



2017 Opportunity Grants

Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum

Flashback: Remembering the 60's with the Brownsmead Flats (November 17, 2017)

The 1960s were a decade of change on the Long Beach Peninsula. One of the most iconic aspects of the 1960s was audible. Popular music tapped the folk tradition as singer/songwriters hit new highs on the Pop Charts. The Brownsmead Flats carry on the tradition of singer/songwriters who mine the present for relevant material. This concert will help open the new exhibit, "Flashback: Remembering the 60s." The concert will be presented in the Museum's community room, which will be set up like a 1960's coffeehouse. The concert will be held on a Friday night from 5:30 to 8:30pm with refreshments served. The exhibit will open before the show.

Congolese Integration Network

The Voice of Congolese Refugees (April 2017)

Congolese refugees are facing many challenges after resettlement, ranging with difficulty with English language Skills to Financial limitations. Mental Health concerns from the significant trauma experienced both prior to and after resettlement. The Congolese Integration Network identified Housing as the Top priority influencing all other aspects of a successful resettlement of Congolese refugees. This program breaks the Silence of housing insecurity among Congolese refugees in King County.

Friends of the Port Townsend Public Library

Community Read 2017: Meet the Author Talk and Classroom Visits with Jim Lynch (March 27-28, 2017)

Join Seattle 7 writer Jim Lynch for an author talk and reading from *Before the Wind* for the final event of the 12th annual Community Read. A book signing will follow with books for sale at the event, by Imprint Books. Jim will spend the days of March 27-28 meeting with high school English classes and writing and journalism groups. The main author talk event is on Monday, March 27th at the Port Townsend High School Auditorium at 7:00p.m., and is free and open to the public.

Karshner Museum and Center for Culture and the Arts

Who Are We? The Secretary of State's Legacy Washington Exhibit

The community is invited to learn wonderful stories of 11 individuals who are distinguished, diverse, and have made a difference in Washington. The featured individuals and audience will then engage with the question, "Who Are We" in Puyallup and Pierce County? What is our story? How can we make a difference? Whose stories need to be told in our community?

KCTS 9

Ken Burns' The Vietnam War: Yakima Screening and Panel Discussion (September 14, 2017)

KCTS 9 will present a screening and panel discussion of Ken Burns's new film, *The Vietnam War*, at the Yakima Valley Museum. Discussion will focus on Eastern Washington and the effects of the war, working to create a narrative of its local ramifications and influence, many of which are still felt today.

Kent Sister City Association

9th Annual Kent International Festival (June 3, 2017)

The Kent International Festival is a free single day event held each year, where Kent and South King County residents can celebrate their cultural heritage together. We achieve our theme of "Learn from Each Other" through culturally diverse entertainment on three stages, interactive activities at Passport cultural booths, and with a Taste of Kent International Food Court featuring the food of nine locally owned ethnic restaurants. This is our 9th year for our festival and it will be held at ShoWare.

Lopez Island Historical Society

Lopez Living Legends (October 7, 2017)

Lopez Living Legends will feature island “old-timers” sharing stories about what life on Lopez was like in earlier times. Moderator Gary Alexander will interview several old-timers, including Bob Hughes (85 years old, born on Lopez, fished, built boats), Larry Cochran (72, on Lopez his entire life, farms, shears sheep), White Bear Woman (68, poet & storyteller, came to Lopez in early 70s), and others. Mr. Alexander will keep the conversation flowing and encourage questions from the audience.

Lopez Island Library District

Celebrando Nuestras Raices: A Mexican Heritage Evening (May 20, 2017)

The Lopez Island Library is hosting an evening celebrating our Mexican/Hispanic community. The evening includes Mexican music by Correo Aereo of Seattle, a community potluck featuring Mexican foods, and educational information celebrating the heritage of Mexico. We welcome all to this evening celebrating the roots of all in our community.

Meaningful Movies Project of Issaquah

Social Justice in the 21st Century: Changing Relationships between Individuals and Society

The beginning of the 21st century gave us hope that we are reaching social justice in America. The “Social Justice in the 21st Century” program uses documentaries to examine how the domestic and international political climate influences the legal principle that all persons are to be treated equally and without prejudice.

The Merc Playhouse

Words that Burn at the Merc Playhouse (May 26-27, 2017)

The Merc Playhouse, together with Playwright and Producer Cindy Williams Gutiérrez, brings WORDS THAT BURN: A Dramatization of World War II Experiences of William

Stafford, Lawson Inada, and Guy Gabaldon in their Own Words to our stage in Twisp, WA, over Memorial Day Weekend.

Methow Field Institute

March at the Merc

"March at the Merc" is an annual event sponsored by the Methow Valley Interpretive Center, also known as the Methow Field Institute. This year the guest speaker is Jeanette Armstrong of the Okanagan Tribe, who was raised on the Penticton Indian Reserve in British Columbia and is considered to have written the first novel by a First Nations woman in Canada. She brings a deep commitment to her cultural roots and the importance of cultural identity.

Nordic Heritage Museum

34th Annual Viking Days (August 19-20, 2017)

The Nordic Heritage Museum will celebrate Viking and Nordic culture with our annual Viking Days Festival. Viking Days is a free, open to the public festival that offers hands-on experiences for visitors to learn about Viking traditions and the contemporary Nordic countries through re-enactments, food, trade demonstrations, and traditional entertainment.

