## Grand Re-Opening for Tananáwit art shop

Tananáwit is a nonprofit dedicated to the community of Warm Springs artists. The group is launching a grand reopening of the Tananáwit art shop next Friday through Sunday, September 2-4. The celebrations will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will include a sale of a range of works, from paintings and photography to jewelry and beadwork. The shop is located at 3240 Walsey Lane suite 5 at the Warm Springs Plaza.

The aim of Tananáwit is to provide educational and economic opportunities by empowering its people, while building knowledge and understanding of traditional and contemporary Native arts of the Columbia River plateau.

The store had operated briefly earlier this year but had to close, said Deb Stacona, who is the new Tananáwit executive director.

Ms. Stacona has worked with Sara Dowty, a long-time artist and Tananáwit's new business and outreach coordinator, to make the reopening a priority. "We'll have outdoor displays, and our suite of about 500 square feet is packed with local art," Ms. Stacona said.

Deb formerly managed the gift shop at the Museum at Warm Springs, where she worked for a number of years. "We are excited to support artists here, promote



Deb Stacona, new executive director of the Tananáwit artists group.

them and help them grow," Deb says.

She added that she understands how important tribal artisans are to the Oregon Native tourism industry.

"Visitors to the reservation want to take home a piece of Warm Springs," she says. "Warm Springs is rich in cultivating artists. We have numerous master artists, and we want to support beginning artists, too." The work of Tananáwit artists reflects their stronglyheld values of family, creativity and Warm Springs culture.

The artists are deeply committed to sharing inter-generational knowledge through teaching and passing down cultural art styles to future generations.

"Tananáwit clients are breaking new ground, and their success may depend, at least in part, on our performance," Deb says. "Art is an integral part of cultural identity of many tribal members."

Tananáwit has reached out to numerous artists over the years, and built strong connections with many of them, with the goal of strengthening that community.

The Tananáwit shop is accepting art to sell, and items are sold on a consignment basis.

To make an appointment, email: deb@warmspringsartists.org

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Photos courtesy T Tananáwit shop at the Warm Springs Plaza.

## Began in 2015

Tananáwit began when a group of Warm Springs tribal members, mostly artists, met to consider the idea of forming an arts cooperative.

In 2015, the group began working with the Warm Springs Community Action Team and Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network, or ONABEN.

They hosted workshops in marketing, merchandising products and website development. WSCAT helped Tananáwit gain nonprofit status



Sara Dowty, artist and Tananáwit's new business and outreach coordinator



## Berry picking at Meadows on Monday

The tribes' 2022 Huck-leberry Trip is coming up this Monday, August 29. Everyone must be signed up and complete a liability release form. These are available with KWSO at the Media Center. If you have questions call Sue at 541-460-2255. The schedule on

Monday is as follows:

The bus departs from the Warm Springs Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Arrival at Sahale Lodge is schedule for 9:30 a.m. Folks driving themselves should meet at this time at the Sahale Lodge main base area.

After check-in, the stadium chair lift rides begin at 10 a.m., ending at 5 p.m. The shuttle to Hood River Meadows also departs at 10 a.m. The bus ride back to the main base area is at 11:30 a.m. Prayer and lunch is at noon, after which the bus returns to the Hood River Meadows area for more berry picking.

At 2:30 p.m. the bus will leave the Hood River Meadows area for the Sahale Lodge main base to meet the rest of the group. The bus ride back to Warm Springs is at 3 p.m.

Be sure to bring a hat and wear good walking shoes. Spring water from Mt. Hood is available, so bring



a container. Don't forget your basket or container for the berries. The sign-up and

liability release can be dropped off at the Media Center.

