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The Museum at Warm Springs Announces Awards for the "33rd Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member and Youth Exhibit" on View Through February 20, 2027

(WARM SPRINGS, Ore., Nov. 13, 2026) — The Museum at Warm Springs has announced the awards for the "33rd Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member and Youth Exhibit." This popular annual juried exhibit displays the immense talent and artistic excellence of Warm Springs adult and youth Tribal members. The exhibit will be on view through Saturday, February 20, 2027.

Museum Members and the general public are invited to the opening reception on Wednesday, November 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Museum (2189 U.S. Highway 26, Warm Springs).

The exhibit is curated by Warm Springs Museum Curator and Exhibition Coordinator Angela Anne Smith (Warm Springs, Yakama, Nez Perce and Diné). This year's judge is Annette "Nettie" Lange (Hildebrand). Annette grew up in Madras and was influenced by her father Oscar Lange, who owned the local Sporting Goods Store and her mother Mrs. Mac Lange who taught 30 years — mostly art, crafts and English at the old junior high school. Annette is still looking for former students who may have had her mother as her teacher, to share their artwork she has saved.

Though living in Eugene and The Dalles, Annette went on to work for her church and teach in the Beaverton area. She especially loved her 16 years as an art literacy instructor. She recently substitute taught for local schools and some former students may remember her large red ribbon-banner drawn on the board and her interest in birds and the land. Annette also promoted the Kids' Corner at the Jefferson County Fair. Kids' Corner showcases youth arts, crafts and creative projects. At age 75, Annette is still thrilled by the creative uniqueness found in nature, art and music. "I encourage you to create, share and love, and to not give up and to care for others," she says. "Art and music just make everything more caring, beautiful and fun!"

Selected artworks are available for sale with a 20% commission going toward The Museum.

Judge's Choice Awards

Traditional Category
Artist: Debra Stacona
Title: “For Prayers & Protection”
Medium: Pine needle hat
Not for sale

Contemporary Category
Artist: Charlene Moody
Title: “Butterfly Dance”
Medium: Paintings
$6,000.00

Honorable Mentions
Artist: Archie Caldera, Sr.
Title: “Medicine Woman”
Medium: Shell dress with two folded cedar bark baskets
$2,000.00

Artist: Hazel Smith
Title: “Late Bloom”
Medium: Wasco beaded bag, Wynter Sky Loza Collection
Not for sale

Artist: Aurolyn Stwyer
Title: “Cut Bead Card Holder Traditional Wasco Necklace”
Not for sale

Artist: Mona Cochran
Title: “Chief”
Not for sale

Artist: Noree Langley
Title: “Babyboard for Usswan”
$420.00

Artist: Travis Bobb
Title: “Walk on the Wind”
Medium: Oil painting
Not for sale

Upcoming Museum Closures
Wednesday, Nov. 25 — Closing at Noon
Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 — Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec. 24 — Closing at Noon
Friday, Dec. 25 — Christmas Day
Thursday, Dec. 31 — Closing at Noon
Friday, Jan. 1, 2027 — New Year's Day

Become a Museum Member

There are several levels of annual Museum Membership, which begin at $25 for elders and students. All Members receive these benefits: free admission for one year, 10% discount in the Museum Gift Shop and special invitations to exhibits and programs. Members also have access to the Oregon Historical Society Reciprocal Membership Program and free admission for a Member and three guests of any age to a different Oregon museum or attraction each month. Visit https://bit.ly/3QVFjZL for more information. Join by visiting https://museumatwarmsprings.org/ and click "Join" to see Membership levels and online payment information. Or send a check to: The Museum at Warm Springs, P.O. Box 909, Warm Springs, OR 97761 (Attn: Membership).

About The Museum at Warm Springs

The Museum at Warm Springs opened its doors to the public on March 14, 1993 and celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2023. Built to Smithsonian Institution professional standards, The Museum's mission is to preserve, advance and share the traditions, cultural and artistic heritage of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon and other Indigenous peoples. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission: Museum Members (free), Adults ($7), Senior Citizens over 60 ($6), Students 13-18 with student body card ($4.50), Children 5-12 ($3.50) and Children 4 and younger (free). The Museum is located at 2189 U.S. Highway 26 in Warm Springs. Phone: (541) 553-3331. For more information, visit https://www.museumatwarmsprings.org/.

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Photo Caption: Judge's Choice Award, Contemporary Category. Charlene Moody, "Butterfly Dance," paintings, $6,000.00. Photo by Angela Anne Smith. (More photographs here. All photos by Angela Anne Smith.