

NAYA, Ecotrust, City Club celebrate indigenous leadership, communities

The Native American Youth and Family Center, in partnership with Ecotrust and the City Club of Portland, present two events on Nov. 14 to celebrate outstanding indigenous leadership during Native American Heritage Month in November.

City Club Forum

Cultural Revitalization: A Building Block to Prosperous Communities

Nov. 14 • 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sentinel Hotel • 614 SW 11th Ave.,
Portland, Ore.

Prominent national indigenous leaders will discuss during a panel session how the use of traditional cultural practices is intentionally creating more prosperous communities in rural and urban areas.

Through cultural revitalization, a process of affirming and promoting a community's collective identity, American Indian, Alaska Native and First Nations people are successfully recreating their traditional building blocks to greater cultural and economic prosperity.

Speakers represent large urban Native communities (including the 40,000 Native people in Portland), as well as reservation-based communities in Oregon and Washington.

The forum will feature indigenous leaders from around the region, including Nichole Maher, Tlingit, of the Northwest Health Foundation; Janeen Comenote, Hesquiaht, Kwakiutl First Nation, Oglala Lakota and enrolled Quinault of the National Urban Indian Family Coalition; Roberta Cordero, Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, of the Chumash Maritime Association; and Eric Quampts,

enrolled member of the Yakama Indian Nation, natural resource director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation.

Roy Sampsel, Wyandotte and Choctaw, director of the Institute for Tribal Governance at Portland State University, will moderate the panel.

View the event on the NAYA website – nayapdx.org.

**Annual NAYA Gala
Celebrating 40 Years of Service**
Nov. 14 • 5:30-9 p.m.
**Portland Art Museum • 1219 SW
Park Ave., Portland, Ore.**

Oregon's largest celebration of Native American Heritage Month includes an intimate gathering of nearly 600 of our community's closest friends.

The gala is an opportunity to enjoy American Indian cuisine, traditional dance demonstrations, Native songs and drumming, and beautiful indigenous art up for bid in our live and silent auctions.

The gala is also a great place to meet with American Indian community leaders and our allies from across the region. Representatives from Tribes, foundations, businesses and non-profits come together to celebrate our community's growth and continued success.

NAYA is proud to announce an exciting new partner at this year's celebration. Since 2001, Ecotrust's Indigenous Leadership Award has honored 54 Tribal leaders for demonstrating dedication to their culture and improving the economic and environmental conditions of their homelands and people. The 2014 recipients of the Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership

Award will be announced at this year's NAYA Gala.

This partnership celebrates indigenous leaders across Salmon Nation doing incredible work for the Native community. Together, NAYA and Ecotrust are work-

ing to sustain NAYA's efforts within our region's Native community and strengthen the innovative work Ecotrust does across our region on farms, forests, oceans and fisheries, water and watersheds, climate and energy, and the built environment.

Native American Heritage Festival

Saturday, November 8
10am-4pm
Lincoln City Cultural Center
540 NE Hwy 101

10am-Noon: Make & Take Crafts
With Juanita Whitebear and Taft's Native Student Association (by donation)

11am-12:30pm: Native Foods Cooking Demo
With Chinook Winds Executive Chef Jack Strong (includes samples!)



Alfred "Bud" Lane III

11am-1pm: Fry Bread Taco Sale



Executive Chef Jack Strong

1pm-2:30pm: "Siletz Tribe Culture & History"
Lecture/presentation by Vice Chairman of the Siletz Tribe's Tribal Council, Alfred "Bud" Lane III

2:30pm-4:00pm: Drumming/Dance
Books for sale by Bob's Beach Books and arts/crafts vendors in the lobby all day long.

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Earth and Spirit Council Events

Honoring Our Ancestors with Linda Neale

Nov. 1, 2014 • 3-7 p.m.
TaborSpace – Muir Hall
5441 SE Belmont • Portland, Ore.

Tickets: \$50 (inquire for scholarships); available at brownpapertickets.com/event/879291

Event details available at earthandspirit.org/Events/linda-neale-honoring-our-ancestors.

"Every nationality and race must find their own, trace their roots ... Ancestry is important. If they reach back to their ancestors, they would find out where they came from." – Hon Elder

Join us for this cross-cultural ceremony and celebration of life led by Linda Neale.

Honoring Our Ancestors is a family workshop and ceremony to connect to the continuance of life and family heritage. Through offerings of altars, family foods and festivities, we connect into ourselves.

Inspired by the Indo-Hispanic/Catholic custom Day of the Dead, Honoring Our Ancestors is a practice of coming into

deep gratitude, love and respect for one's ancestors. Rooted in the native traditions of Central America, the belief is that celebrations to honor our ancestors and life's passage are times of necessary healing and release for ourselves and our families.

Ben Rhodd Speaking Event

Nov. 7, 2014 • 7 p.m.
TaborSpace – Copeland
Commons • 5441 SE Belmont •
Portland, Ore.

Tickets: \$15/\$20/\$25/\$30 (inquire for scholarships); available at brownpapertickets.com/event/879300

Event details available at earthandspirit.org/Events/ben-rhodd-speaking-event.

Ben Rhodd is a Potawatomi Elder who will join us from South Dakota to share his wisdom and message.

Taken from his family to attend boarding school, Rhodd recalls making decisions for the wind, the trees and the sky while facing disciplinary action. Honored by Nelson Mandela, Rhodd's path has taken him throughout the world and various vocations, finally bringing him to his calling, archaeology, where he

helped create and served on the board of the World Archaeological Congress.

As Rhodd tells it, "I was born in Texas, where my father was in the service at Ft. Hood. After our family moved to Germany, California, Kansas and other bases, we finally settled in Oklahoma, where I finished high school.

"Over the ensuing years and after trying my hand at various jobs, I developed an interest in archaeology and have worked for many Tribes, both in the Southwest and the Plains.

"I hold a degree in anthropology with an archaeological emphasis and a master's in resource environmental management from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. Additionally, I sat on the Executive Board of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC), an international archaeological organization, for 10 years from 1992 to 2002. During this tenure with WAC, I traveled the world extensively working on a variety of indigenous and non-indigenous culturally related geo-political issues.

"I live in the Black Hills of South Dakota and currently work for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe as a consultant and contract archaeologist."

Three Mirrors Workshop with Ben Rhodd

Nov. 8, 2014 • 2-5 p.m.
TaborSpace - Room 05
5441 SE Belmont • Portland, Ore.

Tickets: \$50 (inquire for scholarships); available at brownpapertickets.com/event/879306

Event details available at earthandspirit.org/Events/ben-rhodd-three-mirrors-workshop.

What is your "job" in this world? To be the most successful, admired, popular, better than the "Jones" person on the planet? Or perhaps the best human being you can be to others?

What is your purpose in having been born? To pursue the "perfect" form or "perfection" of your assets? Or perhaps to be the best reflection you can be within creation?

Is this your "job" or your "duty?" And if it is your duty ... to whom? Yourself? Your parents? Your neighbors? Your co-workers?

Through this workshop, let us start a journey together that will embrace the "you" within yourself and encompass the Three Mirrors of your mind, your body and your spirit that we all possess as divine human beings.