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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS Save the Date -- 16th National Tribal Preservation Conference

NATHPO announces that the 16th National Tribal Preservation Conference (16th Annual NATHPO Meeting) will be the week of September 8, 2014, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More information to follow.

Gary Dorr is joining the **Reject and Protectencampment in DC** later this month top rotect the land for future generations by standing



up against the <u>#KeystoneXL</u> tar sands pipeline.

Can you chip in to help make the event as big as possible? Donate here: <u>http://bit.ly/</u>

Announcing Interior's New Mitigation Strategy

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Today, the Interior Department issued a <u>strategy</u> that will help advance landscape-scale, sciencebased management of public lands and wildlife. It is an exciting milestone that lays out key principles and actions necessary to successfully shift from a project-by-project approach to a broader landscape approach to overseeing lands and resources on behalf of the American people.

I encourage you to watch this <u>short video</u> to learn more this blueprint and how it can help lay the foundation for improved development and conservation outcomes.

This strategy builds on initiatives that have begun across the country to avoid development conflicts and improve conservation outcomes. This includes the Western Governors' Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool that provides a high-level overview of important wildlife habitat in 16 Western states. The tool will help project proponents during the pre-planning stage and, ultimately, reduce costs, conflicts and surprises during development while ensuring wildlife values are better incorporated into land use decision-making.

At Interior, we are already working to implement forward-thinking, collaborative planning into land management. Examples include the Crown of the Continent and Everglades restoration programs, developing a "Smart from the Start" offshore wind energy strategy, and establishing Solar Energy Zones in six western states.

Through advances in science and technology, advance planning, and collaboration with stakeholders, we know that development and conservation can both benefit – and that's the win-win this mitigation strategy sets out to achieve.

State Department awards Ho-Chunk division record \$80 million contract

WINNEBAGO, Neb. | A Ho-Chunk Inc. subsidiary has been awarded a record \$80 million contract with the U.S. State Department to help enhance domestic and international security.

The award is the single largest annual federal contract in the history of All-Native Group, Ho-Chunk's federal services contracting division. To handle the increased work, the number of employees at Ho-Chunk's Washington D.C. offices will increase significantly, according to a news release Wednesday. Ho-Chunk is the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's economic development corporation. Tribal Chairman John Blackhawk said the new contract will be a great opportunity for the tribe.

"Revenue from these government contracts has made a big impact in the community providing jobs, housing, an internship and scholarship program as well as helping the tribe move forward in their goals," Blackhawk said in a statement.

The \$80 million contract calls for All Native to provide program management and administrative support to the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. The work involves the department's ongoing effort to upgrade security domestically and at its overseas facilities in order to better protect personnel, property and national security information.

All Native will provide training to Department of State agents and other employees of the diplomatic agency.

A total of 225 personnel will be employed over a three-year period as a result of the federal contract. The support is predominantly located at the domestic DOS facilities, but will also support and train personnel globally, which includes more than 260 Foreign Service posts worldwide.

All Native will employ physical security specialists, many types of subject matter experts, investigative professionals, financial managers, cyber professionals, as well as other personnel in professional support fields for these courses. To enhance the level of training, the Ho-Chunk division will work to employ instructors who have recently returned from high-threat areas.

Ho-Chunk also announced that another of its subsidiaries was awarded a \$5.4 million federal contract under the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) Human Resources Directorate. The subsidiary, Ho-Chunk Technical Solutions, will provide labor, supervision and quality control to provide comprehensive administrative and professional HR support services.

The contract calls for Ho-Chunk Technical Solutions to employ 11 people over three years, primarily at the Pentagon, the Mark Center and various WHS-leased facilities in Virginia, just outside Washington.

Tribe banks on syrup for sweet relief from poverty By DAVID SHARP AP PRENTISS TOWNSHIP, Maine (AP) -- The members of the Passamaquoddy tribe have looked under their feet for a bottled water plant and have turned to the sky for a wind farm. But it's the forest that will be the first to deliver as the impoverished tribe seeks to become one of the biggest maple syrup operations in Maine.

The tribe, which owns 60,000 acres of land near the Canadian border in western Maine, has big plans for the syrup operation deep in the woods. Operating this season with nearly 3,000 taps, the tribe plans to expand over the next three years to 60,000.

The goal isn't to create a maple syrup empire, but rather to bring hope and stability to a tribe with soaring joblessness and poverty, said Indian Township Chief Joseph Socobasin.

"It creates an opportunity that we've never had," Socobasin said of the operation, one of several economic development projects underway for a tribe with unemployment topping 60 percent.

The project falls in line with a tribal movement nationwide to get beyond casinos and federal dollars to create self-sustaining operations that can create spinoff jobs, said Carl Artman, a Milwaukee-based lawyer who advises tribes on economic development. Across the country, tribes are getting into oil and gas operations and real estate development. In Florida, for instance, the Seminoles own the popular Hard Rock brand.

