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Natural Dye Symposium Offered at Tamástslíkt

(Mission, Oregon) “Color My World: Chemistry, Culture, and the Beauty of Creation” is the title of a natural dye symposium to be offered at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute on July 11-12, 2009, from 1:00-3:00 pm each day.

The two day symposium will address the scientific, technical, cultural and historic aspects of natural dyes in the Columbia Plateau tribal culture. Sessions will be interactive and hands-on. Materials and instruction will be provided to pre-registered participants at no cost. Natural dyeing traditions, contemporary uses, and language aspects will be covered. The symposium will engage themes of biodiversity and respect for renewable resources.

Because space is limited, preregistration is requested. Email tc.education@tamastslíkt.org or call (541)966-1913 to pre-register.

The instructor is Dr. Greg Van Doren, Professor of Physical Sciences at the Heritage University, Toppenish, WA. He has degrees in agronomy, soils, professional studies in teaching and learning, as well as secondary teacher certification with endorsements in science, chemistry, and biology. He volunteered as guest teacher at the Yakama Tribal school for the past five years.

Contact Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute at (541)966-9748 or visit www.tamastslíkt.org for more information. Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Tamástslíkt is located at the very end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástslíkt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the “Mission-LaGrande” sign south off Highway 11. In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástslíkt operates a museum store, café, and meeting room rentals.