

To Life In Grand Ronde

member Carol Logan talked about Ancestral Voices. Tribal Elder Don Day's presentation was called "Cedar: One of our First Gifts."

Smoke Signals Editor Brent Merrill played the 20th Anniversary Restoration film for a group, and noted that Lewis and Clark were less the subject than the Tribes that greeted and took care of them. In Lewis and Clark's wake came the treaties, the land grabs and all the rest that left American Natives with a century-and-a-half of hard times.

Performances occurred in partnership with American Indian Tribes, state and local governments, federal agencies and the local community.

The Tribe joined Corps II at the west end of the Spirit Mountain Casino parking lot, with its own large tent. Inside were many displays, demonstrations and vendors including dance, storytelling, basketweaving, carving and other Native crafts.

Among the most popular were the hands-on activities for children including making paint from minerals, drumming and learning a kids' song, making rope out of natural materials and beading bracelets.

"The Lewis & Clark exhibit (opened) the same day that our people arrived in Grand Ronde in 1856," said Tribal member Denise Harvey, but she called the timing "a complete coincidence."

Other cultural activities also coincided with the Lewis and Clark visit.

The Basketweavers Gathering held a March 24-26 event in the Community Center and the Tribal gym. The gathering included different classes and meals were provided. At other times, basketweavers gave demonstrations in the Grand



Tent Of Many Voices — Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl Kennedy, center, with Park Service Superintendent Steve Adams, left, and Allen Pinkham, Chairman of the Circle of Advisors, shown here in the Tent of Many Voices.

Ronde tent.

A Wiping of the Tears ceremony was held March 25 in the evening with dinner following.

The Wiping of the Tears program was strictly for Tribal members and "is a healing Ceremony for the community that will help us move beyond the anger and build community," said Harvey. Victor Mandan from the Mandan and Hidatsa People and Spiritual Leader performed the ceremony. ■



Artisan — Tribal member Connie Graves, second from right, discusses her work in the Tribal tent, with interested visitors.

Photos by Ron Kartten

Tribal Library Puts Up Lewis & Clark Exhibit



Showcase — Tribal Librarian and Tribal member Marion Mercier put up displays relating to the Lewis & Clark Book Exhibit. Books in the exhibit called, "On the Trail with Lewis & Clark," included many of the old classics along with some new additions to the Tribe's ever-growing collection. Connie Brown, a library volunteer, put together a display case with artifacts and books as well as replicas of originals that hailed from 200 years ago. "We put out that display in conjunction with Tent of Many Voices," said Mercier.

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