For the Passamaquoddies, the syrup project is appealing because of tribal roots. Native Americans were making maple syrup long before the first European settlers arrived. It's also attractive because it's a renewable resource and allows tribal members to spend time with nature.

The land is true wilderness, covered in 3 feet of snowpack even in April and teeming with moose, deer and lynx. There's even a bear den among the tapped trees.

"It goes back to our ancestors. Our ancestors did this," said Marie Harnois, who's in charge of the operation. "It will create employment year after year and hopefully make a profit for our tribe."



On a recent day, 5 miles of bright green tubes running from tree to tree stood out against a white backdrop of snowy forest. The tubes collect sap from several thousand maple trees, transporting clear liquid that will eventually be transformed into sweet amber syrup.

It's a modern operation with a generator and pump to keep sap flowing and reverse-osmosis equipment to create concentrated sap, which is certified as organic, Harnois said.

This season, the sap is being boiled down to syrup by a third party. Next year, the tribe will have its own equipment to make and bottle the syrup, she said. The tribe is working on a name for the syrup, which will be distributed globally. Wholesale rates were roughly \$35 to \$40 a gallon in recent years.

Eventually, the operation will support a dozen jobs. Coupled with its other projects, the tribe hopes the jobs will add up and the operations will contribute revenue to tribal operations.

Larry Libby, one of the crew members, said work is hard to come by back home in Indian Township, and he's happy to have a job.

"I can see this job going a lot further than where we are now," said Libby, 24. "So there's a lot of room for building."

The tribe is also in the final stage of negotiations with investors to build a bottled water plant 200 miles from the syrup operation, and it's reviving plans for a wind power project. The tribe also has a blueberry operation, and it hasn't given up the dream of operating a casino, either.

For the Passamaquoddies, it's all about creating jobs to keep tribal members from having to leave Indian Township and Pleasant Point, the ancestral homeland where more than 2,000 tribal members live.

For the maple syrup project, the tribe tapped a \$1.5 million federal grant to get the operation started. The first of three installments came through in December.

"With all of those pieces coming together, I think we could have a significant impact on the number of people who are unemployed," Socobasin said. "It gives our members some options."

CELEBRATING LIFE! 2014

Southern Nevada residents age 50 and better are invited to enter the annual Celebrating Life! juried fine art competition. Entry is free, limited to one work per artist. Entries are due April 22-23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St. See the brochure for all the details.

Webinar Series: How to Prepare to Access Capital for Your Small Business

SBA and Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp. have teamed up for a webinar series this month to help entrepreneurs learn how to build business credit and how to prepare for a business loan. It's free, but registration is required.

- 5 Steps to Building Business Credit Tuesday, April 22 | 2pm ET
 > Click to register
- Access to Capital: Preparing to Meet Your Lender Wednesday, April 30 | 2pm ET
 <u>> Click to register</u>

You've got just under two weeks to <u>enter</u> on our <u>Facebook page</u> and rally your friends, family and colleagues to <u>vote</u> for your submission. At noon EDT on Earth Day 2014 A April 22 A the photo entry with the most votes will win a \$100 Amazon.com gift card A plus receive a lot of publicity!

What is it?

The mission of the ALove the Earth, Plant a Roof or Wall! A Earth Day Photo

Contest is to create interest in all kinds, styles, and sizes of beautiful living architecture and highlight some outstanding designs. It is designed to be quick, simple, and fun, and basically is a popularity contest among our international readership. Any and all types of greenroofs and greenwalls are eligible, any place on Earth.

All you have to do is submit a stunning photo and tell your friends and colleagues vote for your favorite greenroof or living wall using hashtag **#earthdayphotocontest** in Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! We [A] ll be keeping everyone updated on our Greenroofs.com Facebook Photo Contest page.

Each planted roof or wall needs to visually epitomize its relationship to our planet \overline{A} it needs to show us how it is a living example of loving the Earth \overline{A} in other words, don \overline{A} t just send a close-up of pretty flowers! Show the greenroof or wall in context with its site.

Visit and like us on our <u>Facebook page</u> to see all the details - <u>Enter</u> and <u>Vote</u> by clicking on the Earth Day Photo Contest icon.

Follow the directions and enter a caption for your photo including its name and location [A] tell us *how* it is a living example of loving the Earth and worthy of being an example of forward-thinking sustainable design to let everyone know why they should vote for this particular project photo.

