



(503) 325-2591 • 1151 Harrison Ave., Astoria





oto by Damian Mulinix

Tony Johnson, left, helps prepare a Chinook tribal canoe for launch prior to the annual first salmon ceremony in June. The following day, Johnson was voted new tribal chairman.





Submitted photo

Members of the Chinook Indian Nation paddle a canoe.

Learn about Chinook Indian canoes at Nature Matters

ASTORIA — Canoes flourish in Chinookan culture today with the members of the Chinook Indian Nation using their canoes in family events, ceremonies and the annual tribal journeys. Join Tony Johnson, Chinook Indian Nation chairman, in a discussion about canoe technology and the Chinookan canoe culture at the next Nature Matters lecture, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at Fort George Lovell Showroom. Doors open at 6 p.m.

In his presentation, Johnson will focus on the creation and life of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park's canoe, Okulam.

Johnson, who was recently elected chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation, is a scholar of language and culture and an artist. He was born in his family's traditional territory on

Nature Matters

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 Fort George Lovell Showroom 426 14th St., Astoria Free

Willapa Bay. He attended the University of Washington and Central Washington University and directed the Language Program for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Oregon from its beginnings in 1997 until 2010. He acquired Chinuk Wawa as a second language from his elders.

Johnson currently is the education director for the Shoal-water Bay Indian Tribe and is a teacher of students of all ages. Johnson, his wife and five children live on the Willapa River in Washington.

Nature Matters, a lively conversation about the intersection of nature and culture. takes place the third Thursday of each month, October through May. Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Lewis & Clark National Park Association, the North Coast Watershed Association and Fort George brewery are hosts of Nature Matters. The series delves into the many ways that human beings look to the natural world for inspiration, sustenance and survival. For more information, visit www.nps. gov/lewi or follow the park on Facebook. Fort George Lovell Showroom is located at 426 14th St.



Coastline Christian Fellowship

89386 Highway 202 ~ Astoria ~ 503.325.1051

