

Green River Festival Helps the Music Live at GCC

GCC Music Department Chair Matthew Shippe was recently our guest and pleased to receive a check for $1,000 from the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. “Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful gift for our students,” he said. “I heard that there were some kind of ‘parking benefit’ from the Green River Festival, but I had to look it up to be sure this was the case!”

Regarding possible uses for the funds, Shippe added “an example of what we can do through the portable concert-quality keyboard and equipment from the recording studio classes – the newest brands of technology that go into the classroom.”

The contribution to the Music Department was the result of best-of-both-worlds circumstances. The festival had been looking for a parking lot for the Green River Festival, held on the GCC campus, and Shippe had long sought the capacity of the GCC parking lot to host events. The GCC parking lot would designate the small lot as “private parking” for the festival, which could be paid, and it would also serve as a convenient shuttle service for the parking areas and the college,” said Art Hamilton, Executive Director of the Green River Festival. Because the assessment of parking is new to the GCC campus, the GCC Music Department “It makes sense that the Green River Festival, which has been bringing diverse music programming to the GCC campus for 24 years, would want to support the students at GCC as far as their own voices and activities,” Beach said.

GCC President Bob Pura expressed his appreciation to GCC’s Public Safety Office, the Chamber of Commerce and the festival planning committee for developing “a creative and positive solution” to the concern of insufficient parking spaces and traffic congestion on the college grounds during the Green River Festival. “That they alone have the benefit of the college’s music department and will use the college space for non-credit activities,” said Pura, GCC has agreed to host the Green River Festival and to provide the grounds of our campus as we work together to bring great music to the community.

Upcoming Events

The Roots of Peace Speaker Series

Building Peace in a Stormy World: Exploring the Causes and Conditions of War and Peace
Saturday, September 24, 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

 GCC President Bob Pura

“Building Peace in a Stormy World: Exploring the Causes and Conditions of War and Peace”, is an opportunity to view a different perspective of the world today. The series includes a variety of perspectives from different cultures, and is an opportunity to explore the roots of peace and conflict.

 GCC President Bob Pura will be joined by a panel of experts to discuss the causes and conditions of war and peace. The panel will include representatives from different organizations and communities, and will provide a diverse range of perspectives on the topic.

 GCC President Bob Pura will present the opening address, followed by the panel discussion. The panelists will share their insights and perspectives on the topic, and engage in a discussion with the audience.

 GCC President Bob Pura will conclude the series with a summary and closing remarks. The event will include refreshments and a Q&A session, providing an opportunity for attendees to engage with the panelists and each other.

 GCC President Bob Pura will provide an overview of the series and its goals, including the importance of understanding the roots of peace and conflict, and the role of education and community in promoting peace.

 GCC President Bob Pura will encourage attendees to reflect on the causes and conditions of war and peace, and to consider the role of individuals and communities in creating a more peaceful world.

 GCC President Bob Pura will conclude the event with a summary of the discussion and a call to action, encouraging attendees to take concrete steps toward creating a more peaceful world, both in their personal lives and in their communities.

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