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Abalone Dreams by Brigette McConville won the 2015 Judges Choice Award in the Traditional Category at the Museum at Warm Springs Tribal Member Art Show. The Judges Choice in the Contemporary Category went to Shayleen Macy, for *Icy River*, a framed screen print, acrylic on paper.

Around Indian Country

BIA declares Cowlitz reservation

The Cowlitz Tribe of Washington is still planning to break ground on its long-awaited casino early next year, Chairman Bill Iyall said.

The tribe announced plans for the Cowlitz Casino and Entertainment Resort more than a decade ago. But administrative appeals and litigation have delayed construction of the \$510 million facility.

A key hurdle was cleared in March when the BIA placed the 156-acre gaming site in trust. The decision confirmed that the tribe was "under federal jurisdiction" as of

1934, an issue raised by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*.

Now there's another milestone to celebrate. The BIA last week formally issued a reservation proclamation for the site.

"It's phenomenal because it is the final action and it adds a whole lot of assurances going forward," Iyall said.

The proclamation is the only the second the BIA has issued for a recently-recognized tribe in the post-Carcieri era.

A Memorial and Stone Setting for Norene N. Greene will be on Saturday, November 21, at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Stone unveiling at the Simnasho Cemetery will be at 9 a.m. Services and meal to follow.

"A limb has fallen from the family tree, that says grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter and song, the good life I lived while I was strong."

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