

Pigsley receives NIGA award as group hosts culture night at convention

SAN DIEGO – For the final event of the first day of the National Indian Gaming Association’s (NIGA) 29th Annual Tradeshow and Convention in May, a premier showcase of Native culture was on display in the San Diego Convention Center.

Open to the public, culture performances from the Alaska Yaaw Tei Yi Dancers, the Kumeyaay Bird Singers from California and the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Smoke Dancers provided a unique offering from a national tradeshow.

NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. invited Andy Ebona to inform attendees of the evening. An Alaska Native from the Douglas Village, NIGA board member Ebona ensures to include these important performances as part of the three-day event.

“This tradeshow encompasses so much of our lives and a strong part of that is showcasing our culture,” said Stevens,

who also shared in the smoke dance. “We are here to teach, learn and develop our communities to be our very best. Our cultural heritage, our ancient songs and our dances accomplish that and more as our ways of life are integral to the success to our future generations.”

As part of the evening, A. Gay Kingman-Wapato, one of the key founders of the National Indian Gaming Association, was brought to the stage to honor a leader who has shown a lifetime of pursuing Tribal sovereignty. This year, the award went to Delores Pigsley of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Once a Tribal nation that lost federal recognition status by an act of Congress, she and other Tribal leaders fought hard to restore their sovereignty and won, later opening Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

“Dee joined her council in 1975 and has served 35 years on council and 29 as chair,” said Kingman-Wapato. “She is an amazing leader who is humble and most deserving of this award.”

“This is a great honor as we have always had a strong relationship with Tim Wapato. He was a helpful friend who

talked about working for Indian initiatives,” said Pigsley. “We are thankful for the founders of NIGA like Tim and Gay, Danny Tucker, Rick Hill, Kurt Luger and friends like Frank Ducheneaux, his son Wayne and Ernie Stevens Jr. and all of those people who put a great deal of effort to help us achieve our quest.”



Courtesy photo by Dennis King

Ernie Stevens Jr., Delores Pigsley and A. Gay Kingman-Wapato

TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON	Notice of Pending Litigation	May 9, 2014
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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

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:

Thunder Butler	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Dennis Carey	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Darod Cheek	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Corey Cole	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Brenda Davis	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Ann-Marie Eddings	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Kristina Ewing	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Randall Flores II	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Sammy Hall	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Terra Sharp-Hegge	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Shatara Holmes	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Michael Jackman	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Monique Jackson	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Andrew John Jr.	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Christopher Oleman	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Brandy Rife	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Michelle Runyan	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Donavin Ryan	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Ulysses Simmons	Hearing Date:	July 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Mari Woosley	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Rachel Rilatos	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Sondra Wallace	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Alfred Warren	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Daniel Warren	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Elijah Williams	Hearing Date:	July 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Melody Williams	Hearing Date:	July 1, 2014 at 3:00 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 9th day of May 2014

Calvin E. Gantenbein, Chief Judge
Siletz Tribal Court

Youth invited to tell people why they like Oregon for possible inclusion in state Blue Book

From the Oregon Department of Education’s May edition of Education Update

Student writing samples are needed for inclusion in the 2015-16 Oregon Blue Book. Secretary of State Kate Brown would like to engage Oregon’s elementary, middle and high school students with the following essay questions about Oregon:

- For elementary school students (75-150 words): Why do you like living in Oregon?
- For middle school students (100-200 words): Where is your favorite place to visit in Oregon and why?
- For high school students (150-250 words): You have a friend who doesn’t live in Oregon and is coming to visit. Write to them and tell them where you will be taking them and why.

Two or three writing samples from each category will be selected for publication in the 2015-16 Oregon Blue Book.

Deadline to mail submissions is Oct. 6, 2014. Please include your name, grade, teacher’s name and school’s name and address with your writing sample and mail it to: Editor, Oregon Blue Book, Oregon State Archives, 800 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97310.

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