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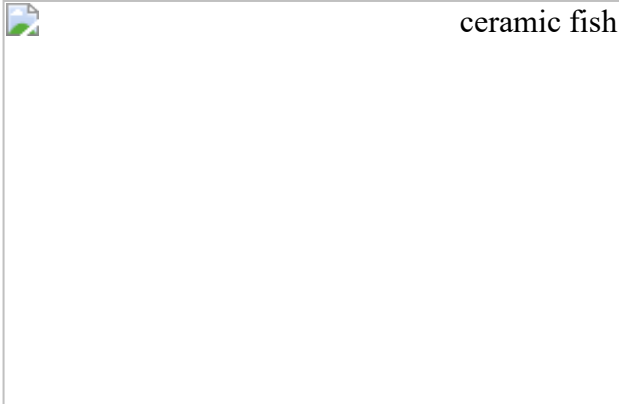
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Interpretive Artwork to Reflect the People and Environment of the Columbia River Basin.

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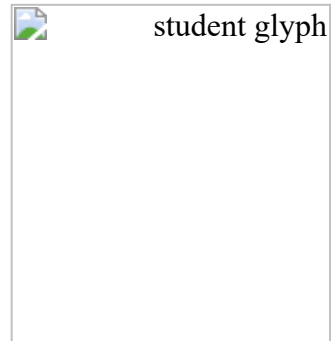
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Ceramic Fish, "Gifts from Our Ancestors" Student work, 2012.
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The ["Gifts from Our Ancestors"](#) project has successfully engaged over 1,500 student throughout the Columbia Gorge region, bringing in Native artists, craftspeople, and cultural ambassadors to 15 schools and after-school programs in Oregon and Washington. Now, you are invited to come out and see the artistic fruits of the program at a wide-ranging art exhibit!



student glyph

Ceramic Glyph, "Gifts from Our Ancestors" Student work, 2012.
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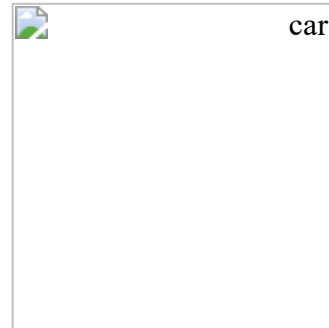
The "Gifts from Our Ancestors" exhibit showcases a rotating selection of over 150 individual pieces of student-created art, from ceramic masks and salmon sculptures to stop-motion animations and theatrical costumes. The GOA exhibit will be traveling to three different venues throughout the region this year, starting with the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center from July 26th* through August 22nd. Please join us at the opening ceremony on Thursday, July 26th from 5:30-7:30pm. GOA Artistic Director Lillian Pitt, traditional storyteller Ed Edmo, and many GOA teachers, artists, and students will be on hand to perform, speak about the project, and discuss the work. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to join us for the grand opening of the "Gifts from Our Ancestors" exhibit!

The GOA exhibit will be traveling to three venues throughout the Gorge this summer and Fall. Be sure to have a look at each show if you can; new and unique artworks will be showcased at each location, making for a one-of-a-kind visit each time!

- ◆ [The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center](#) **July 26th* - August 22nd (Opening event July 26th)**
- ◆ [The Maryhill Museum of Art](#) **September 16th - November 15th (Opening event Sept. 16th)**
- ◆ [Columbia Center for the Arts](#) **November 27th - December 31st (Opening event Dec. 7th)**

*Please note that the opening night at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center has been changed from July 19th to July 26th, due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict.

Confluence Trail Leads to Staycation Fun!



The term "staycation" has made it into the lexicon, hearts and minds of fellow travelers far and wide. With benefits exceeding monetary savings, the staycation connects the traveler to local communities, history, landscape, and place-based experiences that offer richness and depth to one's understanding and sense of "home".

Following the [Confluence Project trail of sites](#) along the Columbia River Basin provides free admission to world-class art installations by renowned artist, Maya Lin. Ms. Lin's works interpret each area's unique ecology and history, encouraging the visitor to reflect on how the surroundings have changed. Whether visiting one or multiple Confluence Project sites this summer, an ideal staycation is in the making.

Take in a few of the following events in partnering communities to further enjoy your visit. Share your thoughts, feedback and favorite photos with us via Facebook!

Confluence Sites and Communities:

[Cape Disappointment State Park](#), Ilwaco, Washington

- Tours of the Confluence Project sites can be arranged two weeks in advance of preferred dates by contacting [Cape Disappointment State Park's Interpretive Center](#) at 360-642-3029.
- The [Waikiki Beach Concert Series](#) offers a summer-long schedule of shows over-looking the Cape.
- [Long Beach Peninsula](#) hosts clam digs, whale watching, summer festivals and a year-long calendar of events.
- [Lewis and Clark National Historic Park](#), Astoria, OR: Workshops, guided kayak trips, and film and adventure camps for the kids, not to mention a timeless forest steeped in history.

[Vancouver Land Bridge](#), Vancouver, Washington

- [Fort Vancouver](#), one of the Northwest's most significant historical sites, offers archaeology field school, interpretive walks and educational talks.
- After a day at the Fort, slide on over to Vancouver. The City of Vancouver has a [summer schedule](#) full of movies, concerts and farmer's markets!

[The Bird Blind](#) at the Sandy River Delta, Troutdale, Oregon

- Troutdale's [Summerfest](#) 40th Anniversary, July 21st, provides all-day, free family fun! Don't miss the parade on the Historic Columbia River Highway and a park filled with live stage shows, music, food, specialty items & kids activities.
- The [Vista House at Crown Point](#), built in 1917, is one of the most beautiful scenic points on the Historic Columbia River Highway. Enjoy what design engineer Samuel Lancaster described as the "infinite" view.
- Don't miss the [Rooster Rock Lunar Viewing](#) on July 28th! Warm clothes & a flashlight with red light recommended. Personal telescopes & binoculars are welcome. Click [here](#) for year round activities at Rooster Rock.

- Art & Wine Fusion and Salmon Cook-Off, "[Nights in White Salmon](#)", on July 21st, 2012 will be one of the premier summer events in the Columbia River Gorge. Free admission.

Celilo Park, The Dalles, Oregon

- While Confluence continues in earnest to raise necessary support for Maya Lin's "Celilo Arc", there is no reason not to stop at [Celilo Park](#) for a picnic, rest, or walk. It will provide a chance to ponder the current site, its powerful history and future.
- Yee-haw!! It's the [Fort Dalles Days & Rodeo!](#) A must see, July 14th-22nd.
- Enjoy a rare opportunity to participate in turn of the century style wheat harvesting and other early industries and activities at the [Dufur Threshing Bee](#) , August 11th-12th.

[The Story Circles](#) at Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, Washington

- [Tri-Cities Water Follies](#), take to the water as Lewis and Clark never could! Air shows are also a big part of the fun. July 27th-29th.
- While in the area be sure to enjoy classic local, farm fresh foods, hand crafted items, music and entertainment at the [Pasco Farmers Market](#).
- There are over 20 wineries in the Tri-Cities area, clearly something good is happening here. To enjoy wineries, wine tastings, events, and live music visit one or more of the [Tri-Cities Wineries](#).

[The Listening Circle](#) at Chief Timothy Park, Washington

- [Chief Timothy Park](#), located on the the Nez Perce homelands, will be home to Maya Lin's "Listening Circle", awaiting installation. The park is known as the gateway to [Hells Canyon National Recreation Area](#), the deepest river gorge in North America and an area of remarkable scenery, abundant cultural history and outdoor adventure.

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