



Visitors to the fair examine goods made by Indian vendors.



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Kent Rilatos demonstrates his weaving technique and displays finished products.

## Siletz Indian Fair and Marketplace

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Chinook Winds Casino Resort



Robert Kentta, cultural resources director (left), and Peter Hatch, historical research/cultural resources technician, explain various aspects of Siletz Tribal history and culture to visitors attending the Indian Fair.

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Another pivotal moment in Aggie's life came when the Creator told her he wanted her to be a voice for the voiceless.

"I asked him, what does that mean? I was sitting outside by a table with a glass of water ... then the wind came up and rustled a big tree and I thought, Grandfather, should I be a voice for the wind, the air, is that what you mean?" she said. "I reached for the glass of water and thought, you don't have a voice either. The water doesn't have a voice. He said to teach wherever you go – water is your first medicine."

Aggie was one of 13 women from indigenous cultures around the world who were invited to the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers in October 2004. This group "is an alliance of prayer, education and healing for our Mother Earth, all Her inhabitants, all the children and for the next seven generations to come." (grandmotherscouncil.org).

Aggie said that the most significant thing for the Tribe that has happened since 1977 (Restoration) was for the Creator to empower the Tribal Council to fight to benefit all Tribal members.

"One of the greatest things I have is to pray for the Tribal Council," she said. "I commend them for what they do for all of us. They fight hard for our culture and traditions."

