Culture Hosts Cedar Bark Weaving Class in Time for Valentine's Day



Georgia Makris shows off the cedar vase she made in Culture's recent weaving class

By Dr. Juanita Holtyn

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, on February 11, the Culture department hosted a cedar bark weaving tutorial taught by Melissa Streun.

Nine excited Tribal members participated. For many, this was their first

time weaving with cedar bark. Each participant connected with S'Klallam artistry by learning a twill weaving pattern and a twining technique, which took thought and concentration. All of this hard work resulted in finished flower vases that were beautifully woven and ready to be gifted for Valentine's.

Cedar bark for the class was harvested from the Western Red Cedar tree. The whole tree is useful. Cedar is lovingly referred to as "Mother" or "Tree of Life" because it provides for people in unlimited ways from birth to death. The bark and roots of the cedar tree can be used to make baskets, while the leaves are used for medicine and incense. (Krohn, 2007)

Harvesting cedar is an age-old practice and is done in late spring to early summer when the tree sap is running, which makes it easier for the bark to be removed from the tree. Harvesting bark must be done sustainably as to not harm or kill the tree.

The Culture department will be hosting cedar bark harvesting classes soon. Watch for posted events!

This article includes information from Wild Rose and Western Red Cedar: The Gifts of the Northwest Plants, *Krohn, E.* (2007).

Visit page 8 for more pictures from the class!

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PGST Vision Statement

Our vision is to achieve the full potential of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal sovereign nation to be self-sufficient, proud, strong, healthy, educated and respected.

PGST Mission Statement

The mission of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is to exercise sovereignty and ensure self-determination and self-sufficiency through visionary leadership. We will ensure the health, welfare and economic success of a vibrant community through education, economic development, preservation and protection of the rich culture, traditions, language, homelands, and natural resources of our Tribe.

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ANNUAL SPRING GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Saturday, March 25 @ 9 am

Breakfast served at 8 am in Kitchen.

Some topics that will be covered include:

- Enrollment Eligibility Survey Summary
- Program Introductions
- Elder's Parking
- General Council Quorum Change

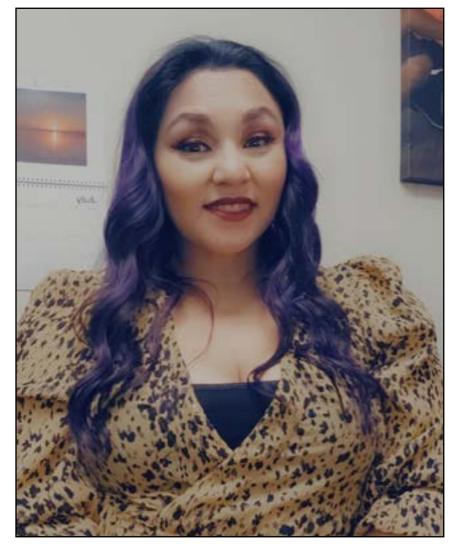
Prizes include Mariners tickets, a weekend trip to Ocean Shores, cash prizes for adults and youth, and more!

Please use provided childcare for younger kids who are not able to remain quiet during the meeting. Childcare is free and includes snacks and lunch.





Leslie Purser Named to Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment



Leslie Purser, who has just been appointed to the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment

Leslie Purser has been appointed to Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment (GCDE).

Since April 2022, Leslie has served as a Special Needs Advocate for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. In this role, she advocates for people with physical, emotional, and/or mental disabilities. This includes working with PGST programs to ensure inclusion as well as helping clients and/or caregivers access the resources and support they need, such as respite care and/or therapeutic services.

In her role on the GCDE, Leslie hopes to learn about programs or services she can utilize to help PGST families. "If I can find more opportunities offered by the state, that's what I want to do," she said.

GCDE is comprised of a wide range of disability advocates from across the state and seeks "an equitable Washington where people with disabilities experience full inclusion, full participation, and economic vibrancy." They are responsible for promoting understanding of the needs of those with disabilities, recognizing employers who act as leaders in hiring people with disabilities, and provide training to businesses to promote employment and awareness of disability issues. The group advises the Governor, the legislature, and state agencies to ensure equal opportunity and access.

Leslie understands the need for this type of advocacy. Before her work with PGST, she had first-hand experience trying to navigate the system as she helped care for her two younger brothers.

"When I was going through this with my brothers, we just didn't know where to find services," she said.

