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## American Indian Juried Fine Art Show: Haliwa-Saponi Potter's Work Featured

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Senora Lynch

Angier - She has won awards in national competitions, and her work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution. Collectors across the United States and in Australia, Germany, Britain and Japan are proud owners of her clay creations.

She is Senora Lynch, an internationally renowned potter and member of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe located in Warren and Halifax Counties. The 36-year-old potter's work will

be featured in an upcoming American Indian juried fine art show sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina. This year's show titled, "Full Circle," is a part of the upcoming twenty-fifth NC Indian Unity Conference scheduled for March 8-11, at the Holiday Inn-Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

Lynch, whose grandfather was a gifted artist and tribal leader, began making pottery as a teenager but was somewhat disappointed when the first four pieces she made broke. The potter within her then went dormant until about eight years ago when she took up the clay again, this time taking instruction from a teacher. Today, the only disappointing thing about her work as a potter is the lack of time to meet demands from collectors, galleries and art shows.

Working in the traditional style, Lynch coil-builds her stoneware from red and white clays. Both clays are indigenous to the area where she lives. The award-winning artist says building a pot usually takes about five days. She leaves the piece to dry for a day or two before she begins the "trimming" or smoothing and filling in to make the piece symmetrical. This

process takes three to five days. She then paints the piece with five coats of thinned white clay, or vice versa. This is followed with the carving of the design into the surface, the white scraped away to reveal the red-brown clay. Finally, the piece is fired. Her works - depending on size and design - can fetch \$30 for a small turtle to several thousand dollars for a large ornate pot. Animals figure prominently in her pottery.

This year will mark the tenth anniversary of the acclaimed American Indian juried fine art show that officially opens Thursday, March 9. The public is invited to Senora Lynch and other show participants at an artists' reception March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

Participation in the art show is open to tribal communities throughout North Carolina. Indian artists must be at least 18 years-old to enter the art competition. For more information, applications and guidelines on the American Indian juried fine art show, contact Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, curator at e-mail address: BRAVEBOYB@aol.com, or telephone: 919/639-9014.



## Pembroke Middle School Students Participate in Shadowing Program

Ashley Hunt and Damien D. Hunt-Locklear, eighth grade students at Pembroke Middle School spent Thursday, February 17, 2000 with Chief District Court Judge Herbert Richardson as part of a "Job Shadowing" Program. Job Shadowing is an educational experience which provides students an opportunity to visit a career role model at the work site. It allows the student to observe the performance of tasks specific to that occupation or position. In addition to benefiting students by introducing them to the concept of life long learning, it helps businesses develop a potential workforce for the future. Ashley is the daughter of Henry B. Hunt and Paula Hunt. She is the granddaughter of Charity L. Hunt. Damien is the son of Cynthia L. Hunt and Darryl Locklear. He is the grandson of Douglas and Olivia Dial Hunt and James and Eula Locklear. Both students expressed an interest in a legal career.

## Measuring the economic value of a university

Pembroke, N.C.--The growth of UNC Pembroke should be a top priority for everyone in this region for a lot of reasons.

This is the conclusion of a recently released publication on the present and future economic impact of the university on the surrounding community.

In this fiscal year, there are at least \$55 million reasons why a university is a good thing to have around. That is the estimated financial impact of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will have on the economy during the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors recently initiated the study and a publication which followed.

"Finding that UNC Pembroke is an economic engine that pumps approximately \$55.2 million into the economy should surprise no one," Chancellor Meadors said. "We have more than 500 staff and faculty members on the payroll and many more working for us under other enterprises, such as food service, grants, construction and so on."

"I think it is important to point out that in addition to what UNCP is doing for the economy in fiscal year 2000, over the next eight years the contribu-

tion will far exceed what we are doing today."

Chancellor Meadors' financial analysis projects that in 2008 a growing university could be pumping almost \$100 million annually into the economy.

"We have set assertive goals for the growth of this university," Chancellor Meadors said. "When we meet them, it will be because of the high quality of services that we provide for students."

"And, when we meet our goal of doubling the enrollment of this university, there will be a tremendous increase in our financial footprint in the area," he said.

The chancellor's study estimates an economic impact of \$99.6 million in 2008. If enrollment doubles, as is Chancellor Meadors' plan, more than 800 faculty and staff will be employed by the university.

The study uses no inflation factor or so-called "multiplier effect" that says money changes hands two-to-seven times in a local economy before leaving.

The study includes nearly \$100 million in construction costs over the next eight years for new buildings, expansion of existing facilities, infra-

structure improvements and repair to aging structures.

