

## Wisdom of the Elders Radio Series Now Airing

The American Indian public radio program, *Wisdom of the Elders Radio: Series Three* is continuing to air nationwide four times a week on American Indian Radio on Satellite (AIROS) at [www.airos.org](http://www.airos.org). This cultural and educational radio series includes eight public radio programs, subtitled *Wisdom of the Elders Radio: Native Nations along the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Trail*.

Programs feature indigenous elders, historians, storytellers, artists, environmentalists, and song carriers from 13 nations living along the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Trail in the Bitterroot Mountains and along the Columbia River.

Tribes being featured include Lemhi Shoshone; Nez Perce (or Nimiipuu); Salish, Kootenai, Flathead; Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla; bands of the Yakama Nation; Wasco,

Warm Springs and Northern Paiute; Grand Ronde; and Chinook tribes.

Arlie Neskahi (Dine, or Navajo) is host for the series, which is produced in Portland, Ore., by Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.

Enlivened by moving contemporary and traditional music, eight special segments are included within each one-hour program: Historical Intro, Elder Wisdom, Speaking Native, Sacred Landscape, Tribal Rhythms, Health and Healing, Artists Circle, and Turtle Island Storytellers.

The series will be distributed nationwide via American Indian Radio on Satellite (AIROS) four times weekly through late June at the following times:

Tuesdays – 10 a.m. EDT  
 Tuesdays – 4 p.m. EDT  
 Saturdays – 5 p.m. EDT  
 Sundays – 5 p.m. EDT

You also can catch our new series, segment by segment, 24/7 from our companion radio Web site at [www.wisdomoftheelders.org](http://www.wisdomoftheelders.org).

Programs One and Two already are up on our Web site. Summaries of Programs Three and Four are listed below.

Series Three was funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail at National Park Service, National Endowment for the Arts, Oregon Arts Commission, and the Benton Foundation's Sound Partners for Community Health, funded by a national initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

You are welcome to become a member of our membership organization, Friends of Wisdom of the Elders. Information is at our Web site at [www.wisdomoftheelders.org](http://www.wisdomoftheelders.org).

Special gifts are being offered to members at each of four circles of giving. We also invite you to visit the Indian Marketplace at our Web site, where you can purchase CDs of our radio series and other CDs.

### Program 3: Nez Perce (Nimiipuu) Tribe

**Historical Introduction:** Arlie Neskahi, in an interview with Nez Perce Tribal member Diane Malliken, discusses the Nez Perce encounter with the Lewis and Clark Expedition and more recent tribal history.

**Elder Wisdom:** Brian Bull introduces us to Horace Axtell, spiritual leader of the Nez Perce Tribe, who has experienced reconciliation and friendship with his father and has contributed to the recovery of his peoples' spiritual practices.

**Speaking Native:** Don Addison speaks of the Nimiipuu language as a member of the Sahaptian language family that is spoken in Idaho and eastern parts of Washington and Oregon. Nimiipuu is related to languages spoken by neighboring Yakama and Umatilla peoples.

**Sacred Landscape:** Judy Bluehorse Skelton speaks to us about the many gifts of the cedar tree for basket making, medicine and other uses. She tells of a personal experience of gathering bark from a forest soon to be logged and then sharing the bark, along with its story, with her students.

**Tribal Rhythms:** Nico Wind tells us of the wax cylinder collection recorded between 1909 and 1912 by a Nez Perce Indian named Sam Morris, or Horse Blanket, which preserved the traditional music of the Nez Perce. Ethnomusicologist Loran Olsen recently restored this collection for the tribe and others.

**Health and Healing:** Rose High Bear features Valerie Albert, who promotes the tribe's exercise and health program at the Nimiipuu health clinic in Lapwai, Idaho. An enthusiastic warrior in the battle against diabetes,

Valerie introduces us to a cheerful woman named Karen Zachary, who has struggled with diabetes for more than 20 years.

**Artists Circle:** Bruce Crespin shares the stories of Nez Perce artist Kevin Peters, who lives and works as a curator and park interpreter at the Nez Perce National Historic Park in Spalding, Idaho, and is devoted to reviving traditional arts of flute-playing and flute-making.

