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Capacity Building Update



Native Arts 2011 Grant Cycle - Now Open

Native American art, in the Northwest, has always played a central role in all facets of Tribal life. Artists are important educators and opinion leaders in Tribal communities. Through art, people learn to imagine other ways of seeing, doing, and interacting with each other and the environment.



(c) Roger Fernandes

Past Native Art grants have, among other things, funded

- regalia design classes
- the publication of books
- co-op projects
- the purchase of specialized equipment
- and the teaching of tradition art forms

[The application is available online.](#) Applications must be emailed, or postmarked, by Friday, July 15 to be considered for funding. Kindly contact Stephanie for additional information: 206.624.6076 x 10 or stephanie@potlatchfund.org.

Related: 2011 InterTribal Canoe Journey Awards [\[MORE\]](#)



Board Governance

One topic of conversation that always generates debate is that of the role of Nonprofit Boards. Whether an organization has 20 paid staff or consists of all volunteers everyone has expectations and opinions about how their Board of Directors should act. Having differing opinions and expectations between staff, Board members and volunteers often creates conflicts and problems within organizations. In order to manage these conflicts we recommend a



To schedule a training for your community or group, contact [Heather Miller](#) (Wyandotte),
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organization in order to manage these conflicts we recommend a series of best practices for organizations struggling with their Board governance issues. One resource that I turn to for information regarding best practices for Boards is [Blue Avocado](#). A recent publication on their website highlights the [top ten myths](#) people typically have that cause Board conflicts. In addition to sites like Blue Avocado, Potlatch Fund also provides training around Board governance. If you are interested in learning more or scheduling a [training](#) please contact [Heather](#).

InterTribal Canoe Journey Final Landing at Swinomish

Mark your Calendar!



A puller's view of the 2010 landing at Makah.

Please join Potlatch Fund for a day long excursion of culture and history as we make our way to the Swinomish Reservation to watch the final landing the [Paddle to Swinomish 2011](#). This annual event gives Native youth positive experiences and teachings they will carry throughout their lives.

The InterTribal Canoe Journey is an important multi-generational cultural renaissance event within Tribal Communities of Washington, Oregon and beyond. The canoes are drug and alcohol free, follow traditional protocol, instill a sense of Native pride, incorporate language and environmental teachings, provide leadership training, and have a youth 'based' element.

[RSVP](#)

Monday, July 18, 2011

All Day Event - Monday, July 25, 2011

Capacity Building Training Calendar

View the [current calendar and registration forms](#).



Conversations abound at a reception for Jim Larimore (Comanche) held at the Chief Seattle Club.

Jim is the most senior Native American staff member employed at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Nonprofit Startup
Seattle, WA - July 5 and 6

Media Management
Warm Springs, OR - July 13 and 14

Capacity Building
Hydaburg, AK - July 18 to 22

Final Landing for 2011 Canoe Journey
Swinomish, WA - July 25

Journey to Successful Fundraising
Usk, WA - August 2 and 3

Tribal CASA Capacity Building Training
Usk, WA - August 4 and 5

Please contact [Heather](#) for more information regarding schedule and training changes.

Advancing Native Philanthropy



Quickly schedule monthly donations with [Network for Good](#) that fit your budget.

Your support of Potlatch Fund will provide support to Native projects making a difference in Northwest Indian Country.

By providing direct grants to Native communities, Potlatch Fund upholds the values embodied in the traditional Native saying, "One's worth is not measured by what one has, but rather by what one shares with others."

Our grantmaking supports Tribal and Native nonprofit efforts aimed at community building, arts and culture and the InterTribal Canoe Journey. We also provide mini grants to first-time applicants who have attended one of our training workshops.

Since 2005, Potlatch Fund has extended more than \$790,000 in funding to Northwest Indian Country.

Watching our grants at work enriches the work we do. [Become a supporter of Potlatch Fund today, and make a difference for generations to come.](#)

Potlatch Fund has the following job opening:

Bookkeeper (part-time)

Overview Bookkeeping for Potlatch Fund a 501-c-3 non-profit Tribal organization. This position will report to the Executive Director. Experience in non-profit bookkeeping desired. [\[MORE\]](#)

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