

INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

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Suquamish Canoe Family on their way to Bella Bella.



The final landing of the 2014 Paddle to Bella Bella hosted by the Heiltsuk Nation on July 13.

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Dana Arviso: Reflections **Heiltsuk Nation in Bella Bella**

Nothing brings us more joy at Potlatch Fund than witnessing our grantees make their dreams a reality. For the 15 canoe families funded through our 2014 Intertribal Canoe Journey grant cycle, many traveled more than 500 miles by canoe to make their way through the Salish Sea, Johnstone Strait, and through the main islands of British Columbia to reach Bella Bella. The Paddle to Bella Bella was hosted by the Heiltsuk Nation and brought together thousands of Tribal and First Nations peoples for the first time in 21 years for Qatuwas, or "people gathering together". The annual event represents many things to many who participate but to all it offers a reconnection to other Tribal people, the environment, culture and tradition, the relationship to our ancestors. This year's journey was particularly long and challenging for many as some canoes left their home waters as early as June 18 to paddle to the final landing on July 13 followed by a week of protocol. Potlatch Fund's Executive Director Dana Arviso was able to participate in a short stretch of this journey as she pulled on the Willapa Spirit that traveled from the Lummi Nation to the Tsawout First Nation on Vancouver Island by way of the San Juan Islands.

For those of you who made the long journey, stop by [our Facebook page](#) and share a photo or a story from your experience. For those of you interested in learning more, there is additional media content available on Facebook at [Longhouse Media](#), [Tribal Journeys](#), and [OneFeather](#), and in news stories at [Huffington Post](#) and [Indian Country Today Media Network](#).

2014 Fall Grant Cycle NOW OPEN

Cycle Closes: Friday, July 25

Potlatch Fund's grantmaking program is designed to honor projects Tribal members believe will transform and strengthen



Malibu Raven
Alison Bremner (Tlingit)
2013 Native Arts Grantee

their communities. Our grantmaking program offers up to \$5,000 in financial support to qualifying groups and individuals.

Native Arts Projects that are working to revitalize endangered Native art forms, practices, and knowledge through inter-generational opportunities (only grant where individuals may apply) [Download the application [HERE](#)].

Language Preservation & Education Projects that are working to preserve, document, and teach Native languages and education based initiatives [Download the application [HERE](#)].

Community Building Projects that nurture a sense of community among Native people with priority given to applications that establish leadership opportunities for youth [Download the application [HERE](#)].

2014 Fall Cycle

OPEN

Tuesday, June 24

CLOSE

Friday, July 25

Award Checks

Issued in early October



Native Professional and Friends
Night at the HUB Seattle

Native Professionals and Friends Night

Tuesday, August 5 - Mithun | Pier 56

Please join Potlatch Fund and Sealaska for **Native Professionals and Friends Night**: an evening of delightful conversation, delicious appetizers, and refreshments.

We recognize the importance of bringing people together to share our stories and experiences. Our intent is to generate deeper connections and conversation among Native professionals and the extended community.

All are welcome, event is 21+, to attend and build relationships with Seattle's Native community.

\$25.00 suggested donation will benefit Potlatch Fund and support the work we undertake in Northwest Indian Country.

[Register online here](#) and join us and our gracious host Mithun.

MITHUN

6:00PM ~ 7:30PM

Sponsored, in part, by



2014 Fundraising Gala

Early Bird Pricing Ends Tuesday, September 30



Our Annual Fundraising Gala will be held on Saturday, November 1. The Gala, a Northwest Signature Event, raises the profile of the Native community and highlights the innovative work being



*Bison Top Sirloin!
NEW menu option for 2014!*



*Get your seats now via
[PayPal](#) or [registration form](#)
And remember to
at the [book your room!](#)*

undertaken by Tribes and Native nonprofits.

\$125 per seat if purchased **before** Wednesday, October 1, 2014.
\$150 per seat if purchased **after** Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Gala attendees can enjoy:

- » Pre and post dinner networking receptions
- » Native art silent auction
- » Dinner celebrating traditional and local foods
- » Cultural performances
- » Presentation of the Leadership Honoring Awards
- » Presentation of the Philanthropist of the Year Award
- » Presentation of the Social Innovation Award

Purchase your seats **today** to ensure **Early Bird pricing** and availability via [PayPal](#) or complete the [registration form](#).

[Sponsorship](#) and [Table Host](#) opportunities are also available.



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for generations to come.*

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You can help Potlatch Fund strengthen Tribal communities and Native organizations through contributions of your time, talent, and treasure. Learn more about our mission, and how to get involved, by visiting our [website](#) or calling 206.624.6076.

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