

March 2018



Newsletter

Community events and introductions

Hello Tlingit and Haida members,

It is with great pleasure to be serving on the San Francisco Board as your president. We have a lot of great things happening in our native community so I hope you take a few minutes and get ready to join us in some of our up and coming events and what has been going on since our last newsletter.

The weekend of July 28th DonnaRae James held a Moccasin class in the Fort at Fort Ross, CA. This was for the Fort Ross Festival and is organized by Lauren Peters and is sponsored by the Aleut Foundation. This happens every year and is a 3 day culture camp while sharing our Alaskan History with visitors through out the Fort. With the ocean breeze and plenty of stories to go around it was a wonderful experience.



carving instructors, Tlingit artist Doug Chilton, Jim Zeller(JZ), Misty Smith photographer of Juneau and Bill Bennett with Sealaska Carving Program

“The Native Spirit there brought tears to my eyes,” says Bill Bennett,



General Manager for Sealaska Coastal Aggregates. He has managed the Sealaska Carving Program for 20 years.

Many of these finished paddles will travel to Juneau for Celebration in June with Southern Winds Dance Group and other SFTHCC members going on the canoe journey.

2017 came to an end with a bang!! September 5th-7th CALaska Culture hosted One People Canoe Society Paddle Workshop in Isleton, CA with 25 participants. This was the first One People Canoe Society Workshop outside of Alaska. Participants traveled from Washington, Idaho, Alaska and All over California for the workshop. Our special guest were One People Canoe Society



About Sealaska Carving Program

The program donates cedar bark and wood to non-profit organizations such as schools, village corporation programs, culture camps, multiple canoe societies and other programs. The wood comes from Sealaska Timber lands and Bill Bennet and Frank Peratrovich inspect each milled piece for the highest quality.

Contact Bill Bennett for requests and more information at billbennett@sealaska.com



2017 ENDS & 2018 IS GOING STRONG

Christmas season came quickly. On December 1, 2017, my family hosted the annual Christmas party in Roseville, California. We had a wonderful turkey dinner, games, a photo booth, made cedar bark deer, a white elephant auction and held a raffle earning \$225.00 for the SFTHCC Jackie Clark Scholarship fund. We had about 30 guests and look forward to our 2018 Christmas Dinner in Isleton, CA. on December 1, 2018.



Jackie Clark Scholarship

Students wishing to apply for 2018-2019 scholarship please go to the website <http://sftfcc.org> for more information.

We will be accepting applications for the Jackie Clark Memorial Scholarship April 1, 2018 . The deadline will be June 1, 2018. Announcement of the recipient to be awarded will be at our Annual San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council Picnic August 18th, 2018.

Submit applications to:

SFTHCC Scholarship Committee

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January 2018 was SFTHCC elections and nominations for Tribal Assembly delegates. President Scott Fulton led our meeting in Isleton, Ca.. The election results were as follows DonnaRae James President, Natalie Suan Vice President, Kelli Bliss Secretary, Donavin Hannon Treasurer and At large Robin Montano, John (Jay) Silva and Will Micklin.



Canoe Journey May 30-June 5th
Celebration June 6th-9th

BOARD MEETINGS ARE IN FULL PROGRESS

Our First Board meeting was held on February 18th with all board present in person or call in. We had a very successful meeting and we all look forward to a great two years of growing and serving you.. Remember if you have any concerns or suggestions please email your board members and we will gladly assist and consider any feedback. March 11th at 1:15pm our board members will meet in Isleton for a 2nd meeting.



Date: March 24th

Time: 10am - 5pm

Where: Isleton Community Hall, Isleton California

Price: \$40 + \$10 cleaning fee (cleaning fee will be returned at end of camp if participants cleans)

Dinner: 5:30pm FREE

- 1) Deer skin Drum
- 2) Drum Stick
- 3) Small Paddle
- 4) Native Art with Tlingit Artist **Doug Chilton**
- 5) Beading project
- 6) Headdress
- 7) Devils Club Beads
- 8) Haida Language by **Rob Yates**
- 9) Octopus Bag
- 10) Free Dinner to Follow at 5:30pm with Haida Naming and Southern Wind Dance Performance.



August 31- September 2nd Bentwood Box workshop with John Garcia- limited spots

October 12th-14th One People Canoe Society Paddle workshop in Isleton, California- 25 spots

Halibut Hooks with Don Starbard coming soon

We look forward to hosting these classes to educate and carry on our culture through our hands and wisdom.

Special thank you to



Sealaska, Bill Bennett, One People Canoe Society, Misty Smith, John Garcia, Doug Chilton and Don and Linda Starbard. Check out our website CALaskacc.org for more details and payments. Watch us on Facebook CALaska Culture

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TRADITIONAL CEDAR BARK CLASS



February 16th-18th a traditional cedar bark weaving hat class with 17 participants was led by myself (Haida weaver) and helpers Linda Starbard and Gordon James Jr (Jr.) of Washington. Preparation with the bark and hat forms for each person was a must. I was fortunate enough to find someone to make 16 hat forms for the class. A huge thank you to Lauren Peters who received a grant from

Alliance for Traditional California Arts. The grant supported 10 hat kits of the 17 students.