Payroll will grow from \$23.5 million in 2000 to an estimated \$37.6 million in 2008.

Student spending, calculated at \$5,000 a year per full-time student, will double to \$26.2 million by 2008. Economists and UNCP's consultants say students spend that amount on food, gasoline, clothing, transportation, entertainment, medical care and other necessities. Off-campus housing, which should grow dramatically in the next eight years, is also part of that total.

"A growing enrollment translates into a student housing increase on and off-campus," Chancellor Meadors said. "There will be some excellent opportunities in the future for housing development near campus."

"Of course, we will never lose sight of the first mission of higher education in enhancing the value of our human capital," he said. "But I believe it is also important to accurately predict both the financial impact as well as the demands on all types of other resources that the future will bring to us all."

A copy of the "Economic Impact" brochure may be obtained by calling 521-6249.

## March of Dimes 2000 Walk planned for county

The March of Dimes has announced it's 2000 walk for Robeson County. It will be held on Saturday March 25th. All interested groups or individuals should contact Kay Hannah at the Fayetteville March of

Dimes office. She can be reached by calling 910-483-3681. For local information you can call Fordham Britt at the Lumberton Children's Clinic 739-3318 extension 303.

The Mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies through the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality. We can carry out this mission through the Campaign for Healthier Babies, which includes programs of research.

Many thanks to the following spon-

sors: Comfort Suites and Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. The following have also signed up to walk and our thanks go out to them also: Acme Electric, Antioch Baptist Church, Clayton Knitting Company, Employment Security Commission, Kool Kids 4-H Club, JC Penney, Lumberton River EMC, Lumberton Children's Clinic, Time Warner Cable, Robeson County Health Department, and Young Leaders 4-H Club.

## Blood Drive Planned at O P Owens Friday

There will be a Blood Drive on February the 25th at the O P Owens Building on N. Pine St., Lumberton, NC. The public is invite, till be 1 p.m. til 5 p.m. Requirements are that you must be 17 years of age, weight at least 100 lbs. and be in good health. You cannot have had hepatitis and of course you cannot have been exposed to AIDS. The only other requirement for becoming a blood donor is that you care about making sure your family, friends, and neighbors will always have the life giving blood they need. So if you care, don't wait any longer, please give the gift of life.

## Indicators pointing up

### Chancellor Meadors tells trustees

Pembroke, N.C.--"It's been a very positive year," UNC Pembroke Chancellor Allen C. Meadors told his Board of Trustees Friday.

Although Chancellor Meadors said the next three years will be the "age of awareness" for UNCP among external audiences, some solid signs of improvement are already evident.

-- Offers to high school seniors for admission are up 22 percent over last year

-- Out-of-state applications are twice last year

-- Applications from transfer students are double last year's rate

-- UNCP is listed as first choice of twice the number of Teaching Fellows this year

Chancellor Meadors also unveiled a new performing arts series at Givens Performing Arts Center for 2000-2001 with performers Martha Reeves and the Vandellas and Roy Clark. It will be a nostalgia series, he said.

An ad hoc committee of the board was appointed by Board Chair Roger Oxendine to study upgrading UNCP athletics to NCAA Division I status from Division II. Board members Mac Campbell, Sybil Collins, Gary Oxendine and Phillip Bowman volunteered to be on a committee that will include other administrators, faculty and students.

A Distinguished Speaker Series with five speakers will be part of the 2000-2001 academic year, Chancellor Meadors announced. Actors Danny Glover and Felix Justice kicked off the series this month.

Broadcast journalist Charlie Rose is the Spring Commencement

speaker. The Henderson, N.C. native is a PBS talk show host and member of CBS' 60 Minutes II staff of investigative reporters.

The updated Facilities Site Plan preliminary report was unveiled for board input by Robert Anderson of Hayes/Howell, Architects of Southern Pines.

"We have tried to develop a stronger sense of place that is unique to UNCP," Mr. Anderson said. "We worked hard on campus views with the idea of building a hospitable campus that makes memories for students."

The plan, which assumes no additional purchases of land, includes five small ponds, including two in front of the University Center and one in the academic quadrangle. The campus as previewed by the facilities plan could accommodate 4,300 additional students.

The plan also includes:

-- A 200-seat outdoor amphitheater

-- Relocation of all playing fields and tennis courts

-- Two new residence halls with 600 beds

-- Two parking decks and a total of 2,300 additional parking spaces

-- A new main entrance off Odom Road leading to Lumbee Hall

-- Removal of most of University Drive from the current main entrance to the intersection of Faculty Row Drive

The plan was developed with the assistance of the campus Facilities Master Plan Committee.

