

Artist journeys to New Zealand gathering

Lillian Pitt returned recently from a two-week artists' gathering in New Zealand. The artists were from indigenous cultures of the Pacific Rim, including Canada, the United States, Samoa, Australia and New Zealand.

Lillian took part in print-making and ceramics. "They built a kiln of sod, which was very interesting," she said.

Lillian works mainly as a sculptor and mixed media artist. She is known nationally and internationally, and is the recipient of many artists awards. A member of the Confederated Tribes, she now lives in Portland.

Lillian went to New Zealand in January to attend the Kokiri Putahi 2014 Gathering of International Indigenous Visual Artists. This was the seventh annual such gathering. Lillian has attended three of them, including the first, and the most recent one last month.

Hosts of the event were the Maori, so Lillian was familiar with some of the hosts. A few years ago a group of



Lillian (front row near the center) with some of the other artists at the gathering; and at right working with one of her favorite media, clay.



Maori, Natives of New Zealand, visited Warm Springs.

They stayed at Kah-Nee-Ta, and visited the museum and other places around the reservation.

They were great hosts at the Indigenous Artists gathering last month. "They had tents set up where we could work," Lillian said. "They fed us and housed, and gave us the clay to work with."

The gathering concluded with a festival and exhibition of the artwork they produced. Attendance was estimated at 40,000 people.

As stated by the Toi Maori Aotearoa organization: "Maori art is inseparable from Maori culture. It is like a living organism that exists in the spirit of our people and drives them towards wider horizons and greater achievement."

The similarity to Warm Springs culture, and other Native cultures of the Pacific rim, is clear by that statement.

As part of her visit, Lillian gave a 40-minute Power Point presentation on the history, culture and Native people of the Pacific Northwest.

"I talked of the Columbia River gorge, and of fishing as our way of life," she said.

— Dave McMechan

Culture and Heritage youth programs

Does your child need help with math? Math is made fun and easy at the Education building.

Ittitamasha (counting) is from 4-5 on Monday and Tuesdays, and Thursdays and Fridays. The program is brought to you by the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department.

There will be Native American games and projects, and tutoring lead by teacher Esther Kalama, assisted by James Sam. Ittitamasha features beading, weaving, artistry, and assistance with school work. For information call 541-553-3290.

There are Kiksht language classes at the Education building Tuesday evenings from 5-6:30, lead by Pam Cardenas, assisted by Valerie Switzler.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Wednesday, Feb. 19

This is a 2 hour **Early Release day** for all 509-J Schools. Madras High School students will be released at 1:10 and Warm Springs Elementary and JCMS at 1:30.

St. Charles Community Benefit is sponsoring **free recreation swims** for Jefferson County Students at the Madras Aquatic Center on 509-J Early Release-Days from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Community Counseling will have a **Youth Baking Class** from 3-4:30 p.m. in the prevention room at the counseling center.

The Head Start open house and family craft night is this evening from 5:30-7, and all community members are welcome to come learn about the programs, visit classrooms, and have spaghetti dinner.

Afterschool Language Classes for elementary and middle school students are being held at the Old Boys Dorm. Contact Culture and Heritage for more information.

Exercise Classes today in Warm Springs are:

Senior Fitness Class is at 10:45 at the Senior Building; Water Aerobics at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Pool; Functional Fitness at 12:10 in the Aerobics Room at the Community Center;

Pilates-Yoga is at noon time in the Atrium at IHS; Zumba is at 4pm at the Family Resource Center.

Thursday, Feb. 20

There will be a **Wellness of Warm Springs lunch** from noon til 1 at the family resource center and the topic will be Heart Health.

Today in **MHS Sports** - Boys Basketball travels to Gladstone.

Snack Attack - the afterschool food program at Warm Springs Recreation - is today at 3:45 in the social hall.

All Denomination Prayer Services are held every Thursday at 7pm at the agency longhouse. Everyone is welcome.

All are welcome to attend **Social Dance Class** Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Center aerobics room.

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Low Impact Cardio will be held at the Family Resource

Center at 10 a.m.

Functional Fitness at 12:10 in the Community Center Social Hall.

Turbo Kick Class is at noon time in the Community Center Aerobics Room.

Zumba class is at 12:10 in Pod A at the Health and Wellness Center.

Friday, Feb. 21

Today in **MHS Sports** - Girls' Basketball hosts Gladstone - JV will play at 5:30 followed by varsity at 7 p.m. You can listen to the varsity game live on KWSO.

Varsity Wrestling Districts at LaPine High School and Swimming State Meet at Mt. Hood Community College**

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The Jefferson County Community Read has selected *American Nightingale: The Story of Frances Slanger, Forgotten Heroine of Normandy*, written by Bob Welch, for this year's events. Once again, quilts inspired by the book will be displayed at the Art Adventure Gallery in Madras in April. The community read committee is looking for quilters interested in participating. Quilters need to commit by March first. Copies of the books are for sale at the Jefferson County Library and they also have books available for checkout.

For more information on upcoming quilters brainstorming and work sessions, contact Sandy Feigner at 541-475-6342 or Mary Hawes at 541-325-3996.

Saturday, Feb. 22

The High Desert Museum will have offer free admission on its "Mid Oregon Family Free Day." The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and parking is limited. A free shuttle is offered, see the website for details.

Today's **Movin Mountains Mission Possible Slim Down Challenge** free activity is: "M" Trail Hike at the Madras Skate Park at 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 24

Functional Fitness at 12:10 in the Community Center Social Hall. Orientations are also held on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at the Community Counseling Center. The Culture and Heritage Program is offering Ittitamasha - a math based cultural activities **afterschool program** weekdays from 4-5 p.m. except Wednesdays in the Old Boys Dorm. Warm Springs Elementary teacher Esther Kalama leads the activities.

Functional Fitness at 12:10 in the Community Center Social Hall.

Voc Rehab in Warm Springs has orientations every Monday at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. Orientations are also held on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at the Community Counseling Center.

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Tuesday, Feb. 25

Warm Springs Recreation has **Snack Attack**, an afterschool food program for school-age youth, every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45-

4:45 in the social hall.

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Functional Fitness at 12:10 in the Community Center Social Hall.

Turbo Kick Class is at noon time in the Community Center Aerobics Room.

Functional Fitness Class is at 5:30 in the Community Center Aerobics Room.

Today in **MHS Sports** - Girls' Basketball is on the road to Estacada. Boys Basketball has home games versus Estacada. Freshman will play at 4pm, JV at 5:30 and Varsity at 7 p.m. You can listen to the boys varsity game live on KWSO.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
ECE is hosting a **Parent Meeting** about Literacy at 4:30. Staff from the Jefferson County Library will be there to talk about the best books to read to age groups and other literacy tips for reading to your child. Call Jodi at ECE if you plan to attend, 553-3240.

A **Childbirth Education Refresher Course** will be held

today. This class is best for those with babies due by March 27, and is not recommended for first time parents. It is offered at noon in Warm Springs - call 553-2460 to sign up; and at 7 p.m. in Madras - call 475-3882 to register.

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Zumba is at 4 p.m. at the Family Resource Center.

Thursday, Feb. 27

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Friday, Feb. 28

Warm Springs Early Childhood Center will be closed for in-service training. All Day Care and Head Start programs will be closed on Friday.

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Madras Campus

UPCOMING

for the month ahead

Career & College Awareness Night

Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore over 30 career booths!

Thursday, February 20

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Madras Campus

Brought to you by COCC, OSU-Cascades and Kids Club.

For More Info:
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