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### **da Vinci Days speaker series to focus on fire, energy and art**

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CORVALLIS, OR — Under the theme of “Ignite!,” the many faces of fire will take center stage at the virtual da Vinci Days STEAM series this summer. Presentations will be held online at 6pm on Tuesdays from July 21 to August 18 and are free and open to the public. Events will be live-streamed via FaceBook.

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Speakers will delve into the electrical grid, the nature of combustion and the role of fire in shaping forests. They will also focus on creativity through art, augmented reality and music. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Topics and speakers include:

- July 21, The Power of Combustion, by David Blunck, professor in the OSU College of Engineering
- July 28, Visual Dreams: Augmented Reality and the Art of Story, by Jonmar of Varlio.com
- August 4, What Do You Mean That's Not "In-Tune"? Mathematics and Music, by Raymund Ocampo, choral director at Linn-Benton Community College
- August 11, Wildfire from the Klamath to the Blues, by Claire Tortorelli, Ph.D. student in the College of Forestry, Oregon State University
- August 18, Renewable Energy and the Future of the Electrical Grid, by Eduardo Cotilla Sanchez, professor in the OSU College of Engineering

STEAM series presentations will run from 6 to 7:00pm and can be viewed for free by anyone. The talk will be broadcast via Facebook Live. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/davincidays/>

“Fire drives so much of what is happening around us — wildfires, climate change, the electrical grid,” says Carole Hobrock, executive director of da Vinci Days. “But fire is also part of creative processes. We’ll take a close look at them all this summer.”

Sponsored by the City of Corvallis, Benton County, HP and Korvis, the speaker series complements other virtual events throughout the summer.