Discover “The Secret Life of Spiders,” at 6:30 p.m., Thur., Apr. 12

“The Secret Life of Spiders,” a presentation by Charles Griswold, Ph.D., curator and Schlinger Chair of Arachnology at the California Academy of Sciences, is set for 6:30-8 p.m., Thur., Apr. 12, at Berkeley City College’s auditorium, 2050 Center St., between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Griswold is the curator and Schlinger Chair of Arachnology at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park. For his research, he has travelled throughout the world collecting and describing spiders. He created the world taxonomic revision and phylogeny of Goblin Spiders, and advocated for the conservation of biological hot spots in Madagascar and China. He has advised many postdoctoral and graduate students and has taught courses about spiders and field sampling techniques, and is the recipient of numerous National Science Foundation research grants.

The event is sponsored by BCC’s Department of Science and the college’s Science Club. It is part of a five-part Spring Science Seminar Series.

Environmentalist Bill McKibben speaks on “Earth: Life on a Tough New Planet,” 4 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14 at BCC

Author, actor and activist Bill McKibben will speak on “Earth: Life on a Tough New Planet,” at 4 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14 in BCC’s auditorium, 2050 Center St., between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St., in Berkeley. The event is sponsored by BCC’s Global Studies Club and the “Sorrows of War/Struggles for Peace” Project, Funded by the Jerry L. Adams fund of the Berkeley Community Fund. The lecture is free and open to the public.

McKibben is one of America’s most well-known and highly respected environmental activists and an outspoken opponent of the Keystone XL pipeline which, if built, would stretch from Canada’s tar sands through the United States.

BCC joins with League of Women Voters to host “Elected Women: Past, Present and Future,” 12:15 to 6 p.m., Wed., Apr. 18, to celebrate the city’s elected women

Berkeley celebrates “Elected Women: Past, Present & Future,” from 12:15 to 6 p.m., Wed., Apr. 18 at Berkeley City College as part of the League of Women Voters’ year-long “Berkeley Women Vote” project. The community is invited to join an afternoon of panel discussions, a film and informal closing reception in the college’s atrium and auditorium. The event is free and open to all. It is wheelchair accessible. BCC students will participate, ask questions and meet past and present elected women for informal conversations. The schedule of events includes:

• 12:15-1:15 p.m.: “California Women Win the Vote,” a new film by Martha Wheelock
• 1:30 p.m.: Welcome by Berkeley Community College President Betty Inclan
• 1:45-3:30 p.m.: “Occupy the Voting Booth,” a panel discussion on how to increase voter registration among young people and under-represented groups. Speakers include Jennifer Waggoner, President of California’s League of Women Voters on effective outreach through electronic media; Gloria Taylor, President of California’s American Association of University Women, on the organization’s training and outreach program for women 18 to 25; and Cynthia Cornejo, Alameda County Deputy Registrar of Voters on voting patterns in Alameda County. Members of BCC’s Civic Engagement Club will speak on how they plan to persuade students to register and vote using the “hook” of an election parcel tax proposal that would increase funding for community colleges.
• 3:45-5:15 p.m.: Berkeley Assembly Member Nancy Skinner and Berkeley City Council Member Linda Maio will speak as part of the panel, “Elected Women: Getting Elected/Doing the Job: Advice to Future Candidates.” Other past and present members of Berkeley’s school board and city council, including current Berkeley Unified School District director Karen Hemphill, and past City Council Member Andrea Washburn also will participate.
• 5:15-6 p.m.: A reception to honor Berkeley Elected Women past and present with light refreshments.

College welcomes Dr. Harinder Singh, new dean of academic programs

Berkeley City College welcomes Dr. Harinder Singh, dean of the college’s academic programs. Dr. Singh will assume the new post on Apr. 30, 2012.
Milvia Street art and literary journal contributors host Tue., Apr. 17 reading at Moe’s Books

PSSD Counselor Doug Gorman accepts new job

Berkeley City College Apr. 9-25 Calendar

- Mon., Apr. 9 —
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rm. 451A&B
  12-3:15 p.m., Forum for PCCD Chancellor Candidates, BCC Auditorium

- Tue., Apr. 10 —
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A

- Wed., Apr. 11 —
  9 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Leadership, Rm. 451A
  11:30-1:30 p.m., Career Pathways Expo, BCC Atrium
  4:30-6:30 p.m., Career Pathways Expo, BCC Atrium
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451B

- Thur., Apr. 12 —
  10 a.m.-Noon, Counselors, Rm. 451B
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, 3rd Floor Teaching/Learning Ctr.
  11:30-1:30 p.m., Career Pathways Expo, BCC Atrium
  Noon-1 p.m., BSU, Rm. 451A
  6:30-8 p.m., “Secret Life of Spiders,” BCC Auditorium

- Fri., Apr. 13 —
  3-5 p.m., District Academic Senate, Rm. 451AB

- Sat., Apr. 14 —
  4 p.m., “Earth: Life on a Tough, New Planet,” BCC Auditorium

- Tue., Apr. 17 —
  7:30 p.m., Milvia Street Journal readings, Moe’s Books, Berkeley

- Wed., Apr. 18 —
  11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., TRiO, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451B
  5-6 p.m., Digital Arts Club, Rms. 451A&B

- Mon., Apr. 23 —
  Noon-1 p.m., EOPS, Rm. 451A

- Wed., Apr. 25 —
  9 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Leadership, Rm. 451A
  11:30 am-1:30 p.m., TRiO, Rm. 451B
  Noon-1 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. 451A

BCC Transfer Center hosts university rep visits, workshops

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Berkeley City College is part of the Peralta Community College District which also includes College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College.

Contributors to Milvia Street, Berkeley City College’s award-winning art and literary journal, will read their work beginning at 7:30 p.m., Tue., Apr. 17 at Moe’s Books in Berkeley. Publications will be available for purchase at both readings. Presenters include: Pamela Brennan, Sarah Chavanne, Eric Crow, Patricia France, Scott Hoshida, Carla Kandinsky, Willy Lizarraga, Inna Nopuente and Meredith Page. The event is hosted by Sharon Coleman, who coordinates the annual publication.

Besides organizing community readings, Milvia Street Club members donated a set of journals to the Riley Center, an organization that provides shelter and assistance to battered women and their children. The publications will be part of the libraries at the Riley shelters. M.K. Chavez, director of the center, transferred from Berkeley City College and served both as a Milvia Street editor and contributor. She started a creative writing program as part of a rehabilitation program for battered women.

PSSD Counselor Doug Gorman has accepted a job as Contra Costa County’s Workers Compensation Return-to-Work Coordinator. Thank you, Doug for all your fine work at BCC and all the best!