

## NOTICES

### Oregon Coast Aquarium Sparkles with "Sea of Lights"

The Oregon Coast Aquarium invites visitors to ring in the season during its "Sea of Lights" holiday festival on Dec. 6 and 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The aquarium will be decorated with a sea of twinkling lights, brightly lit animal figurines, and a forest of living trees during its 10<sup>th</sup> annual holiday festival. A storyteller will spin magical tales of the North Pole, Santa's elves will greet you at the door and when jolly ol' St. Nick appears, children can whisper their holiday wishes in his ear. Youngsters will be able to make their own tree ornaments, have their faces painted and visit with the aquarium's 15,000 marine animals.

A large teddy bear family collection will be on display from Maxine Moodie, including the three bears (without Goldilocks), the official Coca-Cola bear as well as Bard's bears, Raikes bears, Tyco beanie bears, and assorted hand puppets. In addition to the teddy bear collection, other larger-than-life hugables on display include a near life-size holiday moose, a five-foot Bugs Bunny, and a variety of stuffed cows.

Specially decorated theme trees will be displayed in the aquarium lobby along with living evergreens provided by Starker Forest Products of Philomath. In addition, the aquarium will showcase two "adopt-a-pet" trees supporting the local animal shelter, plus a specially-decorated tree featuring ornaments to be judged for display on Oregon's holiday tree at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

A motorized train will make its way around a gingerbread village, while Mom and Dad can get some holiday shopping done in the aquarium's gift shop. Gifted artisans also will be on hand to add to the holiday shopping festivities. Visitors are invited to help make a child's holiday wish come true by donating a new toy to Mrs. Santa's Workshop, a coastal organization that helps the less fortunate.

The sounds of festive music and carolers will resound throughout the galleries as local choral groups sing robust seasonal tunes. Guests will sip hot chocolate and nibble on holiday treats as they roam underwater through Passages of the Deep, gazing up at sharks, skates, and giant rays.

During the Oregon Coast Aquarium's "Sea of Lights" festival, visitors can enter a drawing to win a colorful glass float by Pyromania and view the aquarium's own glass float collection. For the adventurous shopper, there's Lincoln City's annual "Finders Keepers" program, where visitors can comb the beach for hidden glass floats.

Admission to "Sea of Lights" is \$3.50 for Oregon Coast Aquarium member adults, \$1.50 for member children and P.D. Shark Kids' Club members, and \$5 for a member family package (two adults and two children). The cost is \$8 for non-member adults, \$2.50 for non-member children and \$13 for a non-member family package (two adults and two children) and free to all children under age 4.

To R.S.V.P. for the "Sea of Lights" holiday festival, call 541-867-3474, ext. 6362. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium's 10th annual "Sea of Lights" festival is made possible, in part, through the generous support of KYTE/KNPT Radio, Marine Discovery Tours, Shilo Inns and Resorts, the *News-Times*, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, Starker Forest Products, KVAL TV 13/Eugene, KPIC TV 4/Roseburg and KCBY TV 11/Coos Bay.

Located just south of Newport's Yaquina Bay bridge, the Aquarium is open every day except December 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Memorial Day. An online trip planner is available at [www.aquarium.org](http://www.aquarium.org) or you may call 541-867-3474 for additional information.



### Time to Consider Flood Insurance

Flood insurance probably was the last thing on Oregonian's minds as they enjoyed this year's unusually dry fall weather. But now that the rainy season is under way, homeowners in areas prone to flooding may want to consider buying flood insurance, according to the Oregon Insurance Division.

"Many people don't know that coverage for flood damage is usually excluded from standard homeowner or business insurance policies," said Larry Culbertson, Consumer Assistance manager for the Insurance Division. "However, they can protect their property by purchasing flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as long as their community participates in the program."

The NFIP recommends buying flood insurance even in low- or moderate-risk areas. Homeowners, renters, and businesses can purchase flood insurance from private insurance companies and agents that participate in the program. There usually is a 30-day waiting period before flood coverage becomes effective.

More information about flood insurance is available from participating insurance companies and agents, on NFIP's Web site - [www.fema.gov/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/nfip) - or by calling 1-888-RAIN628.

### Eagle Staff Fund Helps Build Strong Native Non-profits

The First Nations Development Institute's Eagle Staff Fund has awarded five grants to organizations that are seeking to improve their effectiveness through a balance of sound management, strong governance, and a persistent rededication to achieving results.

The institute is located in Fredericksburg, Va. These non-profit capacity-building grants total \$93,500.

- A grant of \$27,000 was awarded to the Anishinaabe Center in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to study the feasibility of making its arts and crafts gallery profitable. The gallery currently showcases and makes available for sale works by more than 50 Anishinaabe and other Native artists.
- The International Indian Treaty Council, in Palmer, Alaska, received a grant of \$2,500 for its long-term program development. The organization works for the sovereignty and self-determination of indigenous people in North,

Central, and South America and the Pacific. The grant will support the organization's board of directors, which represents 20 indigenous tribes and nations from seven countries, in its strategic planning.

- A grant of \$24,000 was awarded to the Lac Courtes Oreilles Federal Credit Union, in Hayward, Wis., as it seeks to obtain financial expertise and training related to back office accounting procedures. The organization will receive training on establishing standard, daily, monthly, and annual accounting procedures.
- The Native American Community Board in Lake Andes, S.D., received a grant of \$30,000 to improve its organizational effectiveness. Formed in 1985, the organization addresses health, education, land and water rights-related issues, as well as economic development of Native American people. The grant will enable the hiring of an expert to audit current workloads and time management of

the organization. Expertise will leverage greater productivity for the executive director, who will be able to focus on increasing the amount and type of future funding for the organization.

- A grant of \$10,000 was awarded to Native Americans in Philanthropy in St. Paul, Minn. It will help the organization develop a strategic plan that focuses on organizational leadership and development.

Formed in 1980, First Nations Development Institute helps Native communities control their assets and build capacity to direct their economic future. Since 1993, First Nations' flagship grant-making program, the Eagle Staff Fund, has awarded more than 225 grants totaling \$8.3 million to tribes and Native non-profit organizations that employ a model of culturally appropriate economic development.

For more information on the Eagle Staff Fund, visit [www.firstnations.org](http://www.firstnations.org).