

Fifth summit to highlight history and culture

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

More than 100 people will be delving deeply into Grand Ronde Tribal history and culture during the fifth annual History & Culture Summit scheduled to be held Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 1-2, in the Tribal gym.

This year's incarnation features new wrinkles, such as TED talks – short, informative and entertaining talks – on Thursday morning.

The summit will open at 8 a.m. Wednesday with registration. Grand Ronde drummers will perform an opening song at 8:30 a.m. and Tribal Elder and longtime Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison will give the invocation.

After opening comments from Historic Preservation Office Manager Briece Edwards, the sessions will begin.

“We want to continue to bring understanding of what we do in Historic Preservation and the Cultural Resources Department back to the community,” Edwards said. “We are trying to be a bit more local

If you go

Grand Ronde History & Culture Summit

When: 8 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 1-2

Where: Grand Ronde Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road
Cost: \$50 for conference, \$25 for plankhouse dinner and \$25 for workshops; free to Tribal members and Tribal staff

More info: www.grandronde.org/hcsummit

and regional focused in highlighting some of the partnerships and bringing some of that information back into the community.”

On Wednesday, sessions will include multiple presentations on land and water issues, traditional gatherings (powwow, round dance, plankhouse and canoe journey) and breakout sessions will survey such Native American topics as first foods, weaving, records research

and indigenous experimental films.

A dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. at achaf-hammi, the Tribal plankhouse adjacent to Uyx-at Powwow Grounds on Hebo Road.

Thursday's events kick off at 8 a.m. with remarks by Edwards and an opening song by Lands Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach.

The TED Talks will follow. Seven are scheduled, including a talk by Tribal Environmental Resources Specialist Meagan Flier, who will discuss her work in ocean planning both for the Tribe and West Coast Tribes as part of the West Regional Planning Body and West Coast Ocean Partnership.

“The idea was to provide a venue and an opportunity for people who

have short presentations and are looking to have input,” Edwards said. “So the idea is to have short presentations that start a dialogue.”

After the TED Talks, Edwards will lead a discussion on historic preservation issues and the afternoon breakout sessions will cover beading, traditional games, technology and repatriation. Afternoon sessions will be led by Cultural Resources Department employees Flicka Lucero, Brian Krehbiel, Jessica Curteman and Sibyl Edwards.

Cost for the conference is \$50 and the plankhouse dinner is \$25. Events are free to Tribal members and Tribal staff.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served both days. ■

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Election Board	1 alternate vacancy
Housing Grievance Board	1 vacancy
Fish & Wildlife Committee	1 vacancy

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Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam mək'hmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets in Room 204 in the Tribal Governance Center. Next meeting time and date is to be determined. Chair: Siobhan Taylor.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Michael Mercier.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month in the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Matt Thomas.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

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