



Indian Fair

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A mix of the old and the new was visible at the Indian Fair sponsored by the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society, in cooperation with the Siletz Tribal Cultural Department and other Tribal programs.

The old included a basketcap from the Shellhead/Collins family (left).

A mix of older and newer items was on display in Bud Lane's basket and basketcap collection (right).

The new included Marlene Owen beading the stem of a vase (above) and Charlie Jeeter (above left), who is new to just about everything.



NCAI congratulates Humetewa on confirmation to US District Court

WASHINGTON – The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) congratulates Diane J. Humetewa of the Hopi Indian Tribe on her confirmation in May as federal judge in the U.S. District Court of Arizona.

As the newest member of the federal bench, she is the first American Indian woman appointed to serve in that position.

Humetewa has practiced law in federal courts for more than a decade – as special assistant U.S. attorney, as assistant U.S. attorney and as the U.S. attorney for Arizona – and is experienced in a wide array of complex proceedings, hearings and cases.

As the U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona from 2006-2009, Humetewa was the first American Indian female to be presidentially appointed to that position, where she presided over one of the largest U.S. attorney offices with one of the highest caseloads in the nation.

As an assistant U.S. attorney, she prosecuted a wide variety of federal crimes, including violent crimes in Indian

Country, American Indian cultural crimes and archeological resource crimes.

In 2001, Humetewa was promoted to senior litigation counsel/Tribal liaison, where she fostered relationships between the office and Arizona's Indian Tribes while managing a caseload.

She also supervised the U.S. Attorney's Victim Witness Program. In the 1980s, she helped establish one of the first federal victim services programs in the nation.

Further, Humetewa has dedicated time to serving the interests of Native people. She has been the Appellate Court judge for the Hopi Tribe, counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and special advisor to the president on American Indian affairs at Arizona State University.

Humetewa also has served as counsel to the deputy attorney general for the U.S. Justice Department and as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Guideline Commission, Native American Advisory Committee.

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ONABEN's EEO program gets NAFOA Education Program of the Year award

NEW ORLEANS – ONABEN-Our Native American Business Network was named this year's recipient of the NAFOA (Native American Finance Officers Association) Education Program of the Year award during the association's annual conference in April.

NAFOA presented the award to Veronica Hix, ONABEN's executive director, at its Leadership Awards Luncheon, which saw more than 600 in attendance.

The award was presented for the organization's outstanding Entrepreneurial Empowerment Outreach (EEO) program. EEO utilizes ONABEN's "Indianpreneurship" curriculum as a platform to promote business development initiatives throughout Indian Country.

In 2013 alone, the EEO program provided financial training to more than 350 aspiring American Indian entrepreneurs.

Appreciating that many different leaders, programs and organizations contribute to a healthy and thriving Native economy across the United States, NAFOA honored an illustrious group of

individuals and organizations, including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Oneida Indian Nation, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Seneca Nation of Indians with its Deal of the Year awards.

Additionally, Lacey Horn, treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, was awarded Executive of the Year and the highly prestigious Tribal Leader of the Year award was presented to Principal Chief George Tiger of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

NAFOA is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit that seeks to strengthen Tribal economies through its policy work and education initiatives. It hosts two conferences a year, which have become the pre-eminent meetings of finance, Tribal and policy stakeholders in Indian Country and the U.S. alike.

For more information, visit nafoa.org.

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