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FACT SHEET: Executive Order on Climate Preparedness

President Obama Establishes a Task Force on Climate

“We're going to need to get prepared. And that's why this plan will also protect critical sectors of our economy and prepare the United States for the impacts of climate change that we cannot avoid. States and cities across the country are already taking it upon themselves to get ready... And we'll partner with communities seeking help to prepare for droughts and floods, reduce the risk of wildfires, protect the dunes and wetlands that pull double duty as green space and as natural storm barriers.” – President Barack Obama, June 25, 2013

Today, President Obama established a Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience to advise the Administration on how the Federal Government can respond to the needs of communities nationwide that are dealing with the impacts of climate change. The Task Force members include state, local and tribal leaders from across the country who will use their first-hand experiences in building climate preparedness and resilience in their communities to inform their recommendations to the Administration.

The President signed an Executive Order that directs Federal agencies to take a series of steps to make it easier for American communities to strengthen their resilience to extreme weather and prepare for other impacts of climate change.

President Obama has said that we have a moral obligation to our children and future generations to leave them a planet that is not polluted or damaged. That is why in June, the President launched a Climate Action Plan to cut carbon pollution, prepare communities for the impacts of climate change, and lead international efforts to address this global challenge. The Climate Action Plan recognizes that even as we act to curb the carbon pollution that is driving climate change, we must also improve our ability to prepare for the climate impacts we are already seeing across the country. Across America, states, cities, and communities are taking steps to protect themselves from extreme weather and other climate impacts by updating building codes, adjusting the way they manage natural resources, investing in more resilient infrastructure, and planning for rapid recovery from damages that nonetheless occur.

The Federal Government has an important role to play in supporting community-based preparedness and resilience efforts by establishing policies and prioritizing investments that promote preparedness, protecting critical infrastructure and public resources, supporting science and research needed to prepare for climate impacts, and ensuring that Federal operations and facilities continue to protect and serve citizens in a changing climate.

State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience

State, local and tribal leaders across the country are already contending with more frequent or severe heat waves, droughts, wildfires, storms and floods, and other impacts of climate change. The Task Force will provide recommendations to the President on removing barriers to resilient investments, modernizing Federal grant and loan programs to better support local efforts, and developing the information and tools they need to prepare.

Task Force members comprise governors, mayors, county officials and tribal leaders, representing a diverse range of communities. The members of the Task Force include:

State Officials:

Governor Neil Abercrombie (HI)
Governor Jerry Brown (CA)
Governor Eddie Calvo (GU)
Governor Jay Inslee (WA)
Governor Jack Markell (DE)
Governor Martin O'Malley (MD)
Governor Pat Quinn (IL)
Governor Peter Shumlin (VT)

Local Officials:

Mayor Ralph Becker (Salt Lake City, UT)
Mayor James Brainard (Carmel, IN)
Commissioner Paula Brooks (Franklin County, OH)
Supervisor Salud Carbajal (Santa Barbara County, CA)
Mayor Frank Cownie (Des Moines, IA)
Mayor Bob Dixson (Greensburg, KS)
Mayor Eric Garcetti (Los Angeles, CA)
Mayor George Heartwell (Grand Rapids, MI)
Mayor Kristin Jacobs (Broward County, FL)
Mayor Kevin Johnson (Sacramento, CA)
Mayor Michael Nutter (Philadelphia, PA)
Mayor Annise Parker (Houston, TX)
Mayor Patsy Parker (Perdido Beach, AL)
Mayor Madeline Rogero (Knoxville, TN)
Mayor Karen Weitkunat (Fort Collins, CO)
Mayor Dawn Zimmer (Hoboken, NJ)

Tribal Officials:

Karen Diver, Chairwoman, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MN)
Reggie Joule, Mayor, Northwest Arctic Borough (AK)

An Executive Order to Protect Our Communities

The Obama Administration has taken significant steps to strengthen the climate resilience of America's communities and economy. More than 30 Federal agencies developed their first-ever Climate Change Adaptation Plans, outlining strategies to protect their operations, programs, and investments to better serve communities and safeguard our public resources in the face of climate change. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the Administration has provided resources to rebuild the affected area to be more resilient than before, including support for more climate-resilient roads and infrastructure, and projects that protect drinking water and buffer communities from flooding. In addition, Federal agencies have partnered with states, cities, tribes, and the private sector to develop strategies to address the impacts of climate change on our freshwater resources, oceans and coasts, and wildlife. Agencies have also built new, data-driven tools to help decision makers and resource managers map and plan for future sea level rise. From Florida to Minnesota, and from Alaska to New York, Federal agencies have partnered with communities to provide funding and technical assistance to address local climate impacts such as sea level rise, flooding, and water scarcity.

