

A Native connection to new plant shop in Madras



Cindy Silook at her Where the Green Plants Grow.

Cindy Silook just opened a new plant shop in Madras, called 'Where the Green Plants Grow,' a very accurate name, as the shop is filled with many and various healthy houseplants of all sizes. Cindy owns the store, operating it with help from her husband Damian.

Cindy has always loved caring for plants, then was inspired to open the store this year after her daughters had grown, while Cindy still had the desire for nurturing and caring.

Cindy and Damian and family are Native Alaskans. Cindy is Yupik Inuit, from Anchorage, originally from Mountain Village on the Yukon River. Damian is Siberian-Yupik from the small town of Gambell on the St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea. The two met in Anchorage when they were 15, and married some time later.

They moved to Madras eight years ago, to be closer to family who had moved here. Cindy's twin daughters, Natalya and Natasha,

who are 20, are now working at Safeway. Cindy really began pursuing the plant store idea after they had graduated and gotten jobs. She was encouraged by Damian, who works every other four weeks in Alaska, at a specialty job on oil rigs.

Getting ready for her new venture, Cindy learned as much as she could about the best care for growing healthy houseplants of many different varieties; until she felt ready to the open the store. Where the Green Plants Grow is located at 72 SE Sixth Street in Madras, across from the Post Office.

The store offers many kinds of houseplants, from rare varieties to more common starter plants.

There are plant hangers and pots, great quality soils, and plant care items. Where the Green Plants Grow winter hours are Wednesdays through Saturdays, 12-6 p.m.; and Sundays 12-4 p.m. Or call 907-854-4858.



The Thirtieth Annual Tribal Member and Youth Art Exhibit will be on display for a time when the museum re-opens on Tuesday, February 13. Some items from the show include the Judges Choice Award—Traditional, a beaded medallion necklace *The Cougar with Green Eyes* (at right) by Delcie Scott. And the Judges Choice Award—Contemporary *Self Reflection* (left), created by Charlene Dimmick using pencil-and-marker.

Community notes...

Warm Springs Nation Little League registration is open through March 3.

Registration forms can be downloaded online at: wsnll.org

Forms must be completed, signed and turned in with payment in person. For more information contact any board member; or visit the Warm Springs Nation Little League website or Facebook page.

The Workforce Education and Development Department and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program of Warm Springs provide **free wood for elders** who live on the Warm Springs Reservation.

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Fitness classes with Wellness coordinator Bonita Leonard are held weekdays at the Community Center aerobics room. Six o'clock a.m. classes are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and there are noontime classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bonita is also available for one-on-one weight train-

ing. Stop by and see her, call 541-553-3589 or email: bonita.leonard@wstribes.org

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