

## Cultural Trust Board seeking grant applications

Every year since 2009, the Grand Ronde Cultural Trust Board has received a grant from the state Cultural Trust. Each year, the Tribe's average grant award has been about \$6,300.

The Tribe's Cultural Trust Board then awards smaller grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for various cultural projects within our service area. Some of the cultural projects that have been funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust through the Grand Ronde Cultural Trust Board include:

- A Chinuk wawa language project;
- An ethnobotany project;
- Beading classes;
- Camas digging;
- Drum making;
- Harvesting tipi poles;
- Hide tanning workshops;
- Huckleberry picking;
- Moccasin-making classes;
- Participation in Canoe Journey;
- Cultural photo digitizing and cataloguing;
- Regalia making;
- Research for a book about Tribal member families;
- Sewing classes;
- And wood carving.

Grand Ronde Cultural Trust Board members are Perri McDaniel, chair; Betty Bly, vice chair; Stephanie Wood, secretary; and Kim Contreras and Claudia Leno.

The Grand Ronde Cultural Trust Board is accepting applications for the 2014 grant cycle now through Dec. 15.

People interesting in applying for a grant for a cultural project can pick up an application at the front desk of the Tribal Governance Center or they can have an application mailed or e-mailed to them by contacting McDaniel at 971-237-7746. ■

### Elder's Activity Center Pot Luck/Game Night

Starting Wednesdays

- Canasta
- Pinochle
- Cribbage
- Pool

If you have a game you like at home, bring it. Any questions, call Dan Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

## Walking the walk



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

From left, Tribal Elders Louise Coulson, Cherie Butler and Claudia Leno participate in the Walk With Ease program in the Tribal gymnasium on Monday, Oct. 28. The Tribe's Community Health Department is now offering the Arthritis Foundation program in the Grand Ronde community. Trained instructors lead classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. A regular walking program is the easiest and safest way to get needed cardiovascular exercise. In a group setting, it is fun and supportive. The program is a doable personal walking plan that provides health benefits for anyone interested in better living. Participants will learn a safe, effective Five-Step Basic Walking Pattern while listening to their favorite songs. Sponsor Oregon State University and Katie Conte helped bring the program to the community. For more information, call Community Health at 503-879-2078.

## Private party was held with the governor

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Yacht Club.

A private party was held at the Marriott home in Portland the following week on Oct. 15.

Gov. John Kitzhaber and first lady Cylvia Hayes, along with Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and Portland Commissioner Nick Fish attended the private party.

"The private party was a very intimate event with the governor," said Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary. "Only about 20 people in attendance. It was a great opportunity for me to talk to Gov. Kitzhaber about a couple of issues regarding our Tribe and our direction.

"As a result of our conversation, the governor has agreed to come out to Grand Ronde and visit with Tribal Council in the near future. Gov. Kitzhaber has always been a good friend to Grand Ronde and is clearly committed to maintaining that relationship."

This is the first award to the Tribe from the partnership.

Funds raised at the annual gala go to the group's education and volunteer programs that reach students and volunteers in Oregon and Washington, said Laura O'Keefe,

Communications & Events specialist for the partnership.

"We sit on sacred land," Marriott said in making the presentation. "Before we were here, Native Americans were. The river, the water, the land defines them. It should define all of us.

"The Tribe's Natural Resources Department has completed fisheries and riparian restoration projects both on the Reservation and within the Grand Ronde community, improving the waters of the South Yamhill and Agency Creek."

The results have been phenomenal, she said. "Coho salmon are returning to these waters to spawn – traveling over 220 miles to reach this area. The Tribe has cultural knowledge and extensive expertise. It is extending its work beyond the reservation to all the Tribe's ceded lands."

"I am happy to see this recognition of the Natural Resource Department's hard work," said Manager Michael Wilson. "They take their job seriously, with many days spent in harsh conditions. Every fish that returns to the Reservation is such a joy to see."

"This is the first award that I have been honored to receive for the Tribe," said Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, "but I'm sure there

will be many more to come. The Tribe is very involved in being good stewards of our environment."

"The work of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is bringing long-deserved recognition," said Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy. "I highly commend our Natural Resources staff for diligently adhering to high environmental standards, and I am proud of the working partnership between Tribal Council leadership and staff."

Honorary hosts included Oregon State Sen. Jackie Dingfelder, State House Rep. Brad Witt and Washington State House Rep. Sharon Wylie.

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family welcomed guests to the event with traditional singing and dancing.

Since 1997, Spirit Mountain Community Fund has contributed more than \$5 million to environmental preservation, helping to improve the quality of life for Oregonians and the health of the environment throughout the Tribe's ceded lands.

"Thank you, Grand Ronde," said Marriott, "for providing a voice for wildlife and habitat and for advocating for the health of the Columbia River and our community."

The Tribe has championed the effort to bring lamprey back to its

traditional habitat in Oregon, is making an effort to reintroduce the California condor to Oregon skies, and has lent its voice and expertise to cleaning up the Portland Harbor superfund site.

Harvey, Kennedy, Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor and Tribal Attorney Rob Greene attended the gala and presentation. Harvey and McClary represented the Tribe at the private party.

"The Lower Columbia River Estuary group has been supported by the Tribe and Spirit Mountain Community Fund on an ongoing basis," said Taylor. "This year's Stewardship Award presented to the Tribe is a wonderful acknowledgement of the Tribe's commitment to environmental stewardship. It is also an acknowledgement of the Tribe's ceded lands and our important and ongoing role there.

"The lower Columbia River and the land on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river have been integral to our Tribe's history, culture, traditions and treaties. We are still actively engaged in that area on the political, financial and cultural front, and plan to continue that work and build upon those relationships with key groups like the Lower Columbia River Estuary group." ■