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**CHEROKEE COMMUNITY OF
THE INLAND EMPIRE**

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Upcoming Dates- MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

NEXT MEETINGS & POTLUCKS:

Feb 18th 1-4pm

General Meeting

(Blow-out Sale on CCIE Merchandise)

*** Basket Weaving w/ Theresa Payne***

***We will be starting Phase 2 of making Tear dresses. If interested please bring material if you have any or bring your ideas of how you would like your Tear dresses. Please bring an extra sewing machine, serger, and supplies if you have them.**

Remember we started our Military display board- If you would like to bring a picture of a Family member or friend, past or present who has served in the Military for everyone to honor! Along with pictures please include note of: Rank, Years served, & Branch served.

(Name is optional)

**MARCH 17th General Meeting & Potluck
1-4pm Sherman Indian School**

*****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*****
**March 31st –Upcoming CCIE participation at:
Riverside Air Show & Highland Citrus Festival**

Mark your Calendar for April – Sherman Indian School Pow wow
CCIE will be hosting a BOOTH, participating with members at all the events through out the day.
Contact a council member if you would like to join the “Spoon Keeper Cooking Crew” This will
be CCIE’s 3rd year serving the Students,
and participants at this great fund raising event & Pow wow!

Jan Herb: Mullein Leaf Tea for congestion

Feb Herb: Apple Cider Vinegar diluted with warm water

March Herb: Wild Onions relieve dizzy spells aid digestive process & lower blood pressure.

Online Language Classes at: www.Cherokee.org

Registration for the Cherokee Online Language Class available in future. Offering Cherokee levels I, II and III with instructor Ed Fields. The classes are open to anyone and are free to the public. These classes last 10 weeks and meet online twice weekly.

CCIE ELECTION’s are Coming.

Contact Theresa Payne if interested in assisting on the Election committee

Or

If you have an interest to run for a council position.

(((WELCOME NEW MEMBERS))))



(l to r)

Candessa Teehee, Ryan Lee Smith, Dorothy Ice and Katie Penland. Loom students and workers from the Cherokee Arts Center help Cherokee National Treasure Dorothy Ice assemble an antique loom on loan from the Cherokee Heritage Center.

Cherokee Arts Center Sets Up Historic Loom

February 17, 2012

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — The Cherokee Nation recently set up an historic loom at the tribe's art center in Tahlequah, 212 S. Water St. Cherokee National Treasure Dorothy Ice will be offering lessons on the loom, which was originally used in the Sequoyah Indian Weavers Association.

The Sequoyah Indian Weavers Association was formed in 1938 at the Sequoyah Indian School. Funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, William Ames traveled to Tahlequah to teach Cherokees the art of loom weaving. The BIA used the program to promote the production and sale of American Indian arts and crafts. In 1954 federal funding was cut and interest waned. The association no longer exists but the last remaining weavers are making an effort to preserve the craft in Cherokee culture.

Ice said she originally began weaving more than 60 years ago with the Sequoyah Indian Weavers Association when she was 15. She was designated a Cherokee National Treasure in 1991 by the Cherokee Nation for her extensive knowledge of weaving and for sharing her expertise with others to keep the art alive.

"I am the last [weaver] that is still moving and I figured that if we were going to keep it alive I better do something," said Ice. "I want to pass it on because it's dying. When I'm gone, it's gone."

The 45 inch loom, on loan from the Cherokee Heritage Center, is capable of making small blankets, shawls, wall hangings, placemats, belts and scarves. The loom is estimated to be between 60 and 70 years old and was one of a few brought to the heritage center for storage in the late 1960s.

The Cherokee Arts Center offers classes in traditional Cherokee arts and crafts, including loom weaving. For a list of upcoming classes or for more information, contact Valerie Diffe at 918-453-5728.

Artists wanted for the CN holiday art contest

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TAHLEQUAH, Okla. - The Cherokee Nation is seeking artists for a Cherokee National Holiday art contest with the winning submission being displayed on the 60th annual holiday's posters, T-shirts and programs.

"The winning design will represent this year's theme and be displayed throughout the holiday on multiple promotional items," a CN release states.

According to the, the selected artist will also receive \$1,200. This year's theme is "From One Fire to a Proud Future."

Those interested in participating must be 18 or older and a CN citizen.

"Rough sketches of planned artwork should be submitted on or before March 15. The winning artist will be selected on March 17 and will have until May 15 to complete the work, which should measure 29-by-20 inches in a vertical orientation," the release states.

For more information or to submit artwork, call Cherokee National Holiday Director Lou Slagle at 918-453-1689 or email lou-slagle@cherokee.org.

The Cherokee National Holiday is an annual tradition commemorating the signing of the 1839 Constitution. Held during Labor Day weekend, the event attracts more than 90,000 visitors who come to enjoy an exciting array of entertainment, cultural and athletic events.

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****ANNOUNCEMENTS AT NEXT METING****



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