

Conversation Project invites community organizations to be spring hosts

PORTLAND, Ore – Oregon nonprofits and community groups are invited to join the more than 200 organizations that have hosted public discussions through the Conversation Project, which offers humanities-based programs about provocative issues and ideas. The Conversation Project is a program of Oregon Humanities.

Conversation Project programs are opportunities for Oregonians to talk about things that matter – things like food, inequality, privacy, the purpose of education and our relationship to the natural world – in exploratory and thoughtful ways.

Trained facilitators guide the discussions, connecting the subject to par-

ticipants' experiences and to the local community and challenging participants to think in new ways without advocating a particular perspective. Conversations, which last between 60 and 90 minutes, are provided at low cost to Oregon nonprofit organizations.

The 2015-16 Conversation Project lineup features 22 programs. Topics include government surveillance, how gender shapes our lives, the value of rest, Northwest hip hop culture and many more. Two programs are available in Spanish.

Through Jan. 31, 2016, Oregon nonprofits and community groups can apply to host Conversation Project programs that

take place between March 1 and June 30, 2016. The catalog, instructions for host organizations and application form are available at oregonhumanities.org.

Please see the website's events calendar for Conversation Project programs currently happening in counties around the state.

For more information about the Conversation Project program and how to apply, contact Oregon Humanities Program Associate Eloise Holland at 503-241-0543 or 800-735-0543, ext. 123, or e.holland@oregonhumanities.org.

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Oregon Humanities connects Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities. More information about our programs and publications – the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab Summer Institute, Public Program Grants and *Oregon Humanities* magazine – can be found at oregonhumanities.org.

Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.



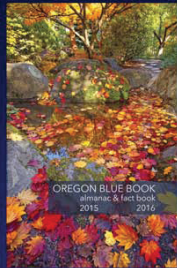
**Want to grow your own food?
Join a Garden Club in your community!**

Ever thought about growing veggies in a planter by your front door?
Join up if you want to learn more about gardening.
Open to all Tribal members and their families. Youth plots available.
Our meetings are an opportunity to learn and share!

**Our Garden Meetings will start in February,
watch for announcements!**


For more information, contact
Kathy at 541-444-9627

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.



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Introducing the recently released *2015-16 Oregon Blue Book*. This newest edition features an expanded color section exploring Oregon's early rural schools with photos, artwork and memorabilia from Oregon's historical societies. The exhibit is a look back at the colorful history of rural education in Oregon before World War II, when small town life revolved around the local schoolhouse.

The *2015-16 Blue Book* also features – for the first time – winning essays from a statewide contest that asked Oregon's elementary and middle school children what they loved about their state. These essays provide a fresh perspective on our state and create a time capsule for Oregonians in the future.

The *Oregon Blue Book*, Oregon's official almanac and fact book, has been updated and re-published every two years since 1911. It is an institution, an Oregon state icon and a collector's item. This latest edition of the *Blue Book* was printed as a limited run and only about 1,700 are still available for sale. Books can be purchased from the State Archives online at: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/shopBlueBook.do> or at the Capitol Gift Shop, Powell's Portland locations and a few other bookstores around the state.

If you would like more information about the *Blue Book* and its availability you can contact Julie Yamaka at 503-378-5199 or julie.a.yamaka@state.or.us

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Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Attention Siletz Tribal Artists

The 2016 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Committee is once again having a logo contest for the upcoming pow-wow in August 2016.

All Siletz Tribal artists are encouraged to submit a pow-wow-themed logo. The winning logo artist will receive a cash prize of \$250 and a professional banner with your logo.

The winning artist will have his/her logo highlighted on Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your artwork to the cultural education director's office at the Siletz Tribal Community Center or mail it to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

All entries must be received no later than Feb. 29, 2016

Royalty Crown Proposals

The 2016 Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for 2016-2017 royalty crowns. Proposals are being accepted for Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Proposals for a crown are required to include art design, size of the crown and a bid for the crown or crowns of your interest. Proposals can be submitted for individual crowns, two crowns or you can submit a bid for all three crowns.

Crown proposals must be turned in to the committee no later than Feb. 29, 2016.

Proposals can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399 ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230.