

ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

Dawn Marie Carlson Joins Board

Dawn joins us as the newest member of the Advisory Board with a real "doer" attitude. (Yes!) Dawn is a Business and Marketing Consultant and Website Developer at her own firm, Dawn to Dusk Enterprises. At Fair, Isaac, she was Marketing Program Manager in Corporate Marketing. She brings extensive experience with nonprofit organizations, having served on several boards. Her experience as a fundraiser and volunteer, having headed up the Marin Community Advisory Panel for KRCB-TV, the public television station committed to airing GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS, will be skills that will enrich our media organization in general and help us to reach audiences in the northern counties and from Vallejo into northern Berkeley. KRCB-TV president **Nancy Dobbs** remembers Dawn as a hard worker with a real commitment to community. We are very pleased to have Dawn join the board of GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS.

Belinda Buchanan has become an inactive member of the board, taking a hiatus while she works hard for Ford Motor Company. She is a manager of customer service for Ford in Northern California and has been especially busy. Belinda, thank you for your work, especially on the Plan to Fund.

We are sorry to have lost board member **Seamus Whitley**. Seamus resigned after taking a new position as director of finance with a new firm, Targiff, where he will devote his full attention.

We hope to fill other board positions within the next few months. Let us know who you think would make a good Advisory Board member. We would like to hear from Friends of GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS with suggestions or even nominations for new board members. Please feel free to call or email any one of the board members.

Travel to Northern Cheyenne Nation and Crow Nation



Plains Family by Frank Magsino

Report of Further Development/Production - A Great Success

Gari is now back from the first of two trips to Montana, "where I had a fabulous time, thanks to research and the development work I did last summer with the two tribes' artists and building relationships with the tribal councils.

Among the many successes, I shot some good documentary of artwork and two exemplary events at the Northern Cheyenne Nation's PowWow for *Europe Fascinated With Native Americans*. You might like to know about these because they are so interesting. One is the "give-away" where families give away a tremendous wealth of Pendleton blankets, household goods, special jewelry, unique items for persons who were especially helpful during the year and for people they want to honor, including those in need. It is really the opposite of the way our culture works. As one member of the tribal council told me (on video), they really are not very materialistic, and they believe in giving it away."

In the middle of the beauty of Montana, another event occurs throughout the PowWow, and that is the attention to children, and, of course, that involves the littlest ones' first dance all the way up to the senior princess, which isn't too unlike our Miss America. Very special, and evidence of how deeply family oriented the tribe and clans are.

Among the exact documentation to flesh out this story, two Germans attending the Crow's Sun Dance ceremony, to which Gari was invited, provide excellent footage describing the difference between German hobbyists and those who are attracted by the spiritual life of the tribes.

The artwork of **Kevin Red Star** is held by collectors around the world, and it will now become integrated into *Europe Fascinated With Native Americans*. Along with renown artists **Seidle Standing Elk, Donlin Many Bad Horses**, and others, Gari was able to spend time with the artists and document paintings, mixed media art and traditional pieces such as a newly created dog travois which is surely museum quality.

She even documented the historical meeting between two sovereign nations: Montana Governor **Judy Martz** and the Crow Tribal Council " a meeting that bodes well for both.

By the way, did you know the Olympics Winter Games 2002 in Salt Lake City will feature dancing by a special group from tribes of the Great Plains? Gari wants to help them with some PR for that, so we best request all funding to complete

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