Leslie went on to add that one of her brothers "needed around-the-clock care and special therapies and we didn't know where to find them. We didn't know how to navigate the care plan or where to look for what we needed. I had to learn from parents and others who had been doing this longer than I had." In her role as Special Needs Advocate, Leslie helps to eliminate these barriers.

Leslie's term on the GCDE began on February 15, 2023 and continues through December 31, 2025.



Planning Gives Update in General Council Meeting

On February 28, the Planning department presented on its current and upcoming projects on a Special General Council Meeting held over Zoom.

During the meeting, Planning, which is headed up by Joe Sparr, reviewed their department goals for the next two years, including increasing on-reservation single family homes and updating and expanding government and community-wise facilities. To help accomplish these goals, they are working on improving the Tribe's construction process and procedures.

The department is also preparing plans for the use, preservation, and development of Tribal lands for lands where no such plans exist or further details are needed.

In 2022, Planning wrapped up several projects, including the completion of the south boat ramp. The project was not only a big win for the community, but also came in \$800,000 under budget! Other completed 2022 projects include the Old Red Cedar neighborhood, transitional housing project, remodel of the old Wellness Center to house Courts, and the opening of the administration campus gathering shelter.



Stories, songs, rhymes, and full-body movement designed to build early

literacy skills and encourage social and emotional developmer

Library

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - noon

This year, the department is managing several projects, some of which are expected to be completed this year, including the Warrior Ridge sewer lift station in the spring, and the opening of the new fish hatchery building and Point Julia shelter mid-year.

In addition, Planning is working on several Tribal campus remodel projects for Natural Resources, Early Childhood Education, Elders, Public Safety, and Culture. Planning will begin soon on new Administration building, Community Center, Gym, and Plaza.

This meeting was the second in a series of Special General Council sessions highlighting the work of Tribal departments and entities. Additional upcoming meetings include with Noo-Kayet Investment (March 21), Finance (April 18), and Legal (May 16). All meetings are held at 5 pm and over Zoom.

HAVE AN OLD CAR OR BOAT?

WANT IT HAULED AWAY? WE CAN HELP!





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Photos from Culture's Cedar Class

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Around The Rez

Opportunities and announcements for the S'Klallam Community

ALL ENROLLED PGST MEMBERS:

Spring General Council is on March 25

The Spring General Council meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25. While details are still being worked out, this meeting will include a meal and raffle prizes for attendees.

All PGST members are encouraged to attend General Council meetings to receive updates and vote on important issues related to the operation of the Tribe.

The Fall General Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 7.

March 21 @ 5 pm: Special General Council Meeting Featuring Noo-Kayet Investments

The next Special General Council Meeting is on Tuesday, March 21 at 5 pm over Zoom. This meeting will feature a presentation from Noo-Kayet Investments on the economic work they're doing on behalf of the Tribe. Please use the QR code below to access the Zoom details.

Additional upcoming Special General Council Meetings include April 18 with Finance and May 16 with Legal.



Seeking Clam Bake Cooks

PGST has built a positive reputation for hosting and feasting well with guests. The traditional clambake is one the most admired features.

For the Canoe Hosting on July 27, 2023 event planners are seeking two teams of clam bake cooks. Your bid must include your contact information, how many people are in your team, and pricing to prepare one of the clambakes. Firewood and other supplies will be provided.

Please submit your letter of interest and bid to jodif@pgst.nsn.us or to the front desk by July 7, 2023.

After Hours On-Call Triage Nurse, Weekend Urgent Care Now Available

The Health Center now offers access to an After Hours/On Call triage nurse from 4:30-8:30 pm daily. Use the On-Call nurse for more urgent health concerns that can't wait until regular Health Center hours. You can reach the On-Call nurse at 360-297-9613.

The Health Center is also now offering Urgent Care on Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm. Walk-in appointments available. As always, if you have an emergency concern please call 9-1-1.

The Health Center is regularly open from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. They are closed between 12-1 pm for lunch.

Construction Continues on Ascension Grow Facility

Noo-Kayet Investments wants to thank all the Tribal members for their support and help in keeping traffic down at the construction sites for the new Ascension grow facility and at the High Point retail store.

The roof and exterior walls on the Ascension building is being installed by the end of the month. At the High Point site, the foundation is done and panelized walls are going up.

NKI is proud of the progress being made on these construction projects on behalf of the Tribe and will continue to share progress as everything moves forward.

