

Culture, landscaping class conclude

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Culture & Heritage

The Grand Ronde Culture and Heritage class was well-attended this past Fall Term. There were fifteen students in the class and the subject matter included translating oral histories onto paper and gathering information. Several guests gave presentations to the class. June Olson provided valuable information about the early history of the reservation area. June also guided the class on a field trip to the Fort Yamhill site in Grand Ronde. Jackie Whisler, Executive Secretary, and Patricia Allen (from Warm Springs Culture Program) met with the class and talked about the events that led up to restoration. Mike Wilson from Natural Resources talked to the class about land acquisition and properties the Tribe now owns and explained differences between fee land, trust land, and reservation land. Mark Mercier from Tribal Council educated the class on current issues in tribal government and Indian Country. Lisa Watt from the Culture Board helped the class brainstorm ideas for the new cultural center/museum.

The final class project was to write a short story on information gathered in class. Hopefully, a book will be compiled with all the stories sometime this month. A big potluck was held on the last day of class.

Another culture class, sponsored by the Education Division began on January 9. It is a college credit class and will be held on Saturdays throughout the term. Please call Marion Mercier for more information.

Landscaping Design

The last landscaping class was held December 9. Fifteen people attend the 10-week course. Subjects covered included design and planning, soil preparation and amendments, irrigation and planting, plant selection, trees and shrubs, and lawn establishment and maintenance.

The class also went on a field trip to view different types of landscaping on both private and commercial sites. The Education Division may offer a similar class Spring Term. If you are interested contact the Education Division to sign up.



CULTURE & HERITAGE CLASS

Pictured from left: Marcella Selwyn, Lottie Child, Marion Mercier, Cassandra Scott, June Olson, Chris Mercier, Marilee Davis, Elaine LaBonte, Connie Rohde, Jeff Mercier, Delores Edwards, Claudette Parazoo, Violet Zimbrick, Perri McDaniel, and Cherie Butler.



LANDSCAPING DESIGN CLASS

Pictured from left: Violet Zimbrick, Julie Robertson, Cal Kerns (instructor), Francine Ham, Kevin Mueller, and Wallace West.

GED: new days, new instructor

The Adult Education Program is pleased to announce that Chemeketa Community College will be providing an on-site instructor for Grand Ronde GED classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Classes began on Thursday, January 13 with Susan Hildebrand as the new instructor. She will be teaching in Grand Ronde on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

Originally from Corvallis, Susan attended BYU and the University of Utah, where she majored in botany/zoology and earned a secondary teaching certificate.

"After graduation I taught a wide range of classes in science, his-

tory, social studies, and algebra at Clayton Junior High, then expanded into reading, grammar, literature, health, and REACH (Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage)."

Susan was a teacher and curriculum supervisor for 20 years.

"Currently, I do enjoy working part-time as a children's librarian at Willamina Library," she said. "If you are considering going back to school, please come and see Gayla and me, and let us assist you in achieving your goal."

All GED classes are open to tribal and community members.

Tribal members may access additional services or tutoring. Tribal



Susan Hildebrand

members who live outside of the site service area are eligible for GED program services such as class fees or test tuition.

To receive an application or for additional information, please contact Gayla Tulensru.

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