



## STAHS plants stakes to outline new cultural center, keeps fundraising

The mission of the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society is to support and promote the practice, conservation and restoration of the Tribal cultures of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

We are a Tribally chartered not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fundraising for our mission.

This year, STAHS is focused on supporting the update of the 2006 schematic design of the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center to create shovel-ready plans to build the center on Government Hill just east of the community center.

On Valentine's Day, we began our monthly meeting by staking the cultural center corners shown in the schematic design. This helped us appreciate what a large project this is and we decided to push on.

On March 6, we held a workshop with the Siletz Tribal Council to talk about resuming the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center design, with STAHS providing the financial support for professional design services.

The workshop was energetic and positive. We are looking forward to a good year.

For more information about STAHS, visit [huu-cha.org](http://huu-cha.org); find it on Facebook at [facebook.com/Huu-cha.org](https://facebook.com/Huu-cha.org); follow on Twitter at #huu-cha; or call 541-351-8663.

Courtesy photo by Teresa Simmons

STAHS board members Kathy Kentta Robinson, Margo Hudson and Dave Hatch stake the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center corners shown in the schematic design.



## The Past is Present featuring Siletz artistry in baskets to be part of 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Chinook Winds includes weavers and auction

Join in a celebration of the art, culture and history of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians on June 20 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society will present *The Past is Present*,

an artistry through baskets event during the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Chinook Winds.

This free, family-friendly educational event will be open from 1-5 p.m. and will include a silent auction that will close at

4 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will be dedicated to the building of the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center.

Basket design and basket weaving is a lively surviving art that represents the culture of the Tribes and bands of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Baskets created by Siletz Tribal weavers often are identified by the distinctive double-handle design.

The basket's origin or artist sometimes is recognized by the signature design incorporated into the basket by the weaver. This utilitarian art is taught every summer during the Siletz Culture Camp.

Three accomplished Siletz Tribal members have agreed to display and demonstrate their craft at *The Past is Present*. Among the featured weavers will be Lori Brown, Nora Williams-Woods and Mitzi Brown. Traditional basketry materials will be used to demonstrate the intricate art of basket weaving.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Tribal Elder Edmond Ben, who will share his firsthand experiences and knowledge of Siletz Tribal history and culture.

And last but not least, one-of-a-kind purchases will be available from the tables of hand-crafted items created by Siletz Tribal members.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Bud Lane and Lillie Butler help Ralene Butler (right) tie a feather during Culture Craft Night on March 2. See more photos on page 10.

### Invitation to all Carlisle descendants

Would you like to see a heritage center dedicated to the Carlisle Indian School? Do you want to have a say in how the stories of your family members are conveyed? What do you want to know about your family's experience at Carlisle?

Please take this online survey to provide your important input into the planning of a potential Carlisle Indian School Heritage Center.

We, the Carlisle Indian School Farmhouse Coalition, have worked very hard to save the old farmhouse at the Carlisle Barracks from being destroyed. We are now working on developing plans for the preservation, renovation and use of the farmhouse as a heritage center.

The voices of descendants are paramount to this project. If you know of other Carlisle descendants, please refer them to the survey.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CarlisleDescendants>

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