

11 YEARS OF GIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

2013 GALA

Fourth Silent Auction



A Northwest Signature Event



Leadership Honoring Awards

Since 2005 Potlatch Fund has recognized Native leaders at our Annual Gala. The 2013 recipients are *(left to right)*:



Annette Bryan (Puyallup)

·The Antone Minthorn Economic & Community Development Award

Levina Wilkins (Yakama)

·The Fran James Cultural Preservation Award

Virginia Beavert, PhD. (Yakama)

·The Patricia Whitefoot Education Award

Deborah Parker (Tulalip / Yaqui)

·The Pearl Capoeman-Baller Civic Participation Award

Robert Elofson (Lower Elwha)

·The Billy Frank Jr. Natural Resource Protection Award

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Silent Auction Raises Record Amount



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of Native artists and authors!

The Board and Staff would like to thank the many artists, authors, and organizations that supported the 2013 Silent Auction.

The primary goal for the silent auction is to introduce and promote emerging Native Artists to the larger community. For 2013 we had original prints, carved paddles, cultural experiences, signed books...and much, much, more

In all 64 items were on display during the Networking Reception and a record amount of \$13,005 was raised. The funds will be used exclusively to support the two 2014 Native Arts Grant Cycles.

Every year we are humbled by the support given by those who contribute to our silent auction. Their support really provides us with the energy and motivation to make each Gala better and better...**Thank you!**

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An Evening of Culture and Tradition

Among Northwest Coastal tribes, a potlatch is a coming together, in ceremony, celebration, and giving. Potlatches have always embodied the best of what Native culture personifies and



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embodied the best of what Native culture personifies, and strengthen community ties, with food, song, and above all else, sharing.

As a way of honoring the spirit of the potlatch, the annual Potlatch Gala brings together leaders from Tribal and grassroots organizations, foundations, corporations, and individual community members.

Members of the Tulalip Tribes opened the Dinner portion of the evening with a Welcome Song. Following the invocation and moment of silence, members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz performed a Feather Dance. And later in the evening a group of Yakama youth performed in honor of this year's Leadership Awardees.

With your help we raised **\$110,000** on the evening. Proceeds from the 2013 Gala directly support Northwest Indian Country in the form of capacity building trainings and grants. Giving back and honoring the tradition of community is at the heart of our work.



Tribes and Native Nonprofits Making a Difference

Nisqually Indian Tribe

Philanthropist of the Year

A Tradition of Helping Others in Times of Need.

The Nisqually Indian Tribe continues the Native American tradition of sharing with and contributing to the local community through the Nisqually Indian Tribe Charitable Fund and Local Government Program. The Nisqually Tribal Council gives more than \$1.5 million annually to the community - partnering with charitable organization and local government to keep people safe, help children succeed, improve community health, honor veterans, preserve culture, protect the environment, and support dozens of other critical services.

Red Lodge Transition Services

Social Innovation Awardee

Red Lodge Transition Services began as a small group of Native people, known as Native American Religious Service volunteers at the Oregon Department of Corrections. Working beside incarcerated Native Americans, we experienced firsthand the 'revolving door' known as recidivism. Inmates would confide in us, *"I don't have anywhere to go, I don't know what I will do."*

From this small spark, our volunteers crafted our mission and purpose: To prevent incarceration of Native Americans and provide assistance to incarcerated Native Americans who are proactively working toward creating a better life for themselves, their children, and

their communities.

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

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