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Pittock Mansion opens 'This IS Kalapuyan Land'

Through most of July, visitors at Pittock Mansion will not only see panoramic views and early-20th century architecture, they also will see the "This IS Kalapuyan Land at Pittock Mansion" exhibition curated by Grand Ronde Tribal member and artist Steph Littlebird.

The exhibit features historical panels sharing accurate representations of Indigenous people's continued presence in the area, as well as contemporary Indigenous artwork.

The Pittock Mansion exhibit is a spinoff of a 2019 exhibit Littlebird created with Five Oaks Museum after a problematic exhibit about Kalapuyan people was shown at the Washington County Museum in 2008, according to the Pittock Mansion website.

Littlebird's exhibition and the modern Native artwork affirms Native people still exist and live on their traditional homelands. The Washington County Museum named the 2008 exhibit "This Kalapuya Land." Littlebird named the 2019 exhibit "This IS Kalapuyan Land."

Input from former Tribal historian David Lewis also was represented in the annotated panels. The 2019 exhibition closed early in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Littlebird resides in Las Vegas, but traveled to see the opening of the exhibit in early February.

"I am so excited to re-open this exhibition after it closed early due to the pandemic," Littlebird says. "This gives folks who learned about 'This IS Kalapuyan Land' after it closed a chance to see the panels I edited with David Lewis's help, and see a new collection of local Indigenous artwork."

"This IS Kalapuyan Land at Pittock Mansion" will be on display until Sunday, July 23, at 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive, Portland. − By Kamiah Koch



Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest Program Enrollment for 2023-24



What: Meet and Greet

This is a Meet and Greet session for interested families to learn about the Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest. This is the time to meet the staff, learn about our philosophy, goals and curriculum. This session is mandatory for enrollment consideration.

Who:

Potential incoming 3-5 year olds for 2023-24 school year

When/Where:

April 13th at 5pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 879 0107 2114 Passcode: 317653

Or

April 27^{th} at 5pm Lilu Classroom (Located in the Preschool)

*Choose one of these mandatory sessions if you would like your child to be considered for enrollment in the program for the 2023-24 school year.

To sign-up or for more information please contact Jeff Mercier (503) 879-1633 or Jeffrey.mercier@grandronde.org.