To build on this progress, the Executive Order (E.O.) "Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change," signed today directs Federal agencies to:

- **Modernize Federal programs to support climate-resilient investments:** Agencies will examine their policies and programs and find ways to make it easier for cities and towns to build smarter and stronger. Agencies will identify and remove any barriers to resilience-focused actions and investments— for example, policies that encourage communities to rebuild to past standards after disasters instead of to stronger standards – including through agency grants, technical assistance, and other programs in sectors from transportation and water management to conservation and disaster relief.
- **Manage lands and waters for climate preparedness and resilience:** America's natural resources are critical to our Nation's economy, health and quality of life. The E.O. directs agencies to identify changes that must be made to land- and water-related policies, programs, and regulations to strengthen the climate resilience of our watersheds, natural resources, and ecosystems, and the communities and economies that depend on them. Federal agencies will also evaluate how to better promote natural storm barriers such as dunes and wetlands, as well as how to protect the carbon sequestration benefits of forests and lands to help reduce the carbon pollution that causes climate change.
- **Provide information, data and tools for climate change preparedness and resilience:** Scientific data and insights are essential to help communities and businesses better understand and manage the risks associated with extreme weather and other impacts of climate change. The E.O. instructs Federal agencies to work together and with information users to develop new climate preparedness tools and information that state, local, and private-sector leaders need to make smart decisions. In keeping with the President's Open Data initiative, agencies will also make extensive Federal climate data accessible to the public through an easy-to-use online portal.
- **Plan for climate change related risk:** Recognizing the threat that climate change poses to Federal facilities, operations and programs, the E.O. builds on the first-ever set of Federal agency adaptation plans released earlier this year and directs Federal agencies to

develop and implement strategies to evaluate and address their most significant climate change related risks.

To implement these actions, the E.O. establishes an interagency Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, chaired by the White House and composed of more than 25 agencies. To assist in achieving the goals of the E.O., these agencies are directed to consider the recommendations of the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.

Introduction

The **Native American Scholarships Fund** is an endowment established to foster a sense of shared purpose and positive interaction between archaeologists and Native Americans. Scholarships are open to all Native peoples from anywhere in the Americas, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous Pacific Islanders.

Since 1998, the SAA has used the endowment income to award the annual Arthur C. Parker Scholarship in support of archaeological training for Native Americans who are students or employees of tribal, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian cultural preservation programs. National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarships for Archaeological Training for Native Americans and Native Hawaiians are also awarded through the Native American Scholarships Committee. In 2009, the SAA added two new awards in support of undergraduate and graduate archaeology education.

Support for these scholarships comes in several ways: through individual donations, an annual silent auction at the SAA meetings, book royalties, and grants. For questions about the applications process or to make a donation, please contact the Committee Chair.

The following competitive scholarships are currently offered:

SAA Arthur C. Parker Scholarship or NSF Scholarship for Archaeological Training

To support archaeological training or a research program for Native American students or employees of tribal cultural preservation programs (up to \$5,000).

SAA Native American Undergraduate Archaeology Scholarship

To support undergraduate studies for Native American students, including but not limited to tuition, travel, food, housing, books, supplies, equipment, and child care (up to \$5,000).

SAA Native American Graduate Archaeology Scholarship

To support graduate studies for Native American students, including but not limited to tuition, travel, food, housing, books, supplies, equipment, and child care (up to \$10,000).

Application **Download:** [2014 Application](#) (Word Document)

Annual Application Deadline: Complete applications must be received by **December 16th**

History

The SAA first created the Native American Scholarships Fund in 1988 to support Native people who are interested in studying archaeology. However, it took nearly a decade for the NASF to grow large enough to support an annual award: in 1997 the SAA Board established a Native American Scholarship program to be funded by the NASF.

