

Seattle Native Circle Newsletter

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RED EAGLE SOARING



Siyap 2009 rocked! Red Eagle Soaring sends love and thanks to Jake Hart, Andrew Morrison, and Steve Gallion (our teaching artists), Rose Stiffarm and James Ives (our teaching interns), Jessica Keinteen Dominy and Lua Belgarde (our tireless SIHB project assistants), Daniella and Eleana Pawl, Paris Bryant, Rachel Peters, Karen Suyama, and Mavis Rosell (our super volunteers), Roger Fernandes, Brenda Manuelito, Randy Lewis, and Ralph Young, (our visiting instructors), our partner Seattle Indian Health Board and generous host United Indians of all Tribes Foundation, and especially all our bright and promising young students who courageously explore creative expression. – Submitted by Fern Renville

NW NATIVE BASKET WEAVERS ASSOCIATION

The Confederated Tribes of Chehalis
will host the
15th Annual Gathering of **Northwest Native American Basket Weavers Association**
Generations of Weavers
At Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound WA
October 2-4, 2009
Featuring 40 master weavers

On Day 1, weavers will renew old friendships and make new ones while weaving together and teaching one another new techniques. Youth Track activities will be a major focus for the day. Experienced weavers will teach Native youth not only basketry techniques, but also about the cultural significance of the art. The day will include seminars and panel presentations that allow weavers to learn about issues of concern.

Day 2, will feature more teaching activities as well as a public art market. The art market will allow weavers to showcase and sell their artwork while educating the general public about the cultural and artistic importance of basketry. The Association will hold its annual membership meeting. The day will end with a banquet.

On Day 3, The Board of Directors will hold its quarterly meeting.

Registration and membership forms available on webpage: nnaba.org

Northwest Native American Basket weavers Association is a 501©3 organization. Our mission: Preserving, Promoting, and Perpetuating the Art of Northwest Native American Basketry.

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POTLATCH FUND



Hello Potlatch Community! My name is Heather Miller and I am excited to join the Potlatch Fund as their **new Technical Assistance Program Coordinator**. I am an enrolled member of the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma. My journey has taken several twists and turns to arrive here in Seattle but I am looking

forward to sharing my skills and knowledge with many new organizations and individuals.

I began my journey in Florida but moved away to pursue my education. After receiving my Bachelors of Philosophy from Miami University in Ohio I again relocated and found myself in Montana. I completed my Masters of Native American Studies from Montana State University. While in school my passion and interests have always been the stereotypes of Native Americans in film and I found that writing about the evolution of Natives on camera was quite interesting. This interest stems from watching countless John Wayne movies when I was a little girl! As media and film changes every day, I am continually inspired by those creative media and film people who use these tools to give Native youth a voice and project their visions and voice to the world while also educating others about the lives of Native peoples across this country.

I join Potlatch Fund from Montana where I have been working for a nonprofit organization, Hopa Mountain for the past two years as their Native Nonprofit Leadership Program Coordinator. My work with this amazing organization taught me numerous things about working for and with Native Nonprofit organizations. Prior to my work at Hopa Mountain, I spent much time traveling across Montana, spending time with my friends from various reservations. It was through this work that I saw Native Nonprofits working and struggling to make their homelands a



better place. Although I have always been committed to creating a better future for American Indian youth, I experienced firsthand, the importance of this work in action. I look forward to future partnerships, trainings and continued


learning from everyone in this community and am ready to add more miles to my life journey of twists and turns. – Submitted by Heather Miller

UNITED INDIANS

United Indians of All Tribes- Native PTAC proudly presents the Annual Native American & Veterans Business Conference & Trade Show

"Honoring the past and building the future"

Join us for the Native American and Veteran Business Conference and Trade show. "Honoring the past and building the future." To be held September 15-16, 2009 at the Tulalip Resort Hotel & Convention Center in Tulalip, Washington. Open new doors to your share of the government marketplace by attending or exhibiting at this information-packed small business procurement conference intended to create an effective outreach environment for all small businesses! Through networking and matchmaking, workshops and exhibits, attendees of this conference will make lasting connections leading to business development and strategic partnerships in the pursuit of the millions



of dollars in federal government contracts awarded to small and native businesses.

Who Should Attend/Exhibit

Small businesses new to the government marketplace, small businesses familiar with the government marketplace seeking government prime contractor subcontracting opportunities, Experienced government prime contractors looking to form new contractor teaming arrangements and small business subcontracting partnerships, Federal and state government agencies soliciting vendors for upcoming procurements.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nativeptac.org or contact Abby Morales at amorales@unitedindians.org or 206-816-6596.