Southern Winds Dance Group

SAANAX KWAN (Tlingit)
T'aagwii Tajaaw (Haida)

by Kellie Cunningham Bliss

Jay Silva started a new California dance group in Oct of 2016. The group meets monthly in Isleton to practice and is growing by leaps and bounds! The group meets frequently and is always welcoming new members. This dance group is in honor of Shirley Silva. She is our oldest dancer and she helps us to understand the dances and to guide us. We are proud of our dance leader, Jay. He tells many stories and he is very encouraging to the younger dance members. Each dancer/drummer must commit to coming to practices and is responsible for his/her own regalia. Most members are making or gathering their own materials, and we have regalia making days as often as needed. We all support one another in creating meaningful, authentic, and respectful regalia. We have members who are Tlingit and Haida. Some are also part Tsimshian and Aleut. Our dancers range in age from 2 years old to 83! We have performed in many locations throughout Northern California including: Redding, Danville, San Jose, Oakland, and (of course) Isleton! We performed in Isleton and Brannon State Park four times! We also danced at the Fort Ross Native Alaska Days last May, which was an amazing experience. We have nearly 30 regular members in the dance



group, including a dedicated group of drummers. Everyone in the group learns the words to the songs. At this time we mainly sing Tlingit songs, but we are seeking permission to sing more Haida songs as well. We held our Second Annual Crab Feed last month to raise money for travel costs. It was very successful and we performed to a sold-out crowd! We also had a silent auction, raffle, and a bake sale. We will be performing on the afternoon of March 3rd at the 42nd annual Reno Indian Bowling Tournament being held at the National Bowling Stadium in the "biggest little city in the world" Reno, Nevada. The tournament Director is Don Carle. Everyone is invited to our Homeward Bound performance in Isleton on May 6th at 2 pm. This is our friends and family event. Please bring an appetizer to share and your regalia so you can dance with us! Currently our biggest goal is to dance up at Celebration in Juneau! We plan to be the first Tlingit/Haida dance group from California to dance in Celebration! Look for us there, we will be singing loud!



WHATS HAPPENING AT FORT ROSS

May 19

5th Annual Alaska Native Day at Fort Ross organized by Lauren Peters

- Kayak Race
- Cemetery Blessing
- Kashia Tacos
- Kids crafts
- Silent Auction
- Storyteller Bob Sam



Sponsors: Alliance for Traditional California Arts, Aleut Corporation, Ounalashka Corporation, Aleut Pribilof Islands Association, Pacific Northwest Aleut Council, Hearst Museum of Anthropology, Native Village of Afognak, California State Parks, Fort Ross Conservancy

July 27-29
Fort Ross Festival – Alaskan Culture Camp organized by Lauren Peters
3 day culture camp and history sharing
Sponsored by: the Aleut Foundation



INDIAN BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Hello my is Don Carle. My mother is Carol Carle of Ketchikan, Alaska and Father Clifton Carle Hydaburg, Alaska, I am Tlingit and Tsimshian Born in Ketchikan and raised in the great state of Alaska. I moved to Hydaburg, Alaska when I was 6 years old. I am brown bear/killer whale. How did I start in bowling? My father in-law Fred put me in the game and I began like everyone else. Not knowing anything about bowling, I just knew I had to knock down pins. Now, since then I have learned a great deal in bowling; I have been bowling in 2 leagues, assist in coaching jr bowlers, bowl in Southern Oregon All stars organization and host Native American Bowling Tournaments twice a year.



My biggest accomplishment are signing a contract with Columbia 300 this year (ball company) currently an Advisory staff member. Signing on and staff member with Athletic tape

called KT Tape, and won the Oregon state doubles title with my buddy James Cox. Currently have 8 - 300 games and 2 - 800 series. Avg 229 and 226 in both my leagues. The bowling tournaments we host are for Native Americans and their spouses. We usually get Natives from Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona and many other states. During these tournaments we have several events; Doubles/Singles, Mixed Team, Mixed Doubles and Masters. We have a couple fun events called No Tap and Hot Shot Challenge.

At the Reno Indian Bowling Tournament, Sacramento area, Southern Winds Dance Group



will perform. A young man will be singing a memorial song for those of us who have passed on. Other great things we do is have vendors during the tournaments; They sell their beautiful artwork. Beaded necklaces, earrings, blankets and hats.



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Siskiyou Indian Bowling Tournament
Reno Indian Bowling Tournament

WHATS HAPPENING

March 2nd-4th—Indian Bowling Tournament ,
National Bowling Stadium in Reno, NV.

March 11th—11am-1pm Dance Practice
1:15pm SFTHCC Board meeting

March 24th—CALaska Culture Camp 10-5pm
5:30pm Dinner Haida naming.
Southern Winds Performance

April 7th—Southern Winds
Bingo Fundraiser, Isleton, CA

April 18th-21st—General Assembly Juneau, Ak

May 18th—6pm Dinner near Fort Ross
(Alaska Natives at Fort Ross
hosting location, potluck)

May 19—Alaska Native Day at Fort Ross
Southern Winds Perform

June 6th-9th—Celebration - Juneau, Alaska

June 15th-17th—Siskiyou Indian Bowling
Tournament is held in Medford,
Oregon 2018 at Lava Lanes

July 27th-29th—Fort Ross Festival

Aug 18th—SFTHCC Annual Picnic

Aug 31st-Sept 2nd—Bentwood Box Class
with John Garcia

Oct 11th-13th—One People Canoe Society
Paddle Workshop

December 1st— SFTHCC Holiday Party
Isleton, CA

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