

Pilgrim presents salmon bench honoring First Nations of SW Oregon

By Natasha Kavanaugh

On May 7, Tribal Elder Agnes Baker Pilgrim of Grants Pass, Ore., presented a salmon bench to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

"The creation of this bench was part of a larger project which happened in 2005-2006 in Ashland, Oregon," said Lloyd Matthew Haines, attorney, property developer and the person who commissioned the project.

In the process of constructing a new downtown building, an alder tree was removed from the site.

"The Native American community does ceremonies throughout the year (at the equinoxes and solstices) and considers this tree sculpture and the site on which it sits as a sacred site," said Haines.

Haines commissioned Russell Beebe (Ojibwe) of Medford, Ore., to create the sculpture.

"In 2004 while contemplating the creation of the large memorial sculpture 'We Are Here,' the idea of carving a functional bench shaped as a grand salmon presented itself perfectly in the theme of Northwest Tribal Culture," said Beebe.

The memorial sculpture created from that local alder tree reaches 20 feet high and includes a figure of a Native woman

modeled after Pilgrim (Takelma). This same wood was chosen for the salmon bench, which was carved first.

"Agnes was very much involved in helping me interpret traditional customs," said Beebe.

The sculpture honors the First Nations of Southwest Oregon, including not only the Takelma, Shasta, Tututni and other Tribes, but also the Salmon Nation, Bear Nation, Tree Nations and all species of life in this region.

"It has been my privilege to play my part in supporting and honoring the First Nations, as well as participating in the healing between the various cultures in Southern Oregon," said Haines.

The land upon which the sculpture will stand is owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation. A pathway will lead from the sculpture site down to Ashland Creek.

The salmon bench currently is in the Siletz Tribe's repository in Siletz, Ore.

"It pleases me greatly to know the Salmon Bench will forever reside in the Tribal museum. I understand it is important to remember those traditions that help us to live forward in a good way. To think that my carving may touch the hearts of generations to come gives me great contentment," said Beebe.

