

ArtPOWER Opening this Weekend!

Saturday December 6th and Sunday December 7th

Noon to 5 pm @ POWER, 309 5th Ave SE

Proceeds from ArtPOWER benefit local artists and crafters and Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights [POWER]. Come check out the opening weekend!

ArtPower is now OPEN ALL YEAR!

Come check out our new gallery space "gallery@POWER" where we showcase new work by our members monthly.

Enjoy live music by Vince Brown, Jenny Jenkins, and Yodelady.

TASTY DESSERTS by Karen Murphy's Hello Sweetie!

The community. gallery@POWER is the front room of the POWER office, conveniently located at 309 5th Ave SE in downtown Olympia next door to Rainy Day Records. See you there!

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Below:

- 1. The Heartsparkle Players to collaborate with POWER!**
- 2. News from West Central Park in Olympia.**
- 3. Free economic workshop at in Olympia**
- 4. Nominate a parent for the Unsung Hero Campaign!**
- 5. Final court decision in Florida states drug testing TANF recipients unconstitutional!**

1. Heartsparkle Players

Playback Theatre is a spontaneous collaboration between performers and audience. People tell moments from their lives, then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue.

Each month we invite a guest artist, community organization, arts program or social service agency to be part of our performance. Through this collaboration we acknowledge and honor the work individuals and organizations do in our community.

Stories of Knowing Our Worth in collaboration with in collaboration with *POWER*, an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated.

**Location: [Traditions Cafe](#) - 300 5th Ave SW
(5th and Water - Downtown Olympia)**

December 12, 2014

Time: 7:30pm

Suggested Donation: \$7.00 to \$12.00 (no one is turned away)

**For more information call or email: 360.943.6772 or
debek@olywa.net**

2. West Central Park Project Toy Drive

**Saturday December 6th from 11 am to 6 pm @ West Central Park, SE
Corner of Harrison and Division Streets in Westside Olympia**

This is from Alicia:

Mark your calendars for next Saturday, December 6th from 11-6 when there will be a toy drive, a visiting horse named Dood, two burros named Henry and Pearl, a visit from Santa

and the Elves AND the WCP tree lighting at 5! There will be hot cider and cocoa and a decoration making table and carol singing too! Come on out to the Park next Saturday from 11-6 and help us warm up the winter with you!

In other Park news, strides have been made with new designs for the Parkside Cafe. A plan is developing that I hope will be charming as well as functional for the neighborhood. The 500 square foot commercial kitchen will serve not only the Parkside Cafe , but food trucks that operate in the Park as well. If there is empty time at the kitchen, there could be community rental opportunities. There will be a 550 square foot cafe with a deli counter and espresso. There will be a stairway leading to a second floor which will be a venue for rent, that will include a bar and a small stage. When not in use, this area will have extra seating area with expansive Olympia views and a gas fireplace to bring a coffee on a rainy day and surf the net. One more set of steps will lead to the roof top with additional seating, stage, and garden boxes that drain to rain barrels below. I target our opening about a year from now. See you at the Parkside!

As always the West Central Park counts on your participation to survive. Your help is the very reason the Park has survived for a year and a half so far and has very shiny prospects of continuing in the same way for a very long time. The Board of the West Central Park, and I think its safe to say that the Park itself, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

3. Capitalism and Racism: From Slavery to Ferguson

**Wednesday December 10th at 7 pm @ Traditions Fair Trade
Café, 300 5th Ave SW**

Come to an informative workshop on how imperialism works.

This workshop will examine how racism underpinned the development of capitalism within the United States and continues to shape the present. It will end with a discussion of what we are seeing in Ferguson and what actions we would like to take. These economic workshops are an effort to share and facilitate community knowledge and understanding that not only can we understand the fundamentals, but we can change them. Our aim is to encourage economic literacy and invite dialogue and discussion on inequality and the on-going crises of capitalism.

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4. As 2015 is quickly approaching we are gearing up for our annual Unsung Hero campaign and are hoping you can help us spread the word.

Since 2011, with your help, we have honored 84 men and women in Washington for the roles they have taken with their families, schools and communities. They have been recognized because they have shown strength, courage and empathy in their communities.

Please help us in honoring 28 more in February 2015 by nominating a parent/primary caregiver/guardian for the Unsung Hero award.

Please help us spread the word about Parent Recognition month in February through our Unsung Hero campaign. We look forward to this every year and could not be more thrilled and inspired to keep this tradition going. The nomination form can be found here:

<http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/development/docs/UnsungHeroNominationForm.doc>

All nominations must be submitted by January 5, 2015.

Let me know if you have any questions and thank you for passing this on to your networks.

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Kids' Potential, Our Purpose

5. Case: 14-10322 Date Filed: 12/03/2014

Luis Lebron sued the Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families (the “State”), claiming that the statute violates the Fourth Amendment’s prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures, applied against the states through the Fourteenth Amendment. After we affirmed the entry of a preliminary injunction barring the application of the statute against Lebron, the State halted the drug-testing program. See *Lebron v. Sec’y*,

Fla. Dep't of Children & Families (Lebron I), 710 F.3d 1202 (11th Cir. 2013). Since then, the district court granted final summary judgment to Lebron, declared § 414.0652 unconstitutional, and permanently enjoined its enforcement.

We affirm. On this record, the State has failed to meet its burden of establishing a substantial special need to drug test all TANF applicants without any suspicion. Even viewing the facts in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party, the State has not demonstrated a more prevalent, unique, or different drug problem among TANF applicants than in the general population. The ordinary government interests claimed in this case are nothing like the narrow category of special needs that justify blanket drug testing of railroad workers, certain federal Customs employees involved in drug interdiction or who carry firearms, or students who participate in extracurricular activities because those programs involve “surpassing safety interests,” Skinner v. Railway Labor Execs. Ass’n, 489