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## Indianpreneur of the Month!

### INDIANPRENEUR OF THE MONTH!



*Eleanor with Fetish bowl by her Aunt Edna Leki*

A passion for art runs in Eleanor Lefthand's family, and Eleanor shares that tradition with the community through her online business, A Gallery of Nations. Eleanor's Weahkee family from Zuni Pueblo, NM has an established presence in the art circles of museums, art shows and collectors. It was Eleanor's vision to take that tradition and share it on the World Wide Web.

A Gallery of Nations has been online at [www.agalleryofnations.com](http://www.agalleryofnations.com) since 2004. The online gallery has evolved and grown over the last three years, now encompassing more than just the family's art. "I have expanded my knowledge of Native Art and the many forms of expression and mediums in which my fellow Indians present their art, which has enriched and deepened my commitment to exposing as many Native artists and their work to the online business," writes Eleanor.

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Relocated in March 2006, the ONABEN Women's Business Center (WBC) supports women in accessing resources, training and support for starting and growing their businesses, with an emphasis on Native American female entrepreneurs.

Please contact WBC Director, Kedma Ough, at (503) 998-9560.

The WBC is located at 2240 N. Interstate Ave., Suite 140, Portland, OR 97227.

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*Fetish necklace by Lena Boone*

Eleanor stresses that "the old saying: 'If I can do it so can you' applies" to e-commerce. She writes that she is no computer guru but still is figuring out what makes an online store, no doubt aided by her love of learning new things. One such new thing is looking into producing video demonstrations of artists and their work—specifically to inspire Native youth.

Through A Gallery of Nations, Eleanor is not only learning but also growing her business. "As I continue to build my business I am seeing the benefits of sharing my experiences with other Indians, who may also want to venture into an online store. Economic Development is the latest buzz word in Indian Country; I want to be a contributing part of that growth." If you are Native American or a Native American organization and interested in venturing into e-commerce, Eleanor is available for consulting.

When asked what was most special about A Gallery of Nations, Eleanor replied that it was "the connections with the family, artists and to meet artists from all different Tribes... hearing their stories and seeing the many forms of artwork being done today."

Eleanor has learned, accomplished and shared much with the community through A Gallery of Nations. However, she writes that it would not have happened without "help from family and friends encouraging, adding new ideas, what ifs, try this and editing." Through this process, A Gallery of Nations is not just about art and e-commerce, it is "a community that can be shared."

You can contact Eleanor Lefthand at [info@agalleryofnations.com](mailto:info@agalleryofnations.com).



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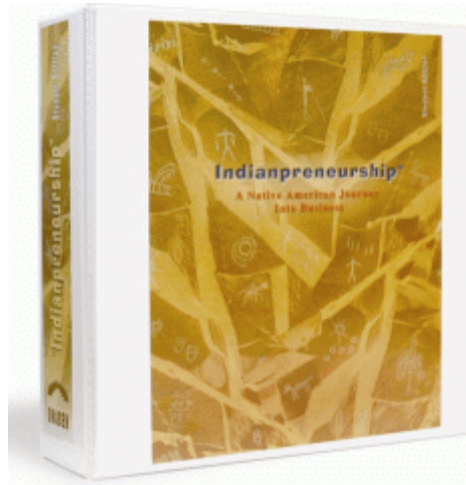
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Please check out upcoming dates for classes and our Indianpreneurship Course Instructor Training.

2008 TATR Save the Date!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
2008 *Trading at the River* Conference & Trade Show!



"The World Is a Gift" ~ Frank LaPena

On April 15th & 16th, 2008, Native American business owners, tribal enterprise managers, tribal policy makers and business associates will gather for ONABEN's Trading

at the River Conference & Trade Show (TATR). This unique gathering continues to grow each year, with conference attendees numbering over 250 individuals.

The theme for TATR 2008 is honoring Native women business owners and leaders. Our keynote speakers will be sisters Monica and Marina Simeon, owners of **Sister Sky**. Founded in 1999, their goals are to "create products to inspire our spirits and enrich our daily lives."

**Stay tuned for more details!!**

#### Native American Heritage Month Presentations

The City of Portland is sponsoring a series of lectures in honor of Native American Heritage Month. To kick off the month on Nov. 1st is Dave Hatch, leading a presentation on Oregon's racist history and present ocean policy. Also on Nov. 1st youth from the Native American Youth and Family Center's dance class will perform traditional, grass and fancydances. Find details about these events and more by clicking "Read more..." or visiting [www.portlandonline.com/diversity](http://www.portlandonline.com/diversity).



