



Martin de Porres Center News

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A Place for Spirituality, Education, and the Arts

Our Mission

The Martin de Porres Center for ministry outreach, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is a place for spirituality, education, and the arts. Infused with hospitality, this ministry reflects the Dominican mission to preach the Gospel, share fruits of contemplation with others, and respond to the needs of God's people.



High Tea Fundraiser

Join us on **Sunday, August 6 from 2:00-4:00pm** for our ever popular High Tea fundraiser "**Tea with the Animals.**" We will focus on the theme of conservation with several special guests from the Columbus Zoo!

After enjoying fair trade tea, chocolate, and other sweets, the Zoo will introduce us to several animals and their habitat, status in the wild, and conservation issues. We'll also learn more about local ecology programs and view our latest art exhibit "Conservation in the Classroom" - a partnership between the

Grange Insurance Audubon Center and Columbus City Schools.

As a special feature this year, come dressed to impress with your favorite hat! Prizes will be given for the best hats based on our theme. And of course, don't forget about our great raffle prizes!

\$35.00 pre-registration required by July 28. Reservations may be made in person, mail, or online by credit card. See <https://martindeporrescenter.net/programs> for more information.

St. Martin de Porres Feast Day

The annual celebration of the feast day of our patron, St. Martin de Porres, is always a highlight of the year. This year, on **Sunday, November 5 from 2:00-4:00pm**, we will welcome Herman Johnson, O.P., a Dominican Brother and Professor at Xavier University of Louisiana. Br. Johnson will speak on the role St. Martin has played in his life. We will again be graced by the Bakhita Dancers and the Catholic Community Choir.



Arts Update

Our newest art exhibit "Conservation in the Classroom" is a partnership between the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and Columbus City Schools, featuring artwork from students at Columbus Gifted Academy. It will be on display July 17-August 22. We will also welcome several Latina artists for Hispanic Heritage Month, from August 31-October 16. Finally, we welcome Eglé Gatins, an Arts Committee member and long-time supporter of the Center, for her exhibit "New Work/Old Work," on display from November 2-January 2, 2018. Contact the Center to schedule a private appointment to view our art exhibits.

Spotlight on...

Blue Heron Sangha is a mindfulness community in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition. Thich Nhat Hanh is a Vietnamese Buddhist monk whose main focus is mindfulness, or being aware of what you are doing each moment. The group meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:15 to 9:00 for meditation, as well as other activities. For more information, contact Sandy at scoen@columbus.rr.com.

Special Event Rental

We invite other non-profit groups compatible with our mission to rent space for their events.

Event Space

Our event space is ideal for conferences, lectures, performances, and trainings. We offer four meeting rooms, with meeting space for 2-200 people. Several of the rooms include built-in projection and sound, as well as comfortable spaces and a relaxing environment.



Amenities

On-site event planner | Full-service catering | Audio-visual equipment
 Free Wi-Fi | Assistive hearing devices | Webcasting and video services
 Daily availability, flexible hours | Full and half-day rates
 Convenient free parking | Close to Columbus International Airport



Spiritual Direction

Please contact the Center at (614) 416-1914 if you are interested in Spiritual Direction with a trained Spiritual Director. You may leave a message and your call will be promptly returned.

Upcoming Programs

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| Conservation in the Classroom Art Exhibit | July 17-August 22, 2017
(Reception: 7/23, 2-3:30pm) |
| Tea with the Animals High Tea Fundraiser | August 6, 2017
2:00-4:00pm |
| Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibit | August 31-October 16, 2017
(Reception: 9/10, 2-3:30pm) |
| Eglé Gatins: New Work/Old Work Art Exhibit | November 2-January 2
(Reception: 11/19, 2-3:30pm) |
| St. Martin de Porres Feast Day | November 5, 2017 |
| St. Anthony Multicultural Choir Christmas Concert | December 10, 2017
3:00-4:30pm |



Want to Help?

We could use your help! Volunteers are needed as greeters, receptionists, event assistants, and more. Please contact us at 614.416.1910 or martindepordes@opeace.org for more information!

Or if you would like to support our programming financially, please use the attached envelope to make a financial contribution to the Martin de Porres Center. Donations may also be made securely online using a credit card here: <https://community.opeace.org/MDP>. We appreciate your support!

Martin de Porres Prayer

As Martin's charity embraced the needy women and men of his time and even the animals of the field, help us to be instruments of love and change in our world. Strengthen our efforts for peace and justice, and let us recognize your Son in the face of the poor. Grant us Martin's generous heart and keep us faithful to you. Amen