

Motorcycle Club Seeks Members

Some members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians have recently formed a motorcycle club called the Native American Wind Riders Motorcycle Club and are currently seeking members.

The first official ride is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. The ride

will be a casino run that will include the casinos in Florence, North Bend, Canyonville, Grand Ronde, and Lincoln City.

If you have a motorcycle and would like to join the club, please contact Anita Clark at 541-888-9577 or e-mail aclark@ctclusi.org.

New Art Gallery Opens in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Sixth Street Gallery, a new non-profit gallery and studio owned and managed by the Mosaic Arts Alliance, has opened its doors.

It offers paintings and sculpture from the Northwest's upcoming artists. Sixth Street Gallery will feature monthly shows, offer classes and seminars, and provide a nexus point for all manners of artists from the Vancouver/Portland-metro area.

Following the lead of successful Pearl District cooperative galleries such as Black Fish, the Sixth Street Gallery is artist-owned and -operated.

Members of the Vancouver-based Mosaic Arts Alliance manage gallery operations, teach youth and adult art classes and seminars, and display their work alongside monthly and periodic shows featuring artists from all over the Pacific Northwest.

There are wonderful art centers in the metro area such as the Pearl, Northwest, and Alberta Arts. The presence of the Sixth Street Gallery will help establish downtown Vancouver as the newest place for the arts and artists to grow and flourish.

Located at 105 W. Sixth St. between Main Street and Washington Street in downtown Vancouver, the gallery is easily accessible from Portland or Vancouver off I-5 via the City Center exit. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, please contact Leah Jackson or Tim Rickard at Sixth Street Gallery, 360-693-7340; Traci Donahue at tracimatt@dialup1.com; or Ron Jones at millenium21@earthlink.net.

Oregon to Host 2005 International Youth Summit

SALEM, Ore. – Salem has been selected to host the 19th Annual Caretakers of the Environment International (CEI) Conference on July 2-9, 2005.

The conference theme, "Forging New Partnerships with the Economic Community," will partner high school students and teachers with businesses to enhance the environmental and economic health of their community.

More than 200 high school student delegates from at least 20 countries are expected to present findings at the Youth Environmental Summit – nicknamed YES 05.

Dan Hoynacki, Oregon State University Extension Service's Sustainable Communities project coordinator, and Ryan Kinnett, a Salem teacher and representative of the International School-

house, were awarded the 2005 CEI conference after attending CEI's 2004 conference in Thessaloniki, Greece. Hoynacki and Kinnett received the honor based on their work with youth and natural resource professionals in after-school watershed education in Marion County.

Teachers and students will begin working on projects within their local communities, collaborate online with their international colleagues, and then meet at the conference to share their journeys and work in multinational teams.

For more information about the 2005 Youth Environmental Summit, contact Dan Hoynacki at dan.hoynacki@oregonstate.edu, Ryan Kinnett at ryan.kinnett@oregonstate.edu, or visit the summit Web site at www.yes05.org or info@yes05.org.

OHSU to Hold Career Conference

The Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs will host its Fifth Annual Health, Science, and Engineering Career Conference on Feb. 25, 2005, at the OHSU campus.

We would like to extend an invitation to college students who might be interested in pursuing a career in health care and/or a science profession to attend our interactive conference.

OHSU schools and programs will provide a look at the various health care and science professions offered by OHSU. There is no registration fee.

For more information, tentative agenda, and on-line registration, please visit www.ohsu.edu/academic/diversity or call CeDMA at 503-494-5657.

Capacity is limited; **registration deadline is Feb. 11, 2005.**

Buffett Award Honors Alexander

PORTLAND, Ore. – The 2004 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership was presented to Clarence Alexander (Dranjik Gwich'in) of Fort Yukon, Alaska, during a ceremony at Ecotrust's Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center in Portland on Nov. 30, 2004.

Four other finalists also were honored for their achievements: Ivan Jackson Sr. (Klamath/Modoc), Klamath Falls, Ore.; Sarah James (Neetsaii Gwich'in), Arctic Village, Alaska; Teri Rofkar (Tlingit), Sitka, Alaska; and Terry Williams (Tulalip Tribes), Marysville, Wash.

Supported by the families of Howard and Peter Buffett, the Buffett Award recognizes indigenous leadership that improves the social, economic, political, or environmental conditions in his or her community. The award's intent is to provide resources for the development and transfer of knowledge in indigenous communities.

Alexander was honored as the recipient of the \$25,000 Buffett Award for his many years of advocating for environmental justice, tribal rights, and protection of the Yukon River Watershed. He is co-founder of the Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments and the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council.

Alexander is chairman of the Gwichyaa Zhee Corporation and a former Grand Chief of the Gwich'in peoples. He worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for 20 years. He currently is working on an Athabaskan-English dictionary.

Ivan Jackson, Sr. was honored as a finalist for his efforts to keep alive the cultural traditions of the Klamath, Modoc,

and Yahooskin people. He makes traditional tools, clothing, weapons, shelters, and basketry for use in demonstrations and interpretive displays.

Sarah James was honored as a finalist for her national and international work on indigenous rights, environmental issues, and human rights. As a spokesperson for the Gwich'in Steering Committee, James has made important contributions to the preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Teri Rofkar is honored as a finalist for her efforts to preserve the Tlingit's ancient art of weaving and basketry. She is an artist-in residence at the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center.

Terry Williams was honored as a finalist for his leadership in natural resource and environmental management. He serves as a fisheries and natural resources commissioner for the Tulalip Tribes. He also serves on the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

The four finalists each received a \$2,500 cash award.

Buffett Award nominees are First Nation, Alaska Native, or tribal members over age 35 who exhibit extraordinary community leadership within the Salmon Nation region from Alaska to California.

The Final Jury Panel for the 2004 Buffett Award consisted of Gerald Amos (Haisla), Dalee Sambo Dorrough (Inupiaq), Antone Minthorn (Cayuse), Alan Parker (Chippewa-Cree), Leah George Wilson (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and Ecotrust President Spencer Beebe.

In 2003, the list of finalists included Agnes Pilgrim (Siletz) of Grants Pass, Ore., and in 2001, finalists included David Hatch (Siletz) of Portland.