

# Norton named executive director of My Sisters' Place in Lincoln County

NEWPORT, Ore. – The Board of Directors of My Sisters' Place is pleased to announce the hiring of Elizabeth "Lisa" Norton as its new executive director.

The agency supports those in Lincoln County facing domestic violence, sexual assault and dating abuse by providing emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, safety planning, advocacy, court information and support, agency referral, education and outreach.

"At 34 years old, My Sisters' Place has a proven history of helping people escape abusive situations," said Angelique Little, board chair. "Now we're looking to embark on a strategic planning process to develop short- and long-term goals that will better address the needs of our community. Lisa brings a unique combination of passion, education, experience and leadership to our organization."

Hired to begin on Aug. 14, Norton has extensive experience working for

non-profits. This includes more than 15 years with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians where she managed grants, developed and ran programs, and provided direct services.

Her long history of public service includes serving on various boards and volunteering as a victim advocate for the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office.

While attending Portland State University to earn her master's and Ph.D. in social work, Norton served as adjunct faculty at PSU and was a trainer for both the Northwest Area Indian Health Board and the Sexual Assault Task Force.

As a trainer, she provided education and awareness around issues of interpersonal violence to Tribal communities in the Northwest and trained advocates responding to sexual assault.

"It's always been a dream of mine to be able to use my education, public service experience and skills in the area

of interpersonal violence to benefit an organization in my own community," said Norton. "I'm looking forward to building and strengthening partnerships in Lincoln County in an effort to move the discussion of interpersonal violence to a community-wide conversation."

She will meet with a variety of community partners in the coming months to strengthen relationships and develop mutually beneficial initiatives to better serve the community.

Last year, My Sisters' Place sheltered 117 people for 3,853 nights, handled nearly 2,000 calls on its 24-hour crisis line and helped 734 people get court protection and/or agency services.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic, sexual or dating violence, please call My Sisters' Place crisis line for more information, 541-994-5959. The public can also call the organization's advocacy office at 541-574-9424.



Courtesy photo

Elizabeth "Lisa" Norton

# UC-Berkeley helps STAHS retrieve historic documents now on microfilm

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society took an important step this summer to help the Tribe keep improving its knowledge of our shared history.

The board approved funding to get dozens of rare manuscripts copied and turned over to the Tribe from the Bancroft Library at the University of California at Berkeley. The collection contains letters,

diaries and other writings from various people who were directly involved in important – and sometimes tragic – events in Tribal history, as collected by Hubert Howe Bancroft and Francis Fuller Victor, who wrote and published some of the first histories of the Pacific Northwest.

These important collections will reside in the Cultural Department's reference

library on more than 20 reels of microfilm, each containing hundreds of pages.

"Having this information closer at hand is a huge help. It can be difficult or impossible for Tribal staff, let alone members, to make visits to libraries hundreds or thousands of miles away," said Peter Hatch, a historical researcher in the Tribe's Cultural Department. "It's

important that over time we ourselves, rather than any university or museum, become the world's go-to resource for studying our history."

For more information or help starting historical research of your own, please contact Hatch at peterh@ctsi.nsn.us and Robert Kentta, Cultural Resources director, at rkentta@ctsi.nsn.us.

# STAHS seeks Tribal members to help plan 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Fair

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS) is seeking individuals interested in assisting with the planning of the 2015 Indian Fair to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the very first time it was held.

Topics to be considered include location, date, time, exhibits and categories of competitions.

For this event to be successful and larger than the one held in 2014, it will require the enthusiasm and participation

of the Siletz Tribal membership. There is so much knowledge, culture, history and art to share within the Tribal membership and with the surrounding community that it will take a great deal of commitment and effort to do it justice.

The very first Indian Fairs held in the early 1900s included many events and competitions. All of this was accomplished by Siletz Tribal members, from planning through implementation. The fairs were amazing in their size and scope.

If you have ideas and are interested in becoming part of this planning committee,

contact Gloria Ingle at jessiemarie1944@yahoo.com or call STAHS at 541-351-8663.

# Last Cut Wood for the Elders Day

The final Cut Wood for the Elders Day of the year is now set for Oct. 11. It was rescheduled from its original date in September because of the high fire danger at that time.

The woodcut will be held on the Tribe's Logsdon Road property between the Tribal food distribution warehouse and the Tribal vehicle storage yard in Siletz.

We need lots of volunteers to help cut, split and deliver firewood for Tribal Elders. Bring your chainsaws, hydraulic wood splitters, splitting mauls, axes and lots of energy.

Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. We will start at 8 a.m. and go until mid-afternoon.


The goal of this event will be to deliver firewood to as many Elders as

possible. The Elders Program maintains a list of Elders who burn wood for their winter heat.


People willing to haul firewood to Elders outside of the Siletz area should contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261 to be paired up with an Elder in need. We especially need folks who can haul wood to the Eugene, Salem and Portland areas.

Elders in need of firewood also should contact the Elders Program to get their name on the delivery list.

If you have parents or grandparents who burn wood in the winter to stay warm, you need to help out at this event! Come help replenish those wood piles for the coming winter. This will be the last woodcut of the year.



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541-444-9611. Tracy will be able  
to help you with the renewal  
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