Pend Oreille County Historical Society

2017 Lecture Series

The Pend Oreille County Historical Society Lecture Series brings educational and cultural presentations in area history relevant topics of interest to a small community in Northeastern Washington. Topics this year have been chosen by past lecture questionnaires and will include Geology in Pend Oreille County, Kalispel Indians, and the Great Northern Railway. The program is designed and operated by a group of local volunteers who continue to keep the public interest in history growing.

Puyallup Valley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League

75th Remembrance of the Puyallup Assembly Center, "Camp Harmony" (September 2, 2017)

The Puyallup Valley Chapter of JACL is hosting a remembrance of the Puyallup Assembly Center, "Camp Harmony" on the Washington State Fairgrounds. This year marks the 75th year of Executive Order 9066, which forcibly removed and incarcerated over 7500 Washington and Alaska residents onto the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation: Trudy Sundberg Lecture

Climate Action: What Now? (March 24-25, 2017)

The Second Annual Trudy Sundberg Memorial Lecture series on Whidbey Island will feature two outstanding speakers: KC Golden (Policy Director for Climate Solutions) and Xiuhtezcatl Martinez (climate activist, hip hop artist, and youth leader). The speakers will address a range of issues related to environmental activism and climate policy in two free public events. Xiuhtezcatl will also lead a student assembly at South Whidbey High School. Events will result in attendees being better informed about climate issues facing our society, and the ability to make better-informed decisions on divisive public issues affecting their community.

SpokaneFāVS

Coffee Talk: Religious Literacy in the Inland Northwest

SpokaneFāVS provides non-sectarian coverage of religion, spirituality and ethics in the Inland Northwest. We promote dialogue and interfaith education through online journalism and community engagement opportunities.

Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber Foundation

Immigration: Hopes Realized, Dreams Deferred

This project includes an interactive display and public programming at Spaceworks Gallery in the heart of downtown Tacoma, just down the street from the Northwest Detention Center. The primary purpose is to educate the public on the crucial topic of immigration, detention and deportation through visual art, poetry, music, stories, film, and

presentations by artists, activists, academics and contributions by current and former detainees.

The Talented Youth

NFFTY 2017: Human Race Screening (April 29, 2017)

NFFTY provides the best films from directors 24 years and under at its annual festival. THE HUMAN RACE is a screening of documentaries exploring human race and culture. From the European refugee crisis to unequal community policing to the most racially-segregated metropolitan area in the US to the organizing efforts of an independent farmworker union - this screening seeks to expand the audience's knowledge of the world around us. Filmmakers will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A.

Tasveer

12th Aaina: South Asian Women's Focus Festival (March 17-19, 2017)

"Aaina: South Asian Women's Focus" celebrates artistic work by and about South Asian women. Using a variety of media including film, performances, visual art, workshops and speakers, Aaina highlights issues relevant to South Asian women. The festival is produced by Tasveer, an organization that is committed to showcasing independent progressive films, art, and artists from South Asia and the South Asian diaspora in the Pacific Northwest.

Three Rivers Folklife Society

Tumbleweed Music Festival (September 1-3, 2017)

The 2017 Tumbleweed Music Festival will feature over 100 acoustic music performing acts and workshops. Most attendees will be from the Pacific Northwest, but the festival also attracts performers and visitors from more distant places such as California, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Orleans, Nashville, and Pennsylvania.

Penn Cove Water Festival

Native American Oral Histories and Stories

This grant will support free Native American oral history and storytelling performances during the 2017 Penn Cove Water Festival. Storytellers will include Lois Landgrebe, Rona Yellow Robe and Lou LaBombard, well-known and highly sought after Native American storytellers.

SPLAB

Cascadia Poetry Festival (October 12-15, 2017)

The Cascadia Poetry Festival is an international event gathering writers, artists, scientists & activists to collaborate, discover and foster deeper connection between all inhabitants and the place itself. CPF5 happens in Tacoma, with Academic, Democratic and Performance components, late night readings, a Small Press Fair and workshops. The festival is dedicated to the memory of Tacoma native Richard Brautigan, will feature a panel on his life and work as well as a Veterans/War Poetry panel.

Spokane is Reading

Spokane is Reading: A Land More Kind than Home (November 9, 2017)

Spokane Is Reading...A Land More Kind Than Home by Wiley Cash. Cash will present two programs. Each will include a reading and discussion of the themes in the book. This regional read program promotes a love of literature through discussion and connections with other readers of the same book.

Washington State Jewish Historical Society

History Happy Hour

As we quickly approach our fiftieth anniversary year, 2018, History Happy Hour is an important showcase of the work of the Washington State Jewish Historical Society. History Happy Hour is a program developed and run by the Washington State Jewish Historical Society to share the history and stories of the Jewish people of Washington State and their many contributions to the communities statewide. In addition to an engaging and expert presenter, each gathering of the program provides a secure and

comfortable environment to hear the talk, and enjoy light refreshments. Held at various locations in Seattle, each History Happy Hour gathering is on a Tuesday at 5:30-7pm.

Weed Warriors, Nature Stewards

Climate Out Loud: Everybody's Talking About It!

"Climate Outloud" is a facilitated discussion to engage, educate and raise awareness about climate change prevention, presenting what youth in Washington and Oregon are doing to move the US Government to act now to reduce carbon pollution. The youth say that the States have not protected their future and constitutional rights in the face of global warming. This discussion is about the youth plaintiff's case and the hurdles they have crossed in the process and where the case stands to date.