

ON STAGE

Jim Valley's Rainbow Planet- Jim Valley, a Parents' Choice award-winner, is a musician, composer, performer, entertainer and artist. A member of the rock group Paul Revere and the Raiders in the 1960s, Jim has since forged a highly successful career bringing the joy and magic of music to children, classrooms, workshops and assemblies around the world. Rainbow Planet music and workshops encourage and reinforce through themes of friendship, self-esteem, diversity, ecology and imagination.

Reptile Isle with Don Riggs- Don is a zoologist and has worked with exotic animals for over 15 years. He's appeared and been featured in several television shows: Animal Planet, Evening Magazine, and Bill Nye. Reptile Isle offers a forum for people of all ages to interact with animals and dispel myths and misunderstanding thru hands-on-education. Programs are about one hour in length and cover a broad spectrum of reptiles. Reptile Isle currently houses the largest tortoise in the northwest and the only two-tailed monitor in captivity, along with many of the rarest animals in the world.

Sardis- "Hunters of the Sky"- Sharon Wolters is back with the "Hunters of the Sky" raptor program. This is a rare opportunity to see a variety of birds up close while learning about their habitats and roles in the environment. Live birds are featured, representing a variety of species, which include owls, hawks, falcons, and eagles, some of which are trained to the glove for "Hunters of the Sky." All birds in the tours are residents of Sardis Raptor Center and have injuries that prevent their return to the wild. This program is highly recommended for all ages.

Sardis Raptor Center is the largest birds of prey center in the northwest and specializes in rehabilitation of endangered or threatened species, including eagles, while continuing to provide emergency trauma care for all other species of raptors. A continuing primary goal of Sardis is to release fully rehabilitated animals back into the wild.

"Sngagim Axasniikangi" -Native American Dance Troupe- the 24 member troupe is the first Unangax dance troupe outside the state of Alaska and tours the Northwest promoting the history, dance and language of the Unangax tribe. The Unangax culture reaches back beyond 9,000 years and is the oldest documented Alaska Native culture known. The Unangax were and continue to be a maritime culture, subsisting from the ocean environment between the Bering

Sea and Pacific Ocean. The troupe's regalia are historically correct and true to the traditions of their ancestors.

Gene Tagaban- An accomplished and gifted storyteller, actor, dancer, musician, trainer and speaker. Gene brings his tales to life with the use of traditional flutes, drums and rattles, dance and movement, and with impressive masks and regalia.

Tagaban's programs emphasize the lessons one gains and how one learns to be a better person through stories. Stories are more than entertainment, stories teach. Tagaban says, "The spirits of our ancestors, who have much to teach, live in stories as well as in songs and dances. These lessons involve the role of humans in the natural world and the importance of family and lineage in one's own identity."

