The Portland Arts & Lecture Series presents a reading by author Michael Pollan at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13.

Beyond this week

Jan. 26, Katy Perry, McMenamins Crystal Ballroom, $18, 360-573-7700.
Feb. 6, Avenged Sevenfold, Memorial Coliseum, $39.75, 877-789-7673.
Feb. 6, Three Togethers, Misty Mamas, Fries Auditorium, $15, 360-696-6322, ext. 120.
Feb. 27, Brad Paisley, Rose Garden arena, $35-$49.75, 877-789-7673.
March 4-5, Broadway Across America’s production of “Wicked,” Keller Auditorium, $54.50-$128.50, 360-573-7700.
March 24, 101.5 FM, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, $36-$60.50, 360-573-7700.
April 18, George Lopez, Keller Auditorium, $49.50-$59.50, 360-573-7700.

Several artists contributed to the latest exhibit at Clark College’s Archer Gallery. The group ceramic exhibit focuses on the natural wonders of plants and animals. Artists with work on display include Susan Belner, Ying-Yueh Chuang, Kelly Connelle and Ted Vogel. The exhibit is on display Jan. 13-Feb. 7 in the gallery, inside of Clark College’s Penguin Union Building, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. An artist talk, featuring Kelly Connelle, is at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 15. Connelle will discuss her work in room 011 of the Frost Art Center. A reception opens the exhibit from 4-6 p.m. Jan 15. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays. Call 360-992-2246 or visit clark.edu/archergallery.

White Bird’s latest dance performance stars the Bad Boys of Dance, led by Rasta Thomas. The company, which blends ballet, Broadway, tango, hip-hop and contemporary dance, features Craig DeItsos, a finalist in the first season of the television series “So You Think You Can Dance.” Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15-17 at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway, Portland.