

Marie Knight on replica basket weaving

Two sessions are coming up on weaving replicas of traditional Plateau-style root baskets, or wapus.

The classes, taught by Marie Knight, will be in Portlnad, at Seagrape bath + body, 319 Northeast Wygant Street.

The first session—Starting Your Basket—will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Ssaturday, November 2.

The second session—Finishing Your basket—will be at the same time on Sunday, November 10.

For tribal members the sessions are free.

Patricipants will learn how to weave small round replicas of the traditional root baskets.

The actual wapus baskets are used for harvesting camus, piaxi, luux and other roots and traditional medicines found in the region.

The miniature baskets make perfect gifts and keepsakes.

The November 2 weaving session will include a short information presentation on the differet styles of roots baskets.

Students will be shown



Marie Knight will present the weaving sessions; examples below.



two different ways to start a basket, and will have time to practice building the bottom and starting on the sides to add simple designs.

The second class will be focused on finishing the basket.

The materials being used for this class are simple hemp cord and common cotton embroidery floss.

Traditionally, these baskets were made from tree bark twine, corn husk or grass rafia.

Marie Knight is a enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and is a descendant of Klickitat and Clackamas peoples of this area.

In addition to her tribal and familial connections to Portland, she has lived and worked in Portland for 14 years as a student, small business owner, community volunteer and as a single mother of two sons.

Marie is self employed as an independent cultural contractor and artist. Her

Raising awareness

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women—MMIW—is raising awareness of this tragedy happening in Indian country.

Youth rodeo champion Siddalee Spino Suppah wore the MMIW shirt and colors this year at many of her rodeo events.

Another example from last month: Yakama Nation's Kamarin Gleason did the same during the American Indian Beauty Contest at the Pendleton Round-Up

Ms. Gleason is also an advocate of awareness of suicide in Indian country. She practices traditional ways, and speaks Ichiskiin.



Kamarin Gleason at the Round-Up.

work in the last six years has primarily been exploring the field of historic trauma and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, as a community health worker with the Future Generations Collaborative.

Her goals are to promote

community wellness and self regulation of emotions through native practices and cultural teachings.

For information on the weaving sessions, see eventbrite.com. Search under weaving. Or call 503-374-6801.

Yakama, Lummi call for dam removals

On Indigenous Peoples' Day this month the Yakama and Lummi Nations urged the removal of the lower Columbia River dams.

The statement is part of a broader call for federal re-

judiation of the offensive doctrine of Christian discovery, which the U.S. uses to justify federal actions that impair the rights of Native Nations.

Yakama Nation chairman JoDe Goudy spoke at Celilo

Village on Indigenous People's Day.

"The false religious doctrine of Christian discovery was used by the United States to perpetuate crimes of genocide and forced displacement against Native

Peoples. The Columbia River dams were built on this false legal foundation, and decimated the tribal fisheries, traditional foods and cultural sites," Mr. Goudy said.



Before the dams, Celilo Falls fisheries.

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