



FRUGAL FAIRS. “Fix-It Fairs” — free events that aim to connect attendees with resources and educate them about simple ways to save money — are held each winter in Portland. The last “Fix-It Fair” of the season is scheduled for Saturday, February 23 from 9:30am to 2:30pm at Floyd Light Middle School, located at 10800 S.E. Washington Street in Portland. Pictured is a young attendee watching a volunteer bike technician repair a broken bicycle. (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

Bustling “Fix-It Fair” aims to connect, educate

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getting ready to inflate the reindeer as the woman who brought it in to be fixed sat smiling. He relayed that he had soldered the wire once, but it had broken, so he soldered it a second time.

Chuck punctuated his explanation with good-humored humility, “I’m going to try again. We’ll see how much damage I do.”

Repair PDX requires the item’s owner to be present while the item is being fixed. Cindy Correll, a volunteer who helped organize the day’s Repair PDX, said that is partially because they may need to ask questions about how the owner would like their item repaired, but — importantly — also because it encourages the owners to be involved.

“Our volunteers are willing to help teach somebody how to fix something them-

selves if they are interested in doing that,” Correll said. “Sometimes it gives them the confidence to try a repair on their own.”

When asked about the importance of the work they’re doing, Correll not only highlighted that it can empower people, but that because it extracts fewer resources, it has a smaller impact on the natural world. In alignment with the intent of the “Fix-It Fairs,” they also provide a powerful resource and a simple way to save money.

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Year of the Pig!!

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“Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland’s Historic Chinatowns”

Currently on display, noon-5pm (Thu-Sun), Portland Chinatown Museum (127 NW Third Ave, Portland). View “Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland’s Historic Chinatowns,” a display of rare and seldom-seen objects such as Chinese opera costumes, theatrical sets, bilingual text, audio-visual media, and interactive visitor stations that tell a sprawling transnational story of contact and trade between China and the west, focusing on Portland’s Old Chinatown (1850-1905) and New Chinatown (1905-1950). The exhibit is an expanded permanent version of the display featured at the Oregon Historical Society in 2016. For info, call (503) 224-0008 or visit <www.portlandchinatown.org>.

“A Dragon Lives Here”

Currently on display (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). Learn about Bruce Lee at “Do You Know Bruce?” Part four of the display — “A Dragon Lives Here” — explores his Seattle roots and the fact that Seattle, now known as a city for innovation, technology, and entrepreneurs, also played a key role in shaping Bruce Lee and his groundbreaking approach. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

“New Years All Year Round”

Currently on display (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View “New Years All Year Round,” a fun, family-friendly exhibit that looks at New Year traditions, stories, toys, games, and cuisine. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

“Worlds Beyond Here”

Through Sep 15 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View “Worlds Beyond Here: The Expanding Universe of APA Science Fiction,” an exhibit that looks at the connection between Asian Pacific Americans and the infinite possibilities of science fiction. The display features pieces such as an Augmented Reality sculpture garden, a Connection Machine (early supercomputer) from the Living Computers Museum, a local 14-year-old cosplayer who creates robots out of cardboard, a mix of literary and pop culture works, and more. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Mahjong group

Feb 19 & 26, 1-4pm, Gresham Library (385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham, Ore.). Players of all skill levels are invited to join a mahjong group. A coach is available to teach new players. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

“School Exclusion Day”

Feb 20. “School Exclusion Day” in Oregon is Wednesday, February 20. Parents need to bring their children’s immunization records to schools and childcare facilities no later than February 20. Children without up-to-date immunization documentation or exemption paperwork are not allowed to attend school or childcare if the records on file show missing immunizations. For info about immunizations, visit <www.healthoregon.org/imm>. To learn more about required immunizations, or to obtain inoculations, contact your healthcare provider or local health department, or call (971) 673-0300 and 1-800-422-6012.

Free vaccination clinic for children

Feb 20, 9am-3pm, Multnomah County East County Health Center, Second Floor (600 NE Eighth St, Gresham, Ore.). “School Exclusion Day” in Oregon is February 20. Children in Multnomah County who need immunizations are invited to receive free vaccinations on February 20. Exclusion Day applies to children in all public and private schools, preschools, Head Start programs, kindergartens, alternative schools, and childcare facilities. Families should expect to spend about three hours, as the clinic is often busy. For info, call (503) 988-3406 or (503) 823-4000, or visit <www.multco.us/health/immunizations> or <www.mchealth.org>.