Volunteers Make a Difference

United Indians of All Tribes Foundation's volunteers come from all walks of life and make a huge difference in the community! Recent highlights include:

- 85 volunteers from Deloitte and Touche accounting firm spent a full day volunteering, setting up an organic garden at Labateyah Youth Home, removing tree stumps and weeds from the Daybreak Star grounds, and painting the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center. After volunteering, Deloitte and Touche sponsored a delightful evening celebration.
- More than 200 volunteers helped out with all aspects of the 2009 Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow. The Pow Wow was a fantastic success and it could not have happened without our fantastic volunteers!

- Each week dozens of volunteers assist with the Labateyah Youth Home, organizing a musical jam session, career and education counseling and a life skills class.
- Volunteers are an integral part of the Head Start curriculum offering private tutoring sessions and general classroom assistance.
- Ten certified tax professionals provided free tax preparation services to 50 community members in February, 2009

We would like to specifically recognize two super volunteers -- Jesse Schaffer and Kaisa Sonderland. Jesse has been helping with the maintenance of the Daybreak Star Center tirelessly for many years. Kaisa has helped with many programs in the Foundation, including arts assistance and volunteer coordination. She is currently a volunteer Youth Advocate at the Labateyah Youth Home. Thank you Jesse and Kaisa for your dedication!

If you are interested in volunteering with United Indians, please email volunteer@unitedindians.org or call 206-285-4425.

NativeSeattle.com

United Indians has assisted with the development a new blogging platform to serve as an online portal for everything Native in Seattle. The new blog, entitled Native Seattle, will feature news, sports, politics, arts and culture, events, job opportunities, photography, and more. Blog posts are written by community volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting project, please write an email to nativeseattle@gmail.com. The website can be accessed by typing www.nativeseattle.com in your browser. – Submitted by JJ Stein

WeCAN



INVITE, INVITE, INVITE

WeCAN is planning a fundraiser/Hawaiian LUAU at the **Daybreak Star** (UIATF) on **October 11th from 1 to 6**. We will host a cultural exchange as the Seattle Haida Laas dance group will perform and welcome the Hawaiian group. We may possibly have another group, but have not yet invited anyone. Roast Kahlua Pig and all the makings of a LUAU will be the order of the day. There is a possibility of baked salmon but that hasn't been finalized. **The cost will be \$25 per seat, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for those under 10 years old.** If any business or individual wants to have a table reserved that will seat up to 10 the cost is \$250 and payment in advance guarantees your seats. You can get tickets by calling Fred at 206-235-0294 or contacting any Board member. There will be a raffle with a Haida Eagle mask donated by Onehaidafrog and if time allows we will do a Chinese auction. If anyone would like to donate items to our raffle, it would be much appreciated just call 206-235-0294. – Submitted by Fred Lauth

"WeCAN"

If we all work together, a community center for all Native Americans can be developed in Seattle. We envision a basketball/sports court, meeting rooms, rooms for arts and crafts, and above all a place to come to heal some of the wounds caused by dislocation, relocation, and just plain thievery by the "pioneers".



URBAN INDIAN HISTORY LESSON – WASSAJA, a.k.a. CARLOS MONTEZUMA



Wassaja, (a.k.a. Dr. Carlos Montezuma) born in 1866 was one of the first Native Americans (Yavapai) to earn a medical degree. His birth name (pronounced wass-jah) means, “signaling or beckoning”. At the age of 6, Wassaja was captured in the Superstition Mountains and sold into slavery. Carlos Gentile, a photographer, purchased, baptized, and changed Wassaja’s name to Carlos Montezuma.

The two resided in Chicago and New York for several years until Gentile lost all of his belongings in a fire and had to send Montezuma away. Wassaja went to live with a Baptist minister in Urbana, Illinois. Thereafter, he excelled in chemistry at the University of Illinois graduating in 1884. Five years later, he received his doctorate of medicine from the Chicago Medical College, a branch of Northwestern University, and obtained his license to practice that same year.

Wassaja worked as a physician with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) traveling to reservations and providing services to Native Americans in North Dakota, Nevada, Washington, and Montana. Those experiences developed within him a strong desire to help Native people and a negative view of the reservations. Afterwards, he left the BIA to work at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania.

