

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society is seeking funds to build a Cultural Center with a museum component to display and share the History and Culture of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. The Siletz Tribe is comprised of more than 28 bands and Tribes who once encompassed most of Western Oregon. They share a rich and in many ways tragic history that goes back to the time of beginning.

Many years have gone into the planning. We are now ready to move forward with the actual construction of the structure which is phase two of the project. A repository already exists which holds artifacts ready to go on display in the completed Cultural Center. Aptly named, "A Place for the People" the facility will serve many purposes. It will be a learning center for Tribal members, both young and old as well as the larger society.

With the termination of the Siletz Tribe in 1954 a long period of loss of knowledge began. Upon the restoration of the Tribe to Federal Recognition in 1977, it became apparent that much of the history needed to be recaptured and a rebirth of the Tribal History and Culture began. We are endeavoring to rebuild the knowledge of the history, culture, languages and customs to pass on to future generations. As the years unfold, we are losing our Tribal Elders at a rapid pace. We endeavor to capture their knowledge to pass along to the generations to come.

The facility we will build will serve the Siletz People and the surrounding communities in many ways. It will have a positive impact culturally, economically and educationally. It will serve as a learning center where classes can be taught and knowledge can be shared. Many jobs will be created through its construction. It will serve as an educational tool for schools and other organizations.

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society is a 501c-3, a separate entity from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. A 3 to 1 match has been agreed upon by the Tribe toward the construction of the facility.