 (Belmont), (503)



BURMA IN TRANSITION. “Cityscape Burma,” a formal photographic study by Eric West of the country’s urban landscape, is on view through January 29 at the Blue Sky Gallery in northwest Portland. The images serve as visual documents of Burma in transition, as the military government’s recent opening up of the country to tourism and the influence of western culture has begun to reshape the previously isolated Buddhist nation. (Photo courtesy of the Blue Sky Gallery)

988-5392 (Midland), or (503) 988-5234 (Central), or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

OCAPIA public meeting

Jan 18, 9:30am-noon, Portland Business Alliance, Conference Room (200 SW Market St, Suite 150, Portland). Attend a public meeting of the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA). The meeting agenda includes commissioner reports, other subjects of interest to the commission, and more. For info, call (503) 302-9725, e-mail <OACO.mail@oregon.gov>, or visit <www.oregon.gov/OCAPIA/Pages/index.aspx>.

Talk Time at Central Library

Jan 18 & 25, 5:30-7pm, Multnomah County Central Library, Room 2B (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Join other non-native English speakers at an informal conversation circle for people who want to practice speaking English. Talk Time is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share culture, and have fun. Only English is spoken. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Massacre at Hells Canyon

Jan 19 & 23; Jan 19, 5:30-7pm, University of Oregon (70 NW Couch St, Portland); Jan 23, 9-9:30pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch *Massacre at Hells Canyon*, an episode of Oregon Experience detailing an 1887 incident in which as many as 34 Chinese gold miners were massacred on the Oregon side of Hells Canyon in what was likely the nation’s worst massacre of Chinese people. Though the culprits were well known, no one was ever convicted and the crime was largely forgotten. The January 19 free public screening includes a question-and-answer session with producer Kami Horton. For info about the University of Oregon screening, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>. To verify the OPB showing, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA)

Jan 19 & 26, 5:45-7:45pm, Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland). Schedule an appointment to meet with highly trained volunteer counsellors at a free Medicare information event focusing on comparing insurance options, untangling paperwork and problems, appealing benefit denials, and reporting Medicare fraud. To schedule a one-hour appointment (required), call (503) 988-3646. For info, call (503) 988-5388 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Ethnic Miaos of Guizhou province

Jan 19-Feb 28, 10am-4pm; Feb 18, 1-2pm (presentation); Lan Su Chinese Garden (239 NW Everett St, Portland). View images by photographer Jan Landis highlighting the ethnic Miaos of Guizhou province in southwest China. Landis is scheduled to give a presentation about the culture of the Miaos at 1:00pm on February 18. For info, call (503) 228-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

Talk Time at Midland Library

Jan 21 & 28, 3:30-5pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Join other non-native English speakers at an informal conversation circle for people who want to practice speaking English. Talk Time is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share culture, and have fun. Only English is spoken. For info, call (503) 988-5392 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Mandarin computer basics

Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18 & Apr 15, 10:30am-12:30pm, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Attend a four-part series to learn basic technology skills for computers, taught by friendly, patient staff in Mandarin. To register (required), call (503) 988-5234. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Talk Time at St. Johns Library

Jan 22 & 29, 1:30-3pm, St. Johns Library (7510 N Charleston Ave, Portland). Join other non-native English speakers at an informal conversation circle for people who want to practice speaking English. Talk Time is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share culture, and have fun. Only English is spoken. For info, call (503) 988-5397 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Kam Wah Chung

Jan 23, 9:30-10pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch *Kam Wah Chung*, an episode of Oregon Experience telling the story of herbal doctor Ing Hay and businessman Lung On, who practiced medicine and operated a general store at Kam Wah Chung & Co. in John Day, Oregon. To verify showtime, call (503)

293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

“The World ... In General: Taiwan”

Jan 24, 6pm, Portland State University (PSU), Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 327/328 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend “The World ... In General: Taiwan,” a lecture by director general Vincent Yao of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle. The talk is held as part of Portland State University’s Asian Diplomat Lecture Series. For info, call (503) 725-8576 or visit <www.pdx.edu/asian-studies>.

“National Geographic Live”

Jan 25, 7:30pm, Newmark Theatre (1111 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend “Point of No Return,” a “National Geographic Live” talk by mountaineer Hilaree O’Neill about her harrowing journey to the summit of Burma’s Hkakabo Razi to determine if it is Southeast Asia’s highest point. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 248-4335 or visit <www.portland5.com>.

