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2012 Leadership Honoring Awardees

In 2005, Potlatch Fund launched its Leadership Honoring Awards. Named after five outstanding leaders, the awards seek to acknowledge leaders in Northwest Indian Country. The 2012 recipients will be honored at our Tenth Annual Gala. They are:



Fran James, Master Basketweaver, 2005 GALA

Johnpaul Jones (Choctaw / Cherokee)

Antone Minthorn Economic and Community Development Award

Julie Johnson (Lummi)

Pearl Capoeman-Baller Civic Participation Award

Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish)

Billy Frank Jr. Natural Resource Protection Award

Martina Whelshula, PhD (Colville)

Patricia Whitefoot Education Award

Chief Delvis Heath, Sr. (Warm Springs)

Fran James Cultural Preservation Award

2012 Gala - Celebrating Ten Years



The Potlatch Fund Gala is much more than a fundraising event to benefit Northwest Indian Country. It is an opportunity to raise the profile of the Native community, as a whole, and build relationships with Native leaders, Pacific Northwest Tribes, Native-led nonprofits and others invested in Northwest Indian Country.

Participation at our Gala is critical to help us meet the needs of Northwest Indian Country. The Potlatch Fund Gala is true to its roots: money raised will be reinvested in Tribal communities and Native initiatives through our Re-granting Program and Capacity Building Trainings.



Images from the 2011 GALA

Re-granting: In 2011 Potlatch Fund extended its millionth dollar to Northwest Indian Country. We run several grant programs: InterTribal Canoe Journey, Community Building, Native Arts, and our Cedar Tree Fund in which we work with Tribes to purchase old growth cedar trees for cultural purposes. We also provide mini grants to first time applicants who have attended our trainings. Through our grant program, we are able to serve large numbers of individuals.

Capacity Building Trainings: In 2011 over 1,250 individuals attended a Potlatch Fund training or other unique learning experience. Individuals who attend our trainings are poised to become the agents of change and leaders that will strengthen their Nations and communities.

Sponsorship of our 2012 Gala will show your support for the important work Potlatch Fund conducts in partnership with Tribal communities and Native organizations throughout the Northwest.

In the spirit of the potlatch we ask for your support,

The Board and Staff of Potlatch Fund

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2012 Silent Auction

Potlatch Fund is proud to announce the inclusion of a Silent Auction as part of our Tenth Annual Gala. The Silent Auction will be limited to 50 items - highlighting Native artists and experiences in our service area.

Official online promotion of our Third Silent Auction will begin from Tuesday, October 16. Guests of the Gala will be able to view the artwork, and other items, from 5:00PM. This year's Silent Auction will be integrated into the reception area. This will allow all Gala attendees to view the art firsthand. In addition, we anticipate that many of the artists will be on hand during the evening allowing for Gala attendees to mingle with the artists and learn more about the pieces on hand. Finally we have invited artists to place promotional information next to their pieces so that guests may follow-up with the artists directly.

Of course as Gala attendees enjoy the networking reception it is our hope that they will take the opportunity to bid on a unique cultural experience (see left) or beautiful piece of Native art!

- All proceeds from the silent auction will help support our 2013 Native Arts Grant Cycle.
- All artwork will have clearly marked starting bids and parties interested in specific pieces may bid prior to the event by



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2012 Gala Image
Chicken Dancer

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in Northwest Indian Country.

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