At the turn of the century, Dr. Montezuma traveled as team doctor with the great Carlisle football team to Arizona. While in Arizona, Montezuma contacted long-lost Yavapai relatives not seen since his abduction. By this time, the Yavapai were settled at Fort McDowell reservation. Montezuma’s hatred for the reservations softened once he saw how connected his people were to their ancestral land and understood that they considered it home. Thereafter, he led the Yavapai resistance of removal from Fort McDowell.

By 1896 Dr. Montezuma left Carlisle to return to Chicago and start a private practice. He successfully practiced medicine and began publicly attacking the government for the conditions imposed upon Natives and became an outspoken opponent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). He was twice offered the post of Commissioner of Indian Affairs but refused. Instead in 1911 he helped found one of the first Native civil rights groups, “The Society of American Indians”. In 1916 he started a monthly magazine titled Wassaja that he used as a platform to spread his views of the BIA, Native American education, water rights and citizenship.

Dr. Montezuma became very ill in 1922 and decided to permanently return to the land of his people. He died on January 31, 1923 of tuberculosis and is buried at the Fort McDowell Indian cemetery. –

[Submitted by Marc Taylor](#)

SEPTEMBER RECIPE

Courtesy of Dale Carson and Indian Country Today

Batter-Dipped Squash Blossoms and Daylilies

1 cup flour
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg white
Pinch each: chili powder, salt, pepper, ginger, sugar
Ice water
Vegetable oil for frying

Mix batter ingredients until blended to the consistency of pancake batter. Heat oil and deep fry each blossom until golden. Do one at a time.



Note: Try some blossoms sautéed in butter or cut up in an omelet. To freeze blossoms, pick before they are open, they will open in hot water later. Blanch unopened blossoms in boiling water for three minutes, and then put into ice water. When completely cooled, pat dry and pack in freezer bags. You can keep them frozen up to eight months.

COMMUNITY JOB OPENINGS

DSHS, seeks 3 ICW Social Workers, apply at www.careers.gov

WSU seeks a Native American retention counselor, apply at www.wsujobs.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you work for a tribal Organization in King County, you are eligible to become a local Indian Child Welfare Advisory Board Member. Contact Roxanne Finney at (206) 923-4904

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Event | Community Events | Location | Contact |
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| Sept 2, 6pm | Native American Mentoring Initiative (RSVP) | 1600 S. Graham Street, Seattle | 206-763-9060 |
| Sept 3-7 | Spokane Tribal Labor Day Celebration | BIA Hwy 183, Wellpinit, WA | |
| Sept 4-6 | Puyallup Tribal Pow Wow | Puyallup, WA | |
| Sept 6 | Copper Wombyn Collective (Native Women's Group) | 4739 Thackeray PL NE, Seattle | |
| Sept 11-13 | Cowlitz Canoe Races and Celebration | Mayfield Lake, WA | 360-577-8140 |
| Sept 12 | Johnny Moses storytelling (RSVP by Sept 5) | 2030 Western Ave, Seattle | 206-441-3821 |
| Sept 12, 1pm | Indigenous Showcase – 3 short movies | Northwest Film Forum | |
| Sept 13 th , 2-5pm | Story Pole fundraiser: Native Dancers, Musicians, Artists, and Auction | Maritime Heritage Park, Bellingham | |
| Sept 14 | Native American AA Meeting | 39731 Auburn-Enumclaw Road, S.E. | |
| Sept 14, 6-9pm | Native Entrepreneurship Training (RSVP by Sept 11) | Washington CASH | 206-829-2100 |
| Sept 15 | 7 th Generation Fund's application deadline for Arts and Culture Grants | www.7genfund.org | |
| Sept 15, 7pm | Book signing and lecture – Faces from the Land (Free) | Burke Museum, Seattle | 206-543-5590 |
| Sept 15-16 | Native American and Veterans Business Conference and Trade Show | Tulalip Hotel and Casino Resort | 206-816-6596 |
| Sept 19 | 10 th Annual Water Sounds Native Art Auction | Squaxin Island | 360-432-3841 |

- Event information provided by Magenta Spinningwind and Sweetwater Nannauck

SEATTLE NATIVE RADIO

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| Thurs, 6pm | One World Report | 91.3 FM |
| Wed, 11-1pm | Sounds from the Four Directions | 91.3 FM |
| M-F, 3pm | National Native News | 91.3 FM |

- Radio information provided by Sweetwater Nannauck