

# Recent museum projects, and more coming up

This year, small museums and cultural institutions everywhere have still faced the challenges brought on by two years of the pandemic.

"I'm happy to report operations are getting back to normal at the Museum at Warm Springs," said Ms. Woody, museum director. "And we're moving ahead with some exciting and important projects and plans."

The museum's Refresh and Renew monumental project for the interior and exterior spaces has been long overdue, and is now officially underway, Ms. Woody says. "We were pleased to receive a \$336,000 Congressional grant this year for much-needed museum interior infrastructure refurbishments and updating," she said.

The Roundhouse Foundation started the improvement of the Collections with \$100,000 for special storage needs. "We have a lot more to raise for other improvements in the interior museum spaces and exterior grounds, but we are off to a great start," Ms. Woody said.

The Collections Department is bustling and filled



Elizabeth Woody, director, Museum at Warm Springs

with activity.

Archivist and Collections manager Roberta Kirk has been clearing the collections space, sorting and examining all the hand-written and typed records from collection cards and accession binders.

Ms. Kirk created an Excel spreadsheet of the materials acquired decades ago: Information includes the cost of the items and their sellers—a total of 2,826 items were listed as acquired. This does not include donations since that time.

The purchased items date from the era of beadworkers and traditional artists of the last century. Many culturally significant items were being sold away from home prior to the acquisitions of the tribes.

"The collection represents the heritage of Warm Springs, as well as our cultural treasures that may not have been seen again unless purchased for the museum," Ms. Woody said.

Just to illustrate the massive loss of masterworks:

The attire and many beaded items that grandparents wore are nowhere to be found today. Only photographs of these masterworks remain. The museum also holds over 5,000 historic photographs from tribal sources to illustrate life from the Columbia River and tributaries to reservation era life.

Some other recent work that happened at the museum:

Women's dresses were removed from the spacesavers, examined and placed in new drawers. The museum now has additional shelving in the vault, flat art hanging space and saddle supports. *Many thanks to The Roundhouse Foundation for making these improvements possible!*

This summer the museum as able to host several excellent master cultural arts classes. "I offer my thanks to museum team members Roberta Kirk and Curator Angela Anne Smith for coordinating the classes," Ms.

Woody says.

The classes happen from the end of May until the end of August. In addition, the tribes' annual summer culture camp for Warm Springs youth took place with generous support from The Meyer Memorial Trust.

Here's a list of master cultural arts classes hosted this year at the museum, and the master presenters for each event:

Advanced Wapas Weaving Class with Myra Johnson.

Jingle Dress Making Class with Redine Billy.

Columbia River Plateau Vest Making with Marge Kalama.

Men's and Women's Wasqu Side-bag and Crown Class with Roberta.

Men's and Women's Plateau Leggings and Hider Class with Eileen Spino.

Wasqu Dress Making with Rosetta Fuentes.

Breastplate Making Class with Lyle Rhoan Sr.

Tule Making Class with Rosalind Johnson Guerin and Roberta Kirk.

Cedar Bark Basket Class with Archie Caldera.

Patlapa (Basket Hat) Advanced Weaving Class with Eileen Spino.

The Museum at Warm Springs staff continues to

collaborate with other Oregon arts and cultural institutions. The museum announced recently a collaboration between staff Roberta Kirk and Angela Anne Smith with Confluence that will culminate in *Voices from the River*, a two-year project to create and showcase a multi-media exhibit featuring firsthand accounts and personal stories about the culturally sig-

nificant places and experiences of Indigenous people from the Columbia River system.

The project will celebrate the art, culture, and history of Native peoples as vital and sustaining while unraveling the popular culture myths that have diminished and erased the perspectives of Native peoples.

*Watch for more news and updates in the coming months.*

## COCC Madras expansion

Central Oregon Community College has announced plans to expand its Madras campus with a new 15,000 square-foot facility to open in the fall of 2024.

The expansion will help address the need for well-trained early childhood educators, the shortage of health care workers and the

shortage of affordable child care slots.

COCC will bring several of its most highly successful, existing programs to Madras, including early childhood education, medical assisting and nursing. The college says the expanded Madras campus will remain community-centered and culturally responsive.

## In MHS school sports

The Madras White Buffalos varsity football team plays a home game this Friday evening, September 23. They play Scappoose in non-league play, game time at 7 p.m.

In-league play begins the following Friday, September 30 at Pendleton, followed by a home game October 8 against LaGrande.

The White Buffalos started off with a 2-0 record, having beaten Sweet Home (away) and Sisters (at home).

The White Buffalos varsity girls' soccer team plays at Gladstone this Thursday, September 22 at 6 p.m.

The girls then play at The Dalles, the Wahtonka campus, on Monday, September 26, game time at 4:30 p.m.

The White Buffalos boys varsity soccer team plays at

home against Gladstone on Thursday, September 22; and at home against The Dalles on September 26.

The White Buffalos varsity volleyball team plays at home this Thursday, September 22 against The Dalles, game time 6 p.m. The team then travels to Molalla on Monday, September 26; and to Crook County on Wednesday, September 28.

There had been no Cross Country meets as of yet scheduled at this printing.

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## Harlem Wizards at high school

The Harlem Wizards will bring their high-flying basketball show to the Madras High School on Tuesday, October 4. The Wizards will take on the Hooping Eagles, a team of teachers and principals from the district schools. Sponsors are Indian Head Casino and Brightwood Corporation, and is a fundraiser for the Warm Springs Academy.

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