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Local artist will discuss the history of the ancient technique of printmaking

Wednesday, April 15th at 3:30 p.m. at the Washington County Museum, Barbara Mason will explore the history of the ancient art of printmaking. In her presentation, “The History of Printmaking,” Mason will explain some of the most commonly practiced techniques that have been used for thousands of years and explore how print art is constantly evolving and growing with new technologies.

Barbara Mason is an artist/printmaker working in her own printmaking studio in Aloha, Oregon. A lifelong artist, she began studying printmaking in the early 80's and was immediately enamored with the medium. She has served on the board of Crow's Shadow Institute of Art on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is a past President of the Board of Print Arts Northwest the gallery and studio of the Northwest Print Council. She is the currently the education chair at Print Arts Northwest. She is past director and an active artist of Waterstone Gallery, an artist owned gallery, in Portland, OR.

She currently serves on the board of the Washington County Arts, Heritage and Humanities Collation, which distributes money from the Oregon Cultural Trust to nonprofits in Washington County, OR. She is on the board of “The Right Brain Initiative”, a coalition of cultural organizations that are bringing art, music and drama back to local schools on a weekly basis.

She has shown her work nationally and internationally for the last 25 years, her works are in the collections of the Portland Art Museum, Intel Corporation, Crow's Shadow Art Institute, the Spencer Museum of Art in Lawrence, Kansas, the New York Public Library Collection, the Halle Ford Museum, the National Museum of Kampala Uganda, the Applied Sciences University of Amman, Jordan, the Jordon Schnitzer Collection, the American Print Alliance Memorial Collection and numerous private individuals and corporations.

The Washington County Museum is located on the Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College, just east of NW 185th Avenue on NW Springville Road. The Museum connects with West Side Max by bus lines 52 and 67. It is open 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays except major holidays. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and youth ages 6-17. Admission is free for children under 6, members, employees of corporate members, and PCC faculty, students and staff.

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