The photo with the most votes will be announced as the winner. The winner will have [Atheir] project highlighted on Greenroofs.com as an upcoming Project of the Week, and we] lf feature you in a Sky Gardens Blog interview so you can really tell us more about this living roof or wall and why you love it so much. And, as a humble token of our esteem, the winner will also receive \$100.Entries will be accepted until 11:59 am EDT on April 22, voting will be allowed from April 7 - April 22 at 11:59 am and the winner will be selected on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 22 [] Earth Day!

Get Going! Start submitting, good luck, and start telling your friends to vote daily! Read my Sky Gardens Blog post about it <u>here</u>.

What better way to Love the Earth than by celebrating ways to tread more lightly, like with greenroofs and walls? And get some awesome exposure for your project, too!

Happy Greening,

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Need to Brush Up on Your Lakota? This App Will Help.

Following right along with the Navajo Keyboard and Ojibway App the Lakota have a new language app to help them communicate in their native tongue. powwows.com

This Tower Pulls Drinking Water Out of Thin Air

Add to April Calendar

April 23 - **2014 Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day**. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hopi Veterans Memorial Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona. For information contact Hopi Veterans Services at (928) 737-1834 or 1836 or email <u>Geno</u>.

April 26 - **Free Medicine Making Workshop**. University of Arizona, College of Education, American Indian Language Development Institute. 10:00 a.m.-noon. Participants will make salve and tea. To RSVP call (520) 621-1068.

April 27 - Native American Training Institute "Healing Addictions through Education, Treatment and Native Traditions". 4th Annual Professional Development Training on Indigenous Prevention/Treatment Strategies on Substance Abuse and Other Drug Related Issues. For information call Beverly at (505) 795-8117. Albuquerque, New Mexico.

April 27 - **Society of American Indian Dentistry Annual Meeting.** Albuquerque, NM. Student Seminar on April 29. For information check the <u>website</u>.

April 28-30 - 11th Annual Construction in Indian Country National Conference,

Chandler.Conference brings together Tribal Leaders, development staff, planners, contractors, and industry experts to explore innovative ways to develop projects in Indian Country. Networking and more. Click here for more information.

Cholla Bud Harvesting Workshop

There are still some spaces available for the next Cholla Bud Harvesting workshop. <u>Sign up</u> today to reserve your place.

In this workshop, ethnobotanist and NS/S Board Member Martha "Muffin" Burgess will show you preserve and cook with cholla buds, a traditional food of the Native peoples of the Sonoran desert.

Friday, April 25 8 - 11 am \$30 - NS/S Members \$40 - Non-members

Visit our website for more details and registration.

Read Martha's article on cholla buds ("A Budding Meal") in the March/April issue of <u>Edible Baja</u> <u>Arizona</u> magazine, available at select outlets in Tucson and surrounding areas.

Community Seed Grant Deadline May 2nd

Do you need seeds for an educational or community gardening project in the Southwest? If so, we encourage you to explore our **Community Seed Grant** program.

Three times a year, NS/S freely distributes seeds to support school gardens and grassroots projects in our region working on hunger, poverty and environmental issues.

The deadline to apply for a Community Seed Grant for summer planting is coming up on May 2nd. Learn more and download an application on our website.

The Desert Gardener: What to Plant?

It's getting closer to planting time for high desert gardeners and others in short-season areas. As you plan your garden, check out these two varieties newly available from the Native Seeds/SEARCH collection.

<u>Navajo Pumpkin</u>, a classic orange pumpkin traditionally dry-farmed in the Big Mountain Area of the Navajo Reservation in northeast Arizona. Produces medium sized round pumpkins weighing between 6-12 pounds.

<u>Tarahumara Epachi Corn</u>, a beautiful and fast maturing popcorn variety. Lovely pearly white kernels with occasional lavender and purple kernels. The 5-6' tall plants produce slender 6" ears.

Choose from these and hundreds of other delicious, diverse varieties <u>on our website</u>. Best wishes for an abundant spring!

Best place to get your garden seeds: "<u>Seed Savers Exchange</u> is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and sharing heirloom seeds. Since 1975, our members have been passing on our garden heritage by collecting and distributing thousands of samples of rare garden seeds to other gardeners."

Seed Savers Exchange - Organic, Heirloom Garden Seed Info & Store

The Spring Edition of the Seed Savers Exchange membership publication is now at the printers and available online. seedsavers.org

World Premiere is October 10 – 13, 2013... www.StandingOnSacredGround.org

Myron Dewey with Aio Ambassadors

Tverview, iPad and equipment overview and what to expect throughout the week.

I would like to thank <u>Heidi Hart</u> for all her hardwork, Bishop Paiute Tribe a all the youth participating in something so new but also familiar, being most kids have smart phones. They took to the iPads like a duck to water.

Monday we will start storyboarding our stories, R/D history about the tribe, language preservation, leadership, several levels of the tribes sovereignty, food sovereignty, entrepreneurship, academic success and most important creatively with animation.

