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**American Indian
Alaska Native
Heritage Month
November 2017**

Artist Jimmy John Osceola is a Seminole Indian from Florida. His paintings are a window into the Seminole way of life and a reflection of the pride and respect he has for the land and people. Okeechobee in the Seminole language means Big Water.

Okeechobee
Big Water of Life — Water is the Essential Element

Poster contest!

"As in the beginning of our being as Seminoles, water was essential for our survival for food, shelter, clothing, and travel. Today water still is and always will be essential for the survival of all mankind." —Jimmy Osceola

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Calling All Nevada Native American Artists: NRCS Nevada is Looking for Artwork for National 2018 American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster

Poster Contest Winner Takes Home \$2,000!

Reno, Nevada – USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Nevada is conducting a contest for the national 2018 American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster. The winning artist will be awarded **\$2,000** and the poster will be displayed in NRCS offices throughout the nation to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month during November. The submission deadline is **May 11**.

American Indian artists from Nevada tribes are invited to create an original painting that reflects the artist's interpretation of American Indian culture and heritage with the title: **"Mountain Islands and Sagebrush Seas,"** and the theme: **"Creating resilient landscapes through an understanding of heritage, culture and conservation."**

Following are the guidelines:

- Open to American Indian/Alaska Native artists from Nevada tribes.
- Submit one original piece of artwork, 18 by 24 inches, acrylic or oil on canvas.
- Include a brief written narrative about how the artwork relates to the title and theme.
- Winner must sign an agreement allowing NRCS the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the artwork. The artist may keep artwork and agrees to identify that the artwork was used for the NRCS AIAN Heritage Month Poster.

Artwork will be judged on: 1) creativity and originality; 2) portrayal of the heritage and culture of American Indians in Nevada; 3) incorporation of the title and theme and, 4) artistry and skill. Artwork not selected will be returned to the artist. Submit artwork, narrative and contact

information to NRCS, Attention: Patti Novak, 1365 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502. For information contact Patti Novak, (775) 857-8500 X142 or patti.novak@nv.usda.gov.

Background: The USDA NRCS annually recognizes and celebrates the many different cultures to which we have the opportunity to offer our services and programs, including American Indians. November has been designated as American Indian Heritage Month. This provides an opportunity to make people aware of the history of American Indians and their contributions to the world.

One of the ways NRCS nationally celebrates American Indian Heritage Month is by distributing a poster created by an American Indian artist. Each year, an artist in a selected state has the opportunity to exhibit his/her talents and heritage on a national level, and Nevada has been chosen as that state for 2018. For more information, visit: www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov

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Icebergs in Lake Winnipeg (Province of Manitoba, Canada) sometimes have stripes, formed by layers of snow that react to different conditions.

Blue stripes are often created when a crevice in the ice sheet fills up with melt water and freezes so quickly that no bubbles form.

When an iceberg falls into the lake, a layer of water can freeze to the underside. If this is rich in algae, it can form a green stripe.

Brown, black and yellow lines are caused by sediment, picked up when the ice sheet grinds downhill towards the Lake.

Two Conservation RFPs Open www.nevadafund.org

The Truckee River Fund and The Nevada Dream Tags Fund are accepting Requests for Proposals until February 8, 2018, at noon.

Scholarship Season

Please help us spread the word to parents, students, and school counselors.

Just like these happy students who earned scholarships from the Boston Family Scholarship Fund, a student you know might be one of the lucky ones pictured next year. The Community Foundation distributed almost \$400,000 in 2017 with new funds opening for 2018. Apply online by March 1, 2018.

The Boston Family Scholarship, is one of several which rewards students from Nevada studying to pursue a degree in education. www.nevadafund.org

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Give, Love, Laugh Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 1

The Give Love Laugh Scholarship has been created to encourage Girl Talk Leaders to live a passionate and fulfilling life by creating positive change around them. By making a meaningful impact in a community, each individual has the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. In order to apply, set a...

