

## Mack, Pilling Publish Native Christmas Story

*The Fourth Wise One: Wichoni's Journey*, written by Dorothy Blackcrow Mack and illustrated by Quitze Rose Pilling, was published in December 2008. It's an American Indian Christmas story for all ages.

A young Native girl has a vision to follow the bright star across North America to bring four gifts to honor a child born to be a great teacher. Wichoni fills her pack with what she decides are the four greatest gifts – water, air, food and fire. Along her path she chooses to give each one away to help people in need and arrives with her empty pack at the Endless Water where, discouraged, she discovers the greatest gift of all.

This story came to Dorothy while she lived on the Pine Ridge Reservation, S.D., married to a Lakota sundance leader raising a sacred herd of buffalo. They lived in a one-room log cabin without electricity or running water – no books, many stories.

Her extended family taught her generosity, cooperation and respect – for the land, the Elders, for all my relations: birds, rocks, trees, surrounded by the Everywhere Spirit. The story won first prize for "My Favorite Holiday Story" and has been performed at libraries and church groups.

Quitze lives in the temperate rainforest of the Pacific Northwest. She grew up these past 11 years inspired by a circle of artists, writers and musicians. Her first recognizable illustration was of a native rose.

She loves the huckleberries, salmonsberries, salal, blackberries, thimbleberries, tules and the worlds of stellar jays, chipmunks, red-tail hawks, white herons, brown pelicans, salmon, beaver and the storytellers who come to life on the page as she draws. Thank you for honoring the gifts of this story!

Together, Dorothy and Quitze have given readings at the Newport Library, on KCUP radio, at Siletz Valley School and Head Start, and the Yachats Family Christ-



Dorothy Blackcrow Mack and Quitze Rose Pilling

Photo by Diane Rodriguez

mas Party. Quitze's illustrations were on display at the Pushpin Show at the Newport Visual Arts Center during December.

"I probably started drawing in my journal book in Siletz Head Start, my favorite school, and I haven't stopped. I love making up designs. I met Dorothy when I was 4 and I drew a picture for her refrigerator. It's fun, telling stories with pictures," said Quitze. "Thank you friends, thank you family. Respect and love make my extended family, who have inspired and encouraged me with stories and teachings and a strong sense of being a part of a beautiful circle. Thank you Auntie Loraine, Misty, Tiffany, Grandma Martha, Grandpa Chet, Auntie Laverne, Auntie Laverne, Father Bear, and all my cousins, Aunties, Uncles, and Elders."

Copies of *The Fourth Wise One: Wichoni's Journey* (ISBN#9780974436487, cost \$10) are available at the Siletz Valley School office; and Sea Towne Books, Canyon Way Books, Nye Beach Books, Oceana and Sandcastle Toys in Newport; and at Bob's Beach Books, Trillium and Allegory Books in Lincoln City.

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## Native American Congressional Internship Program

This is a 10-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., for American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate, graduate and law students.

Students are placed in Congressional offices, committees, or select agencies to experience an insider's view of the federal government and learn more about the federal government's trust relationship with Tribes.

The foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem and a \$1,200 educational stipend. Applications must be received at the foundation by Jan. 30, 2009.

For more information, visit <http://udall.gov/OurPrograms/NACInternship/NA-Internship.aspx>.

## Morris K. Udall Scholarship

The Morris K. Udall Foundation awards 80 \$5,000 merit-based scholarships for college sophomores and juniors seeking a career in Tribal health, Tribal public policy or the environment.

Scholarship recipients participate in a five-day orientation in Tucson, Ariz., to learn more about Tribal and environmental issues. Applications must be submitted through a Udall faculty representative at the student's college or university. The application deadline is March 3, 2009. For more information, visit <http://udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx>.

## Internship: NMAI Archives

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Archives is pleased to offer a 10-week to 12-week (summer 2009) Archive Internship for the at its Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Md.

Additional information about the NMAI Archives can be found at [www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/siasec/nmai.htm](http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/siasec/nmai.htm). Information about the National Museum of the American Indian can be found at [www.nmai.si.edu](http://www.nmai.si.edu).

Academic Credit: The Smithsonian Institution works cooperatively with schools seeking to grant academic credit for internships. Applicants are encouraged to initiate arrangements for credit with their college or university.


Financial Support: Travel, housing and stipends may be provided to students on a limited basis. Students receiving stipends must work full time (40 hours per week).

Deadline: Feb. 6, 2009; begins first full week in June 2009.

To apply: Additional information and applications available at [www.nmai.si.edu/collaboration/files/NMAIProgramGuide\\_ENG\\_interns.pdf](http://www.nmai.si.edu/collaboration/files/NMAIProgramGuide_ENG_interns.pdf) (pg. 29 and 30).

Please send specific questions regarding the Internship to Jennifer R. O'Neal, Head Archivist, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution, Cultural Resources Center, 4220 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; phone 301-238-1373; fax 301-238-3038; e-mail [onealj@si.edu](mailto:onealj@si.edu).

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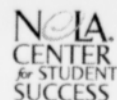
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