

Charitable Fund Provides Display Cases, Platforms for Museum

by Anne Hall, Director-Curator



New display cases and platforms at the North Lincoln County Historical Museum in Lincoln City were funded by a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum reopened July 31, 2004, thanks in large part to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

A grant of \$5,000 allowed us to build two custom display cases as well as construct all of the platforms needed for the downstairs exhibit area. These are not only quality cases designed with artifact conservation in mind, they also are custom-built to our specifications. The new cases and platforms look great and add a professional and polished look to the museum.

This grant is the second received by the museum from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. Our first grant of \$2,500 helped us construct a display about Siletz basket making. That display, now a part of our new exhibit, features four baskets made by Bud Lane in various stages of construction.

Our Native American display is very beautiful, showing examples of

baskets and beadwork as well as other artifacts. It's designed to educate the viewer about the original people of this area as well as the tribes that were brought here under extreme, heart-breaking conditions.

Our goal for our exhibits is for people from all ethnic backgrounds to learn about their heritage. As children learn about the hardships of Native Americans, we hope they come to appreciate the lives and culture of the original peoples.

Our hope for adults is that more will realize that they play a part in an ongoing endeavor to create a better future for the generations to come through awareness, preservation, and conservation.

Through your Charitable Contribution Fund, the Siletz Tribe helps make this mission attainable. On behalf of a grateful community, please accept our thanks.

Title VII Parent Committee Seeks Members

The Lincoln County School District's Indian Education Program serves all Native American students in grades K-12 enrolled in Lincoln County's 19 schools. Our program is designed to "meet the special educational and culturally related academic needs of our Indian students."

Currently, we have four paid staff and more than 600 students registered in the program. Last year, our school district had the second-highest number of Native American graduates in Oregon. We give thanks for the involvement of all parents/relatives who help make this possible.

Once a year, we have elections for the Title VII Parent Committee. Parents/guardians of Indian students, administrators, teachers in the district, and Title VII high school students are eligible to serve on the board and vote in the election. The Parent Committee is the strong force and voice for our Native students to the schools.

We're looking for Native American people who:

- Will commit to monthly evening meetings at various schools throughout the district
- Help decide how and where the Title VII funds are spent
- Help make decisions on any issues that may arise regarding our Native students
- Offer support to help with tribal history and cultural classes
- Are knowledgeable, or willing to commit time to attend conferences and trainings, about Indian education

We're now taking nominations and will have the elections Oct. 27. All ballots must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Oct. 27, 2004, at Siletz Valley School. If you're interested in running or know someone that you think will serve on this committee, please contact one of the Title VII representatives in your area.

Thank you!

Title VII Representatives

Fred Rider, Title VII Coordinator, Toledo HS, 541-336-5104	Juanita Whitebear, Indian Education Assistant, Taft HS, 541-996-2115
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Visit Northwest's Largest Orchid Show

See hundreds of beautiful and unusual orchids at the Fall 2004 Orchid Show and Sale on Oct. 16-17 in Hillsboro, Ore., at the Washington County Fair Complex in the Main Exhibit Hall.

Floral show hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (after judging) Oct. 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 17. Sale hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 17.

Bring your overgrown orchids and learn from experienced growers at the Repotting Clinic at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days (repotting charge). You also can buy orchid plants, books, and growing supplies. A vireya tropical rhododendron show/sale rounds out the event.

Admission is \$3 and children under 12 are free. Parking is free. For show information, call 503-649-4118 or visit www.ipns.com/calypso.

The Oregon Orchid Society, Inc., was established in 1945. Monthly meetings feature informative speakers, orchid displays, raffles, and orchids for sale. Guests are welcome.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Multnomah Arts Center at 7688 SW Capitol Highway in the Multnomah Village area of Portland. For meeting information, call 503-657-5664. For driving directions, call the arts center at 503-823-2787.

Is it your turn to serve on the Title VII Parent Committee?

Nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 27.