Health Share of Oregon meeting at AHSC

Feb 20, 3-5pm, Asian Health & Service Center (9035 SE Foster Rd, Portland). Health Share of Oregon’s Board of Directors and Community Advisory Council is hosting a joint meeting at the Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC). The meeting, which is open to the public, includes updates on the Ride to Care program, discussion about the Community Health Improvement Plan, and more. Time is available for public comment. People needing language translation services or accommodations for a disability should contact Maria Tafolla at (503) 416-3668 or <maria@healthshareoregon.org> at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For info, call (503) 416-8090 or visit <www.healthshareoregon.org>.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA)

Feb 21 & 28, 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) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free “Fix-It Fair”

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TIN CANS & MINING PANS. “Tin Cans and Mining Pans: What Archaeology is Teaching Us About Oregon’s Early Chinese Diaspora,” an illustrated presentation by historical archaeologist Chelsea Rose, is scheduled for February 28 at the Portland Chinatown Museum in north-west Portland. (Photos/Chris Bennion Photography)

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, bike maintenance, and more. The event also features a Repair Café as well as lunch, free on-site childcare, and hourly door prizes. For info, call (503) 823-4309, e-mail <fixitfair@portlandoregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/41892>. See related story beginning on page 10.

Asian food market tour

Feb 23, 11:30am-3:30pm. Join Indonesia-born chef Surja Tjahaja for a tour of markets specializing in fresh, inexpensive vegetables, seafood, and other Asian food in the Portland metropolitan area. The tour, which features ideas for the Lunar New Year, includes a gourmet Asian lunch. For info, meeting location, or to register, call (503) 656-8910. To learn more, visit <www.chef2go.biz>.

Portland Shogi Club

Feb 23 & Mar 2, 1-5pm, Shigezo Izakaya (910 SW Salmon St, Portland). Join the Portland Shogi Club on Saturdays to play Japanese chess. The free gathering is open to all levels and participants may drop in at any time. Boards are available, as are books for beginners and experienced players. For info, call (503) 282-1242 or e-mail <portlandshogi@gmail.com>.

Day of Remembrance

Feb 24, 2-4pm, Portland State University, Hoffmann Hall (1833 SW 11th Ave, Portland). Watch *For the Sake of the Children*, a free screening and panel discussion held as part of the Day of Remembrance. For info, call (503) 224-1458, or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org> or <www.forthesakeofchildren.org>.

“The (Non)Virgin Suicides”

Feb 27, 6pm, Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 327 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend “The (Non)Virgin Suicides: The Rose of Sharon Alliance, Feudal Morality, and the Debate over the Concept of Chastity in Colonial Korea,” a free lecture by Danny Kim, a visiting assistant professor of history at Portland State University. For info, call (503) 725-8576 or visit <www.pdx.edu/asian-studies>.

“Tin Cans and Mining Pans”

Feb 28, 5:30-7pm, Portland Chinatown Museum (127 NW Third Ave, Portland). Attend “Tin Cans and Mining Pans: What Archaeology is Teaching Us About Oregon’s Early Chinese Diaspora,” an illustrated presentation by historical archaeologist Chelsea Rose about recent archaeological findings from Chinese immigrant sites across the state ranging from the excavation of a home burned in the fall of 1888, work camps associated with the construction of the Oregon and California Railroad, John Day Chinatown, and late-19th to early-20th century mining in the Blue Mountains. The excavated artifacts and features provide insight into the daily lives of early Chinese residents as seen through their work places, communities, and personal possessions. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 224-0008 or visit <www.portlandchinatown.org>.

“The History of Article 9”

Mar 5, 6pm, Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 327/328 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend a free lecture, “The History of Article 9 (the no-war clause) of the Postwar Constitution of Japan: Its Establishment, Evolution, and Hollowing Out,” by Katsutoshi Takami, professor emeritus at Sophia University. The talk is presented by Portland State University’s Center for Japanese Studies as part of its “Postwar Constitution of Japan” series. For info, or to reserve space, call (503) 725-8577 or visit <www.pdx.edu/cjs/events>.

Spring Bazaar

Mar 17, 11:30am-3pm, Nichiren Buddhist Temple (2025 SE Yamhill St, Portland). Order and pick up chicken donburi, tofu donburi, chow mein, and special Nichiren tonkatsu bento (preorder only) as part of the Nichiren Buddhist Temple’s annual Spring Bazaar. For info, or to place an order (by March 11), call (503) 235-8292.