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Siletz Tribe Shares Oregon Arts Commission Grant

The Oregon Arts Commission has distributed \$140,620 in grants through its Arts Build Communities program, designed to broaden the impact of the arts in the community and to foster community partnerships.

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and the city of Newport, will install a whale skeleton sculpture that should serve as a catalyst for multiple local cultural interpretations.

"These projects demonstrate the serious commitment that artists and arts

organizations have in building sustainable communities," said Norm Smith of Roseburg, Ore., chairman of the Arts Commission. "The Arts Build Communities projects address many of the important issues facing Oregonians: growth, downtown revitalization, facility development, community building, and at-risk youth. These efforts really make a difference in communities."

Sixty-three community and arts groups submitted requests of more than

See Arts on page 12.



van de Wetering Named Employee of the Year

Stan van de Wetering, fisheries biologist in the tribe's Natural Resources Department, was named the 2002 Employee of the Year at the winter all-staff meeting in December.

Stan was nominated by Frank Simmons, fish & wildlife technician in Natural Resources, who wrote:

"Stan has secured grants for the Fisheries Department and brought the tribal fish hatchery from shambles to a success. The hatchery is a project that the whole Siletz Tribe can be proud of. Stan has been instrumental in securing resources to continue with the GIS system that plays a major role in the whole Siletz River system, from the watershed to the Siletz Bay.

"Stan's crew monitors for pesticides on the reservation to make sure that the water is clean for all of the fisheries, from the eggs to the



Stan van de Wetering

adults. Stan's work has set a precedent for all fish biologists across the state of Oregon."

Stan has worked for the tribe for five years. He received a Siletz Tribal Pendleton blanket and a plaque when he was honored at the meeting. Several other employees also received awards, which are listed on page 5.

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Nancy Simmons (l), Alissa Lane, Kelly Lane, and Cheryl Lane (not pictured) are elves to Ray Taylor, Santa Claus, at the Siletz Community Christmas program on Dec. 14. Please see more photos on pages 14 and 15.

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