**Turtle Island Storytellers:** Tribal storyteller Allen Pinkham takes us on a journey with coyote, sharing with us the creation story of his people who once lived and still live along Idaho's Clearwater River.

### Program Four: Confederated Tribes of the Yakama Nation

**Historical Introduction:** Arlie Neskahi discusses the history of the Wanapum, one of the many tribes in the Columbia Basin who, with the Yakama, Klickitat, Palus and dozens of other tribes, formed an interrelated continuity of peoples sharing similar beliefs and lifestyles.

**Elder Wisdom:** Brian Bull shares the story of Nathan Jim, Yakama elder, who in his lifetime, has seen some Yakama traditions threatened by today's environment. Today, he is working with his people to keep the land, the Columbia River, and its people healthy and protect them from the damaging effects of the nearby Hanford nuclear plant.

**Speaking Native:** Don Addison teaches us an essential term from the Yakima language, which is one of the northwestern dialects of the Sahaptian language family.

**Sacred Landscape:** Judy Bluehorse Skelton takes us to Hanford Reach along the Columbia River, where ancient rock paintings can still be seen and where the Yakama people are reclaiming their land and their cultural history.

**Tribal Rhythms:** Nico Wind tells a part of the history and music of the Shaker church, one of the few 19<sup>th</sup> century indigenous religions still being practiced across the Northwest.

**Health and Healing:** Rose High Bear introduces us to the tribe's diabetes coordinator, Evelyn Umtuch, and to Delores George, who reminds us that "people talk about alcoholism, but food can kill you too."

**Artists Circle:** Bruce Crespin shares the wisdom of Yakama basketweaver and song-carrier Vivian Harrison, who takes seriously her calling as culture-bearer.

**Turtle Island Storytellers:** Topennish elder Johnson Meninick shares his wisdom about the importance of Creator's laws and his peoples' traditions, and speaks about the sacred mountains of the Northwest Cascades.

## Indian Applicants Sought for Hatfield Fellowship

**GRAND RONDE, Ore.** — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde recently announced that applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship are available. Each year, a Hatfield Fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's congressional delegation.

The Hatfield Fellow is selected from adult American Indian applicants who are enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe in Oregon. If there are no qualified applicants from Oregon, enrolled members of federally recognized tribes in Washington, Idaho, and Montana will be considered.

The fellow will intern in Washington, D.C., for nine months and will receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel

expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation.

**Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on July 14, 2006.** Applicants then will be notified if they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application packets can be obtained by contacting Gerry RainingBird at Spirit Mountain Community Fund, 503-879-1462, e-mail at [gerry.rainingbird@grandronde.org](mailto:gerry.rainingbird@grandronde.org), or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for his accomplishments as a U.S. senator and a former governor of Oregon, and for his mentorship of many leaders in their own communities.

## Retail Nursery Guide Available to All Gardeners

Gardeners in search of quality plants and gardening supplies – and helpful, professional, and knowledgeable advice – will want to get their hands on the fifth edition of *Oregon's Retail Nursery Guide*.

The free guide features nearly 200 retail garden centers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington, as well as 18 public gardens in Oregon.

As with past editions, the 2006 guide provides names, addresses, and contact information for each retail operation, sorted alphabetically by city. Each listing has a designated number that corresponds to a plot on the guide's map.

In addition, there is an alphabetical cross-reference of all the centers. So if a friend recommends a nursery but is not sure where it's located, use the alpha listing to find the retailer's city and map number, which you can use to look up the address or phone number in the by-city listing.

A blown-up view of the Portland metropolitan area features pinpoint locations of retail nurseries. The wider state-view map still includes general listings of garden centers, all of which are members of the Oregon Association of Nurseries. OAN, a non-profit trade association representing the state's nursery industry, produces the guide.

Copies of the guide are available at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, agricultural events, OAN retail garden centers, and through the OAN office. Realtors and chambers of commerce also are distributing the guides.

Anyone wishing to receive a free guide can send a request to OAN "Retail Guide," 29751 S.W. Town Center Loop W, Wilsonville, OR 97070, or send an e-mail to [info@oan.org](mailto:info@oan.org) with "Retail Guide" in the subject line. Please include a name and address with mail or e-mail requests. A guide will arrive by mail.