

RESPECTING TRADITION AND IMPLEMENTING CHANGE: HOPI AND NAVAJO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rural Funders Fall Forum and Overnight Learning Tour Presented by Neighborhood Funders Group Friday, September 9 – Sunday, September 11, 2005

Join your colleagues for a two-day excursion in legendary Navajo and Hopi country in northeast Arizona. Tribal members will guide us through a fascinating, hands-on look into programs that spur entrepreneurial innovation and economic growth while preserving the cultural integrity of people and place in rural Arizona. This learning tour is sponsored by the NFG Rural Working Group and runs into the NFG annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, September 11-13, 2005. Register for one or both events at www.nfg.org beginning June 13. Register early; space is limited. Registration for the Fall Forum and overnight learning tour will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

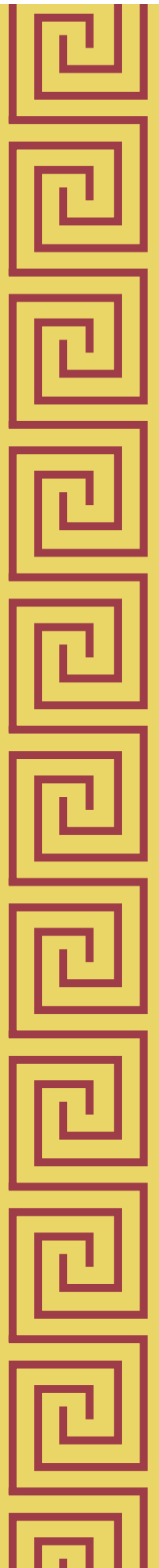
AGENDA

Friday, September 9, 2005

- 12:00 pm **Participants depart via bus from Phoenix:** Pointe South Mountain Hotel
- 4:30 pm **Arrive/check-in at The Cameron Hotel, Cameron.** Room rate is \$79 plus tax.
- 6:00 pm **Welcome Dinner/Program** at The Cameron Hotel/Restaurant
The Tuba City Community Foundation is a relatively young foundation seeking to direct its grantmaking and endowment operations for the most community benefit. Foundation leaders will present a brief program focusing on donor development and strategies that increase and encourage community and economic development. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences around these issues.

Saturday, September 10

- 8:00 am **Breakfast/Departure**
- 8:30 am **Hogan Project: Traditional Homes Addressing the Housing Demand**
Finding a good use for the ready supply of small diameter wood – a byproduct of forest thinning projects with no use by private industry – seemed to align nicely with the need to augment the housing supply on the Navajo Reservation. Indigenous Community Enterprises (ICE), a nonprofit community-based organization, designed and developed the Hogan Project which now produces these natural homes using a manufactured housing process. The manufacturing plant is a for-profit spin-off that has created jobs as well as housing. Tour participants will visit the original prototype and speak with residents of the Hogan.
- 11:00 am **Traditional Navajo Luncheon and Program**
While participants enjoy a catered traditional lunch, Indigenous Community Enterprises (ICE) will facilitate a discussion about its programs that promote workforce and entrepreneurial skills with youth, as well as focus on financial literacy and individual development accounts (IDA) to help reservation residents create savings for business investment, higher education or homeownership. Tour participants will learn about these successful programs and be immersed in Navajo culture.
- 12:00 noon **Depart for Hopi Reservation**



- 1:30 pm **Hopi Foundation Presentation**
The Hopi Foundation has been active on the reservation for more than 18 years and boasts business development, workforce development and community organizing among its many achievements. After a short presentation by Foundation staff, tour participants will visit several sites.
- 3:00 pm **Walpi Village, First Mesa**
A walking tour of the village will enable visitors to understand the challenges of developing and maintaining culturally important places. Walpi is the oldest village at First Mesa, established in 1690, and is the most pristine of the Hopi villages, with cliff-edge houses and vast scenic vistas. The village recently underwent restoration to preserve the beauty of the village and to make it safer for residents to live and perform their religious ceremonies.
- 4:15 pm **KUYI Radio Station**
KUYI means *water*, the most important natural resource for Hopi. This radio station – which went live in December 2000 – provides educational and cultural programming including storytelling, Hopi speakers, and native music. KUYI was the first radio station on the reservation and provides training on state-of-the-art equipment for the 4-5 staff and more than 30 volunteers.
- 5:00 pm **Participants Check-In at the Hopi Cultural Center (Hotel), Second Mesa.**
Room Rate is \$59 (no tax).
- 5:00-6:00 pm **Break**
- 6:00-9:00 pm **Hopi Traditional Dinner and Program**
Enjoy an evening of networking and open discussion with Hopi community leaders along with a cultural presentation by a Hopi dance group.

Sunday, September 11

- 7:30 am **Breakfast/Departure for Phoenix**
- 12:00 pm Arrive Phoenix

LEARNING TOUR PARTICIPANTS PLEASE NOTE:

- ♦ Transportation will be arranged by NFG to/from Phoenix, Cameron and the Hopi Reservation. All participants must plan to depart Phoenix by 12 noon on Friday, September 9.
- ♦ Participation is limited to the first 25 registrants. Registration will begin on June 13, 2005.
- ♦ Hotel reservations will be made on behalf of tour registrants. Individuals will be responsible for their own room payment at the time of check-out. Please **do not** contact the hotels directly to make a reservation.
- ♦ Your registration fee of \$150 includes all meals, speakers, and local transportation (from/to Phoenix).
- ♦ Participants will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own transportation into Phoenix.
- ♦ Registration fee is nonrefundable unless written cancellation is received and confirmed by August 30, 2005.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.NFG.ORG BEGINNING JUNE 13!

