

# At the Member Art Show

The Judges Choice Award—Contemporary award-winning *Self Reflection* (right), created by Charlene Dimmick using pencil-and-marker.

An Honorable Mention goes to the side purse made with bead and leather, *Big Brother* (below) by Marjorie Kalama.

And an Honorable Mention goes to the wearable art creation of fiber, beads and shell buttons, *Midnight Messenger* (below right) by BK Courtney.



Photos courtesy MAWS

## Meeting on Wasco Chieftainship

At the time of this printing earlier this week, a meeting was set to discuss the Wasco Chieftainship. The meeting was set for this Thursday, November 2 at the Agency Longhouse, dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow. The Chieftainship is a lifetime position, and a chief is a voting member of the Tribal Council

for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The Wasco Chief represents the Agency District. The Chief position has been vacant since the passing of Chief Alfred Smith Jr. in September of 2022. There is information about the process at: [kws.org/2022/11/wasco-chief-process/](http://kws.org/2022/11/wasco-chief-process/)

## Round Dance to Remember in December

The December to Remember Round Dance is coming up Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2 at the Warm Springs Academy. Friday evening starts at 5:30 with a pipe ceremony and

feast before the Round Dance. Saturday evening starts with a spaghetti feed. Specials planned are the Christmas Sweater contest, War Hoop contest, best ribbon skirt and shirt.

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## FERC approves pipeline expansion

A federal commission has approved a pipeline project that would increase the flow of Canadian natural gas through the Pacific Northwest and California. The approval comes despite opposition from tribes—including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs—state attorneys general, governors and members of Congress.



Path of the GTN Xpress pipeline expansion; with the site of the proposed compressor expansion site near the reservation.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission voted to authorize the project, called GTN Xpress, that is anticipated to allow the company TC Energy to increase the volume of the fracked gas by about 150 million cubic feet per day through the existing pipeline. The project is expected to increase greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 3.47 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually for the next three decades, according to reports.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, representing the four treaty tribes of the Columbia River, says FERC did not engage in reasonable consultation with the tribes. The fish commission wrote that the project "is in direct conflict with tribal goals in reducing reliance on fossil fuels." The pipeline, and a proposed gas compressor expansion, are near the Warm Springs Reservation.

The FERC approval also comes as states are passing climate legislation placing utilities and the state's largest emitting businesses on a fast track to become carbon free. Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley has been a vocal opponent of the project.

Points of opposition are the project's conflict with West Coast climate laws, a potential rise in energy costs for consumers, as well as TC Energy's safety record and FERC's lack of consultation with tribes before a final decision.

TC Energy also owns the Keystone Pipeline System. A pipeline failure last winter released more than 580,000 gallons of crude oil into a river in Kansas.

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