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**2011 BELLINGHAM BAY MARATHON  
LUMMI NATIVE AMERICAN ART COMPETITION  
ANNOUNCED BY  
BELLINGHAM BAY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

*Bridging Cultures* is the theme of the Bellingham Bay Marathon's Lummi Native American Art Competition. The competition, which celebrates the value, successes and mutual benefits of cultural exchange, understanding and cross-cultural collaboration, is open to all Lummi Nation tribal community members. The deadline for submissions is July 15, 2011.

By supporting this competition, the Bellingham Bay Athletic Association hopes to inspire community members to explore the connection between our neighboring communities and cultures. Entries for 2011 Bellingham Bay Marathon Lummi Native American Art Competition should relate to the theme *Bridging Cultures* and reflect the importance of cultural exchange, understanding and cross-cultural collaboration. Submissions will be judged on: originality/creativity; relationship of work to the theme "*Bridging Cultures*"; ease of transfer to two-dimensional materials; and clarity of artwork when reduced to 3" diameter for finisher medals.

In recognition of the artistic talents, the 2011 Bellingham Bay Marathon Lummi Native American Art Competition winning entry will be used on the 2011 Bellingham Bay Marathon & Half Marathon finisher medals and technical shirts. The top three winning artworks will be on display through Allied Arts of Whatcom County the month of September 2011 and at Cedar Works Gallery the month of October 2011. Both art galleries are located in Bellingham.

The Lummi Native American Art Competition rules require the Lummi artist register their entry with their entry submission. For additional information, rules and entry form, please visit [www.bellingshambaymarathon.org](http://www.bellingshambaymarathon.org) or email [run@bellingshambaymarathon.org](mailto:run@bellingshambaymarathon.org) or call 360.389.3505.

The 2011 Bellingham Bay Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K is held the last Sunday in September. This year's races will be on September 25, 2011. Bellingham Bay Marathon is managed by Bellingham Bay Athletic Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (IRS application pending).

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