

Spring is in the air along with the creative spirit in our Region. The Hood River - Kathy Stever and The Dalles Wahtonka - Peny Wallace's art students are working together with the Regional Arts Council on an installation project with Design Engineer - Craig Spaeth of White Salmon, Washington. Students will be creating an sculpture for the Annual Bite of the Gorge Celebration in April at Hood River Expo Center. This is the main fundraiser for the Arts in Education Program. Students are learning how to brainstorm, manage, design, install and build a public art piece that will be viewed at this evening food event.

Also The Confluence Project - Phase Two continues at both the Dalles Wahtonka -Peny Wallace and at the The Middle School - Sharon Olsen. The focus of this phase is imaging the Native American voice. A special historical weekend is planned on March 17-18 at The Gorge Discovery Center with Maya Lin and tribal elders giving a blessing at Celilo on March 18.

The Dalles Wahtonka will also be part of a symposium in Vancouver, Washington in March culminating a National Rport on the Confluence Project in the Schools.

In March, Youth Art Month, the Senior Art Show will be focused at the The Dalles Center. This year's theme - ***Seniors and Seniors***....Senior artists from The Dalles High School partnering with Senior artists of The Dalles community.

Respectfully submitted,
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