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#### nativeamericanjobs.com sponsors online career fair

Nativeamericanjobs.com, in collaboration with the Diversity Talent Network, is sponsoring an online career fair this Fall. Over 20,000 diversity candidates from all over will come together to find their next great job. The e-Job Fair will be held November 5-9, 2007 & November 12-16, 2007. Visit [nativeamericanjobs.com](http://nativeamericanjobs.com) for more information.



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#### Free lecture about the urban Indian experience, October 26, at PSU

Oregon Council for the Humanities  
Fall 2007 Commonplace Lecture  
"Roads, Interstates, and the Oregon Trail: The Urban Indian Experience in the Rural West."



By Mark Trahant, editorial page editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and member of the Shoshone Bannock tribe of Idaho.

Friday, October 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. with a public reception to follow.  
Portland State University's Native American Student and Community Center, 710 SW Jackson Street.

This event is free and open to the public. It is part of the Oregon Council for the Humanities' Commonplace Lectures, a series connecting ideas and places.

[www.oregonhum.org](http://www.oregonhum.org)

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#### Warm Springs Tribal Artists Exhibit

The Museum at Warm Springs is currently hosting their **14th Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit**. View exquisite art of both traditional and contemporary forms. Some items will be for sale. The exhibit started October 4th and runs through January 6th.



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#### Lewis & Clark Law School Small Business Legal Clinic

Are you a small business with a legal issue? The Lewis & Clark Law School Small Business Legal Clinic (SBLC) just finished its first year of operation and are up and running. From the end of September 2006 through the end of August 2007 the SBLC served approximately 80 low income business clients from the initial interview through case completion, on over 150 separate legal matters. 88% of these small



businesses were owned by women, minorities, or recent immigrants.  
Click "read more" for their contact information.

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#### Holiday Native Art Fair

Dec. 7-8, 2007  
Friday 11 am – 4 pm & Saturday 12 pm – 5 pm



The Longhouse Holiday art fair will be a two day event this year. The fair on Friday, Dec. 7 will be held in the Campus Activities Building by the bookstore and deli (Evergreen State College). On Saturday the fair will be held in the Longhouse (Olympia, WA).

The vendor fee for this year will be \$40. Posters will be available for the event by mid October. Please call the Longhouse at (360) 867-6718 if you would like posters to distribute at your other sales events.

To register call (360) 867-6718 or email [longhouse@evergreen.edu](mailto:longhouse@evergreen.edu).

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#### Native Arts Marketing Workshop (FREE)

The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center at the Evergreen State College and Artist Trust partnered to launch the Native Creative Development Program for Native American artists in 2004. The Native Creative Dev. Program includes a day-long professional development workshop for Native artists on Nov. 3rd. In this day long intensive workshop, special guest presenters, Longhouse and Artist Trust staff, will discuss how to best document and present art work, how to research and identify artist opportunities, grant writing for artists, as well as detailed discussion and strategies for promoting and marketing work.



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#### Third Northwest Native Wood Carvers Gathering

On October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the Longhouse will host the Third Northwest Native Wood Carvers Gathering at the Evergreen Longhouse (Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA). The Gathering is an event where Native carvers convene to exchange information and techniques in addition to discussing issues related to Native carving. This year there will be a special focus on international indigenous cultural exchanges from the perspective of indigenous carvers from New Zealand, Hawai'i and Canada. The workshops this year will focus on tool making and regional Native design styles. Carvers also have the opportunity to present their work to other carvers.



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#### Entrepreneurial Product of the Month: Indianpreneurship!

We're proud to announce that the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship at [www.energizingentrepreneurs.org](http://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org) has selected ONABEN's Indianpreneurship as its Product of the Month. You can download the pdf of the article [here](#).

"In Big Sky Country, Philip Belangie, of the Montana Department of Commerce, said Indianpreneurship is a welcome addition to their business training portfolio...

In addition to \$24,000 to stage the Indianpreneurship courses, the state of Montana has designated \$70,000 in an Indianpreneur Equity Fund to be used by Native Americans located on or adjacent to Reservations. As another incentive for the Indianpreneurship course classroom participants, each program has been awarded \$500 for the winner of a business plan contest conducted by the organization sponsoring the course."

We hope that we'll be able to share more Indianpreneurship success stories soon!

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## Native American Composers

[www.composersforum.org](http://www.composersforum.org)



The First Nations Composer Initiative's new granting program, Common Ground, will support activities that boost Indigenous creative musicians, such as commissions, residencies, performance and production, travel/study, and outreach. Common Ground is open to Indigenous makers of new music: composers, performers, groups, sound artists, songwriters, etc. Native Artists must be a documented affiliate of a United States and/or Canadian Tribe/Indigenous Community and committed to building the strength of Native communities by sharing their skills and talents with others. Individual awards will range from \$500 to \$7,500. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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