



Grand Ronde Tribal members joined other volunteers to help plant approximately 3,000 wapato bulbs at Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Gaston on Monday, April 18. Wapato Lake is undergoing restoration to improve wapato and wildlife populations. Wapato Lake is within the ancestral homelands of the Tualatin Kalapuya who had numerous villages around the lake and gathered the wapato for subsistence and trade.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George speaks to Grand Ronde Tribal members and the other volunteers who gathered to help plant bulbs.



Tribal member Jesse Norton, center, works with Siletz Tribal member Athena Rilatows, left, in creating artwork that is on tote bags given to all those who volunteered to help plant approximately 3,000 wapato bulbs.

Planting wapato



From left, Portland Office Tribal Services Representative Lisa Archuleta, Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Tribal members Denali and Sedona Williams help plant approximately 3,000 wapato bulbs at Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

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