

Native American Heritage Day
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Lincoln City Cultural Center



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Verdene McGuire (fourth from left) joins others at City Hall in Portland, Ore., to recognize Native American Heritage Month.

Additional Native American Heritage Month activities

On Nov. 7, the Portland City Council recognized Native American Heritage Month by reading a proclamation developed by the Portland Parks & Recreation's Native American Advisory Committee.

Created in 2010, the committee includes representatives from local agencies and Tribes.

In additional Native American Heritage month activities, a ground blessing ceremony took place Nov. 7 at the future location of the Tribal Gathering Garden at Cully Park.

A Native American Family Day celebration also took place Nov. 16 at the East Portland Community Center. It featured arts and crafts, a youth art exhibit and family swims.



As buffet prep cook Mihoko Button (inset) gets ready to serve tasty samples, Chinook Winds Executive Chef Jack Strong (above left) talks about cooking with traditional Native ingredients and shares a few more ideas with people afterward.

During his presentation on *Baskets, Beads and Regalia: Cultural Treasures from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians*, Tribal Cultural Director Robert Kentta (left) describes Nee-Dash regalia.

Following Kentta's presentation, Language Project coordinator Kathy Robinson (below right) talks with an audience member and points out intricate weaving in a Siletz basket cap.

Rebecca Dobkins (below), editorial board member of *The Oregon Encyclopedia* and a curator at the Hallie Ford Museum in Salem, Ore., shows examples of the art of various Native artists in her presentation on *Hidden in Plain Sight: Native American Art in Western Oregon*.



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