The scholarship is named in honor of the SAA's first president, Arthur C. Parker, who served from 1935 to 1936. Parker was of Seneca ancestry through his father's family, and he spent his first 11 years on the Cattaraugus Reservation in western New York. His professional contributions included research in archaeology, cultural anthropology, and history, as well as public education and the development of museum anthropology. Parker was also involved in contemporary social and political issues that affected Native Americans.

In 1995, the Native American Scholarships Committee was reorganized, with Larry J. Zimmerman appointed as chair. By this time, the NASF had grown to support a modest, biannual scholarship award. The committee recommended that the SAA Executive Board immediately establish a Native American scholarship program to support training in archaeological methods for enrolled students or tribal cultural preservation personnel and that a second Native American scholarship program be established to support graduate education when sufficient funding became available. The committee recommended a fund-raising campaign to achieve this. At the 1997 SAA annual meeting, the Executive Board accepted these recommendations and established fund-raising procedures.

The Arthur C. Parker Scholarship now provides up to \$4,000 to support training in archaeological methods and cultural resource management, including fieldwork, analytical techniques, and curation for Native Americans and Native Hawaiians enrolled as high school seniors, college undergraduates, and graduate students, or who work in tribal or Native Hawaiian cultural preservation programs. Individuals may apply, or a professor, a cultural preservation supervisor, or an SAA member may nominate them. In addition, each year since 1998, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a grant to the SAA for three people who apply for the Parker Scholarship. The SAA added two new awards in 2009, in support of undergraduate and graduate archaeology education.

This history is excerpted and edited from: Smart, Tristine Lee, and Joe Watkins (1997) Arthur C. Parker Scholarship for Native Americans and Native Hawaiians Debuts. SAA Bulletin 15(4):20; (1999) SAA Native American Scholarship Programs and Fundraising Activities for the Native American Scholarship Fund. SAA Bulletin 17(1):12.

Nevada Broadband Summit - Learning in the Digital Space

November 18, 2013

In collaboration with the Nevada Broadband Task Force
University of Nevada, Reno Ballroom

9:00 a.m. Registration Opens & Provider Expo

- Breakfast & Networking
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
Lindsey Niedzielski, Connect Nevada
- 10:20 a.m. Opening Remarks
Dale Erquiaga, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 10:30 a.m. Task Force Report
Nevada Broadband Task Force
- 11:00 a.m. Social Media Panel
Donica Mensing, Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Reno
Daphne DeLeon, Division Administrator, Nevada State Libraries
Joe DeLappe, Professor, University of Nevada, Reno
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Service
- 12:30 p.m. Lunchtime Speaker
Blair Levin, Communications and Society Fellow, Aspen Institute
- 1:00 p.m. Tablets/Interactive Devices
Kim Vidoni, Education Programs Professional, Department of Education
Robert Sidford, 21st Century Learning Coordinator, Washoe County SD
Loretta Asay, Coordinator Instructional Technology, Clark County SD
LeAnn Morris, Technology Integration Specialist, Carson City SD
- 2:00 p.m. Break---Sponsored by CenturyLink
- 2:15 p.m. Broadband and Education
Spencer Watson, Education SuperHighway
Scott Lommori, Director of Testing and Technology, Lyon County SD
- 3:15 p.m. Broadband Hero Awards
- 3:30 p.m. Broadband & Education
Anne Neville, Director, NTIA State Broadband Initiatives

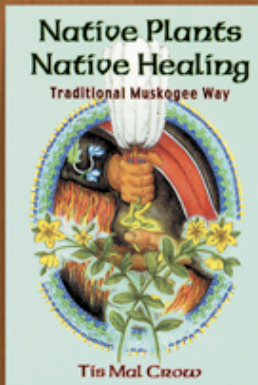


NATIVE PLANTS

The Healing Power of Plants

www.nativevoicesbooks.com

Native Plants, Native Healing Traditional Muskogee Way



Tis Mal Crow (Cherokee/Hitchiti) had worked with tribal elders since childhood studying the medicinal uses of plants and traditional Native root-doctoring techniques. The information shared in this book was passed down to him by elders as it had been passed down to them and their ancestors for thousands of years.

Readers will find practical knowledge about Eastern woodland plants. The author shares his insights and experiences on the best ways to respectfully harvest and shows how to make tinctures, liniments, lotions, teas, oils, and salves. Attention is also given to the problem of over harvesting popular plants.

