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Editor's Note: We're online this year! GreenerScene will evolve over the next few months into a twice-monthly publication, with major breaks in the academic year causing some schedule fluctuations. Please print this for colleagues who may not have computer access.

Welcome to the newest members of the Evergreen community!

Scott Coleman  director, MIT
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Lisa Strange  program coordinator, academic deans
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Annie Pennucci  research associate, WSIPP
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Amy Cook faculty, natural sciences
Kevin Hogan faculty, natural sciences
Rachel Jameton visiting faculty, natural sciences
Gail Johnson faculty, social sciences
Nancy Murray faculty, natural sciences
Martha Rosemeyer faculty, natural sciences
Tan Stupakoff visiting faculty, natural sciences

And the winners are ...

Two Greeners are among the recipient of awards to be given by the Washington State Arts Commission next month. Alumna and Daniel J. Evans Scholar Hazel Pete '74 and faculty member Gail Tremblay will be honored at a ceremony set for October 11 at Tacoma's Pantages Theater.

Pete, an internationally renowned basketweaver and mentor, was the lead artist in weaving at the Gathering of Indigenous Visual Artists of the Pacific Rim, which met for the first time in this country at Evergreen in June. She has taught Native American art and history and helped tribal communities to reclaim traditional knowledge and skills. With her family, Pete has formed the Hazel Pete Institute of Chehalis Basketry. She will be one of three Governor's Heritage Award recipients.

Tremblay is being honored for her contributions to the arts and cultural arts over the last two decades. She is noted for the distinctive visions created by her multimedia, fiber, wood and metal visual art and installations. Her visual art has been shown frequently throughout the state and in more than 60 shows across the country. Tremblay's work has appeared in more than 50 publications. Also a creative writer and poet, Tremblay has been a member of the faculty since 1980, teaching writing, visual arts and Native American studies. She will receive one of three Governor's Arts Awards.

Foundation Activity Award proposals due

The deadline for Foundation Activity Grants, which support faculty, staff and student projects, is fast approaching. Proposals are due by Wednesday, October 10. These awards are targeted at activities that have a strong educational component and let recipients accomplish something in their programs that otherwise would be unattainable.

With $7,000 budgeted for the academic year, about $2,300 is up for grabs fall quarter. Last year, 21 awards were made.

For an application, visit http://www.evergreen.edu/user/homef.htm, then go to "Foundation Activity Grants" under the major heading "Faculty, Staff and Student Research Grants."

Seminar II update

It seemed that Seminar II was on the fast track. A thank-you reception had just feted the college design team, government and business leaders, friends of the college and other well wishers. As the site was
being cleared the next day, the Board of Trustees voted to award the construction contract to DPR Construction, Inc., a San Francisco-based company with the lowest bid-$32.9 million.

Declining state revenues have put construction of Seminar II—and other capital projects across Washington—on hold. In very simple terms, when state tax receipts go down, so does the amount of money available for debt service on bonds sold to pay for construction projects. As of this writing, that shortfall is projected at $150 million. "That is a conservative estimate," warns Marty Brown, director of the Office of Financial Management, which is now reviewing all the construction projects in the pipeline. Some may not be built.

"We're optimistic," says Michel George, director of Facilities. "OFT has a lot of work to do in evaluating project feasibilities. But I expect a positive outcome in the very near future. We have the contract in hand and we're just waiting for OFM allotment approval to execute the document."

**Nisqually Site added to Reservation-Based/Community Determined Program**

The Board of Trustees voted at its September meeting to add Nisqually to the sites participating in the reservation-based/community-determined program. It joins Skokomish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Quinault, Neah Bay and Muckleshoot in offering upper-division classes to about 70 Native American students. The Provost's Office estimates that 20 or so students at Nisqually are interested in Evergreen offerings. Some are expected to enroll this academic year, with others to follow in the near future. Student demand last year led to full-time status for the two part-time faculty members teaching in the program. These faculty members will work with the Nisqually community in tandem with the two on-campus faculty members who rotate into the program.

**Grant News**

The National Science Foundation has funded the Canopy Database Project for a third year. Faculty members Judy Cushing and Nalini Nadkarni manage the project, which organizes and presents information about forest canopies to researchers, educators and the public. This year's award includes a Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) grant supplement. The first was awarded last year. With this $240,370 award, the college will re-hire three undergraduates (or graduates within one year of their degree) to work on the forest canopy research for which Evergreen has earned international prominence.

**Willi Unsoeld Lecture set**

Noted ethnobiologist Wade Davis is the guest lecturer for the Willi Unsoeld Seminar Series. He will talk on Wednesday, October 24, at 7 p.m. in the Communications Building Recital Hall. The British Columbia native has written eight books, hosted and co-written the television series "Earthguide" on the Discovery Channel and conducted research across the globe. Davis is now serving a three-year term as Explorer-in-Residence at the National Geographic Society.

Wade's lecture, "Light at the Edge of the World: Vanishing Cultures, Enduring Lives," is free and open to the public.

**Wal-Mart smiles on Child-care Center**

Child-care lead teacher Tracy Duncan's desire to introduce environmental education to the wee ones in her charge has landed two grants. Just a quarter away from earning a bachelor's degree from Evergreen,
Duncan wrote a grant proposal for one of her classes. An Internet search of companies likely to fund outdoor activities led her to merchandising giant Wal-Mart. Duncan completed a questionnaire, hoping for $400 to pay for equipment to explore the environment: boots, ponchos, magnifying glasses and the like. After hearing nothing, Duncan decided to apply for a second grant, this one for $500. She was completely taken aback when a check for $900 arrived.

"Wal-Mart saw our need and desire to boost our outdoor education program," Duncan says. "The grants represent something our Child-care Center has never seen before-- support from the business community for the education of the bodies and minds of the youngest among us."

Child-care Center Director Sandi Shellabarger is impressed by Duncan's initiative. "She hit the ground running with these grants. Tracy's done a great job--we're so proud of her!"

GreenerScene welcomes news from the Evergreen community. Please send yours to brownkl@evergreen.edu.

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