

Native artists comment on Lewis and Clark

Basket weaver Pat Courtney Gold is curator of an American Indian art exhibition on display at the Washington State Capital Museum in Olympia.

The exhibition is called *Reflecting on Lewis and Clark: Contemporary American Indian Viewpoints*.

The exhibit features contemporary paintings, sculptures and traditional objects that interpret and express the artists' reflections on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The exhibition will be on display through November.

This week, Courtney Gold will be among the speakers at a symposium at the Washington State Capital Museum. Her presentation is called *What the Corps of Discovery Did Not Discover*.

Artist Lillian Pitt will also speak at the symposium. Her presentation is called *The Art of the Columbia River: Past, Present and Future*.

The symposium is Friday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call (306) 753-2580. A statement on the symposium is as follows:

For more than 12,000 years the Columbia River Nations



Basket by Courtney Gold

lived, and still do, along the Columbia River. When Lewis and Clark came through the area in 1805-06, the United States was a mere 30 years old.

These sovereign Indian nations had their own languages,

government and communities. Trade and salmon were very important to these nations and the Columbia River was a "free-way" that connected the nations.

Lewis and Clark had just missed the largest market along

the river in October 1805. Approximately 3,000 people from tribes along the coast and inland as far east as Montana had all gathered for the fall run of salmon.

Captain Clark commented in his journals on the hundreds of baskets filled with pounded salmon. These were prepared for trade and storage for personal use.

Since the Lewis and Clark Expedition, much tragedy has hit the River People, from small pox to malaria epidemics, to forceful removal from traditional lands onto reservations, and the cultural genocide of the boarding schools and missions.

The past is the past. The River People have survived and are reviving their cultures, preserving traditions, and exploring new expressions through their contemporary art.

We greeted Lewis and Clark 200 years ago, and now we look forward to the future, the next 200 years.

Calendar

Meth awareness and prevention conference: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall. Presenter, Eric Martin, director of the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon. For information call Sheilah Clements, 553-3205.

Little League meeting: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the fairgrounds. For information call Roy Spino at 553-2324.

Second Wind Smoking Cessation Training: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, at the Warm Springs Family Resource Center, facilitated by Joe Law and Joyce Oberly. Presented by the Warm Springs Community Health Education Team (CHET). Second Wind is designed specifically to help American Indians to stop smoking and remain smoke-free. The training provides basic information about smoking, practical counseling, problem solving skills and social support, all within a culturally competent context. Registration is free and lunch is provided. Please confirm your attendance by calling 553-3462. E-mail: joberyl@wstribes.org.

Central Oregon Community College will be offering a comprehensive **financial aid workshop** at Madras High School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23rd. These workshops for students and their families will cover all the information needed to apply for federal financial aid, including the FAFSA form. For information, contact Michael Coe at 383-7256.

Vocational rehabilitation orientation meetings are at 3 p.m. on Mondays. Location is the Social Services building at the Industrial Park.

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'Circle of Cultures' event draws protests

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - A nine-day commemoration of the westward trip of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark opened here last week with protests from Indians who said the expedition 200 years ago marked the end of their culture.

Bismarck "Circle of Cultures" is the ninth of 15 Lewis and Clark "signature events" planned around the country through 2006. The explorers spent the winter of 1804-05 in North Dakota.

About 30 people stood in the rain last Friday outside the University of Mary, the headquarters of the Bismarck event, singing and drumming and holding protest banners.

A man who said his name was

Mashanaposhe, from South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian reservation, said the protesters want to teach the true history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and they want a group of re-enactors to go home.

"We believe the history of Lewis and Clark is a lie. We want them to go home. We don't want them coming through our territory," he said.

Members of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Mo., have been retracing the Lewis and Clark route. Last Friday, they watched the protesters a few yards away. Re-enactor Richard Prestholdt, of Bridgewater, N.J., said his group respects the Indians' rights to voice their opinions.

"Obviously, this expedition was the beginning of the decline of the American Indian people. Hopefully, one thing we will get out of this is some new dialogue," he said. Prestholdt said the re-enactors have met with Indian leaders all along the trail.

The \$1.1 million signature event in Bismarck runs through Oct. 31. Organizers expect about 30,000 people. Another signature event is scheduled in New Town in August 2006.

The Bismarck schedule includes earth lodge replicas, American Indian artists and performers, presentations by historians and a computer-generated re-creation of the On-A-Slant Village at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.

Quilts & More hosting classes

Quilts & More at the Warm Springs Plaza is presenting its November classes. The schedule of quilting courses is as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 6: Don't Fence Me In Quilt Class, easy class, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructor: Eraina. Fee: \$20.

Saturday, Nov. 20: Fabric Bowls Class, sewing machine must have a good zig-zag stitch.

Instructor: Patti. Fee: \$15 for class and \$5 for special supplies. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 27: Woodpile Table Runner Class, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructor: Eraina. Fee: \$20.

Nov. 3, 10 and 17 will be the regular Wednesday night quilt class for finishing projects or starting new ones. 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Call 553-1460 for more information or sign up.

Voc Rehab offers job help

The Warm Springs Vocational offers employment help to people who have disabilities. The office has orientation meetings on Mondays at 3 p.m. You can reach the office at 553-4952. The office is at Social Services at the Industrial Park.

Examples of disabilities include amputations, blindness, hearing problems, learn-

ing disabilities, orthopedic problems, among other disabilities. Examples of vocational rehabilitation services include vocational counseling and guidance; diagnostic examinations and procedures; assistive devices such as artificial limbs, hearing aids, wheelchairs, etc.; vocational training; and tools equipment and licenses.

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