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Happy New Year to you all!

What a year we had in 2005 & folks I tell ya, 2006 looks even better!!

Most of you know that with all volunteer help we were able to remodel our new building and build a great new Heritage Center. Sure hope you have all come down to see it, but if not, we'd be happy to take you on a tour!

Our Grand Opening for the new Center was May 7th and what a time we had! We had a play, gun fights, saloon songs, saloon girls, mountain men, Native Americans, lots of country music, a great feast and over 200 folks joined us for the party! The best part was folks were darn generous and we were able to get a wonderful start on our Art School for the kids!



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Summer Camps

Summer time brought kids to the Center to attend four different Summer Art Camps.

We had a "Paper Camp" where the kids learned to make paper, paper mache' sculptures, paper casting, hand-made paper journals and collages - never knew you could have such fun with just paper!

Our "Cowboy Week" projects included learning about Brands. All the kids designed their own brands, they learned wood burning, and made fish prints with stinky dead fish.

Our "Native American" Camp even taught me a thing or two. The kids made drums, learned a Native dance, made God's Eyes and learned beading. All this with local Native Americans who volunteered their time!

The last camp was the best for me - "Paint a Mural with Fred"

and I must say I am mighty darn proud of those kids!!! We had 36 kids from 6 to 19 years old that came and painted a 50 foot mural on the outside of our building - you have to come down just to see the mural!!!



down to join you at the Center for some fun - old west style! One more time, we could not have pulled off being open during the fair without our amazing volunteers - they spent 1224 hours of volunteer time down at the Center so we could have six folks on duty 12 hours a day. Yahoo volunteers!!!

Western Art Show

Our Celebration of Western Art show in October was by far the best show yet! The artists were so talented and they sure do give me a run for my money and keep me on my toes. The sales were up for most of them and the attendance was the best! I am really looking forward to working with them again this fall.



FALL FAIR

We had a wild time being open during the Fair! In 17 days we saw not hundreds of folks but thousands! The comments were darn nice and we made lots of new friends that will be comin'

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Art Classes

Last fall found us darn busy with all of our art classes for the kids. Boy are the kids lucky to have great teachers like Peggi Rowe, Aletha Deuel, Lucy Schwartz and Carol Wolcott teaching them things like design, color, texture, space, composition, and perspective. I love going down to the Center and working with those kids – you'd be amazed what they can teach me! It just doesn't get much better than watching the thrill in their eyes when they know they've just created something special!



Well that's my quick, down and dirty recap of 2005 for you folks but just wait till you join us for all the fun ahead in 2006.

2006

Wow can you believe the Good Lord let me stay here enjoying all these years? The Center sure keeps me hopping and I just get more excited and can't wait to share the fun with you!

Classes

We started the year with the school in full swing with so many eager kids taking classes three days a week. Right now they are using their free class time to make Valentines for all our troops – bless both the kids and our brave troops! We will be adding Saturday classes and don't forget we have great classes for you adults too – it's never too late to start painting for yourself!

BIRTHDAYS!

February 18th is a day to mark on your calendar cause we're Celebrating brother Dick's 90th Birthday at the Center. Come on down at 5pm and join in the fun!!! Now, that old timer has been my best friend and sidekick for almost 88 years and I'm darn proud of him! Come on down and sing a good ole rendition of Happy Birthday!

March 18th is my birthday and we'll be having a showing of my new pieces and a slice of Birthday Cake. I'll only be 88 this year so my big Celebration is two years away! We will also be having a showing of the Kids' Artwork so mark your calendars and join us from Noon to 4pm on the 18th!

New Prints

I'm working on two new paintings that we'll be making prints of. They'll be ready in the spring. We will send you a note to let you take a look and sign up for pre orders. We're also working on a new book, but they say I can't tell you about until it's done, but I must say it's darn funny!

Spring Fair

We'll be open during Spring Fair April 20-23rd, so when you're down on the fairgrounds eating that fair burger or elephant ear come on by and see us in action. I'll be working on my murals and the kids will be painting in their classes. It will be a good time for you to get to see our outdoor mural – you just don't want to miss it!

Volunteers

Again, I want to say that we just couldn't run the Center without all those good folks that volunteer. So, my hat is off to them for all the great work they do!!! If you'd like to join that group of fine folks and enjoy some of their parties and all the fun projects they get busy doing, just call Joanne Jorgenson at 253-922-0942 or the Center at 253-445-9175 and we'd gladly sign you up! More help is always appreciated!

Artifacts

We're always ready to take special care of any of your treasures that will fit into our displays. So if you just don't have room in your attic anymore let us know. We'd be happy to have an old butter churn or something you feel will add to the artifacts that we have.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

We want to let you know that our Center is now ready for rental for all sorts of things – weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, office parties, club meetings, whatever you need – just call the Center for details and please tell all your friends. 253-445-9175

Tours

We are pleased that we can open the Center at any time for private tours. Bring your senior group, your church group, your scout troop, school field trips or just your family and come on down. Call us to hear all the ways we can make your tour an exciting trip to remember!

Well, the smell of the paint is calling me, so I'm off to my studio. Keep watching your mailbox to find out what we're doing. Or if you're one of those modern folks, they tell me we have a very informative webpage where you can always find out about upcoming events. I sure hope you'll join us soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Oldfield', with a stylized flourish underneath.