The Nikon Storytellers Scholarship \$10,000

March 01, 2018

Established by Nikon Inc. as part of the brand's 100th anniversary celebration, The Nikon Storytellers Scholarship supports the next generation of visual content creators. The Nikon Storytellers Scholarship is open to undergraduate and graduate students at an accredited, non-profit college/university or vocational/technical school in the United States or Canada pursuing degrees in visual arts, fine arts, journalism, film, photography and multimedia/content creation who will have completed their freshman year of college or academic equivalent before the coming fall.

Eligible students can apply to be one of ten individuals awarded with an academic scholarship of \$10,000 to help foster their growth and pursue careers in creative fields. Semi-finalists will be invited to submit a portfolio of images or brief video for consideration by a selection committee who will determine the ten winning applicants. Scholarships will be awarded for use in the coming academic school year. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

Contact: International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. 1321 Murfreesboro Rd., Suite 800

Gotta Have Sole Scholarship**Application Deadline: March 3**

The Gotta Have Sole scholarship program provides extraordinary teens and young adults in need with the funds to take a step forward. We're awarding up to five \$1,000 scholarships to incoming, first-year students, so they can pursue higher education. Students must be between the ages of 17-22 years old, be entering...

Climate Change Experiment - Melting Permafrost: Scientists at the Permafrost Tunnel Research Facility north of Fairbanks, Alaska say that for the first time in centuries the [Arctic permafrost is changing rapidly. It's warming up](#) and softening like a stick of butter left out on the counter, and that's a big ol' wild card of climate change. All kinds of grasses and trees and creatures that lived on the tundra over the past 100,000 years are buried and preserved down in the permafrost. Since all this life is made of carbon, there's a massive amount of carbon buried, twice as much as is currently in earth's atmosphere. But it's inert because it's frozen.

Years ago, Dr. Thomas Douglas, a geochemist at the US Army Corps of Engineers, wanted to see what happened when it thawed. He warmed up some chunks of permafrost to see. Voila. [Ancient bacteria came back to life and started converting the carbon in the dead plants and animals into gases that cause climate change](#): carbon dioxide and methane. That experiment was in the lab. Scientists have already started seeing signs in northern Alaska of these bacteria waking up, meaning Alaska may have changed from being a net absorber of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere to a net exporter of the gas back to the atmosphere.

BLM sells more than 460 acres of Las Vegas Valley land for \$74.6M

Investors bought more than 460 acres of Las Vegas Valley land at a federal auction this week but also ignored hundreds of acres at the sale.

222 Bird Species Worldwide Now Critically Endangered

John R. Platt, The Revelator

Platt writes: "All told 222 bird species worldwide are now considered critically endangered, putting them one step above extinction."

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Question: **On average, how many times per day does a 4 year old laugh?**

1. 45 times
2. 1200 times
3. 300 times
4. 67 times

VIDEO: This Robot Can Walk and Swim — Inside You

By JAMES GORMAN and CHRISTOPHER WHITWORTH

A tiny robot with moves inspired by caterpillars and jellyfish is small enough to crawl, walk and swim inside the human body.

Is There Something Wrong With Democracy?

By MAX FISHER and AMANDA TAUB

After 200 years of expansion, democracy's growth in the world has stalled. Is this all a blip, or is this form of government in real trouble?

What's Right About The Wrong Biennale?

By CHRIS HAMPTON

Bringing together 1,500 artists across the internet, the global digital art festival known as The Wrong is a democratic alternative to the often elitist system of fairs. Here's a quick tour through its treasures.

18 Years Later – Wyoming Teacher Makes Good on His Disneyland Promise

I thought this was a great story even before I clicked on the link. Then I saw the name and thought, wow that guy sounds familiar! Sure enough, George Abeyta, Wyoming school teacher, is also a fancy dancer and pow wow coordinator for Eastern Shoshone Days.

Mr. Abeyta has been a teacher for over 20 years now, and back in 1999, he wanted to try a creative way to get more kids to graduate. During that year's 8th grade graduation ceremony at Fort Washakie, he promised 35 students an all expenses paid trip to Disneyland. But under one condition, that they graduate from a 4 year college.

