

# Dorna Riding In Hopes to Double Participation in Adult Education

By Justin Phillips

The newest member of the Tribes' Adult Education Program — Dorna Riding In is ready to help Tribal members get the education they need.

Riding In has earned a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and Masters degree in School Administration. She hopes her experience will allow her to help adult Tribal members in their pursuit of a quality education.

"The major focus will be helping adults get their high school equivalency degree through the GED program or high school completion," said Riding In. "We will also have adult developmental education."

Riding In would like to do an assessment of the community's educational needs and hopefully offer classes for those interested.

"The classes would also consist of skill building and employee ability enhancement," Riding In said. "Anything to help people improve their skills for their job and move up in employment or the workforce."

Riding In taught fourth and fifth



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grades in Albuquerque, New Mexico; fourth grade in Little Axe, Oklahoma; and Pawnee language and history class in Pawnee, Oklahoma. She also taught Adult Education at Pawnee High School.

Riding In worked for the Seminole Nation in Oklahoma where she ran the Headstart program. She also worked for the Pawnee Nation where she was the Education Director.

*"Dorna has brought into this job many years of experience of working with a variety of Indian education programs and having that foundation of knowledge has allowed her to become part of our Education division."*

*~ Marion Mercier  
Tribe's Education Manager*

Most of the people who access the Grand Ronde Tribe's Adult Education program with Riding In do so on a one-on-one basis.

"The Tribe has a lot of good materials and resources here right now for educating," said Riding In.

Riding In is a member of the Chasta and Tututni and Pawnee Tribes. She is a descendant of Grand Ronde Tribal member Abraham Tom.

**Any adult Tribal member interested in completing their education, please call the Tribal Education office:**  
**Dorna Riding In**  
**(503) 879-2282**  
**Hollie Larsen**  
**(503) 879-2275**  
**1-800-422-0232**

## Minority Scholars Awarded Fellowships

One hundred and seventeen outstanding scholars have been awarded fellowships in the 2000 Ford Foundation fellowship programs. The programs, which are administered by the National Research Council, seek to increase the presence of under represented minority groups on the nation's college and university faculties.

Overall, the programs made awards to 51 beginning graduate students, 37 students writing their dissertations, and 29 recent Ph.D. recipients in national competitions held last spring. More than 170 renowned scholars in the sciences and humanities selected the award winners from about 1,000 applicants based on merit and promise of future achievement. The evaluation panels are composed of faculty members from among the nation's institutions of higher education as well as from industry and private research institutions.

This year's award pool includes:

- 50 African Americans
- 38 Mexican Americans
- 14 Puerto Ricans
- 11 Native Americans
- 4 Pacific Islanders

Of the fellows awarded this year:

- 24 are working in social sciences;
- 16 are conducting research in the physical sciences, math or engineering;
- 49 are studying the humanities
- 14 are working in the life sciences;
- 12 are studying in the behavioral sciences;
- 2 are conducting postdoctoral research in education.

Information on the next competition is available by contacting:  
Fellowship Office of the  
National Research Council  
(202) 334-2860  
E-mail: [infofell@nas.edu](mailto:infofell@nas.edu)  
[nationalacademies.org/osep/fo](http://nationalacademies.org/osep/fo).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Education Committee Meetings

The Education Committee meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month. The next scheduled meeting will begin on November 6. These meetings are held at Spirit Mountain Casino in Conference Room A from 5:15 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. The committee would like to welcome anyone interested in education to attend these meetings. For further information you may contact Candy Robertson, Education Committee Chair, at (503) 879- 2350, ext 3652.

## Education Committee Seeks Members

The Education Committee is seeking applicants for membership. Interested individuals may contact Hollie Larsen, Education Division Secretary, at (503) 879-5211, ext. 2275 for further information.

## Ninth Annual Coastal Hills Art Tour

Downtown Willamina  
Visit historic  
"Timbertown, USA"

November 10 & 11  
Friday & Saturday  
10 am to 5 pm

- Featuring over 30 Artisans & Quilters
- Tour the historic Kershaw House & sip tea as you meet local published authors.
- Step back in time with a ride on an old fashioned hay ride through an array of fine art, and original hand crafts.
- Coastal Hills Quilt show and sale
- Enjoy Piontek's fine pastries and sample The Cheese Cake Lady's specialty as you listen to old time music.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

**MONDAYS** from 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Oct. 16: Windows 95/98, part 2  
Oct. 23: Macintosh Operating System, part 2  
Oct. 30: Spreadsheets for Small Business

**TUESDAYS** from 1 to 3:30 p.m.  
Oct. 17: Microsoft Word, part 2  
Oct. 24: Microsoft Excel, part 2  
Oct. 31: Computers for Small Business & Home Use

**WEDNESDAYS** from 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Oct. 18: Print Shop  
Oct. 25: Desktop Publishing

**THURSDAYS** from 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Oct. 19: Corel Word Perfect, part 2  
Oct. 26: Corel Quatro Pro, part 2

**FRIDAYS** from 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Oct. 20: Web Page Design  
Oct. 27: Microsoft Power Point

Classes are FREE to Tribal members and staff. \$10 for non-Tribal. The Computer Lab and Business Center is located upstairs in the Governance Center.

To pre-register call  
503-879-2484.

## YOU ARE INVITED:

### OPEN HOUSE & DEDICATION

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (TANOOS TUM TUM)

**Wednesday, October 18**

Open House: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Building Dedication: 5:30 p.m.

Snacks, cake and refreshments will be provided.

Tanoos Tum Tum is located behind the Grand Ronde Elementary School.  
Hope to see everyone there.