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Poets WORD BOMB First Friday

Participants sought for Spoken Word and Mural Presentations

Participants in the West Flamingo Senior Center's Poetry Class, "Pathway to Poetry" call themselves "Pathfinders". After just a few short weeks, they are now embarking upon an ambitious project, somewhat akin to their sister group, the West Flamingo Yarnstormers. The Pathfinders will be creating a brightly colored and kinetic Temporary Public Art Mural of words and poems. This will be achieved by printing words and poems on neon-colored, 2" x 3" card stock. The mini-poems will be laminated for limited permanence, and hole-punched. Next, recycled ribbon and trim will be threaded through the cards, for attachment to the fence bordering the BISTRO, in the Arts District, in the shape of a meandering PATH. The neon colored cards will flutter in the breeze, enticing downtowners to stop, investigate, and read. After about 1 month the colors and ink will fade, and the mural will be removed.

To help with the project, the Pathfinders are inviting poets of all ages to contribute words, poems, and help attach the work to the fence. At the November Preview Thursday and First Friday, invites will be distributed for an outdoor, multi-generational, spoken word performance on the following day, to take place at THE BISTRO, at 1pm.

Participants are also invited to join the Pathfinders on several weekend WORD-a thons, in October, at the West Flamingo Senior Center. The center is inviting enthusiastic wordsmiths and artists of all ages, to join them for a hands-on session of laminating, decorating, threading, hole-punching, and comraderie. Music, refreshments and conversation will be provided. Participants are encouraged to sign up by calling the center, as space is limited. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring you own short poems, haikus, and words. Our goal is to network with the Las Vegas literary community, and enjoy the camaraderie of creation, while adding to the dynamics of the Downtown revival, at any and all ages.

Any senior, ages 50 and older, can join the Pathway to Poetry group, which holds sessions on Wednesday afternoons. However, the group is interested in partnering with teens and other wordsmiths under the age of 50 to help create other public works of art.

The West Flamingo Active Adult Center is located at 6255 W. Flamingo Road, near Jones Boulevard. Those interested in the Pathway to Poetry group can call the center at (702) 455-7742 or visit the website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/parks. Additional Clark County Parks and Recreation events and activities also can be found on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/4dfw8ea>.

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