

Culture Corner

Classes

Class descriptions and instructional videos are available on our webpage at <http://www.grandronde.org/culture>.
For additional information contact Flicka Lucero, Cultural Education Specialist, at 503-879-2268.

****Pre-Registration**** Due to limited space and/or materials, pre-registration for the class is required. Please contact Flicka Lucero at 503-879-2268 to register.

Grand Ronde Classes

Chinuk Wawa

Tuesdays, Noon - 1:00 pm, Chachalu
Mondays & Wednesday, 4 - 5:30 pm, Chachalu

Regalia Making

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Chachalu

Beading

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Chachalu

Basket Weaving

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Chachalu Carving Area
Special guest Margaret Mathewson on May 3rd

CTGR Education, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Chachalu, 8720 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Portland Classes

Lifeways

Mondays, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, CTGR Portland Office
(Classes will change to Thursdays in the month of June)

Cedar Bark Gathering

May 20th (Time and Location to be announced)
To RSVP contact Greg Archuleta at: archuletagreg@gmail.com

CTGR Portland Office, 4445 SW Barbur Boulevard, Portland, OR 97239

Eugene Classes

Cedar Bark Gathering, May 21st
(Time and Location to be announced in May 15th issue)
To RSVP contact Greg Archuleta at: archuletagreg@gmail.com

Springfield Native Youth Center, 1084 G Street, Springfield, Oregon

Instructional Videos

Basket Making, Drum Making, Beading and
Clap Stick Making available at

<http://www.grandronde.org/culture/culture-class-videos>

Note: Some classes may require a fee for materials.



To make a donation or for additional information please visit www.grandronde.org/culture/chachalu-museum

OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

GALLERY HOURS:
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
(OPEN THROUGH LUNCH HOUR)

Culture Within Our Youth

11-year-old Grand Ronde Tribal member Mason Mercier is the son of Tribal member Tyson and Amanda Mercier. He also has an older brother, Moses. Mason is on his way to becoming a Tribal artisan like his uncle, Tribal member Travis Stewart.

At the early age of 7, Mason became interested in making traditional Native American objects. Not knowing where to get information on how to do that, he turned to YouTube. By watching the videos on YouTube he taught himself how to make bows, arrows, flint knapping, and atlatls. Once his skills at flint knapping became more advanced than the videos he initially learned from, he was able to get a few pointers from Eirik Thorsgard. Eventually, he decided to make his own videos and place them on YouTube for others to learn from.



A very unique item that Mason made was a deer-skinned quiver. With the help of his father and the skin from his brother's deer, they were able to make this very beautiful quiver to hold his bow and arrows.

During Mason's early stages of making these traditional items, he indulged in the craft of basket weaving. In kindergarten, Mason learned to weave using pipe cleaners. Not until recently though, Mason decided to attend basket weaving classes offered at Chachalu: Tribal Museum and Cultural Center. During these classes he was able to learn how to weave baskets made out of more traditional materials such as juncus, cattail, cedar, and hazel. He also learned how to prepare these materials to be used in the weaving process.

Mason is a great example of what we hope to see more of our youth doing.



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