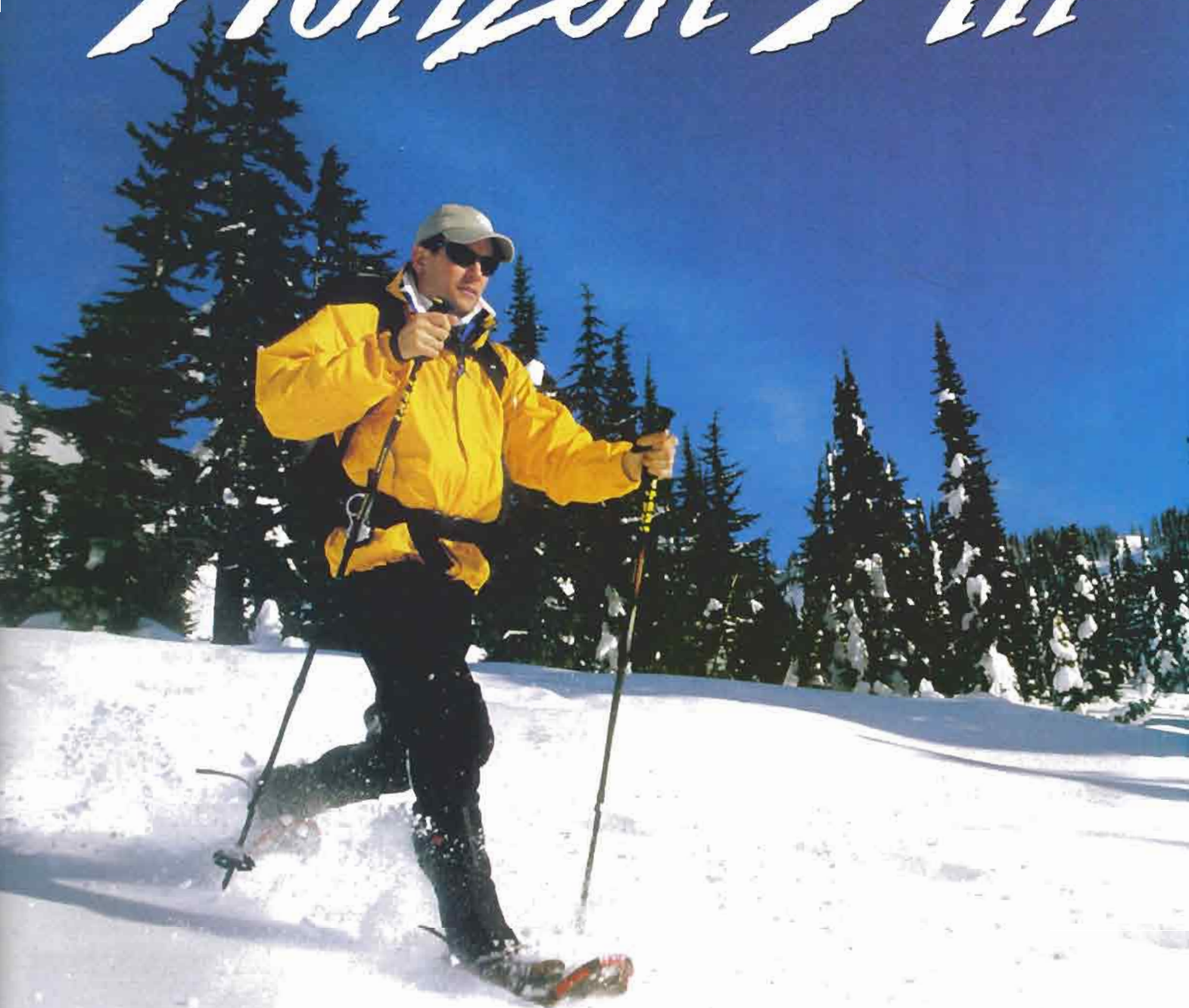


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PORTLAND, OR

Proud ancestry

Bronze fish glimmer among beads, feathers and wood in Lillian Pitt's sculpture of a full-scale salmon-drying rack, crafted in the tradition of the Columbia River Plateau peoples.

The sculpture is one of more than 30 pieces by the acclaimed Oregon artist that are on display in "Building on the Frames of My Ancestors," at the Oregon Historical Society through March 31.

"Pieces in the show speak about my ancestors

... the petroglyphs and pictographs, the land, animals

and salmon, all of which are integral to who I am, a River Person," Pitt says.

Salmon-drying racks; ceramic and cast-bronze masks; wood and ceramic totem figures; and intaglio prints based on petroglyph images are among the recurring themes of the show.

As a young artist, Pitt—who grew up on the Warm Springs Reservation in central Oregon and moved to Portland as an adult—became an



Petroglyphs inspired this intaglio by renowned Oregon artist Lillian Pitt.

expert in the Japanese Raku and Anagama

ceramics firing techniques. She later became skilled in intaglio printed works on paper, and in working with precious metals and textiles.

Pitt says she wants her work to keep the history of her people alive and encourage a cultural balance between living in the present and preserving the past.

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—Olivia Coombes

BOISE, ID

Garden aglow

As visitors stroll through Boise, Idaho's Botanical Garden this month, they will enjoy the pleasing aromas of cocoa, warm cookies, hot spiced cider and mulled wine, and the spectacular views of more than 200,000 sparkling lights artistically draped over archways and creatively wound around foliage.

The six-acre Idaho Botanical Garden is presenting Winter Garden aGlow, a festival of lights that celebrates the holiday season.

In addition to the goodies (donation requested) and the lights to enjoy, the festival features live performances and holiday music each evening in the upper gardens, which have views of the downtown Boise skyline.

Engelberg Brass plays December 2; the Boise High School Choir performs December 15; and Four Shillings, a renaissance-style group, will delight audiences on December 17.

Visitors may take breaks to warm their fingers over the many burn barrels dotting the gardens, and Santa has promised to visit on December 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23. He will be accompanied on the 18th and 22nd by one of his reindeer, which lives with a local family when Santa does not require its help. Contact: 208-343-8649; www.idahobotanicalgarden.org.

—Alana McGee

VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC

Year-round opportunity

This winter, dust off your equipment; get the kinks out; and join hundreds of others participating in the winter sport that has made Vancouver Island famous: Skiing? No, golf.

With world-class golf courses and the mildest climate in Canada, idyllic Vancouver Island is

one of North America's premier year-round golf destinations. Golfers can practice their fades along the snaking fairways of Cowichan Golf and Country Club, dodge the water hazards at Duncan Meadows, and tee off toward the Victoria skyline on the stunning, extra, 19th hole at the Jack and Steve Nicklaus-designed Bear Mountain Golf and Country Club.



The 18th hole at Arbutus Ridge Golf & Country Club.

These courses are part of the Vancouver Island Golf Trail, which consists of 11 courses.

Golfers can make one-stop package reservations for six rounds of golf and six nights of lodging at their choice of prime golf destinations around the island.

Other golf-trail participants include Arbutus Ridge Golf & Country Club, Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community, Eaglecrest

Golf Club, Fairwinds Golf Club, Morningstar International Golf Course, Olympic View Golf Club, Pheasant Glen Golf Resort and Storey Creek Golf Club.

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—Erik Evenson