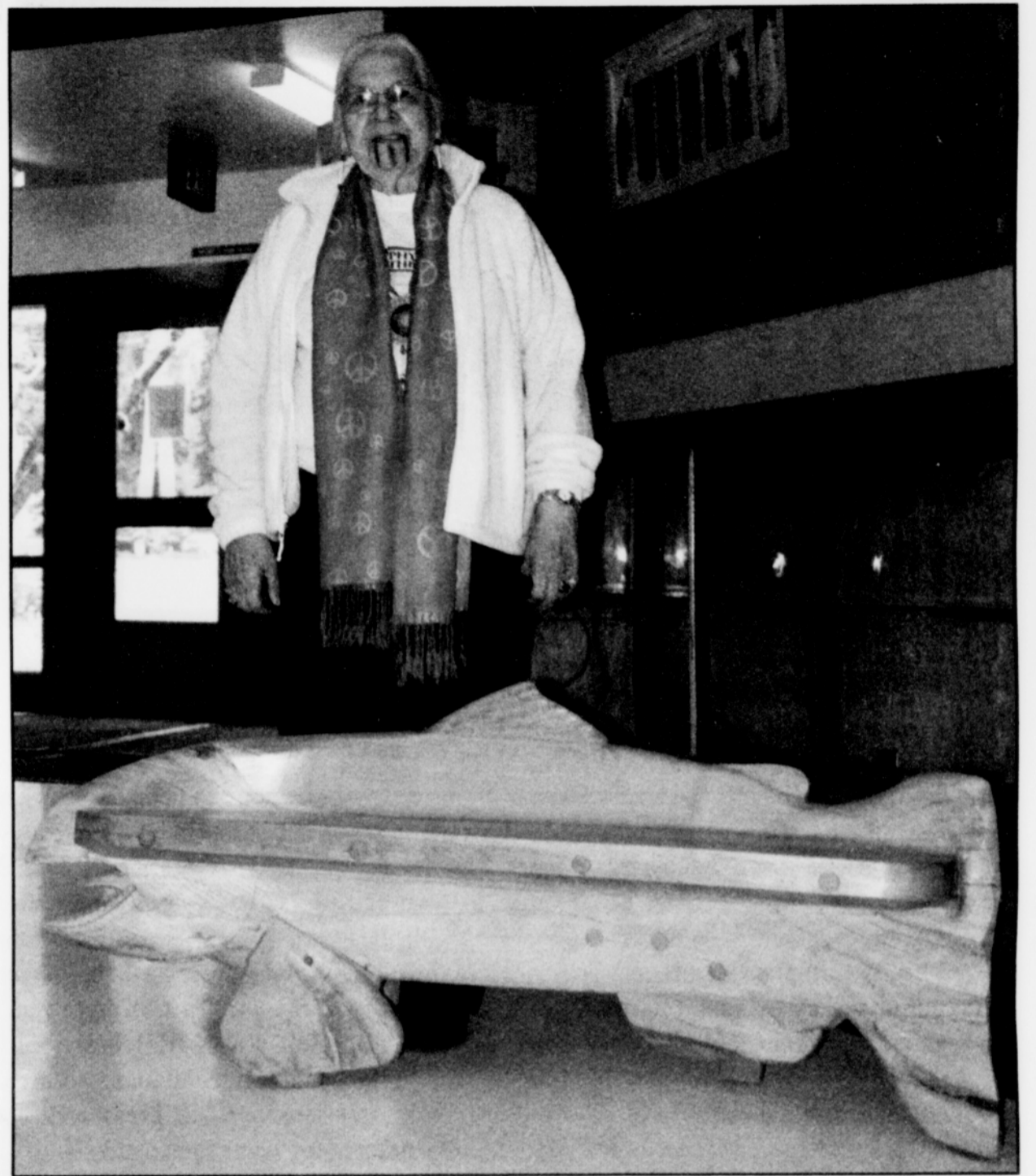


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Agnes Baker Pilgrim and the salmon bench

TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON	Notice of Pending Litigation	May 10, 2011
Court Address P.O. Box 549 201 SE Swan Ave., Siletz, OR 97380		Court telephone no. 800-922-1399 541-444-8228
In the matter of: Siletz Tribal Per Capita Distribution		
These matters came before the Court on review and the court being fully informed finds as follows:		
FINDING OF FACT		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Court has jurisdiction to review this matter as the Respondents are members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI). 2. Petitioner filed a Notice to Offset Tribal Per Capita in the Siletz Tribal Court. 		
ORDER		
The following Tribal members have a lien filed against their per capita and do not have a valid mailing address:		
Ted Beal	Hearing Date:	July 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Dent Butler	Hearing Date:	July 13, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
David Kevin Goodell	Hearing Date:	July 12, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.
Daniel Jackson	Hearing Date:	July 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.
Alana LaMotte	Hearing Date:	July 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Jason McKnight	Hearing Date:	July 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Jacquelin Navarro	Hearing Date:	July 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Robert Richardson	Hearing Date:	July 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
Ulysses Simmons	Hearing Date:	July 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
Dennis Switter	Hearing Date:	July 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
Christopher Vandaam	Hearing Date:	July 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
Mari Woosley	Hearing Date:	July 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Chad Zigler	Hearing Date:	July 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
If the above-mentioned people do not show for their hearing date, an Order of Default will be entered against them.		
SO ORDERED this 10 th day of May 2011		
<hr/> Calvin E. Gantenbein, Chief Judge Siletz Tribal Court		

Mark calendars for Culture Camp

July 12-14, 2011
Siletz, Oregon

Culture Camp will be held at the Tribal Community Center on Government Hill in Siletz. Camp is for Tribal members and Tribal families only. Children under age 10 must be chaperoned by an adult.

The Camp Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to teach classes of cultural traditional nature and arts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bev Youngman at 541-444-8290 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1290; or e-mail bevy@ctsi.nsn.us.

Applications will be available at all area offices, the Tribal administration building and the Tribal Community Center.

Siletz Veterans Office Open Daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits.

Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those who are currently serving.

Call Tony at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.