

Governor's Arts Award recipient

Roberta J. Kirk, traditional artist and educator from Warm Springs, is one of the recipients of the 2020 Governor's Arts Awards.

Ms. Kirk was honored for her volunteer work teaching apprentices beadwork, and the beliefs and ceremonies that make the beadwork meaningful.

She has taught countless women how to do beadwork and dentalium work for regalia and everyday clothing, and she has conducted several workshops on Plateau dress-making.

Roberta also serves as a traditional food gatherer for the Simnasho Longhouse.

The Governor's Arts Award is Oregon's highest honor for exemplary service to the arts. This year it will be celebrated during a virtual ceremony on September 12 on the Oregon Arts Commission Facebook page. The ceremony is open to the public.



Roberta Kirk, artist of Warm Springs

"The awards are a great way to celebrate Oregon's artistic treasures and honor

the impact they have had on our state," said Governor Brown said. Here is an

artist's statement from a previous Oregon Folklife Network feature:

Roberta is Wasco and Warm Springs on her mother's side, and Dine' on her father's side.

She is a traditional food gatherer for the Simnasho Longhouse. This includes digging for the Root Feast and picking huckleberries for the Huckleberry Feast.

She studied museology and three-dimensional arts at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Sante Fe in the 1980s.

She worked in museum related areas for several years, and then with the Confederated Tribes as the Native American Graves Repatriation Act coordinator.

She has worked with Museum at Warm Springs, and with the National Museum of the American Indian as a museum specialist. She oversaw the traditional care component of the museum's collection.

Burn ban in effect

A reservation burn ban is in effect due to extreme fire danger conditions.

With dry fuel conditions and persistent drought, and potential lack of water for fire suppression, it is critical to take precautions to help protect people, property and resources.



All outside agricultural and residential burning is not allowed—including weed burning and burn barrels. Outdoor camp fires are also not permitted during the ban.

Ceremonial and traditional fires are exempt. Warm Springs Fire Management is not issuing any burn permits at this time.

Services available during closure

Essential tribal services are operating this week.

Tribal Council for now has set Monday, August 17 as the potential re-opening date for the rest of the organization.

Meanwhile, Warm Springs Credit has their drive through and ATM lobby open weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Warm Springs Housing

is open weekdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Or call 541-553-3250.

Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services can be reached for anyone in need through Police dispatch at 541-553-1171.

The 509-J school district Summer Meal Program for youth 1-18 years of age offers free, grab-and-go meals, on weekdays through the summer.

New 2020-21 school activities calendar

Some discretion with local districts

The Oregon School Activities Association—the OSAA—shifted its traditional fall sports season contests to begin in March. The OSAA executive board approved the calendar last week.

The board also voted to waive current out-of-season coaching policies to allow for student participation during the fall.

Participation will be at the discretion of the local school district in those activities allowed per directives from the governor's office, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Oregon Department of Education.

"Today's decisions by the executive board provide a framework to maximize the potential opportunity for students in Oregon to participate in three seasons during the 2020-21 school year," said Peter Weber, OSAA executive director.

"The board recognized that a one-size fits all approach isn't what's best for students across the state.

"By waiving policy to allow regional participation this fall, local school districts will have the discretion for participation in those areas that are able to do so safely per state directives."

The OSAA executive board took this action following the early August release of school re-opening health metrics by the governor's office and the OHA.

These metrics will result in nearly all OSAA member high schools starting in a Comprehensive Distance Learning—CDL—format this fall, which presents challenges for the resumption of school activities.

Shifting the season calendar later in the school year provides additional time for more schools to return to a hybrid or on-site learning format, while providing flexibility for local school districts to make decisions this fall

that are best for their school communities, as health metrics and state guidance in this area continue to develop.

The OSAA's new calendar provides for three distinct seasons from late December to late June with limited overlap between seasons.

Traditional winter activities will take place in January and February—season 2—; followed by fall activities in March and April—season 3—; with spring activities occurring in May and June—season 4. Each season will feature an equitable seven-week regular season, with adjusted contest limitations, followed by an OSAA culminating week.

Specific plans for culminating week events will be developed in conjunction with member schools in the coming months in alignment with large group gathering guidelines issued by the state.

The OSAA association year will officially begin on

August 31 in season 1, where policies restricting out-of-season coaching have been removed.

This allows member school students and coaches—at the discretion of the local school district—to participate in any OSAA-sanctioned activity permitted by directives from the governor's office, state Health Authority and Education.

This participation may include conditioning, practices and interscholastic competitions in those permitted activities provided schools adhere to OSAA policies.

The OSAA will continue to work with the governor's office, OHA and ODE, along with our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, to provide information to member schools.

Guidance from these entities continues to evolve, along with the pandemic itself, and will impact future OSAA decisions regarding the 2020-21 school year.

House for sale

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