Illustrated and indexed by plant name and medical topic.

Tis Mal Crow also worked with other indigenous healers and herbal groups internationally to promote the medicinal uses of herbs and the conservation of the wild habitat needed to sustain the growth of medicinal herbs.

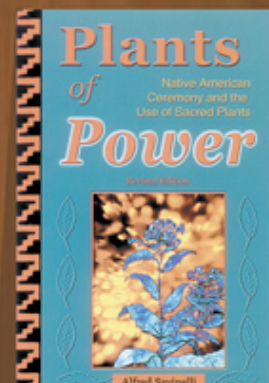
ISBN: 9781570671050 Author: Tis Mal Crow Price: \$12.95 Page Count: 144

Plants of Power Native American Ceremony and the Use of Sacred Plants

This guide to the sacred plants traditionally used by Native Americans and other indigenous people is an excellent tool for those seeking to connect more fully with the mysterious world of plants, animals, and Spirit. For thousands of years plants have been used to heal physical and spiritual ailments.

Highlighted here are 14 significant plants, with information on their properties, growing conditions, and medicinal applications, along with descriptions of Native American ceremonies and rituals in which these plants play a central role. Alfred Savinelli has wild crafted plants for more than 25 years and is an active defender of plant rights and indigenous wisdom.

ISBN: 9781570671302 Author: Alfred Savinelli Price: \$11.95 Page Count: 128



Housing Announcements (Sorry, rec'd 10.30)

This one requires \$2,500. But there is a lot of subsidy for travel etc.

The Tribal Housing Excellence Academy application submittal date has been extended to Friday, November 15, 2013.

Native Home Capital and Rural Community Assistance Corporation would like to invite those who are currently working to submit an application to the Tribal Housing Excellence Academy to attend this conference call to address any questions you may have in regards to the application or any questions related to THE Academy program.

The conference call will be held on October 30th at 1:00 PM Pacific time and 2:00 PM Mountain time. The call in number is the following:
Conference Call in number: 1-866-906-0123
Conference Call Participant Code: 3085814#

Applications for THE Academy are available on the RCAC website home page: www.rcac.org and Native Home Capital website: www.nativehomecapital.com Completed applications are due by Friday, November 15, 2013.

Applications should be submitted to Pam Higgins, Rural Planning and Capacity Building Manager at phiggins@rcac.org. She can also be reached at 406-366-0902.

Free, but you must register and is mandatory if you are applying for tax credits in January.

2014 State of New Mexico Qualified Allocation Plan Training Registration *Registration is now open*

WHAT: 2014 QAP Training
WHEN: November 7, 2013 8:30 a.m. to noon.
WHERE: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 St. NW, Albuquerque
HOW: Go to <http://www.housingnm.org/qap-training>

Registration is now open for the 2014 State of New Mexico Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) training. This workshop is essential to the successful submission of a Low Income Housing Tax Credit application. A representative of the participating nonprofit, local, state, or tribal governmental instrumentality must attend this training in order for their proposed project to be eligible for points for *Nonprofit, New Mexico Housing Authority, or local Tribally Designated Housing Entity Participation* (Project Selection Criteria #1).

Topics covered will include application standards and scoring, common application errors and changes to the QAP.

Attendees must register by October 30th.

If you plan to attend the training and need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please make a note on your registration form or contact the MFA office at 505-843-6880 before October 30th and provide contact name.

For additional information, contact Dan Foster at: dfoster@housingnm.org or (505) 843-6880.

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## Indian Home Mortgages Underfunded in 2012

Mark Fogarty

10/28/13

Indian Country Today

Nearly one in two American Indians who applied for a mortgage last year didn't get the money, federal data show.

About \$7.5 billion in home finance was extended to American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2012, according to yearly numbers lenders were required to file by the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA). But another \$5.6 billion in applications were unfunded, making the positive/negative ratio 56 per cent approved and 44 per cent unfunded.

Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (like natives of Guam and American Samoa) received a slightly smaller dollar volume of loans last year than Indians, but their funded ratio is higher. They got \$7.4 billion in mortgages with a 60 percent approval rate. Native Hawaiians saw \$4.8 billion in mortgages not funded.

