



Five Oaks Museum Monthly E-Newsletter

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1 So Many Wonderful Stories

The 4th Annual Museum Showcase Event is Thursday!

Five Oaks Museum's annual Showcase event is one of the liveliest virtual events around, and features an amazing diversity of local stories and art.

This year's event will be co-hosted by local star, Portland-based musician and artist, **KEEKS**. The program will feature **Mariah Berlanga-Shevchuk**, Lead Curator of *Replenish the Root*, our current exhibition that celebrates the layered history of Chatakuin, the historic Five Oaks site. Audiences will also hear from local artist **Marilyn Joyce**, who will share meaningful connections between the land, her artwork, and the museum. Local historian and lifelong member of the museum's community, **Judy Goldman**, will share some reflections on the establishment of a memorial commemorating the site of the historic Methodist Meeting House. And Guest Curators **Lehuauakea** (*DISplace*) and **Steph Littlebird** (*This IS Kalapuyan Land*) will make appearances with exciting updates about how those exhibitions continue to grow and reach new audiences.



"This event gives a beautiful glimpse into the variety of lived experiences that make up the full story of the Tualatin Valley," says Five Oaks Museum Codirector, Rachel Brumit.

Big thanks to Presenting Sponsors Pat Reser and Bill Westphal for making this event possible.

2 Honoring Arab American Heritage Month

Holding Space for Intersectional Cultural Exchange

In light of Washington County's recent designation of April as Arab American Heritage Month, we at Five Oaks Museum want to celebrate the many contributions of Arab and Arab American community members locally, and are proud to see the success of these efforts to increase recognition around their presence and culture here.

We remain focused on the work we can do locally to uplift the layered, dynamic, and sometimes difficult histories of the place to which this institution belongs. As we actively work to address, and heal from, the ongoing impacts of settler-colonialism here at home, it is relevant to recognize global conflicts that also fit within that unjust structure.

When we consider the values that guide our work – Body, Land, Truth, Justice, and Community – we cannot see them evident in the treatment of the Palestinian people. In order to proceed with our work and remain in full alignment with our values, we must name our distress and grief at what we are witnessing. We know that deep pain is being felt by many in our communities, and we stand with you.

We have made it our practice to hold space for intersectional cultural exchange and reflection in our exhibitions and programs, and following the lead of impacted communities is central to that practice. We want to share that growing skillset with the community around this profoundly complex and troubling conflict, and are interested in learning from those of you most impacted if you have requests or suggestions as to how we can support you.

3 Students Uplift 'Mental Health In Nature'

2024 Youth Climate Summit Event - Tomorrow!

This interactive event is organized by high school student activists in the Tualatin Valley, and the theme of this year's summit is "mental health in nature."

Five Oaks Museum will be represented at the event by Rae Pecore-Valdez, our amazing science-educator volunteer who is sharing her wealth of experience promoting native plants and the communities that rely on them. Rae will be sharing oak-related activities at the museum's booth, and there will be other interactive booths, local businesses, and a guest speaker. Camas are in bloom at the refuge, and you can always find a wonderful array of bird-life and other natural beauty.



Date: Saturday, April 27th

Time: 1 to 4 pm

Location: Tualatin River National
Wildlife Refuge

For more info:

<https://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/event-5645684>



Celebrating Showcase Community Sponsors

Building a Network of Support Around Local Stories

We are honored and delighted to have Community Sponsorships rolling in for the Showcase event. Check out these great individuals, organizations, and businesses who are helping us build a sustaining web of care and support for our treasured local stories, art, and culture.

A very warm thanks to our Community Sponsors so far:

Laurel Arenivar
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Blair Denniberg
Rowan Everard with [Inner Sanctuary Wellness](#)
Jennifer Fang
Marc Grambo
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Jack and Pam Shorr
Mary Zellharie
And additional Anonymous Community Sponsors



Oak gavel, 1927 and 4th of July at Warren's Grove, 1902, currently on view in Replenish the Root.

See full description of Community Sponsor recognitions on the Showcase event registration page, link in button below.

You, too, can become a Community Sponsor
Today!

Reciprocal Pass this month:

April:
[Deepwood Museum & Gardens](#)
[Hallie Ford Museum of Art](#)

May:
[Architectural Heritage Center](#)



Did you know Five Oaks Museum members get free access for four people to different participating area museums each month?

Learn more and get your membership today!

The Gathering Place



First Reconciliation Powwow to be held at Pacific University: Saturday, May 4th, 2024 from 1 to 11 p.m.

Hosted by the Indigenous Student Alliance in honor of the Forest Grove Indian Training Free Admission! Join us for a day of dancing, singing and celebrating indigenous culture. Enjoy a variety of food, art, and craft vendors. [Full schedule and additional information here.](#)



THPRD Marhaba Arab Celebration: April 27 from 11a-3p

Celebrate National Arab American Heritage Month! There will be music, local vendors, henna art, balloon art, face painting, kids activities, arts & crafts, free books, raffles, THPRD resources & services, community resources, photo booth, and Arabic food for purchase! This is a FREE event, and everyone is welcome. [Full details here.](#)



Research Assoc. Position, Coalition of Communities of Color: Applications due April 29

The CCC's Research Justice Institute is seeking an outstanding researcher to join their team. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and communication skills and be committed to working with communities of color. [Details here.](#)



Scholarship to Western Museum Association Conference: Close May 31

Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, on September 25-28. WMA's Wanda Chin Professional Development Scholarship helps make it financially accessible. [Details.](#)

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