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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. See story by Kelly La Croix, "Beyond the Gate' showcases Portland Chinatown's past and present" (AR, May 6, 2019), at <www.asianreporter.com>. For info, call (503) 224-0008 or visit <www.portlandchinatown.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>.

Free citizenship classes

Through Sep 22 (Sun), 12:15-3:15pm, Rockwood Library (17917 SE Stark St, Portland). Learn about the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview at free classes taught in English by a volunteer from SOAR Legal. Participants learn about U.S. history and government. To register, call (503) 384-2482, ext. 116, or e-mail akelly@emoregon.org.

Qigong at Alberta Park

Through Sep 27 (Fri), 8-9am, Alberta Park (NE 22nd Ave & NE Killingsworth St, Portland). Learn simple, repetitive *qigong* movements at "Morning Moving Meditation: *Qigong*." The sessions are open to all members of the community. Participants should meet near the tennis courts and wear comfortable clothing. In case of rain, meet in the sheltered area. Donations are accepted. For info, call (503) 961-2242 or visit <www.rosecity qigong.com>.

"Textile Exchange"

Through Oct 27, 10am-5pm (Sun), 10am-8pm (Mon), noon-8pm (Tue-Wed), 10am-6pm (Thu-Sat); Sep 4, 5-7pm (reception); Multnomah County Central Library, Collins Gallery (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). View "Textile Exchange," an exhibit that explores textiles and their varied points of view, traditions, and techniques across cultures, communities, and generations. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Life Wide Angle/Close Up"

Through Apr 19 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "Life Wide Angle/Close Up," a multimedia photography-based exhibit that sparks conversation about what goes into making healthy and sustainable communities, what they contribute to the larger society, and strategies and policies that can protect and support them. Borne of the necessities of survival and the restrictions of racism, ethnic enclaves arose to form vibrant communities where newcomers could bring a taste of home. Chinatowns, Nihonmachis, Little Manilas, and others formed in the early 20th centuries, migrating to neighborhoods where early immigrants had established themselves and thriving in communities where neglect meant housing was affordable. Curated by photographer Carina A. del Rosario, the display features pieces by Dean Wong, Mel Ponder, Andrew Hida, and the Chinatown Art Brigade collective. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.



SUPER SKYSCRAPERS. "Super Skyscrapers: One World Trade Center," a show about the final year of construction of One World Trade Center in New York, airs September 6 at 7:00pm on Oregon Public Broadcasting Plus. (Photo courtesy of Blink Films UK)

<www.opb.org>.

Free vision screenings at AHSC

Sep 7, Asian Health & Service Center (9035 SE Foster Rd, Portland). Receive free vision screenings at the Asian Health & Service Center's location on Foster Road. For info, or to obtain available screening times, call (503) 872-8822 or visit <www.ahsc pdx.org>.

"Children's Book Fair"

Sep 7, 11am-1:30pm, North Portland Library, Back Lawn (512 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Join the 21st annual "Children's Book Fair," an event aimed at families with kids between preschool and fifth grade. The fair features activities and a free book for every child. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free ESOL class

Sep 11-Dec 4 (Wed), 6:30-8:30pm, Multnomah University, Travis-Lovitt Hall, First Floor (8435 NE Glisan St, Portland). Take part in free Community ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes presented by Multnomah University. Three levels are offered — beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Drop-ins are welcome and materials are provided free of charge. No class is held November 27. For info, call (503) 251-6412 or e-mail <kkidnev@multnomah.edu>.

Fall Take-Out Bazaar

Sep 15, 11:30am-2pm, Nichiren Buddhist Temple (2025 SE Yamhill St, Portland). Pre-order then pick up chicken chow mein and sushi as part of the Fall Take-Out Bazaar fundraiser at Nichiren Buddhist Temple. For info, or to place an order (required by September 8), call (503) 235-8292.

"Talking Across the Political Divide"

Sep 15, 12:30-3pm, Northwest Library (2300 NW Thurman St, Portland). Learn listening and speaking skills while trying to find common ground at "Talking Across the Political Divide." Participants communicate their perspectives, feelings, and experiences while listening to those of others. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free citizenship classes

Sep 15-Nov 17 (Sun), 12:30-2pm, Gresham Library (385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham, Ore.) Learn about the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview at free classes taught in English by volunteers from Mission: Citizen. Participants learn about U.S. history and government. Registration is not required. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"The Immigrant Story"

Sep 18, 7pm, Beaverton City Library, Auditorium (12375 SW Fifth St, Beaverton, Ore.). Attend "The Immigrant Story," a free live event sponsored by the City of Beaverton featuring four compelling, contemporary stories told — and lived — by members of our immigrant community. For info, call (503) 227-2583 or visit <www.literary-arts.org>.

"A Mandala of Gems"

Sep 21-22, 11am-7pm (Sat), noon-4pm (Sun), Henjyoji Shingon Temple (2634 SE 12th Ave, Portland). Attend "A Mandala of Gems: The Treasury of Nepal's Buddhist Heritage," a celebration of a decade of Nepalese Buddhist practice, sacred arts, and culture in the west. The weekend event features art exhibits, cultural displays, talks, performances, and more. For info, call (503) 233-3703 or visit <www.nrityamandala.org>.



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Ganesh Sitaraman

Sep 5, 7:30pm, Powell's Books on Hawthorne (3723 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland). Join Ganesh Sitaraman as he presents *The Public Option*, a book co-written with Anne Alstott. Whenever people go to the local public library, send mail via the post office, or visit Yosemite, they are taking advantage of a longstanding American tradition — the public option. Some of the most useful and beloved institutions in American life are public options, yet they are seldom celebrated as such. *The Public Option* challenges decades of received wisdom about the proper role of government and considers the improvements that could come from the expansion of public options. For info, call (503) 238-1668 or visit <www.powells.com>.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA)

Sep 5, 12, 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 between 8:00am and 5:00pm. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Super Skyscrapers"

Sep 6, 7-8pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting Plus (OPB Plus). Watch "Super Skyscrapers: One World Trade Center," a show about the final year of construction of One World Trade Center in New York. To verify showtime, call (503) 293-1982 or visit

Sunday Parkways: Northeast Portland

Sep 22, 11am-4pm, Woodlawn, Alberta, Fernhill, and K'unamokwst Parks (Northeast Portland). Walk, bike, rollerblade, skateboard, and more through northeast Portland neighborhoods and parks without motor traffic during a Sunday Parkways event. Entertainment, concerts, bike education and repair, activities for both adults and children, and more take place in the parks and along the 7.6-mile, two-way route, which has no start or finish. For info, call (503) 823-7599 or visit <www.portlandsundayparkways.org>.

Hiro's Table

Sep 29, 2:30pm, Clinton Street Theater (2522 SE Clinton St, Portland). Watch *Hiro's Table*, a documentary portrait that follows master sushi chef Hiroji Obayashi and his wife Yasuyo over a 16-year year span as they managed the day-to-day operation of their intimate mom-and-pop restaurant, Hirozen Gourmet, nestled in an unlikely corner of a West Hollywood strip mall in Los Angeles. The film is a tribute to the subtleties of Hiro's unique culinary vision and the perseverance it took for his family to transition from immigrant business owners to established restauranteurs with all the joys and sorrows that entailed. The screening includes a question-and-answer session with director Lynn Hamrick as well as Hiroji and Yasuyo Obayashi. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 238-5588 or visit <www.cstpdx.com>.



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