

PRESS RELEASE

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## **Silent Auction w/ Guest Speaker**

Friday, April 26, 2019; 6 pm–9:30 pm || Suggested donation \$10-?  
Ecotrust, 721 NW 9th Ave #200, Portland, OR 97209

Our reliance on global markets has weakened our ability to provide the things we need from the local landscape, for ourselves and our families. We have forgotten how to live in the place where we exist. This disconnection from nature—from our food, clothing, resources, and neighbors—is palpable. What we have gained in worldly complexity, we have lost in regional resilience. **Rewild Portland is here to change that.**

Our mission is to foster resilience through place-based arts, traditions, and technologies. We offer a variety of programs, including free monthly classes, community-building events, seasonal children's camps, and adult workshops that integrate the arts of ancestral technology with environmental education and ecological restoration. We connect people to place and nature through ancient hand crafts—basket weaving, pottery, bow and arrow making, edible wild plants, and more.

On Friday, April 26, we will host our annual silent auction to raise funds to continue our programming in 2019–20. This fundraiser provides a large portion of our annual operating expenses, helping us to continue running programs like our monthly Free Skills Series, sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation. The event will include demonstrations of a few of the skills we teach, like basket weaving and simple stone tool making.

### **7 pm, "Indigenizing Community Rewilding Practice"**

We are honored to welcome Dr. Deana Dartt as our guest speaker. Deana is a member of the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, former Curator of Native American Art at the Portland Art Museum, and founder of Live Oak Museum Consulting in Eugene, an organization committed to reshaping museum narratives and assisting institutions in their efforts to be more accountable and responsive to Native communities. Q&A to follow.

### **6 pm–9:00 pm, Silent Auction**

Bid on amazing items like handcrafted tools, native plants, books, theater tickets, and much more! Find great deals and support **Rewild Portland** at the same time. Auction closes starting at 8:30pm; bidders must be present to receive winnings.

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