SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

Crossroads International Program

THE 9TH CROSSROADS FILM FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the 9th annual Crossroads International Film Festival in February!
Whether you were a volunteer, patron, or sponsor – we could not do it without you!

The 2015 festival featured 6 engaging films from around the world. Throughout the festival, we sold over 253 tickets. We also raised $2604 to support other Crossroads programs, which is a little more than the $2154.04 we raised in 2014. The increased revenue was the result of reduced expenses as well as the continued support from our amazing sponsors! We were fortunate that the director for "Sita Sings The Blues" allowed us to screen her film without charging for the screening rights. Screening rights are typically our biggest expense, as it is important to support artists and to obey copyright law.

If you are interested in getting involved with the 2016 Crossroads International Film Festival as a volunteer or sponsor, please email CrossroadsOSU@gmail.com. Once again, thank you to everyone who was involved with the 2015 Crossroads International Film Festival!

MAY SOCIAL

Come and enjoy delicious food and cultural presentations from ICSP students, as we celebrate another successful year of Crossroads International.

Date: Monday, May 18th

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Location: CMLC—128 SW 9th Street, Corvallis, OR

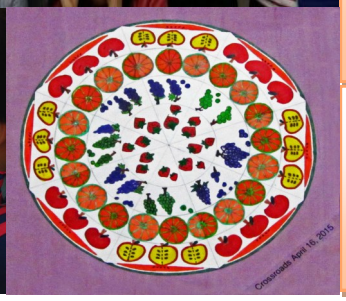
ICSP Presenters:

Kengo Sugimoto is from Japan. He is majoring in Athletic Training. He is interested in sharing Japanese culture with people from other countries.

Shaoshan Lia is from China. She is working towards current master degrees in Public Policy and Statistics. She is hoping to reach out to more audience and delight them with amazing Chinese cultures and traditions.

CONVERSATION SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

Crossroads Conversation School opened its spring term doors to 32 students from 12 different countries. Every day at least another new student appears as word gets out about how much fun we have. We are specifically pleased to welcome new students from Saudi Arabia. In one class one of the Saudi students brought Arabic coffee for the group to try. In that same class, another student brought some coffee beans that she roasts herself. Good aromas and laughter come wafting out of that room! *Sandy Riverman, Director*



OSU FOLK CLUB- INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AND FACULTY COFFEE

Volunteers are needed!

The OSU Folk Club and Crossroads International Program are looking for volunteers for the International Scholar and Faculty Coffee.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments and meet visiting faculty and scholar families from around the world. There are an average of 20 international faculty and scholars who are eager to meet with and talk to people from the community.

When: Every second Friday of the month

What time: 10:30am –12:30pm

Where: CMLC-128 SW 9th Street, Corvallis, OR

CONVERSATION PARTNER

An informal English conversation program partnered with Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center (CMLC), where international students, community members and visiting scholars meet with native English speakers weekly at the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center (CMLC). This is a great way to get to know someone from another culture in a relaxed setting.

Community members who wish to volunteer as a conversant may send email to cmlc@peak.org, and will receive information on upcoming trainings and meetings.

NEW WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT

We have worked with OSU International Programs to design a new website for Crossroads International Program. Our new website is now available at the new web address: http://international.oregonstate.edu/crossroads. This is an ongoing process, so more information about our new website will be updated on our current website http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/

CROSSROADS' 45TH CELEBRATION

Dear Crossroads Supporters and Friends,

It has been a while, but a sincere thank you to all those who made the effort to attend our 45th anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful evening highlighted by speeches from Nancy Leman and Susan Schwartz, delicious home cooked food and shared memories of 45 years of Crossroads. We would not be providing support and resources for our international community without your support!

Please join us for our end of year social event on May 18th. As usual, we'll have an array of great food!

Thanks again.
Caitlin and Cecilia
Crossroands Co-Chairs

HOME STAY PROGRAM

Urmila's homestay student from France, Selene and her friend Paco, spent the Thanksgiving 2014 with the Gore family.

Host family's experience

"Hosting for OSU Crossroads has been part of our routine since 1985 after Art's Fulbright year in Denmark with our family. It means a lot to be in a home and not be "a visiting tourist". We took this photo last March at Waldport when we treated our 5 German students to a break before finals. After last winter's snows, they celebrated some fun in the sun doing the OSU cheer to share with their family and friends. Currently we are both conversation partners with two OSU scholars. Try it. You will like it." -Art and Marilyn Bervin

Student's story

Sumar Jono, a student from Indonesia, came to OSU in 1995 for a Master Degree in Actuarial Statistics. He participated in the Crossroads 3-day Home Stay program when he first arrived in Corvallis. His Home Stay hosts were Rita and Ted Powell and their daughters Brittany and Summer. Jono's wife, Fia, is an aeronautical engineer. Vallisa and Sekar are their daughter. Vallisa was named for Corvallis because she was born two months after Jono came to OSU.

If you would like to see more stories and photos about our Home stay program, please visit the Home stay section on our website.

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