Upcoming Civil Legal Aid Clinics

The PGST Legal department is continuing to offer free Civil Legal Aid services to its community members.

Upcoming Civil Legal Aid Clinic dates include: March 10, and March 24. All clinics are from 10 am to noon at the Tribal Courthouse in the old Wellness Center building.

The Civil Legal Aid attorney is Paul Cullen, a practicing attorney with over 46 years experience in family law, wills, personal injury, and more. To schedule an appointment during or outside open clinics, please call 360-297-6209 ext. 5503.



Paddle to Muckleshoot
Honoring our Warriors Past & Present

Port Gamble S'Klallam Canoe Hosting

Thursday July 27th 2023

Volunteers help needed

Designated shower homes needed: Get a discount on your water bill! Yards open for camping needed Sign up with Jodi Fulton if you can help (360)297-6253 jodif@pgst.nsn.us Limited number of Vendor spaces available at beach & courtyard contact Roxanne Hocket to reserve your spot (360)990-3233 roxanneh@pgst.nsn.us

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HAPPYBIRTHDAY

...to everyone celebrating in MARCH!

March 1

Glenn Brown Kade Chalcraft-Fulton Dale George

March 2

Harry Fulton III Tyler Hardman Lou Anne Pullen Leann Sampson

March 3

Jacqueline Frederick Christopher Gould Charlene Lakins Leighton McLeod Selina Ramirez

March 4

Norman Jones, Jr. Donald Purser, Jr. Auriahna Sullivan

March 5

Sa-Teela Carpenter Mandolin Charles Raelee McDonald Cattleya Quintana Jeffrey Schell II

March 6

Ronald Laub Anthony Najera Carlos Najera

March 7

Tanner Chalcraft-Sullivan Denny Henderson Jennifer Kelliher Justine Moran

March 8

Tenaya Fritz Jeffrey Lafrance Cannon Strode

March 9

Kwangksun Decoteau Sheree Fulton Merrilee Miguel

March 10

Christopher Freeman Brandon Fulton Deborah Hanson Shylynn Pluff

March 11

Harvey Combes Autumn Headley Keoni Hillier Alan Leonard Evelyn Leonard Joy MacKenzie

March 12

Alicia Cagey Robert Carpenter, Jr. Jeffrey Fulton Aliecia Jones Dawayne Rakoczy Carol Toppan

March 13

Jennifer Antig
Benjamin Cole, Jr.
Dawn Lamont-Holman
Debrah Purser II
Ivy Reynolds
Jeffrey Veregge
Jesse Whisler

March 14

Elise Countryman Charin Godbolt William Ives Lauren Moon James Streun

March 15

Logan Charles Trisha Ives Esmae Stark-Stokes March 16 Zanna Knoch

March 17

Julia Jackson Gene Jones III Angeline Rogers

March 18

Jack Countryman
Ethan Efferson
Casey French
Andrew Harter
Marjorie Letson
Dharsea Mommsen
William Plankenhorn
Liberty Sullivan
Stephanie Sullivan
Taylor Tomer

March 19

Mark Bjorklund Angie Shaw Maegan Sullivan Lavonne Tom

March 20

Deborah Decoteau Quinton Metheny Dianna Purser Dean Quinnett

March 21

Donald Fulton Gregory Hillier Ronald Komok, Jr. Joseph Komok Gracelyn Sullivan

March 22

Trinity Horton Joseph Price **Donald Rogers**

March 23

Eileen Charles Alicia Fulton Jeremy Gritton Weldon Park Anna Scheibner Chad Sullivan

March 24

Cathy Harvey Kendra Jones Angel Stewart

March 25

Clara George

March 26

Vanessa Schaffer Sharmane Seachord

March 27

Kylie Carpenter Jerry Hirschman Kelly Sullivan Lane Trevathan

March 28

Jordan Caldera

March 29

Leah Harnack Diana Hill Jennifer McCloud Ramona Tom

March 30

Lindsey Fulton Dawn Purser

March 31

Molly Knowlton Larry Pollock, Jr.



CHECK IT OUT AT YOUR LITTLE BOSTON LIBRARY

COMMUNITY NEWS— We have expanded our hours. We are now open 10 am to 6 pm Monday-Thursday, Fridays 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays 10 am to 2pm. Call 360-860-5080 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

Join Us

- March 1 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Virtual and In-Person Little Boston Book Group
- March 1 @ 10:00 a.m. -- Macrame Keychain Take and Make Craft Kit
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 11:30 a.m. --Family Storytime
- March 8, 15 @ 3:30 p.m. -- Read to a Dog

For virtual events, please join our community Zoom room and connect through desktop, phone or mobile. For more information about our March programs visit https://krl.org/little-boston and click on the program you wish to attend. The library is open!

