

2010 Fall Happenings



Leslie Johnson, Director

Thurston County Meeting Planners Showcase

This photo was taken by the Marketing Director of the | Thurston | Tumwater | Olympia | Lacey | Visitor Convention Bureau last Thursday, October 28th, at the Olympic Flight Museum airport.

The director established a new contact with **Edelman**, the consulting firm for the Office of Washington State Tourism. Edelman is a leading independent global PR firm. Amanda Watkins, Senior Account Executive, for Consumer Brands is working on a Tribal Tourism Tour. She will also send journalists our way to promote this region.

This was the first showcase for Thurston County. A diverse but small group came. Leslie promoted meeting facilities at Little Creek Casino Resort, and the museum's classroom, or story telling circle on Monday or Tuesdays.

Tourism Summit November 18th at Little Creek Resort Casino

Recently, many Mason Community members have wondered what we can do to increase tourism to Mason County. The tourist doesn't know -- or care -- that we have a North Mason Chamber and Shelton/Mason Chamber. In fact, many people just drive by our county to "get

somewhere else" on the Peninsula.

As the Shelton/Mason Chamber's Tourism Subcommittee Chair, Leslie's goal is to open the conversation to include the full county in a positive way. By partnering with the county tourism venues, we can increase visitors to Squaxin Island tourism venues -- just like Tribal Tourism increases visitors and opportunities for Mason County.

Thomas James Saros & Valerie Parson (White Earth Reservation Minnesota) For much of November, these traditionally taught natives -- Valerie is the museum curator's mom -- will offer sessions in regalia, pow wow dancing, spiritual guidance and story telling. Valerie is especially excited to teach Squaxin Island youth pow wow dancing and to show youth her traditional regalia. She will also teach future pow wow warriors and princesses. Both will also work with The Evergreen State College, the Nisqually Tribe and SPSCC.

A few workshops and story telling sessions will be open to the public:

Nov 16th 4:00-7:00 PM Dream Catcher with Dogwood and Leather Pouches.

Nov 17th 4:00-6:00 PM Dream Catcher earrings with a matching bracelet or 3 inch drum.

During each class Jay will provide cultural teachings, Native forum with questions and answers.

Coming soon: A rare find & purchase of Cowachin Yarn last month means weaving and twilling classes (for Tribal Members only) are later this month, or early in December.

Christmas Bazaar The Squaxin Island Museum's Christmas Bazaar has grown to fill the entire museum. Drop by on November 12th and 13th to find great Christmas Gifts. (Yes, it's that time already!)

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