

Center opens ‘Where the Waters Come Together’

PORTLAND – The Center for Native Arts and Culture, 800 S.E. 10th Ave., Portland, opened its inaugural exhibition “Where the Waters Come Together” on Friday, April 22, with an opening reception.

The exhibition explores indigenous perspectives on the relationships to rivers and oceans with works from Native artists responding to fundamental questions around cultural buoyancy, biodiversity protection, food sources and material necessities.

Grand Ronde Tribal member Greg Archuleta is among the Native artists with work displayed, including “Sun Rattle” and “Daughter of Sun Returning to the Sky World” panel.

“This exhibition and related community programming is an opportunity to highlight the cultural traditions and creative artistry of nationally acclaimed Native artists who reside in the Portland metro area, inclusive of members of local Tribes as well as those who are part of the broader Indigenous diaspora,” said Barbara Mumby-Huerta, vice president of programs and partnerships for the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation. “It is our hope that the center becomes a welcoming place to exchange stories and strengthen relations throughout the region as well as throughout the nation.”

Exhibition hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through June 30. ■



From left, “Sun Rattle” and “Daughter of Sun Returning to the Sky World” are two pieces of art created by Grand Ronde Tribal member Greg Archuleta that are part of the “Where the Waters Come Together” exhibit at the Center for Native Arts and Culture, 800 S.E. 10th Ave., Portland. The exhibit is open Wednesdays through Saturdays through June 30.



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Two out of three Tribal Council incumbents to seek re-election

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Tribal Council incumbents Denise Harvey and Kathleen George are in while Jack Giffen Jr. is out.

Giffen, one of the Tribe’s longest-serving Tribal Council members, will not be seeking re-election during the 2022 campaign, ensuring at least one new member on the Tribe’s governing board.

“I am not planning to run,” he said in an e-mail to *Smoke Signals* on Tuesday, April 19.

Giffen, 70, served two terms from 2003 to 2009 and was then re-elected in 2010 and has served since then. Come September, he will have served six terms, or 18 years, on Tribal Council.

Giffen will retire as the third longest serving Tribal Council member ever behind current Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, 23 years, and former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, 21 years.

Denise Harvey, who was first elected to Tribal Council in 2013 after five unsuccessful campaigns, confirmed to *Smoke Signals* that she will seek her fourth consecutive three-year term.

Harvey, 59, finished first in 2013 and 2019 and third in 2016. She has accumulated 2,981 votes in her eight runs for Tribal Council.

George, 50, will be seeking her third consecutive term on Tribal Council. She served as director of Spirit Mountain Community Fund beginning in 2011 and finished first in the 2016 Tribal Council election. She secured another council term in 2019 with a second-place finish behind Harvey.

“We have a lot of important progress underway, and I want to see this through to completion,” George said in a text to *Smoke Signals*.

Tribal Council nominations will occur during a special General Council meeting to be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 26. This year’s Tribal Council election will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10. ■



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