

"Of Voices & Strength"

THE MUSEUM AT WARM SPRINGS 19TH ANNUAL HONOR DINNER



August 27, 2021



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The day after the Honor Dinner, join us for an unforgettable morning!

LIVING THE POWER OF THE WORD

An exciting morning of readings and discussion involving four award-winning Indigenous poet-storytellers.

Where: The Oregon Historical Society | **When:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 | **Time:** 10 am - 12 pm
Joy Harjo, U.S. Poet Laureate | Rena Priest, Washington Poet Laureate | Anis Mojgani, Oregon Poet Laureate
Elizabeth Woody, Former Oregon Poet Laureate and Special Guests.

EXCLUSIVE EVENT! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

Will have limited seating and tickets available.

Please call for more information, or to register for the **Morning with the Laureates**.
The Museum At Warm Springs: (541) 553-3331, or email: maws@museumatwarmsprings.org

The Museum at Warm Springs 19th Annual Honor Dinner

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TWANAT Award: Joy Harjo

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joy Harjo is a member of the Mvskoke/Creek Nation. She is an internationally renowned performer and writer. Joy is the current Poet Laureate of the United States. She presently serves as Board Chair of the Portland / Vancouver based Native Arts & Culture Foundation. She earned her BA from the University of New Mexico and MFA from the Iowa Writer's Workshop. Joy draws on First Nation storytelling and histories, as well as feminist and social justice poetic traditions, and frequently incorporates Indigenous myths, symbols and value into her writing.

Harjo is the author of nine books of poetry, including her most recent, the highly acclaimed **An American Sunrise** (2019), which was a 2020 Oklahoma Book Award Winner; **Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings** (2015), which was short listed for the Griffin Prize and named a Notable Book of the Year by the American Library Association; and **In Mad Love and War** (1990), which received an American Book Award and the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award. Her first memoir, **Crazy Brave**, was awarded the PEN USA Literary Award in Creative Non Fiction and the American Book Award, and her second, **Poet Warrior: A Memoir**, is forth-coming from W.W. Norton in Fall 2021. Joy is an accomplished performer and musician and produced seven award-winning music albums, including her newest, **Pray for My Enemies**.



Lifetime Achievement Award: George W. Aguilar Sr.

George W. Aguilar Sr., is a Wasco elder and life-long resident of the Warm Springs Reservation, who won the 2006 Oregon Book Award for Creative Nonfiction for his book, **When The River Ran Wild/ Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia and the Warm Springs Reservation**. The book, which also received the 2006 Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History, has been highly praised for its well researched and clear-headed blending of tribal traditions and customs, written history, and personal recollections. It is the first book on the heritage of the Warm Springs people to be written by a tribal member.

George's second book **The Shattered Civilization** is available in an on-line version. In *The Shattered Civilization*, George imagines the encounters of many of his ancestors with explorers, fortune seekers, and settlers. Many images from the series of encounters portray an once strong and resilient culture, brought through the introduction of disease, for which they had no immunity, by strange customs and laws that were pushed upon them by the strangers which deprived them of their land and status, and by their loss of their connection with each other. George, a humble, quiet man filled with knowledge and a passion for the history of his ancestors. Ask him a question, you will get a detailed, eloquent answer, from the depths of his memory and soul.

Honoree: Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society *Huu-cha-n: A Good Way of Life, the Good Life*

In recognition and support of their building the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center to preserve and share their history.

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August 27, 2021

4:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Kridel Grand Ballroom - Portland Art Museum

1119 SW Park Avenue | Portland, Oregon

TWANAT AWARD

Joy Harjo

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

George W. Aguilar Sr.

HONOREE

Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society

Join us for an evening of celebration as we honor these exceptional individuals.

Please reply by August 18th. Tickets will **not be mailed** out – check in at the door.

For more information contact The Museum At Warm Springs at 541.553.3331

Or email: maws@museumatwarmsprings.org

"Ancestor Series" Painting courtesy of Lillian Pitt.