

Museum staff profile: Scottie Juez ~

Scottie Juarez is the Gift Shop manager for the Museum at Warm Springs, and is likely the first person who greets you when you walk in the museum.

She also coordinates group tours and education room rentals, and helps set up memberships.

Question: Tell us a little bit about your background, education and experience. How did you land at the Museum at Warm Springs, and how long have you worked here?

Scottie: I graduated from Auburn High in 2007, just down the way from Muckleshoot in Washington State. After briefly pursuing a career in early childhood education, I decided that wasn't what I wanted to do.

Since then I have worked in customer service for 17 years, ranging from high-end spas to dental offices. In 2022 after moving to Warm Springs from Seattle, I volunteered during a museum outdoor clean up, and a few months later they reached out to see if I would like to work in the Gift Shop.

I have been at the museum for two years this September. I love it and have immense appreciation for my coworkers and the people of Warm Springs.

What interests you about Indigenous arts and cultures? What is special about it?

The use of natural elements is what draws me most to Indigenous arts and cultures. I love the sound of shells clinking together, the feeling of twine around my fingers while working on wápas, and the scent of smoked hide is a welcomed hug.

Art is always changing, and to see artists working with traditional materials and connecting to ances-



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tors while creating art for a modern world is special. I am constantly on the look-out for new artists to follow.

What does a normal workday look like for you?

To start my day, I open up the exhibits and say good morning! I make sure all audio and video is working, then do a walk through to see how everything looks for the day. When that's all set, I check for any emails or messages, and go over the day with Sunmiet Maben, who is the museum's facility and operations director. I also read KWSO daily for any news or updates that people may

ask me about.

After opening the doors, you can find me greeting guests, helping set up memberships and coordinating group tours and education room rentals.

What are the most important aspects of your job?

I would say the most important aspect is being there as a resource for our guests and tribal members. I want all to feel welcomed in our Museum, to be comfortable asking questions, and to know that Indigenous people are here and will always be here on this earth.

What do you enjoy the most about your work at The Museum at Warm Springs?

I love purchasing from Tribal members for the Gift Shop. I have gotten to know some very talented people. I am always in awe when someone brings in a beautiful huge basket or intricate beadwork. I also love meeting people from all over the globe and when they can tell me stories about the Indigenous people from their home countries, it helps connect us.

What is the most challenging aspect, or aspects of your job?

Currently I am working in the



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gift shop solo, and on busy days when we have school groups of 70 students in plus other guests, deliveries, phone calls, etc. It can be arduous.

What do you find special about the Museum at Warm Springs, in general?

That the museum is a home for all tribal members. We have people coming in to visit their ancestors, to see their faces or hear their voices. And to be able to share that with others, the stories and memories are exceptional. The building is also beau-

tiful, from the floor tiles to the wood beams, it draws you in.

What advice would you give to young Native people who are interested in the type of work that you do at The Museum?

I would say just go for it! We have had summer youth workers in the past and that is a perfect step to take if they are interested. Be open minded, be curious always.

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Museum 'Raising the Roof' update

A note from the Museum at Warm Springs

Last month, we reported that our museum desperately needed a new roof.

After more than 30 years, leaks were becoming a more common occurrence, and quick fixes were no longer a viable solution in order to keep the collections, archives, exhibits—and staff and visitors—safe.

And with this realization, we sprang into action, because the estimated cost of a new roof is \$110,000.

Now, we are very pleased to announce that, to date, the following pledges and donations have been received for a total of \$73,901.31:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, \$25,000 contribution.

The Roundhouse Foundation, \$20,000.

Bill and Kathy Nicholson, Board of Directors, 10,901.31.

Michael Templeton Estate, \$10,000.

Anne Gordon, Board of Regents, \$5,000.

Doug and Jennifer Goe, \$2,500.

Individuals, \$500.

Please help us reach our goal! A donation box has been set up at the museum. Donations can also be mailed to:

The Museum at Warm Springs, PO Box 909, Warm Springs OR 97761 (please note that the donation is for the roof).

Or you can make online at the Warm Springs museum's website: museumatwarmsprings.org

For the online donation option, click 'Donate' at the top of the toolbar and indicate your donation is made 'on behalf of the roof.'

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch; and closed on Sundays and Mondays.

WARM SPRINGS TRIBAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FAIR

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JUNE 24, 2025 | 9 AM – 3 PM

WARM SPRINGS CAMPUS PAVILION

Have questions about hydroelectric, solar, and geothermal power and energy transmission on the reservation?

Join us for this free family event hosted by Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises and 7Skyline to learn how Warm Springs energy projects can benefit the community, get your questions answered, and more:

- Find ways to save energy and reduce home energy bills
- Learn about renewable energy training and career opportunities
- Discover how to back up your home during power outages
- Win prizes and enter a raffle for a free e-bike!

Free meal ticket for 200 attendees starting at 10:30 a.m.

Home efficiency and weatherization supplies for the first 100 participants (limit one bucket per household)

Other prizes and giveaways!!

