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**2011 BELLINGHAM BAY MARATHON
LUMMI NATIVE AMERICAN ART COMPETITION
WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The Bellingham Bay Athletic Association (BBAA) is pleased to announce that Charmaine Lawrence is the winner of its inaugural Bellingham Bay Marathon Lummi Native American Art Competition, winning \$500, for "Salmon Circle," a work of ink on board.

Michael Peters' "Orca – Killer Whale" won second prize of \$200, while Candace Solomon's "An eagle flying over Bellingham Bay..." captured third place and a prize of \$100.

The pieces were selected for 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. Judges selecting the finalists included Katy Borden of Allied Arts, Michael Thomas of Cedar Works Gallery and Whitney Pearce of Three Sixty Productions. Winners were selected by Jim Clevenger, David Penrose and Todd Sewell of BBAA.

The competition, which celebrates the value, successes and mutual benefits of cultural exchange, understanding and cross-cultural collaboration, was open to all Lummi Nation tribal community members. By supporting this competition, the Bellingham Bay Athletic Association hopes to inspire community members to explore the connection between our neighboring communities and cultures.

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 along with the 10 other submissions 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.



Winning Artist Charmaine Lawrence

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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