Just See Film! 'Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World'

The Sundance Film Festival has long been committed to showcasing and nurturing Indigenous filmmakers. For this year's festival, there are four feature films and 5 short films that will be screening during the event. One of the film's that I look forward to watching is Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World, a documentary about Native Americans in contemporary music history. Some of these musicians I had never even heard of before!

The film will be screening several times during the Sundance Film Festival. [Please check website for more information.](#)

Bayou Bridge Pipeline Faces Mounting Legal Challenges in Louisiana | DeSmogBlog

<https://www.desmogblog.com/2018/01/21/bayou-bridge-pipeline-faces-mounting-legal-challenges-louisiana>

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National Funding

Support for Nursing-Driven Healthcare Initiatives

Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation: Hillman Innovations in Care Program

The goal of the Hillman Innovations in Care Program, an initiative of the Rita & Alex Hillman

Foundation, is to advance leading-edge, nursing-driven models of care that will improve the health and healthcare of vulnerable populations. The program seeks to support patient- and family-centered approaches that challenge conventional strategies, improve health outcomes, lower costs, and show potential for national replicability. The Foundation is particularly interested in the areas of maternal and child health, care of older adults, and chronic illness management. At least two grants of up to \$600,000 are awarded each year to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and faith-based organizations throughout the country. The application deadline is March 5, 2018; invited full proposals will be due June 4, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to download the 2018 request for proposals.

**Secondary School Improvement Systems for Disadvantaged Students Funded
[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Request for Proposal on Networks for School Improvement](#)**

Guided by the belief that all students - especially Black, Latino, and low-income students - must have equal access to a great public education, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to fund Networks for School Improvement (NSI). An NSI is defined as a group of secondary schools working both collectively and individually with an Intermediary to use a continuous process to improve outcomes for Black, Latino, and low-income students. Through this RFP, the Foundation plans to provide two different types of NSI investments: Type 1 grants will support Intermediaries that have demonstrated capacity and experience. Type 2 grants will support Intermediaries that have demonstrated experience in some, but not all, areas. The application deadline is February 21, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to review the [grantmaking guidelines](#) for this RFP.

**Grants Strengthen Programs for Children Impacted by Domestic Violence
[Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation Children's Initiative](#)**

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation's Children's Initiative provides support to direct service programs throughout the United States that create and promote stability, resilience, and healing for children who have witnessed domestic violence. Eligible programs must provide direct, age-appropriate services to children up to 14 years of age who have witnessed domestic violence, include a plan for an outcome-based assessment of the program activities, enhance the relationship between the child and parent or primary caregiver, and be a new program (within the first year of development). The average grant size is \$25,000. The deadline for Stage One Applications is March 1, 2018; invited Stage Two Applications are due August 1, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

**Digital Access for Unique Cultural Collections Supported
[Council on Library and Information Resources: Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives](#)**

Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives, an initiative of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), is intended to help digitize and provide access to non-digital collections of rare or unique content in cultural heritage institutions. Through this program, CLIR aims to enhance the emerging global digital research environment in ways that support new kinds of scholarship for the long term and to ensure that the full wealth of resources held by memory institutions becomes integrated with the open Web. Grants, ranging from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$250,000 in the case of a single-institution project or \$500,000 for a

collaborative project, will be provided to colleges and universities, research centers, museums, libraries, historical societies, cultural associations, etc. Online initial proposals must be submitted by April 3, 2018; final proposals are due September 20, 2018. Visit the CLIR website to review the program guidelines and application process.

Regional Funding

Funds for New Jersey Community Health Coalitions

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: New Jersey Health Initiatives: Upstream Action Acceleration

New Jersey Health Initiatives: Upstream Action Acceleration, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is intended to further the Foundation's vision of building a Culture of Health. This initiative will support existing community-focused, cross-sector coalitions in New Jersey to advance their efforts in adopting and implementing "upstream" environmental-, policy-, and systems-change strategies, and accelerate their work in areas they have already identified as priorities to improve community health. "Upstream" refers to working with all community stakeholders to address the factors that influence health prior to the onset of disease and illness. These factors include income, employment, education, early childhood development, housing, nutrition, and the built environment. Up to 16 grants of up to \$100,000 will be provided. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, local health and human service agencies, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, and government agencies. The deadline for brief proposals is March 1, 2018; invited full proposals will be due May 23, 2018. Visit the [Foundation's website](#) to review the call for proposals.

