

Tribal Members Travel To New York To Be Reunited With "Tomanowas"



Star Power — Grand Ronde Tribal member Bobby Mercier lead a private ceremony for Grand Ronde Tribal members visiting the Willamette Meteorite — "Tomanowas" at the Frederick Phineas & Sandra Priest Rose Center For Earth & Space at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

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Not On Display — Museum officials lead a behind the scenes tour of sacred Northwest Native American objects (below) that are not on display in the museum. The museum attracts 4 million visitors annually, including 500,000 school children around the world. The museum has 25,000 Native American items in its collection.



Youth Leader — Tribal youth Eric Saben, an intern at the museum of Natural History in New York City, lead a tour of the museum for Tribal members.



Grand Ronde Tribal members



Sacred Object — Tribal members placed their hands on Tomanowos to show their respect for the sacred meteorite.



Relationship — Grand Ronde Elder Kathryn Harrison and Tribal Council members Valorie Sheker-Robertson and Jack Giffen, Jr. present Museum President Ellen Futter with a Tribal blanket.



Learning Experience — Tribal youth Lenny Pichette examines Northwest Native artifacts.