

# Casino float wins President's Award



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Kiana Leno covers regalia with coconut as she helps decorate the Spirit Mountain Casino float in Portland on Thursday, June 7. Leno was a model for the float, which was in the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, June 9.

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Spirit Mountain Casino's "Love Rocks" float won the President's Award for most effective overall flora presentation during the Grand Floral Parade held Saturday, June 9, in downtown Portland.

Designed by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., the float featured a 500-gallon waterfall rushing to the tune of the tragic pop song, "Running Bear," which was a No. 1 hit for Johnny Preston in 1960.

The song tells the story of Running Bear, an Indian brave, and Little White Dove, an Indian maiden, who are in love but separated by a raging river and their respective Tribes' dislike for each other.

Tribal members Kiana Leno and

Peter Nelson posed as models for the float.

The casino's float was the fifth vehicle in the Grand Floral Parade and the first float.

"I thought it was a pretty nice recognition," said Bobb. "The float looked really good. They did a tremendous job for what we wanted it to say. Everybody seemed to like the finished float with the features, so I was pretty pleased with that."

"I would like to thank everyone who helped us with the float this year," said casino Marketing Coordinator Angela Sears. "We had about 20 Spirit Mountain employees and Tribal Elders and Tribal members who traveled to Portland with us to help build the float. Without the help of these people, we would not be able to present an award-winning float for the Grand Floral Parade."

Spirit Mountain Casino signed a three-year sponsorship deal for the Grand Floral Parade in 2011. It will sponsor the parade again in 2013. ■

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## Foundation seeks artist fellowship applications

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation is seeking applications for its 2013 Artist Fellowships. Awards will be worth \$20,000 and made in six disciplines: Visual Arts, Filmmaking, Music, Dance, Literature and Traditional Arts.

Application deadline is Thursday, June 21.

Artists must demonstrate excellence, having made a significant contribution in their discipline, earned respect from their colleagues and achieved recognition in the field. Work must be evolving and current.

Native artists are defined as American Indian from federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian. In September, a panel will review the applications and fellows will be announced in November.

Applicants must apply online at [www.nacf.us/user/register](http://www.nacf.us/user/register). Contact Program Director Reuben Tomas Roqueni for more information and support at [reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org](mailto:reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org) or 360-718-7057. ■

## Volunteers wanted

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, which helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old high school gym, is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers.

The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Sunday and Monday.

Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina. For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897.

The youth center and thrift store that funds it are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■

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