Both Native groups had a smaller funded ratio than the national average, which was 64 percent.

"Unfunded" does not mean that the loan was actively denied by a lender. Other examples of unfunded loans are when an application is incomplete or withdrawn by the borrower.

More than 7,000 mortgage lenders filed HMDA reports last year with the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, which supervises HMDA compliance. The Council is a unit of the Federal Reserve and other government agencies. More than 2,600 lenders reported making loans to Indians/Alaska Natives, while about 2,000 said they made loans to Native Hawaiians.

Wells Fargo Bank made the most loans to Indians last year, at copy billion, HMDA data show. It was well ahead of the next largest lender, Bank of America, with \$400 million, and taking the bronze was JPMorgan Chase at \$361 million. Wells was also the largest lender to Native Hawaiians, at \$900 million.

California was a bright spot for Indian mortgages last year. About \$2 billion, or more than 25 percent of the national total, was extended to Indians both on and off the more than 90 rancherias in the state. The funded rate in the Golden State was 60 percent, higher than the national average for Indians.

Looking at other state comparisons, some states saw big favorable funded/unfunded ratios for Indians, traditionally one of the most underserved populations. While the ratios were negative in North Carolina, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Maine and Louisiana, other states had highly favorable ratios of up to more than 2 to 1. Alaska, for instance, had \$249 million in mortgages for Indians (Native Alaskans are counted in the "Indian" total) with just \$23 million in denials, South Dakota, a state with a large Indian population but traditionally a mortgage desert, showed \$29 million in approvals versus just \$3 million in unfunded. **New Mexico, another state with a significant Indian population, also had a favorable ratio, at \$39 million funded and \$30 million unfunded.**

### MFA Job Opening

This is a key staff position within MFA's Housing Development Department. Working knowledge of current commercial lending practice required and knowledge of federal, state and local housing programs preferred. Strong preference for construction lending experience. Must be analytical and have strong decision making abilities.

Qualified applicants will possess a bachelor's degree in a related field; master's degree preferred. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in the commercial/real estate loan underwriting, lending and credit analysis, real estate development and finance or related fields. MFA offers a generous salary and benefit package.

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) is a non-profit, quasi-governmental organization that provides funding and financing for affordable housing to New Mexicans statewide.

Apply online or Send resume, salary history, and professional references to:  
Human Resources Director 344 Fourth St. SW Alb, NM 87102. Fax: 505-243-3289.

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**December 6 Deadline** - Fellowship in Native American Studies - American Studies, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Fellowship carries limited teaching duties, and opportunities for scholarly research and professional development. Ph.D. must be received before July 2014 and preferably since 2010. Annual stipend of \$45,000, research/travel funds and health insurance. Renewable for a second year. For information click [here](#).

**December 6 Deadline** - Class of 2014/2015 I.H.S. Injury Prevention Program Development Fellowship. For information about program requirements and curriculum contact your I.H.S. Area Injury Prevention or Nancy Bill, I.H.S. Injury Prevention Program Manager, via [email](#).

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**[Reclaiming stewardship over all unoccupied Crown land westcoastnative.com](#)**  
**[Professor of aboriginal law says staking a claim to public land on Saturday will be symbolic](#)**  
**[Members of the Elsipogtog First Nation will](#)**

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**To:** [RenoFreecycle@yahoo.com](#)

**Subject:** [RenoFreecycle] Offer: Teaching materials (Calle De La Plata/Talking Sparrow 89441)  
Retired from teaching at private, academic-based preschool and elementary. Books ranging from animals, seasons, solar system/space, holidays, weather, etc. There are puppets, academic-based "games" and binders of sheet music. Pictures are posted but all items are pictured here! Will send additional photos upon request. Total of 9 boxes and one plastic file box. Please feel free to ask your questions. MUST TAKE ALL BOXES!

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*Secretary of the @ [109464015773955:274:U.S. Department of the Interior] Sally Jewell gave a moving speech yesterday about the importance of protecting our lands and waterways and she promised that she will take action if Congress is too gridlocked to make it happen.*

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**[State Indian Commission honors Nevadans at Nov. 2 American Indian Achievement Awards Banquet](#)**  
**[The Nevada Indian Commission will honor four Nevadans at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City... carsonnow.o](#)**