

## Canoe exhibit opens Friday at Willamette Heritage Center

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Three tribal canoes — two historical and one modern — will be the focus of the next exhibit at The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill.

The show opens Friday and will continue through May 30. Curated by David Lewis, manager of the Tribes' Cultural Resources Department, the exhibit shares not only history but canoes' role in the Tribes' rebirth.

It's the first of what could become annual collaborations between the Tribes and the museum.

"This fits the Willamette Heritage Center mission to a T, allowing elements of the Willamette Valley community access to the museum to tell and re-create a part of their heritage," said Peter Booth, executive director of the Heritage Center.

The museum is at 1313 Mill St. SE. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays.

Admission is \$6, \$5 ages 55 and older, \$4 for students, \$3 for ages 6 to 17 and free for ages younger than 6; free for everyone on Tuesdays.



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Travis Stewart works on a river canoe outside of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill at the Willamette Heritage Center on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The live demonstration is part of the installation of the Grand Ronde's Canoe Journey exhibit. The exhibit brings to life the importance and heritage of the historic shovelnose canoes used by the Native Peoples to travel throughout the Willamette Valley.