



The INTERTRIBAL NURSERY COUNCIL and
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde present
2024 ANNUAL MEETING • 10-12 September 2024
Grand Ronde, Oregon



AGENDA

Tuesday, September 10 – Spirit Mountain Casino and Hotel

7:30-8:30 Coffee mixer and registration

8:30 *Welcome* – **Lindsay McClary**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

8:35 *Welcome* – **Kathleen George**, Tribal Councilwoman, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

9:00 *Blessing* – **Jon George**, Tribal Councilman, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

9:10 *Welcome and meeting overview* – **Jeremiah Pinto**, USDA Forest Service, Moscow, ID

9:20 *Natural Resource Programs at the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde* – **Colby Drake**, Natural Resources Department Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

10:00 **Break**

10:30 *Diné Native Plants Program: Native plant material production and cultural revitalization on the Navajo Nation* – **Jesse Mike** (Diné), Forester, Navajo Natural Heritage Program/Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Defiance, AZ

11:00 *Starting and Operating a Tribal Native Plant Nursery* – **Jessica Raspitha** (Akwasasne Mohawk) Land Resources Program Manager, and **McKay Burley**, Plant Nursery Technician, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division, Akwasasne, NY

11:30 *Moon Trees: A Conservation Education Program* – **Emily Rhoades**, Southern Nursery Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Athens, GA (virtual)

12:00 **Lunch** (included with registration)

1:00 *Take a Gamble on Grandmother's Greenhouse! Play some bingo to uncover how a start-up native plant nursery is revolutionizing restoration in Canada's north* – **Bess Legault**, General Manager, **Jenna Apsassin** (Blueberry River First Nation), Seed Collection Lead, and **Linden Stoney** (Blueberry River First Nation), Greenhouse Lead, Aso's Danaetl 'Adze Kwa (Grandmother's Greenhouse), Blueberry River First Nations, Fort St John, BC, Canada

1:30 *Engage, Explore, and Enjoy Learning. Developing and delivering fun and effective training programs for your organization* – **Nanette Richards**, Vegetation Ecologist and Owner Silverberry Pro, Calgary, AB, Canada

2:00 *Rivercane Revival: Restoring a Culturally Significant Ecosystem* – **Marvin Bouknight**, Wildlife/Habitat Stewardship Program Manager, Catawba Nation, Rock Hill, SC

2:30 *Empowering Tribal Communities Through Native Seed Sovereignty and Biocultural Restoration* – **Kaya DeerInWater** (Citizen Band of Potawatomi), American Indian Higher Education Consortium, Grand Rapids, MI



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3:30 *Native Agriculture – Spring Alaska Schreiner* (Chugach Alaska Native Corporation/Valdez Native Tribe [Inupiaq]), CEO/Owner of Sakari Farms, Bend, OR

4:00 *Plant Procurement and Propagation Resources for Tribes – Jean-Paul Zagarola*, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, **Joey Hulbert**, Washington State University, **Kas Guillozet**, Bonneville Environmental Foundation

4:30 Adjourn

5:00 – 7:00 **Traditional Dinner** (included with registration)

Wednesday, September 11 – All-day field tours

8:30 *Depart Spirit Mountain Casino*

9:15 Rotation of: Chachalu museum, Grand Ronde Native Plant Nursery, and Grand Ronde restoration site

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12:00 Box lunch Grand Ronde Pow Wow Grounds

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3:45 Return to hotel

Thursday, September 12 Spirit Mountain Casino and Hotel

8:30 *Welcome and logistics*

8:35 *Native Seed Stories of Stewardship, from Secwepemcul'ecw – Tiffany Traverse* (Secwépemc/semé7), Indigenous Researcher, Land and Seed Steward, Progress, BC, Canada

9:05 *Indigenous Garden Network – Kimberly Lane* (Siletz), Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Siletz, OR, **Representative (TBD)**, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

9:35 *Sacred Tobacco Rematriation (dahai, daha, chiiyuusan), Nicotiana quadrivalvis var. multivalvis (Columbian Tobacco) – Nicole Romine* (miluk Coos), Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Specialist, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Coos Bay, OR



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10:45 *Agave & Bat Restoration/ Seed Ball & Pellet Making* – **James Dennison** (Diné), Horticulture & Native Plants Technician, Borderlands Restoration, Patagonia, AZ

11:15 *Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources updates and opportunities* – **Jeremiah Pinto** (Diné), Tribal Nursery Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Moscow, ID

11:45 **Adjourn**

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