“The Long Defeat”

Jan 26, 6:30pm, Portland State University (PSU), Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 294 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend “The Long Defeat: Cultural Trauma, Memory, and Identity in Japan,” a talk by PSU visiting professor Akiko Hashimoto that explores the stakes of war memory in Japan after the country’s catastrophic defeat in World War II and shows how and why defeat has become an indelible part of national collective life, especially in recent decades. For info, call (503) 725-8576 or visit <www.pdx.edu/asian-studies>.

Pad Yatra

Jan 27, 7pm, Fifth Avenue Cinema (510 SW Hall St, Portland). Watch *Pad Yatra*, an inspiring documentary that follows the Buddhist trek made by Tibetan nuns, community members, and His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa to save the Himalayas from environmental disaster and cultural extinction. The screening is free and open to the public. (India/Nepal/USA, 2013, Wendy J.N. Lee, 72 mins.) For info, call (503) 725-8576 or (503) 725-3551, or visit <www.pdx.edu/asian-studies> or <www.5thavenuecinema.org>.

Free “Fix-It Fair”

Jan 28, 9:30am-2:30pm, George Middle School (10000 N Burr Ave, Portland). Attend a free City of Portland “Fix-It Fair” connecting residents with money-saving, environmentally friendly resources and activities. Exhibits and workshops offer information on home and personal health, utility savings, food and nutrition, community resources, recycling, yard care, lead testing, and more. The event also features a Repair Café as well as lunch and free on-site childcare. For info, call (503) 823-4309, e-mail <fixitfair@portlandoregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/41892>.

The Return

Jan 29, 2-4pm, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Attend a screening and discussion of *The Return*, a documentary about the amendment of California’s “Three Strikes” law that shortened the sentences of many incarcerated people and led to the reintegration of thousands of “lifers.” The event is presented in cooperation with the National Black Programming Consortium (NBPC). For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Asian cooking classes

Jan 29, Feb 19 & Mar 26, 10am-1:30pm, West Linn Adult Community Center (1180 Rosemont Rd, West Linn, Ore.). Learn the ins and outs of making various Asian cuisines at a class taught by Indonesia-born chef Surja Tjahaja. Class topics include Chinese Char-Siu & Wonton Noodle Soup (January 29), Beef Stew Noodle Soup (February 19), and Tea-Smoked Duck with Steamed Buns (March 26). For info, or to register, call (503) 557-4700 or visit <www.westlinnregion.gov/parksrec>. To learn more, visit <www.chef2go.biz>.

“The Culture and Traditions of Central Asia”

Jan 30, 6-8pm, Rockwood Library (17917 SE Stark St, Portland). Attend “The Culture and Traditions of Central Asia,” a presentation in Russian featuring a collection of artifacts from some of the world’s oldest and richest cultures — ornate fabric and embroideries, costumes, jewelry, puppets, and other objects — as well as traditional music and dance. To register (required), call (503) 988-5234. For info, call (503) 988-5396 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Asian food market tour

Feb 4, 11am-3pm, East Portland. Join Indonesia-born chef Surja Tjahaja for a tour of markets specializing in fresh, inexpensive vegetables, seafood, and other Asian food in the Portland area. The tour, which features ideas for the Lunar New Year, includes a gourmet Asian lunch. For info, meeting location, or to register (by January 27), call (503) 656-8910. To learn more, visit <www.chef2go.biz>.

“Festival of the Bees”

Feb 4, 11am-3pm, Shining Star Waldorf School (2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland). Attend the “Festival of the Bees,” a free, family-friendly celebration of all things bee. Attendees are able to meet local bee experts, enjoy bee-themed crafts, have their face painted, play games, participate in candle dipping, watch a puppet show, and more. Funds raised from a raffle and silent auction benefit the Shining Star Waldorf School. For info, call (503) 753-4459 or visit <www.shiningstarschool.com>.

“Yellow Terror”

Feb 5-July 16, 11am-3pm (Tue-Sat), noon-3pm (Sun), Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland). View “Yellow Terror: The Collections and Paintings of Roger Shimomura,” an exhibit of Shimomura’s paintings — which challenge the role of media and material culture in defining the American norm — as well as his collection of memorabilia and objects depicting racial stereotypes of Asians and Asian Americans accumulated during the last 20 years. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.