



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Rescue dog with a job

For forty years, our family has shopped at a unique store in North Vancouver, British Columbia, but this trip was the most fun. Khot-La-Cha Gift Shop is on the Squamish Nation's Capilano Reserve, a quarter-mile from Lions Gate Bridge. The store's view of the North Shore Mountains is photo worthy!

This time, I was joyously welcomed by Tippy, a two-year-old rescue saved from a Los Angeles kill-shelter, by a Canadian rescue organization, (Thank Dog I am Out) for a second chance at life. <http://ThankDogIamOut.com/>

How could I refuse doing an article on a dog named Tippy? He is the first Tippy that I have met in nine years of writing this column. This column is about pet tips and tales, and Tippy has both! Plus! She at the end of her black tail she has a pretty white TIP — the signature of her name!

Khot-La-Cha sells traditional, hand crafted Aboriginal/Native American wood carvings, moccasins, artwork, jewelry, baskets and beadwork designed by band members. This visit, it was hard to focus on the store's wares as their friendly mascot, Tippy, demanded attention. That is until she felt her duty was over and she returned to rest on a stool for a better view of customers.

"Tippy is my grandmother's Nancy Nightingale dog," said Tippy's auntie, Lynnea. "She was painfully timid when Grandma adopted her, but she immediately attached herself to Grandma, and her devotion is heartwarming. It is amazing to see how shy Tippy has blossomed. We don't know the dog's previous tale of hardship, but it was like watching a miracle unfold as she opened her heart and became the most loving dog I have known.

Our store was named after my great-grandfather Chief Khot La Cha and it has been in the family for generations. His name means man with a "Kind Heart" in our Squamish language. As a youth, he survived a cruel residential school. Despite this he grew into a loving and great man and teacher. He became an Ambassador of Canada traveling the world enlightening others about Aboriginal life. We have historical photos of him on his journeys wearing a traditional eagle feather regalia headdress, while drumming and dancing. He was a man of two hats! Because tourists think that all Natives wear the eagle feather headdress, he compromised and wore one. But with our West Coast rainy conditions, our tribal chiefs historically wear conical shaped, woven, red cedar hats.

Grandmother's grandmother, Mary Capilano, was known as the "Indian Princess of Peace". Her intricate



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Lynnea and her Grandmother Nancy proudly show off their shop's mascot, Tippy. Tippy has the rare International heritage of German, Mexican and African — he is a Dachshund/Chihuahua/Basenji mix born in Los Angeles, USA, living with Nancy on the Capilano Indian Reservation in Canada.

basket art is famous. Great Grandma Mary traveled by canoe, up and down British Columbia, to trade in the late 19th century. Her name 'Capilano' is familiar to tourists visiting North Vancouver and its world famous swinging Capilano River Bridge. Our store, two miles south of the swinging bridge, is an avenue for aboriginal members to express and keep the First Nation's culture alive through crafts.

The store's beginning was spontaneously. When my great grandfather was Ambassador his many visitors wanted Native art work. So his wife bought and sold carvings etc. from tribal members and as they say the rest is history! Today, we export many items to the United States, Asia and European countries.

Tippy's name suits her because she is incredibly clumsy! Anyone can fall down stairs. But, have you ever heard of falling UP stairs? The crazy thing is that Tippy's tumbles don't seem to bother her, but I see a chiropractor in her future!

Grandma also has a rescue cat, Tippy's BIG brother, Madison. You would think Madison is a female, but he is male — and he is not only bigger than Tippy, he far outweighs her. The two animals have to share grandma's attention. You will find Grandma sitting on her couch with a dog on one side and the cat vying for

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Alternative to Canning Class

The first in a series of classes put on by the OSU Extension Master Food Preservers in Lane County will be Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church, 1485 Gilham Rd., in Eugene. The class is "Alternative to Canning," which will focus on techniques and packaging for freezing and drying for food preservation along with other methods of prolonging shelf life. The cost for this class is \$40. The class will have the equipment needed and local produce provided. Class size is limited, so participants are asked to register at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/announcements/food-preservation-baking-classes> or stop by the OSU Extension office at 996 Jefferson St. in Eugene Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.

Art at the Museum

Through the last weekend of June, the Cottage Grove Historical Museum, located on the corner of H and Birch Streets, will be featuring paintings, folk art woodcarvings, and doll-making by local artists that include Catharine Filmer, Sujo, Roger Lovelace, Evelynne Plueard, Carl Small, Colleen Patterson and Susan Dunham. Admission is free, but donations are requested. Hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, you may call Becky at 541-942-4269 or Tara Sue at 541-968-2254.

Blooms and Butterflies

Elkton Community Education Center (ECEC) presents its annual Blooms & Butterflies Celebration on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ECEC site, 15850 Highway 38 West in Elkton. The day begins with a new version of the annual Butterfly Run, a 5K family oriented fun run/walk event, through clouds of color along the race route. Race-day registration starts at 9 a.m. with the 5K run beginning at 10:30, preceded by a free ¼ mile loop run through the ECEC garden for kids 10 or under. A barbecue lunch will be available on the greenhouse patio from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer student employees will lead visits through the butterfly flight room and na-

tive gardens with information on butterfly and hummingbird attractive plants.

Information about ECEC or any events can be obtained by calling 541 584-2692 or visiting www.elktonbutterflies.com or sending an email to info@elktonbutterflies.com

Food preservation workshops

Those who want to learn how to put up this summer's harvest, who would like to understand the science of or confirm the methods they are currently using for canning, smoking, dehydrating, juicing can do so through affordable workshops in Cottage Grove provided by Sustainable Cottage Grove/cgFEAST and OSU Master Food Preservers. Following the growing season, workshops begin on Saturday, June 20 with Jams and Jellies. Those interested can call Beth Pool at 541-942-2360 for details.

Junior golf lessons offered

Cottage Grove Junior Golf is beginning a new season of teaching youth ages 9 to 14 years old the skills for playing golf. Six weeks of lessons will be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. beginning Monday, June 22. Lessons cost a total of \$30. If interested, registration is Monday, June 22 at Middlefield Golf Course between 2:30 and 3 p.m. with the first golf lesson to follow. For more information, contact Philip Jones at 541-942-6107. This program is sponsored by Middlefield Golf Course, Hidden Valley Golf Course and the Bohemia Sunrises Kiwanis Club of Cottage Grove.

Art and Music

The North Douglas Performing Arts Council presents an evening of art and music featuring artist Jerry Ross and Umpqua Valley Bluegrass, Friday, June 19, 2015. The art show will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the concert to follow at 7 p.m. The art show and concert will be held at the Drain Civic Center, 205 W. A St., in Drain. Doors for the concert open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 at the door for the concert; admission to the art show is free. For more information, call 541-836-2505 or view www.ndpac.org

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