Reading Recommendations

Heart Berries: A Memoir by Terese Marie Mailhot (Seabird Island Band, Canadian First Nations): Facing a dual diagnosis of PTSD and bipolar disorder, Mailhot is given a notebook and begins to write her way out of trauma. This powerful, poetic memoir is the triumphant result: a memorial for Mailhot's mother; a story of reconciliation with her father; and an elegy on how difficult it is to love someone while dragging the long shadows of shame. As she writes, she discovers her own true voice and re-establishes her place in the world. (Nonfiction • Book • 2018)

The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson (Dakota-Mdewakanton): Rosalie Iron Wing returns to her childhood home to confront the past, on a search for family and a community where she can finally belong. In the process, she

learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron - women who have protected their families, their traditions, and a precious cache of seeds through war and the insidious trauma of boarding schools. It is a beautifully told story of remembering our original relationship to the seeds, and our ancestors. (Fiction • Book • 2021)

Magazines

This Old House (published quarterly)

This magazine is focused on inspiration, information, and instruction for home improvement projects, including:

- Remodeling guides, inspiration, project advice, and pro-know-how
- Step-by-step projects, skill-building tips, and seasonal maintenance fixes
- Stunning before and after photos of home improvement makeovers

Northwest Travel & Life (published bimonthly) This magazine is a usable and sensible guide that inspires people with useful, fresh, and compelling ideas for discovering our region.

- Travel Itineraries and Road Trips
- Food and Drink
- Adventures in all seasons to live life to its fullest

See you soon at the Library!



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TIDE TABLES FOR PORT GAMBLE, WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	1 ST TIDE	2 ^{NO} TIDE	3 RD TIDE	4™ TIDE
Wed, 3/15	7:20 am	7:16 pm	12:34 am, 8.8 ft, high tide	5:15 am, 8.1 ft, low tide	10:01 am, 9:0 ft, high tide	5:58 pm, -0.3 ft, low tide
Thu, 3/16	7:18 am	7:17 pm	2:21 am, 9-2 ft, high tide	7:15 am, 8.2 ft, low tide	11:22 am, 8.7 ft, high tide	7:08 pm, -0.5 ft, low tide
Fri, 3/17	7:16 am	7:18 pm	3:25 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	8:46 am, 7.6 ft, low tide	12:53 pm, 8.6 ft, high tide	8:16 pm, -0.8 ft, low tide
Sat, 3/18	7:14 am	7:20 pm	4:06 am, 10.1 ft, high tide	9:39 am, 6.6 ft, low tide	2:13 pm, 8.9 ft, high tide	9:15 pm, -1.0 ft, low tide
Sun, 3/19	7:12 am	7:21 pm	4:38 am, 10.5 ft, high tide	10:22 am, 5.4 ft, low tide	3:22 pm, 9.3 ft, high tide	10:07 pm, -1.0 ft, low tide
Mon, 3/20	7:10 am	7:23 pm	5:07 am, 10.7 ft, high tide	11:02 am, 4.1 ft, low tide	4:24 pm, 9.6 ft, high tide	10:55 pm, -0.5 ft, low tide
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Wed, 3/22	7:06 am	7:26 pm	6:02 am, 11.0 ft, high tide	12:20 pm, 1.5 ft, low tide	6:19 pm, 9.9 ft, high tide	n/a
Thu, 3/23	7:04 am	7:27 pm	12:24 am, 1.6 ft, low tide	6:30 am, 11.0 ft, high tide	1:00 pm, 0.6 ft, low tide	7:15 pm, 9.8 ft, high tide
Fri, 3/24	7:02 am	7:28 pm	1:08 am, 3.0 ft, low tide	7:00 am, 10.7 ft, high tide	1:40 pm, -0.1 ft, low tide	8:13 pm, 9.7 ft, high tide
Sat, 3/25	7:00 am	7:30 pm	1:53 am, 4.4 ft, low tide	7:32 am, 10.3 ft, high tide	2:21 pm, -0.4 ft, low tide	9:13 pm, 9.5 ft, high tide
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