Saturday, Feb. 19 is Homecoming.

## Literary Contest Part of NC Indian Unity Conference

--In conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference, United Tribes of North Carolina is sponsoring a literary contest. Essays and poetry pieces - never before published - which examine elements of interest to the American Indian culture, specifically those which address this year's juried fine art theme, "Full Circle", may be submitted to:

United Tribes, Inc. Literary Contest  
c/o Post Office Box 695  
Angier, NC 27501-0695

## Weinstein praises release of funds: \$4.3 million will help UNC-Pembroke with critical projects

Raleigh - Lawmakers' release of repair and renovation funds for the UNC system will help campuses begin to meet their vast facility needs, Sen. David Weinstein said today.

Weinstein, D-Robeson, praised the Joint Commission on Government Operations' approval of more than \$4.3 million in repair and renovation funds for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Last year lawmakers failed to agree on the best way to finance more than \$7 billion in facility needs at the 16 UNC-system campuses. UNC-Pembroke had listed more than \$56.7 million in critical repair and renovation projects. "For UNC-Pembroke to be able to compete with other schools for the best and brightest students, and it's critical to have state-of-the-art facilities and safe buildings," Weinstein said. "These funds will give the university a start on the projects it vitally needs."

A study conducted last year found that more than 800 buildings throughout the UNC system - mostly classrooms and laboratories - need repair. And more than 48,000 new students are expected to enroll in the state's universities over the next decade.

"We must find ways to not only fix existing facility problems, but also to prepare for enrollment growth," Weinstein said.

Funds released this week for UNC-Pembroke include:

-- \$1.859 million in general campus improvements;

-- \$681,300 for the first phase of renovation of the health/physical education building;

-- \$597,000 to repair electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems;

-- \$330,000 in renovations to improve use of existing space;

-- \$55,000 in improvements to meet American Disability Act and Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements;

-- \$390,000 to repair and replace roofs;

-- \$60,000 to improve roads, walkways and utility infrastructure; and

-- \$190,000 to correct fire safety deficiencies.

### Contest Guidelines:

1. Open to any Native American living in North Carolina or any member of a North Carolina Indian tribe
2. Judging will be done in two age groups: Age 17-years-old and under and 18-years-old and older
3. Entries must be never before published
4. Entries may be made in both categories: Essay (up to 2000 words) and poetry (prose-up to 30 lines)
5. Two copies of the manuscript must be typed (essays are must be double-spaced). Handwritten pieces will not be accepted.
6. The following information must appear on the cover sheet Only: author's name, age, tribal affiliation, mailing address, phone number, category, essay word count, and poetry line count. Author's name must not appear anywhere other than on cover sheet. Manuscripts cannot be returned
7. A First Prize of \$50.00 and an Honorable Mention will be awarded in each age group and each category. Winners will be given an opportunity to read their piece at the upcoming NC Indian Unity Conference in Fayetteville
8. Winners and awards will be announced at the Saturday morning General Assembly of the Conference (March 11)
9. Deadline for entries is March 6, 2000.

## Joins SRMC Medical Staff

Edward B. Ermini, M.D., a specialist in otolaryngology, has joined the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center. He is in private practice at 4303 Ludgate St. in Lumberton.

Dr. Ermini is practicing general otolaryngology including ear, nose and throat surgery. He treats persons with sinus problems and allergies. With his special interest in voice management, he has treated professional singers with voice problems. He is looking forward to serving both adult and pediatric patients.

A native of Yonkers, New York, Dr. Ermini earned a medical degree from the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He completed residency training in otolaryngology at the University of Wisconsin/Madison in 1995. Before relocating to Lumberton, he practiced in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology.

"My wife and I did not want to live in a big city," he said. "Lumberton puts us close to our relatives in Virginia and Alabama. We look forward to becoming a part of the local community."

Dr. Ermini is an avid woodworker and amateur musician. He builds acoustic guitars and also plays them. He and his wife, Cheryl, play golf and tennis. They have a 16-month-old son, Anthony and an 11-year-old daughter, Emily. The Erminis are making their home in Lumberton.

For more information call (910) 738-4226.

## Robeson County Democratic Precinct Meetings To Be Held March 7, 2000

Local Democrats will hold Precinct Meetings on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the polling place of each Precinct, unless otherwise designated by the Local Precinct or County Chair. The Chief item of

business will be to elect delegates to the County Convention to be held on April 15 at the County Courthouse.

For more information contact - County Democratic Chairman Milton Hunt at 521-4703. (nights)