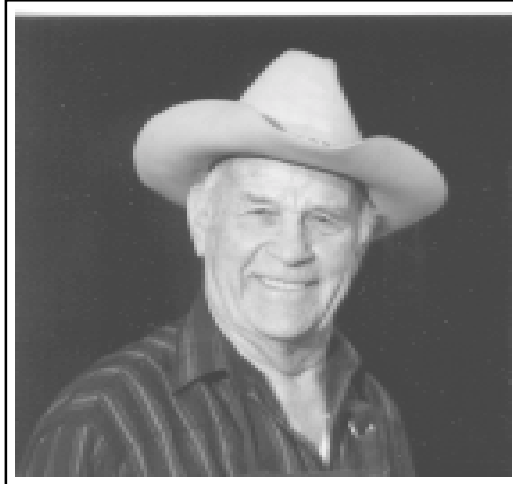


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Hi There, Folks

Can't believe it's September already and time to talk to you all again with one of our Newsletters. Now I want to tell you, there's so much going on lately that I can't even find time to go fishing, but let me fill you in. I promise I'll just hit the high spots - but there are lots of em.

By the way if you're reading this in September, chances are we're busy as always at the Puyallup Fair, so why don't you just drop everything and come right on down to the Pavilion and say "Howdy".



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Review

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A Grand Success...

In the first place, I sure hope you didn't miss the Grand Opening of the Oldfield Western Heritage Center 'cause that was one special event. I want to thank the 900 of my closest friends who showed up for the occasion. We were partyin' most of the night. A whole bunch of Pierce County Mayors tried their hand at Chili Cookin' - and they weren't half bad... I didn't even need my Tums, well hardly.

If you did miss it, you'll be able to see the party on video during the Puyallup Fair and at the reopening of the Western Heritage Center the first week of October. By the way, if you can guess how many Oldfield paintings appear in this video, your name goes



into a drawing for a whole basket of exclusive Oldfield prizes.

The Celebration of Western Art Show & Sale

The Celebration of Western Art Show is coming up on October 4, 5, & 6 in the Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds and I can't help just braggin' a little on the great job my little girl, Joella, and all her friends do putting this show together.

More than 100 artists will have their paintings and sculptures there and I mean to tell you they really are the best in the west.

Now I suppose some of you might still have the idea that Western art is just pictures of cowboys riding the range all lonesome or snugglin' up to their ponies, but I'm telling you now if you think that, why you just haven't been to a western art show in ages. Western Art is anything that's about the American West. That's our

west, and our story, so you'll see everything from Native Americans through historical stuff to a picture of Grandma's porch. There will be at least 9 bronze sculptors, as well as painters, jewelry designers, wood carvers, potters, watercolorists, pastels and acrylics - just about everything under the bright western sun, that's what we got.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, the show is open & free to the public. That means no gate admission & free parking! Friday and Saturday evenin' there's gonna be wine and cheese, prob'ly some nuts or some of them little fancy crackers. We'll have Silent Auctions where you can out bid your neighbor and Quick Draws - where the artists have one hour to create a piece of artwork - then it will be auctioned off by the best in the west Auctioneer, Steve Mitzner.

I get right excited just thinkin' about it. Now, listen up, what I'm saying is **Don't Miss the Celebration of Western Art**. I'll be there, mixin' and minglin' and lookin' forward to meeting you.

The Fred Oldfield Western Heritage Center Review

Center Re-opened!

Now, after taking a couple months off during the Fair, our Western Heritage Center will be back in its permanent home just inside the Red Gate. It will be open all during the Celebration of Western Art Show & Sale.

Now I'll be busy over at the Expo Building so my TV buddy Dorothy Wilhelm from My Home Town, will be actin' as guest host, so you can stop by and see the center and Grand Opening Video, and while you're there, give Dorothy your ideas about YOUR home town. Dorothy will be playing Video Disc Jockey for you, and you can choose your favorite edition of My Home Town to see. She'll also be signing copies of her Teeny Tiny book, No Assembly Required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now I want you to know we've got some other special days scheduled at the Center. On November 9, you want to drop everything and run over for a look at award winning videos by Native American videographers Ben and Sue Charles. They'll be showing you "Tribal Journeys". Ben and Sue chronicle the annual "Paddle to the Sea" expeditions of the Tribal Canoe Societies. They have spectacular stories to tell and show. There'll even be crafts for the kids. It's a one of a kind afternoon.

Then, on December 14, it's *Campfire Christmas*

Now you know we'll do it right, with carolers and hot spiced cider. We'll have Christmas stories, and

we're expecting re-enactors from Ft. Nisqually to help us celebrate. Family crafts and activities are also planned.

That should get us through to the new year!

Video Signing

Now I do want to remind you that my painting video, "How to Paint Like a Cowboy", will be hittin' the stores the middle of October, so you can look forward to a whole passel of special events. For instance, on October 19, I'll be at the White Dove Gallery in Lakewood from 2:00 to 4:00. I'll do a demonstration and sign some tapes, and you'll have a chance to Paint Like a Cowboy, too.

Since you're a special friend of mine, it's not too late to get the video for yourself or as a great Christmas gift at our special friend's price - that means you need to be a member of the Oldfield Western Heritage Center.

Go visit our website at: www.fredoldfieldcenter.org or call 253-752-9708 for more information on becoming a member, ordering a video, and finding a complete schedule of special events.

LOTS OF STORY TELLIN' GOING ON 'ROUND HERE...

I've recently finished an audio cassette called "Campfires and Tumbleweeds" with some of my stories of growin' up in the old west. It tells how I learned to cook and about growin' up on the reservation and all that - and it's mostly true. Of course, we'll have the tapes available at the Fair and the Art Festival and the Western Heritage Center, and just about anywhere else you can think of.

We're also startin' to collect Cowboy stories for our new book of Cowboy Humor which will be comin' out around Christmas time. Get ready to share your favorite story or tall tale with us, and it may be printed in the book, and it will definitely be eligible for some big prize. Durned if I know what it is, but it'll be pretty good. There'll be more details later on, but just be gettin' those stories ready.

Opportunities for Proud Members

Well, you can see we ain't wastin' our time at all, and when you stop into see us at the Fair, or the Celebration of Western Art, or the Oldfield Western Heritage Center, well, all I got to say is I think you'll be right proud to be part of this.

Oh, speakin' of that, I see some folks over in the corner waving to remind me to be sure to tell you that things are going so fast that we've got lots of exciting volunteer opportunities for just about everything you can think of. We need help at all of our shows, exhibits, and staffing the gift shop, we even need some artists to volunteer to paint along with the how to video.

Naturally, you'll have the most fun if you're part of the family so just remember that you can get details about being a sustaining member of our foundation at our website www.fredoldfieldcenter.org

Now you all come down and see me, hear? We'll look for our chance and maybe we can just give em all the slip... and go fishin'.

See ya on the trail,

