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Under the 2014 Spring Grant Cycles 26 grants, totaling \$87,500, were awarded in the areas of:

- » Community Building
- » Native Arts
- » Language Preservation and Education

Grants were made in all four states that comprise our service area: Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho. Learn more about our grantees by clicking the posters above or visiting the [grants section](#) of our website.

These Tribes, organizations, and Native artists, many of which will be familiar to you - as they are the leaders and innovators within Northwest Indian Country, are lifting the profile of Native projects, revitalizing endangered arts and languages, and making their communities better on every level.

The Potlatch Fund Board of Directors raise their hands up to the 2014 Spring Grantees. And in the spirit of the potlatch, they acknowledge the funding sources that made these awards possible:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Two foundations that wish to remain anonymous
- An anonymous donor

- Contributions made in conjunction with our 2013 Gala
- Proceeds from our 2013 Silent Auction, and

Donations from people just like you - people who are invested in Northwest Indian Country.

Thank you!

Ramona Bennett - Leadership Honoring Awardee **Pearl Capoeman-Baller Civic Participation Award**



*Ramona Bennett
Puyallup Tribe*

Ramona Bennett is a longtime and prominent leader from the Puyallup Tribe. A pioneering activist on behalf of Indian fishing rights, she co-founded the Survival of American Indians Association in 1964, an organization that helped bring local “fish-ins” to national prominence.

Bennett was elected to the Puyallup Tribal Council in 1968, and elected as Tribal Chairwoman in 1971, a position she held until 1978. In addition to her fishing rights advocacy, she participated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building in Washington, DC in 1972 and helped take over Tacoma’s Cushman Hospital in 1976.

Bennett earned an MA in Education from the University of Puget Sound in 1981, and received an honorary Doctorate of Public Affairs from the school in 2000. In 2003, the Native Action Network awarded her with its Enduring Spirit Award.

[View Past Awardees](#)

Native Professionals and Friends Night **Thank you Mithun, Sealaska, and Hilliard's Beer**



Potlatch Fund hosted its 4th Native Professionals and Friends Night on Tuesday, August 05, 2014 at Mithun at Pier 56 on the waterfront in Seattle. Modeled after similar events in Portland and Denver, this event seeks to bring together Native people from across different sectors of our community to gather after work in a professional setting, broaden their networks, and learn about Potlatch Fund’s grant and training opportunities. We had a great turnout to enjoy the amazing summer weather with approximately 30 Native professionals attending from the philanthropic, nonprofit, legal, business, education, and arts sectors.



*Native Professional
and Friends Night*

Based on the success of these networking events, Potlatch Fund is seeking other Native organizations as sponsoring partners for future events. We anticipate that our next Native Professionals & Friends Night will be in early December with a holiday theme so look for details in future newsletters or on our website under the [“Events”](#) tab.

We thank our key sponsors Mithun and Sealaska Corporation as

at Mithun

well as our gracious host Hilliard's Beer for providing select beverages. And of course, we thank all of you for coming out and joining us!

2014 Fundraising Gala

Early Bird Pricing Ends Tuesday, September 30



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!](#)

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 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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Potlatch Fund today,
and make a difference
for generations to come.

Strengthening Community Through Philanthropy

Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

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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