

Regional News

Eastern Cherokee Defense League to Host 7th Annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference

To feature the negative impact and discriminatory practices of toxic and radioactive poisoning of Native Americans.

CHEROKEE, NC — This year's Indigenous Environmental Network's Protecting Mother Earth conference will have a distinct and significant meaning for some of the hosts of the conference who were recently discriminated against at a Shoney's Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana while attending a national conference on the threats that toxic chemicals like dioxin have on health and the environment. Members from the Eastern Cherokee Defense League received national media attention when they led a protest march of 250 of the nearly 600 participants of the Third Citizens Dioxin Conference against the discriminatory practices of the Shoney's business.

The march and the dioxin conference brought to the surface the need for broader understanding of multi-racial and multi-cultural education. Members of the ECDL found that environmental racism is directly associated with racism in general; where people are discriminated against simply because they are people of color or poor.

The ECDL hopes to address these environmental injustices at the 7th annual IEN Protecting

Mother Earth conference slated for June 13-16, 1996 in Cherokee, North Carolina. The conference will be held within the reservation boundaries of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The ECDL reports that the Eastern Band of Cherokee People are faced with a long history of ecological destruction as a result of the paper pulp and paper production, logging, tourism and other industrial impacts. The conference theme, "Our Rivers Are Life," relates to these developments which have resulted in diminished fish species and poorer water quality. The impacts of possible dioxin contamination from local pulp and paper industries are serious concerns of ECDL. "Since our attendance at the dioxin conference, we have learned things that call us to question the level of contamination that the local pulp and paper industry is putting into our Smoky Mountains. This is an issue that will be addressed within the June conference here at Cherokee," said Missy Crowe, ECDL member and IEN conference staff member.

"As reports and evidence emerge from the scientific and health communities, it becomes clear that there is a connection between the environment and our health.

Oklahoma City's Red Earth Festival Gets First Day Stamp Ceremony

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — Oklahoma City's Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival, scheduled June 7-9, 1996, will host the first day of issue stamp ceremony for the American Indian Dances commemorative stamps. The ceremony on June 7 will kick-off the three day cultural event at the Myriad Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

"Postage stamps offer us a unique view of our diverse heritage by giving us a glimpse of the people, places, and events that have shaped our nation," said District Manager for Oklahoma postal operations Terry Wilson. "bringing the American Indian Dances stamps to the Red Earth Festival is a fitting tribute to the cultures and heritage they represent."

Five dances are depicted on

the colorful stamps designed by Oklahoman Keith Birdsong. The Native American dances featured are the Fancy Dance, Butterfly Dance, Traditional Dance, Raven Dance and the Hoop Dance. Dedication of the stamps will follow the magnificent Grand Entry into the Myriad Convention Center Arena at 12 noon Friday, June 7.

"The Red Earth Festival draws representatives of nearly 100 tribes to Oklahoma City in a celebration of Native American cultures," said Christy Alcox Red Earth Executive Director. "Through dance and art we are able to share the richness and diversity of Native American cultures with the world. We are delighted to bring these stamps celebrating Native American dance to Oklahoma."



Request for Proposals for Master Real Estate Developer RFP #95/96-107

The Community Development Agency of West Palm Beach, Florida, is seeking proposals for the purpose of selecting a Master Real Estate Developer to lease or purchase, construct, operate and manage a large scale multi-phased, mixed-use urban development consisting of as much as 2.8 million square feet in an area of up to 65 acres in the "Downtown/Uptown" area. Each proposal will address such uses as: Residential, Retail, Office, entertainment, restaurant, governmental, museum, institutional, cultural, convention center, parking, parks and related public areas, and associated recreational amenities.

Pursuant to the request for proposal, interested developers must notify the Assistant Purchasing Agent, at the Purchasing Division Office, in writing no later than Wednesday, May 1, 1996, of the Proposer's

intent to submit a proposal and to attend a mandatory pre-proposal conference on Wednesday, May 15, 1996. Sealed proposals must be received no later than Thursday, August 1, 1996, by the Assistant Purchasing Agent at 3:00 pm est. Those submitting a proposal must post a "Proposal Deposit" of \$25,000 which is refundable to those not selected. Upon selection, an additional non-refundable "Good Faith" deposit of \$50,000 will be required.

Interested parties may acquire a copy of the request for the Request for Proposal by contacting:
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