

Award for culture, arts dedication

Museum at Warm Springs executive director Carol Leona received the Ben Westlund Memorial Award from the Deschutes Cultural Coalition.

The award recognizes Carol's advocacy of arts and culture.

Cate O'Hagan, executive director of Arts Central, the Arts and Cultural Council for Central Oregon, developed the Award in 2012.

The award is a way to acknowledge Ben Westlund's contributions to Oregonians. Westlund, who passed in 2010, served in the Oregon House and Senate, for a time as a Republican, and then as a Democrat.

The award was created in his memory, and in honor of the spirit of his intention,



Museum at Warm Springs director Carol Leone receives the award from Deschutes Cultural Coalition board member Robin Gyorgyalvy (left), and executive director of Arts of Arts Central and Deschutes Coalition board chair Cate O'Hagan.

O'Hagan said.

"Ben was deeply committed to insuring that all corners of the state, and all the

people in those corners have access to quality arts and culture experiences," she said. The Deschutes Cultural

Coalition is a program of the Oregon Cultural Trust. (Courtesy the Museum at Warm Springs.)

Washanaksha cultural grant applications due Friday

Washanaksha grant applications are now available, with a due date of this Friday, Dec. 12.

Applications are available at the Museum at Warm Springs, the tribal administration building front desk, Three Warriors Market, and on the KWSO website.

Grant funding is sponsored by the Oregon Cultural Trust, providing funding to Oregon groups and tribes to support the arts and heritage.

Fiscal sponsor is the Museum at Warm Springs. Grants are provided to applicants who show how their project will:

Promote tribal members' understanding of

and involvement in cultural activities, traditions, arts, language, dance, history, music, etc.

Pass on tribal knowledge and practices to our youth and help them feel connected to their culture.

Preserve, practice and teach our tribal languages: Ichishkiin, Numu and Kiksht.

Support the work of our artists and traditional teachers, including their ability to earn a living from their work.

Mail or drop off your application to: The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Washanaksha Board, c/o the Museum at Warm Springs, P. O. Box 909, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Museum director looks back on 2014, to 2015

The Museum at Warm Springs is snug and a bit quiet as we wrap up 2014 and look forward to 2015.

We lost a great friend with the passing of our long time Board member, Victor Atiyeh. But taking a lesson from him, we hold to the happy and positive things.

We've had a great time this year anticipating the opening of the new Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

The new school is a wonderful addition to Warm Springs. It is a beautiful facility, replete with the newest technologies and decorated inside and out to honor the community and its culture.

To celebrate the new school, the Museum's 2014

theme was *Celebrating Native American Youth*.

Young at Art Fair

We began the year with our annual Warm Springs Youth Art Exhibit followed by a Young At Art Fair during spring break.

Students attending the fair enjoyed the experience, and were enthusiastic about trying both traditional and contemporary arts techniques.

We held a second fair in the summer. And we are planning another one for the 2015 spring break.

Natalie and Tamera are working with the Academy on arts and culture related after school and classroom projects.

Film festival

We took the opportunity to partner with the Bend Film Festival to bring Native American-themed or produced independent films to Warm Springs.

We showed the films in the new Eagle Academy gymnasium.

The film were *Return of the River*, a documentary about the removal of the Elwa Dam in Washington state.

Awakening by Warm Springs filmmaker LaRonn Katchia preceded the feature film.

Another film was *Winter in the Blood*, produced by Sherman Alexie and based on

the James Welch novel of the same name.

There was no admission charge for these film showings. In addition to giving the Warm Springs and neighboring communities an opportunity to see innovative Native American films, we hope that the partnership with the Bend Film Festival will encourage local young film makers.

HVAC

The museum's past issues with its heating, ventilating and air condition system are being addressed and will be resolved in 2015.

This is a project that is crucial to our mission to preserve artifacts for future generations.

A generous grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund is supporting the project.

DDP Architects is managing the project. They are proceeding with the attention to detail that made the upgrade of the Changing Exhibit such a success.

The view from the window remains beautiful and engaging. The coming year will have surprises, opportunities and great times. I wish all of you a wonderful winter season, with family, friends, warmth and joy.

Carol Leone, executive director, Museum at Warm Springs

Ugly sweater walk at Diabetes Prevention

The Diabetes Prevention Program will be having an Ugly Christmas Sweater Walk on Wednesday Dec 17th at

noon. Every lap around the Indian Health Service Walking path – you will be entered into their raffle

Committee fair next Monday

A Joint Executive Committee Public Winter Fair will be held on Monday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Agency

Longhouse. There will be committee reports and an update on billboards.

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