

Art show award for work by Santos

A painting by the late Apolonia Susana Santos, of Warm Springs, received the highest award at the recent Nch'i-Wana 2007 Native American Art Show.

Santos' painting, *High Kamamul's Cure*, received the People's Choice Award at the Nch'i-Wana art show held at the Columbia River Center for the Arts in Hood River.

During the show, 500 people voted for their favorite piece of art in the show.

High Kamamul's Cure received the most votes. Organizer for the show, Pat Case said it is not surprising that Santos won the award.

"There were many great works of art at the show, but *High Kamamul's Cure* was especially amazing," said Case.

Santos completed the painting during the last year of her life.

Her painting depicts an eagle medicine-spirit, High Kamamul, working on a cure. While working on the piece, Santos said her hope was that the healing she felt while painting it would bring medicine to heal her people, especially the Native children and youth.

Case said that the Nch'i-Wana 2007 Native American Art Show was dedicated to atwai Santos because of her active involvement with helping to develop the show before she passed.



Detail of *High Kamamul's Cure* by atwai artist Apolonia Susana Santos (Tygh-Yakama).

"She helped create the vision for the show, and because her art was so compelling, we used an element from *High Kamamul's Cure* as the basis for the event logo. I'm really pleased she won the award."

The artist winning the People's Choice Award received a \$500 cash award from Columbia River Bank. Due to her passing, the award proceeds will be given to Santos surviving loved ones.

The Nch'i-Wana 2007 Native American art celebration was organized by the Columbia Cen-

ter for the Arts in Hood River. "Nch'i-Wana" is a Native Wasco word for Big River, now known as the Columbia River. For more information, call the Columbia Center for the Arts at 541-387-8877.



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