I know what your thinking, wow that is a lot, not even close, our youth are so talented we will even through in Digital Photography and how to incorporate our own music and appropriate cultural songs.

Digital Smoke Signals community initiative is to Bridging the Digital Divide by Indigenizing technology through social media & film, also known as Digital Immersion. Digital Immersion: This is not the answer to replacing any hands on with an elder, only part of the solution to digital language preservation.

Digital Smoke SignalsTrainers: Myron Dewey (Social Media & Film Specialist) <u>Anthony Thosh Collins</u> (Photography)

The City of Reno is pleased to begin accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for placement on an eligibility list as a potential recipient to miscellaneous City-owned, surplus equipment that may become eligible for donation. You may have seen our Legal Notice in the RGJ today, as well as our notification on the City of Reno website. The City is actively seeking applicants through May 12th.

Kris Hansen, Purchasing Technician City of Reno 775-334-2210

Moccasins on the Ground April 25-27 2014 at Red Shirt Village Beautiful Pine Ridge Homelands

What is "non-violent direct action"? How does it work? What role can I fill? How do we build solidarity? What do you mean, "tactics of a blockade"? Learn the roles & responsibilities. What are the tarsands oil mines? What is the KXL pipeline? What threatens my drinking water? What are the White Buffalo Calf Woman's teachings to the Lakota Oyate on sacred water? Strategic Media & How to use it. Basic street medic training. More!!!



NSLA has a new website located at <u>www.nsla.nv.gov</u> with a new look and new content! Congratulations to all the staff for their contributions and to the website migration team for their work in building the website including Cynthia Laframboise, Liz Moore, Teri Mark, Diane Baker, Robbie DeBuff, Kathy Edwards, Hope Williams, Theresa Kenneston, and Diane Lightwood.

The myths of the month, always a popular resource, are up in a new format. There are quick links to key projects and programs on the front page. There is a Nevada Literary Map link off

the resources on the front page. And NSLA has a YouTube channel and a Nevada Reads Facebook page.

Thanks to everyone for their work on the website. It looks great and appears to have been found on the Internet.

Questions? Let me know.

On the News With Thom Hartmann: More Than 100 Scientists and Economists Called on the Obama Administration to Reject Keystone XL, and More

In today's On the News segment: Last week, more than 100 scientists and economists signed on to a letter calling on the Obama administration to reject the tar sands pipeline; Vermont says that residents have a right to know what's in their food; it's only April, but Oklahoma has already had more than 100 earthquakes; and more.

Watch the Video and Read the Transcript

NDNSPORTS.COM (ndnsports) on Twitter

The latest from **NDNSPORTS.COM** (@ndnsports). Founded in 2000, <u>http://t.co/zuJEVwMT</u> has become the largest resource for Native American sports news and profiles of NDN athletes! Visit @ <u>http://t.co/aQ...</u>

Man sentenced for illegally selling eagle feathers at Lawrence home / LJWorld.com

Brian K. Stoner, 33, of Ponca City, Okla., was sentenced to a year on federal probation after... LJWorld.com

This beautiful tiny house looks like an orange and was built for less than \$9,000

Steve Areen built the fruit-inspired orange dome on a Thai mango farm using blocks of compressed dirt. BY HOLLY RICHMOND

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Hi, my name is Taryn Harvey. I am of the Red House People Clan born for the One Who Walks Around Clan. My maternal grandfather is Irish and my paternal grandfather is of the Bitter Water Clan. I am a freshman at Stanford University and work with an organization called **The Phoenix Scholars**. Our purpose is to provide assistance and mentorship to low-income, minority, and/or first-generation juniors in high school to guide them through the college application process for their upcoming senior year and throughout their college careers. The Phoenix Scholars was founded by Michael Tubbs, an African American male from Stockton, CA, while he was a sophomore at Stanford. His vision for the organization was for it to primarily be an asset for Black males in the Bay Area. However, The Phoenix Scholars organization has grown over the years and reached out to a number of minority groups and have made it a primary goal this year to increase the number of our Native American, Alaskan Native, and/or Native Hawaiian applicants.

Thus, every year we reach out to organizations who are actively empowering minority youth to reach higher education. Our goal is to partner with these organizations in order to increase the number of Native American applicants we receive each year and ultimately the number of Native American youth who are attending and succeeding in college each year. If you are interested in learning more about our program and how we help our students access higher education, feel free to contact me through my email: <u>tharvey@stanford.edu</u>. You can also visit our website:<u>www.phoenixscholars.org</u>.

The Phoenix Scholars looks forward to working with you and establishing a relationship to help accomplish this mission. This is a great opportunity to help Native American youth receive a college education.



Latest in suggested Poodle cuts: