



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



AGENDA

**Opening program Tuesday, September 10 – Spirit Mountain Casino and Hotel**

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

*Welcome* – **Tribal Council**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

*Blessing* – **Tribal Council/Elder**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

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

*Tribal program presentation* – **Tribal Staff**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, OR

**Confirmed speakers (listed alphabetically by first presenter's last name)**

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

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

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

*Seeds of Restoration Success: Braiding Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science for Climate Resilient Forests in the PNW* – **Christina Eisenburg** (Rarámuri and Western Apache), Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Maybelle Clark Macdonald Director of Tribal Initiatives in Natural Resources, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

*Take a Gamble on Grandmother's Greenhouse!* – **Bess Legault**, General Manager, **Jenna Apsassin**, Seed Collection Lead, and **Linden Stoney**, Greenhouse Lead, Aso's Danaetl 'Adze Kwa (Grandmother's Greenhouse), Blueberry River First Nations, Fort St John, BC, Canada

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

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

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

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



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*Fun times in the Field! Engage, Explore, and Enjoy Learning* – **Nanette Richards**, Vegetation Ecologist and Owner Silverberry Pro, Calgary, AB, Canada

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

*Native Seed Stories of Stewardship, from Secwepemc/’ecw* – **Tiffany Traverse** (Secwépemc/semé7), Indigenous Researcher, Land and Seed Steward, Progress, BC, Canada

**Meeting format**

**Tuesday**

- 8:30 Meeting start
- 12:00 Lunch provided
- 4:30 Meeting adjourns
- 5:00 Traditional Dinner

**Wednesday**

- 8:30 All day field tour starts: Native plant nursery, Restoration site, and Chachalu Museum (rotation of 3 groups)
- 12:00 Lunch provided
- 2:00 Field tours continue: Native plant nursery, Restoration site, and Chachalu Museum (rotation of 3 groups)
- 3:45 Return to hotel

**Thursday**

- 8:30 Meeting start
- 12:00 Meeting adjourns

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