

DEAR OUUF FRIENDS AND MEMBERS:

TUESDAY, MAY 18 - AT OUUF from 3 - 5 ... Come ,with reverence ...

Learn about the totem pole that will stop in Sequim before ultimately being presented to President Biden and exhibited at the Smithsonian...

"...In February of this year, the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Nation sourced a log from a 400 year old Western Red Cedar tree. Over the past two months Lummi carvers aged 4 years old to 70 participated in the construction of the totem pole. In an artist's statement, Master Carver Jewell James explained that each carving on the pole gives nod to specific Native American folklore and tribal connections that span beyond the Canadian and Mexican border..."



You all are cordially invited to join the Sequim community this Tuesday (May 18, 3 – 5 PM) in welcoming the arrival of the “Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey” (see - [\(20+\) Our Shared Responsibility: A Totem Pole Journey](#) | [Facebook](#) and [Lummi Nation carvers and allies to embark on national tour to D.C., give totem pole to President Biden](#) | [The Seattle Times](#)).



This event will take place at Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1033 N. Barr Rd., Port Angeles. Enter from N. Barr Rd. Please bring a chair and carpool as parking is limited. All current Covid19 restrictions will be in place.



We hope to honor the significance of the totem pole and the Lummi tribal members on this sacred journey.

Donations to Lhaq'temish Foundation c/o House of Tears Carvers will be welcome.

The objective of this particular stop is also to honor the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe and their relations to the Grinnell family, and to acknowledge that this Journey is passing through Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe territory.

From **House of Tears Carvers, Se-Sealth ~ Jewell James, Sit ki kadem ~ Douglas James**

“Now’t Si’am.

Hello Friends/Relatives,

We are the House of Tears Carvers. In 2021, we are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Totem Pole Journey in the Spirit of Healing, Honor, Hospitality, Respect and Protection. Our elder, Tom Sampson on Vancouver Island in 2002 reminded us, ‘The totem pole isn’t what is Sacred. It’s the gathering of the people around the Pole -- that is what is Sacred.’ he said. This year we invite you and your community to share in this sacred moment, as we prepare for our national tour: The Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey to Protect Sacred Sites • July 13th thru August 4th, 2021. We are organizing a grassroots Pacific Northwest Tour (April 20 thru May 24)...

From [Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey \(juustwa.org\)](http://juustwa.org)

Lummi Nation House of Tears Carvers, led by Master Carver Jewell Praying Wolf James, is based in Bellingham, WA is renown for its Totem Pole Journeys. The House carves Totem Poles and gifts them to Tribes and Nations across the North American continent.

This year they are doing the Red Road to DC having carved a Totem Pole in honor of Sacred Sites, bringing attention to, and promoting the protection and restoration of, sacred lands, landscapes, and waterways. The Journey will also bring attention to the urgent need to address the crisis in Xw’ullemy (the Salish Sea), and to the sacred obligation to restore and protect waterways critical to the future of the salmon. It will also stop for ceremony and special events in other areas that are threatened by unsustainable destructive practices we see here in our home waters.

“The protection of Indigenous sacred places, Ancestors, cultural items, medicines, and cultural ways of life are paramount, and Native Nations’, traditional societies’, ceremonial grounds’, and Indigenous spiritual leaders’ authority on these matters must be given full weight and center around Indigenous free, prior, and informed consent. These are matters that pertain to: our self-determination; our families, past, present, and future; and our ability to practice our ways of life. They represent a sacred duty and traditional law, which are indigenous to these lands.”

Please come with your sense of reverence for spiritual things, your respect for your community - and honor this incredible occasion!