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*Howdy Folks!*

*Well, somebody said I needed to sit down and write to you to tell you that a whole year has passed since the Fred Oldfield Western Heritage Center opened and showed you all about "When the West was Fun". Heck, I'll bet you already knew that.*

*There's been so much happening this year I haven't even gone fishing more than a couple times - that's hardly any fishin at all!*

*But in case some of you had to travel to China or somewhere and missed it all, I'll just remind you of a few of the great things that have happened this last year...*



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## Review

Summer Edition 2003

**2002-2003  
That was  
a very  
good year...**

There have been many great events - from the Grand Opening to the Celebration of Western & Wildlife Art Show in October. Our Thanksgiving celebration, as you may remember, was our "Tribal Journeys" event with Native American Video artists, Ben and Sue Charles. Ben told stories and we saw their Award Winning "Tribal Journeys" video.

December was the time for our "Campfire Christmas" with a real Frontier Santa - and I want to tell you that there's a fellow who's older than I am!

Since January we've had art classes with talented folks like Rob-

ert Walton, Judy Sleight, Aletha Deuel, Joanne Morgan, Joy Wilson, Fran Velling and even me!

We've also had the pleasure of having Guest Artists displaying their work. Artists like Robert Walton, Marianne Harlor, Marlene Marczewski, Gayle Shinstine, Joan Treat and this month we'll be showing Dave Bartholet's watercolors.

**and Still  
to Come...**

We've got Hulan Fleming, Molly Morrow and Aletha Deuel scheduled to come in to the Center, so we'll keep you posted on their shows.



**85 YEARS...  
WHAT A  
PARTY!**

I've got to admit my very favorite time was my big birthday celebration in March. Now you know, I'm not the sort of fellow to go in for big birthday parties. All those folks singing at me make me nervous and all those candles on the cake are getting to be a darn fire hazard. But this was something different. See, the week of my birthday 520 students from schools all around here came through the Center to celebrate with me - and I'll tell you, it was great! Every one of those kids learned about all the exhibits and paintings. I can't say enough about the volunteers that helped out with that. Anyway, when the kids finished looking at artifacts they made me birthday cards and then they settled down to sketch with me. That was my favorite part - I just love being with the kids. In fact, that whole birthday was just great.

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## I was honored proper like...

Over 550 people came to my party on the 15<sup>th</sup> including my friends Gene Amundson, David Craig, Don Crook, Aletha Deuel, Hulan Fleming, Karen Hathaway, Ken Hurley, Bob Tandeki, Robert Walton and my brother Dick all doing Quick Draws.

Joe Stortini and Dorothy Wilhelm made time in their busy schedules to make my party special.

Then on the 18<sup>th</sup> we went down to Olympia, where Governor Gary Locke officially declared it Fred Oldfield Day and Lt. Governor Owens introduced me to the Senate. Besides all that, Puyallup Mayor Kathy Turner, Federal Way Mayor Jeanne Burbidge and Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg also declared it my day in the cities and the county.

Who would have thought I'd live long enough to see all that!? Now you know I don't like a fuss, but that one was all right. Yessir. It was all right!



## Thank You Volunteers!

I'd like to stop here for just a minute and say that our greatest addition this year has been our fabulous volunteers!! They have watched over the Center on weekends. They have learned about the artifacts & paintings & been tour guides for the different events. They have been hosts & hostesses for the receptions and they've helped with mailings and gardening. Some of these volunteers work one day a month, some 2 or 3, some only for special events. We have no time requirements any and all help is welcome!

If anyone is interested in joining this wonderful group of dedicated folks please call Joanne Jorgenson at 253-922-0942 or Mary Catherine Manley at 253-564-9362.

## And there's more...

This isn't the half of all that's happened this year. For instance, we put out an audiotape of camp fire stories called "Camp Fires and Tumble Weeds" and many people have asked for another one so we're gettin' ready to do that soon. And here's the big news. This year I'm going to do a whole PBS How to Paint series with my good friends over in Pullman. In fact, I couldn't have imagined a year like this.

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE...

If you want to read about all the events, just go to our website [www.fredoldfieldcenter.org](http://www.fredoldfieldcenter.org) and you'll learn all about them. In fact, I wish you'd get in the habit of visiting the website often. I don't mess with things like that myself, but I must say you'll be able to keep up with all the doings at the Heritage Center and see a collection of my paintings any time you feel like it.

## We're recipients of a Grant!

Our biggest news lately is that those great folks at the Ben B. Cheney Foundation just gave us a grant to start our "After School With Fred" program. We are so excited to be able to buy easels and art supplies and keep those kids coming in to learn about drawing, painting and the Old West!! Thanks again to the Cheney Foundation for being such loyal supporters of the kids in our community!!! And I have to say that if all these great things keep on happening, this Western Heritage Center will keep going forever!

And now I've come to why I'm passing up valuable fishin' time to write to you...

*We're getting ready for our*

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*I sure won't like it as much if you're not there.*

*We'll be gettin together on*

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
- that's a Sunday -  
from Noon to 5:00pm.**

THERE'LL BE ALL SORTS OF DEMONSTRATIONS GOING ON:  
Native American Basket Weaving, Beading, Carved Masks and Trade Silverwork, Hand Made Paper, Saddle Making, Blacksmithing and Spinning.

Of course, there'll be Hands on Crafts for the kids, Country Music and Cowboy Poets, and naturally some good refreshments.

Oh yeah I almost forgot to tell you we're having a **SILENT AUCTION FROM NOON TILL 4.**

We will have a Fender Guitar autographed by Wynonna Judd, great artwork and many other exciting items for you to fight over!!

*Well, you know my Joella knows how to give a party,*

*so I'm hoping you'll be there, because*

*it wouldn't be a party without you!*

## Come Visit Us!

*Remember now, we're right inside the Red Gate at the Puyallup Fair Grounds.*

*And now I gotta get going... if this weather holds I can get in some fishing before I see you on June 22<sup>nd</sup>!!!*

