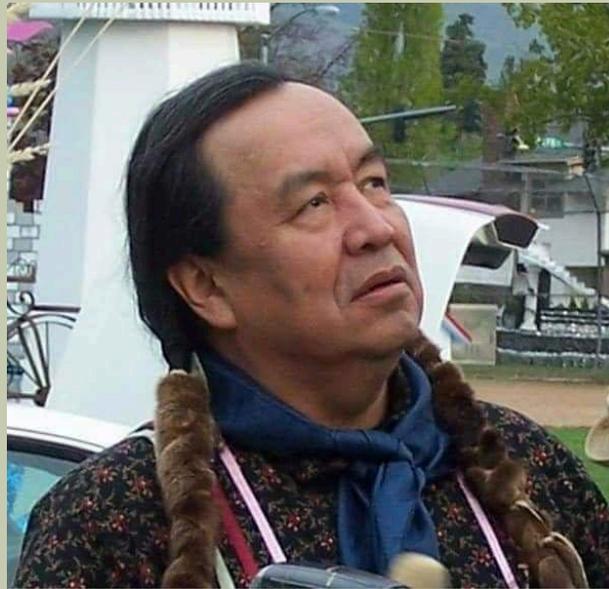




# 2019-2020 HISTORY AWARDS

## PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AWARD

### RANDY LEWIS



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# Peace and Friendship Award



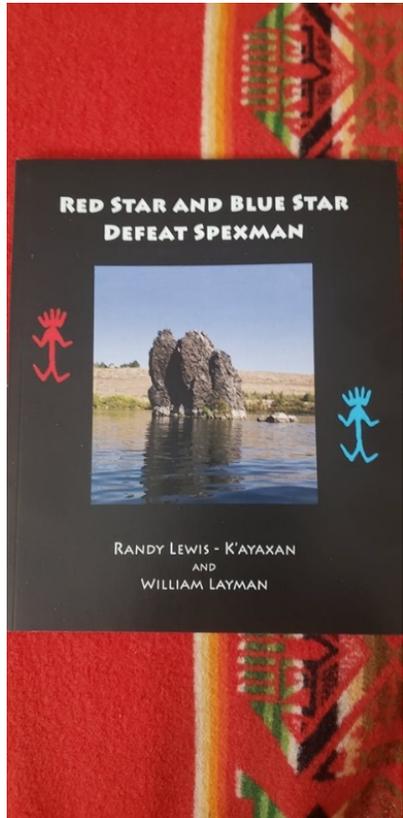
**The 2019-2020 Peace and Friendship Award is presented to Randy Lewis (Wenatchi/P'squosa, Methow, Okanogan)**

There are two awards annually in this category. One is presented to a Native American and the other to a non-Native individual or collaborative for work in advancing public understanding of the cultural diversity of the peoples of Washington State.

The 2019-2020 Peace and Friendship Award is presented to **Randy Lewis** in recognition of his life's work in broadening the public understanding of the cultural diversity of the peoples of Washington State. Early in his life and career, Randy Lewis was an activist and social justice organizer. He served as a board member for the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, and throughout his life Randy has shared his Wenatchi/P'squosa, Methow and Okanogan heritage and culture. He has dedicated himself to fostering intercultural dialogue, understanding and allyship among communities in Washington.

**Joann Oligario** and **Jeanine Greco** also received a Peace and Friendship Award for their collaborative efforts on the exhibition *Beyond Borders: The Indipino Community of Bainbridge Island*.

# Peace and Friendship Award



Randy is a member and Elder of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. He has devoted his entire life to fostering intercultural dialogue and understanding.

Born on the Colville Indian Reservation and immersed in the teachings of his people, Randy has drawn on the strength of this foundation to become a renowned Indigenous political activist in the state of Washington and a treasured oral historian.

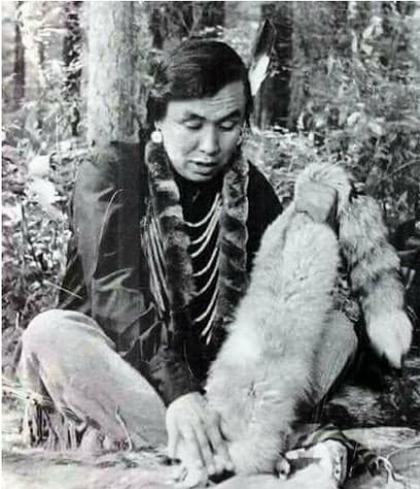
Through his activism and subsequent service on the Board of Directors for the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, Randy helped to create a home for urban Indigenous people, ensure their visibility, and amplify their voices.

Known as a warmly engaging speaker, Randy brings ancient stories to life, imparting their lessons and gifts to new generations. He has a widely-recognized talent for cross-cultural connection and his participation in community events is eagerly pursued.

Randy's peers share that he is a cultural treasure who generously gives his time and expertise to all who ask, fostering dialogue and enriching the understanding of Indigenous lifeways.

Randy serves as a Museum consultant and volunteer for the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. He shares with people of all ages and backgrounds the stories of his family's history in the Wenatchee Valley, the importance of the confluence of the Wenatchee and Columbia rivers for our state's Native history and culture, and the ethnobotany of the confluence and its role in Native life.

# Peace and Friendship Award



Randy is deeply invested in his community and has led tours at the Wenatchee Museum and the Horan Natural Area at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee rivers. He has worked in Wenatchee's public schools, sharing Wenatchi language, history, and culture with children (who adore him). He has spoken at events around north central Washington and has collaborated on two recent publications: *Red Star and Blue Star Defeats Spexman*, and *Rock Island of the Columbia River: The Foundation of Our World*.

Randy is currently working on a series of videos that share the stories and history of his people. The first of these videos, "The Winter's Tale," is a directed film study program reaching across the Wenatchee Valley and across cultures. The films in this series maintain oral traditions, and introduce students to the creative and technical processes of filmmaking. The broadcast quality productions will be used in classrooms and museums as a resource to teach the languages, oral traditions, geology and geography of the region.

As a treasured cultural leader, an engaging and thoughtful lecturer, and a widely respected elder who never hesitates to share the great wealth of his people, Randy Lewis is an exemplary cultural ambassador and richly deserves the WSHS Peace and Friendship Award.

