Museum features tribal art

Reception this evening

The Museum at Warm Springs has announced this year's recipients of awards for the 12th Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit.

There year there are 25 participants with 65 outstanding pieces of art, said Natalie Kirk, museum collection and exhibits curator.

"These pieces include paintings, sketches, weaving and bead work along with a variety of mixed media from four newcomers to this exhibit," said Kirk.

The Judges Choice and Best in Show award this year went Sandra Danzuka, who is known for her dolls and beadwork. Her creation for this year's exhibit is called "New Joiner," and is an example of a powwow dancer bringing a new dancer into the powwow circle.

Honorable mention awards are as follows:

Rain Circle for his wooden cross entitled "Trojan," a piece depicting a cross with empty alcohol containers and the simple wording, "The gifts we embrace from our great white fathers."

Tiffiney Shaw for her intricate mosaic chess table, "Gargoyles," with various images these creatures peaking through the glass.

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"New Joiner" by Sandra Danzuka.

elder known for her handmade dolls, for one of her masterpieces titled "Coming home from root digging." This detailed piece is a wonderful miniature example of what goes into gathering of traditional foods.

Please join the museum in

evening, Thursday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery, Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Natalie Kirk at 553-3331,

Mary Ann Meanus, tribal honoring these artists this ext. 412.

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ONABEN receives \$25,000 grant

The Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneur Network (ONABEN) has received \$25,000 from the First Nations Development Institute through its Native Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiative (NNCB).

Designed to help nonprofit organizations improve their capacity to serve their Native American clients, the NNCB grant money enables ONABEN to complete important elements of its Curriculum Renewal Project.

The Curriculum Renewal Project has been an ambitious undertaking to create and publish culturally relevant training manuals for ONABEN's Native American small business entrepreneurs. The new curriculum is story-based, presenting real examples of Native American entrepreneurial success.

"Our students will be able to identify with the lives and stories in our curriculum as well as be encouraged and inspired to follow their own small business dreams," ONABEN executive director Tom Hampson said.

The Native American experience is so unique that ONABEN has termed the concept with its own name, 'Indianpreneurship,' a concept that is the focus of the new curriculum with the first manual titled, "Indianpreneurship: A Native American Journey Into Business."

Research shows that culturally appropriate strategies in small business development are essential to the success of Native American microenterprise, and according to the Aspen Institute, "training and technical assistance are arguably the most important components of small

business development services."

Recognizing the importance of adapting training to the needs of the students, Mike Roberts, vice president of the First Nations Development Institute, said, "ONABEN's Curriculum Renewal Project will not only be highly beneficial for its aspiring Native American entrepreneurs, but will set the standard for innovative learning tools in Native American enterprise."

Additionally, the NNCB funds will assist ONABEN in two more projects: completing an advanced business management course for current business owners, including alumni of its core business start-up training classes; and refining its agencywide needs assessment and systems evaluation.

ONABEN, a Native American business network, was founded in 1991 as a non-profit organization by four Oregon



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