



## Suquamish Olalla Neighbors February 2010 Newsletter

**Suquamish Olalla Neighbors next monthly meeting will be February 11th at 7:00 pm in the Suquamish UCC church on Division St. All are welcome.**

Our agenda for the Spring includes Nomination and Election of Officers, SON 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Potluck Celebration and planning for the next Free Movie Night in April organized by SON. This is the time of year we ask our members to renew their membership dues. Choose the amount you can give from \$5 - \$50. Please consider joining Suquamish Olalla Neighbors. We welcome new member participation. You can download or print out a membership form by going to our web site [www.soneighbors.org](http://www.soneighbors.org) and clicking on the Join Us! Button. The form and your check can be mailed to SON, PO Box 504, Suquamish, WA 98392.

**Congratulations to our leadership, members and friends for our first successful free Movie Night** showing a short film on the 2009 Canoe Journey by film maker, Rich Deline and our main feature “The Whale Rider” co-sponsored by The Suquamish Tribe and Suquamish Olalla Neighbors. **96 community members attended** the launch of our Free Movie Nights in Suquamish which has been years in the planning. The new awe inspiring Suquamish Community House of Awakened Culture in downtown Suquamish was set up with the house full of seating, two movie screens and an excellent sound system. A Special Thank You to the Suquamish Tribe and their staff led by Morrie Black Eagle for providing use of the community house, movie screens, equipment and sound system. Several of us stayed afterwards for discussion led by Sheila Lyon.

Glynis Burns opened with the welcoming. Ted George, Port Gamble S'Klallam Elder and SON Honorary Co-Chair led us in a blessing and spoke later during our discussion sharing some stories from our beginnings of SON and the return of Old Man House Park to The Suquamish Tribe at the Washington State Park Commission hearing in Port Angeles. It is clear that enthusiasm for our Suquamish community events continues.

The Suquamish Youth Council sold donated “movie theatre” refreshments. Soda was donated by the J C Market. With the smell of fresh popped popcorn, 70 bags were sold. Raising funds so they can attend a Unity Conference in Washington D.C., the youth took in \$125. If you wish to make further donations to the Suquamish Youth Council toward their trip to Washington D.C., please contact Tina Jackson [tjackson@suquamish.nsn.us](mailto:tjackson@suquamish.nsn.us)

Glynis Burns took the Movie Night lead with help from committee members, Frances Malone, (press releases and media contact) Janice Guttman and Karen Platt (movie licensing). Glynis secured the house, arranged the publicity, got the popcorn and beverages and popcorn machine, and got the shorts from Rich Deline. Jan and Doug Hall created the posters, A-Boards and handled other publicity. Janice Guttman posted flyers. Bill Dale and Laurie Nightengale assisted with refreshments. Susan and Bill Hancock brought and ran the popcorn machine.

Once again, a **Big Thank You** to all who made this evening possible!

## WHATS NEXT?

**The Suquamish Foundation and the Suquamish Tribe are sponsoring a special screening of "Older Than America" on March 5.**

### SAVE THE DATE:

WHAT: Older Than America Film

WHEN: Friday, March 5th, 2010

PLACE: House of Awakened Culture: 7235 NE Parkway Street, Suquamish, WA  
(Downtown Suquamish)

TIME: 7-9 PM

FREE EVENT! SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Suquamish Foundation and Suquamish Tribe for sponsoring this event and making it possible to show in Suquamish!

This is a very intense movie that recaptures a glimpse of the atrocities suffered by our elders that experienced their childhoods in the Government funded Catholic Missionary Schools:

Plot: A contemporary Native Indian drama set in a small town in Northern Minnesota located on the outskirts of a reservation. The story begins after a small earthquake near the town registers on the U.S. Richter scale. Luke Patterson, a field officer for the government, is sent to investigate. There, he discovers a town that is experiencing dramatic geologic as well as political upheaval. For the first time ever, an Indian man is challenging the white incumbent in the mayoral race. The political contest uncovers dark hidden secrets about the town's origins as it once hosted a Native Indian boarding school which housed hundreds of children who were taken from their homes and forced to assimilate into the white culture. Many children went missing and were never heard from again. The only person who can solve the mystery is a young Native Indian woman whose haunting visions reveal the unspeakable tragedy but cause her own life to be in danger.

### **\*FOLLOWING THE FILM, GEORGINA LIGHTNING, WRITER-DIRECTOR-PRODUCER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.**

Georgina Lightning brings a long track record of creative experience in the film industry as an actor, producer and acting coach on such projects as: DREAMKEEPERS, BACKROADS, JOHNNY GREYEYES, CHRISTMAS IN THE CLOUDS, TECUMSEH THE OATH, SMOKE SIGNALS, among countless others. Lightning has also guest starred in T.V. episodes of WALKER TEXAS RANGER and WEST WING. Lightning's directorial debut OLDER THAN AMERICA is inspired by stories told to her by many of her family members and friends who attended the Native Indian Boarding schools.

Lightning is also the cofounder of Tribal Alliance Productions, a production company committed to producing media that matters told from a native perspective. A long time advocate of Native Indian advancement in the film industry, Lightning also formed Native Media Network, a group dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Native Indian talent.

Please visit [www.olderthanamerica.com](http://www.olderthanamerica.com) to view the trailer of the film.

For questions, please contact Kelly Gemmell: [kgemmell@suquamish.nsn.us](mailto:kgemmell@suquamish.nsn.us) or 360.394.8456.

## **Cultural Exchange Spans Pacific From Suquamish to New Zealand**

Last August, thousands of people [gathered in Suquamish](#) to celebrate indigenous cultures, including a few [Maori guests from faraway New Zealand](#).

They talked of their similar seafaring cultures and of the similarities between the traditions practiced by the Maori and our region's American Indian and Canadian First Nations tribes. One such tradition calls for reciprocal invitations to one another's' festivals.

So, since the Maori visited Suquamish for last summer's Tribal Journeys celebration, members of the Suquamish Tribe and Oregon's Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are preparing to travel to New Zealand.

Read more: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2010/feb/01/cultural-exchange-spans-pacific-from-suquamish/#ixzz0eJ20OBqj>

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Sarah Van Gelder, Co-Chair Emeritis

### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Suquamish Olalla Neighbors is to foster a sense of community and understanding among tribal and non-tribal residents of the Port Madison Reservation and surrounding area.

The objectives of the group are to:

- Promote friendship and healing between tribal and non-tribal residents;
- Support the tribe's right of self-determination and governance;
- Educate ourselves and the larger community about history and current issues of the tribal and non-tribal people of this area.