Grants Promote Oral Health in Minnesota

Delta Dental of Minnesota Responsive Grant Program

The Delta Dental of Minnesota Responsive Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations throughout the state that promote overall health through increasing access to oral health and that address innovative solutions to the challenges of healthy living. The program provides grants, ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000, to nonprofit organizations that address the following priorities: The Safety Net category focuses on increasing access to oral health services by optimizing the capacity of the safety net oral health system. The Workforce category strives to improve access by assisting and expanding the oral health workforce and healthcare team. The Prevention and Education category aims to expand access to effective oral health education and prevention services. Requests are reviewed two times per year; the 2018 deadlines for letters of inquiry are February 28 and August 31, 2018. Information on funding criteria and restrictions is available on the Delta Dental of Minnesota website.

Support for Youth Programs and Climate Change Initiatives in the Pacific Northwest

Charlotte Martin Foundation

The Charlotte Martin Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that provide services to communities throughout Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The Foundation currently provides grants in the following focus areas: The Increasing Opportunities for Minority Youth category provides grants to minority-led nonprofit organizations with diverse leadership and staff that are working to increase opportunities for minority youth (ages six to 18). The focus is on organizations that offer innovative and proven ways to develop children's skills in

education, creative and cultural expression, and athletics. The Promoting Biodiversity in a Changing Climate category supports conservation efforts that utilize the impacts of climate change when selecting areas for protection and engaging a community of citizens, scientists, and conservationists in educating the public about biodiversity and climate change. Grants in both categories range up to \$25,000. The 2018 application deadlines are March 1 and September 1. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and submit an online application.

Health Programs in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma Funded [Telligen Community Initiative](#)

The mission of the Telligen Community Initiative (TCI) is to support innovative and forward looking health-related projects aimed at improving health, social well-being, and educational attainment. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies serving communities in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma. TCI's funding priorities include the following: Health Innovation, Social Determinants of Health, and Healthcare Workforce Development. The letter of inquiry deadline for applicants in Colorado and Oklahoma is March 1, 2018; the deadline for Illinois and Iowa applicants is July 2, 2018. Visit the TCI website to download the 2018 Request for Proposals.

Federal Funding

Environmental Innovation Supported

[Department of Agriculture](#)

The Conservation Innovation Grants program provides support to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. The application deadline is February 26, 2018.

Program Enhances Development of Museum Staff

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

The Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff program seeks to strengthen the ability of individual museums to serve the public. The application deadline is March 1, 2018.

News from the Roundhouse

The warmest of wishes for this new year from Heyday's Berkeley Roundhouse. We are off to an amazing start for 2018 with lots of exciting announcements to share!

The Winter 2017-18 issue of *News from Native California* is available and filled with important pieces. The cover image is from the extended feature about the Run4Salmon journeys, led by the Winnemem Wintu Tribe. Also included are stories from tribal communities including the Cahuilla, Mountain Maidu, and Tongva. Order or subscribe [here](#).

Production on the Spring 2018 issue of *News* starts soon and is set to focus on nature and the environment. We are still looking for stories from tribal communities about how different territories across the state are being ecologically impacted. The deadline for submissions is February 1. Find more information including submissions guidelines [here](#).

In the coming months, the Roundhouse will be out and about at a number of community events. If you are in Southern California on Saturday, February 10, we will be in Banning at the Dorothy Ramon Learning Center's Native Voices Poetry Festival. Please stop by our book booth and say hello. In March, we will also have a table during the California Conference on American Indian Education. The conference is scheduled to take place March 18-20 in Los Angeles. In Northern California, we will have a presence during the California Indian Conference as well as the Big Time & Social Gathering at Humboldt State University on April 5-7.

Evidence of rapid climate change in the Arctic as permafrost erosion transforms the Arctic food web

<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2018/1/19/1732126/-Erosion-May-Transform-the-Arctic-Food-Chain>



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