

# STAHS makes great strides in 2021 to raise money for A Place for the People

By Teresa Simmons

Gloria Ingle, Teresa Simmons, Angela Ramirez and Shantel Hostler Peacock, board members of the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society, are delighted to report that 2021 was a very good year for STAHS. The capital campaign to raise funds to build A Place for the People, the

museum that STAHS is dedicated to building, has been very successful.

Approximately \$2 million in gifts and commitments to the campaign for A Place for the People was raised through the efforts of Stephen Reichard, STAHS capital campaign manager. In December, STAHS received commitments from

Potlatch and the Ferguson and Morrison foundations for \$37,000.

More significantly, with the support of Tribal Council, proposals were submitted to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for \$250,000 and to the Economic Development Administration for \$4.1 million. A proposal for \$200,000

to the Northwest Area Foundation for operations has been submitted along with many other grant proposals that have been submitted or are planned.

It's an exciting time as we approach the day when construction can begin of this long-awaited museum, A Place for the People.

## Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society accepting applications for new board members

STAHS is a nonprofit corporation that has a mission to:

1. Develop resources for the construction and implementation of a cultural center and museum where Tribal artifacts and representation of Tribal history and culture can be maintained
2. Develop resources to support activities and administration of the cultural center/museum
3. In cooperation with the Cultural staff employed by the Siletz Tribe, to:

- a. Promote programs that encourage the revitalization and practice of Tribal cultural and religious activities and the restoration of Tribal religious and cultural sites and locations
- b. Provide a variety of outreach, educational and training programs, both locally and throughout the region, related to the culture and traditions of the Siletz and other indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest

- c. Promote programs that will encourage economic development of the Tribe through traditional arts and crafts and other culturally appropriate methods

Return completed applications to STAHS, P.O. Box 8, Siletz, OR 97380-0008; email: STAHS.Board@gmail.com.

The STAHS Board of Directors will review all applications. STAHS recommendations will be sent along with applications to Tribal Council, which will review applications and approve appointments at the next regular Tribal Council meeting after recommendations have been made.

If you have any questions about the process, please call 541-994-5953.

Tribal member status is not required for all positions on the board.

Applications and a description of board member duties are available by contacting STAHS Chair Gloria Ingle at gloriaingle456@gmail.com or Teresa Simmons at trobbsimmons@gmail.com.

### Use Amazon Smile to donate to STAHS

Here's how you can donate to the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS) painlessly and effortlessly. It's as easy as 1,2,3,4.

Thank you!

- 1--Go to Amazon.com.
- 2--In the Department drop down box, type Amazon Smile.
- 3--See Amazon Smile – You shop. Amazon Gives.
- 4--Follow the easy directions.

### CTSI Jobs

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## Toss packaging misfits into your trash

From the Lincoln County Solid Waste District

It might seem strange for an article focus on what to toss into the trash, but after everyone's efforts to Reduce (avoiding excess packaging in the first place), Reuse (cramming as many of those silly packing peanuts into the box when you ship something to someone else) and Recycle (pulling out the few truly recyclable packaging items such as 100% paper and recycling them) – every year there always seems to be a small pile of misfit packaging still waiting in the corner of the garage (wondering where to go).

These are the Styrofoam blocks, the three-quarters-popped bubble wrap and the wads of shrink wrap covered in sticky packing tape. Also in this pile are the half-dissolved dissolvable packing peanuts, carton foams and compostable plastics (often printed with recycling symbols and grand claims of earth friendliness). The wishful recycler might be tempted to toss any of these misfits into the wrong curbside roll cart, hoping that someone will find a better use for them.

Please don't.

In actuality, these misfit items only contaminate the recycling and composting systems. Wishful recycling drives up the cost of recycling (recyclers must spend considerable resources to find and get these contaminants out); and worse yet these items may cause truly recyclable materials to be discarded because they become stuck to or lost in the contaminated items.

The good news is that the State of Oregon is working to improve recycling labeling and update the whole recycling system (please know that it might take a few years to be fully implemented). And curbside collection of paper, metal cans and plastic bottles (as well as compost) currently does have consistent and stable recycling markets.

So that brings us to what packaging to place into your curbside **trash** container (after you've exhausted the options of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle):\*\*\*

- **All** plastics and compostable plastics that are not a plastic bottle with a neck smaller than its base
- **All** foam packaging (such as block foams, packing peanuts, dissolvable foams and compostable foams)
- Any packaging that contains micro-plastics or is waxed (wrappers around copy paper, non-tear papers, food containers and waxed cartons)

To help keep recycling clean (and successful) – “When in Doubt, Throw it Out.”

\*\*\* This article is focused on choices between the three roll carts at the curb. Yes, there may be a few niche recycling opportunities for a few items on this list. At this time, those markets are either unable to support curbside collecting (small volume/inconsistent/problem-fraught) or are so distant it would consume more resources to get them recycled than are in the product itself.

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