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Happy New Year Folks!

And what a year it has been!!!

I never dreamed that this Heritage Center would be so busy and so much fun – lucky me to be able to visit with lots of you along the way! I've had a lot of calls because you hadn't heard from me at Christmas. I sure wanted to answer all your cards and letters but I have to admit I've been down with the darn bronchial asthma and I haven't sent but a few cards this year. Maybe I'll wait until Valentine's Day. I'm back in the swing now and working on my painting for the Ellensburg show, so don't worry, you can't get rid of an



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Review

Winter Edition 2008

HANGIN' MY HAT IN A NEW HOME

Big changes - I moved from my home of 32 years in Federal Way to a condo in Tacoma. It was hard for me to leave friends and the places I had enjoyed with Alice, but I thought I was ready for a new challenge. I keep thinking maybe the condo is too fancy and that I'm in a hotel (there's an elevator and locked doors) but really, I'm settling in just fine. Don't tell Joella though because I get a kick out of telling her I'm off to my cell block for the night (wrought iron railings outside my walkway). She & Heinz live in the same building. I guess it's real secure here but what the heck, I might just enjoy some old guy needing a place to warm up for awhile.

All kidding aside I'm settled in now at 525 Broadway #206 - Tacoma, WA 98402.

Well let's talk about what a year it was and what's coming up that's exciting...

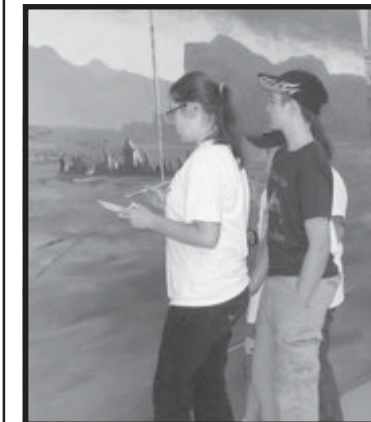
Tours

If you haven't been down here with a group of friends or kids you should try it! We had tours come in from all over the Northwest. We hosted small private "one on one" tours and large groups - kids and seniors alike. Many of the tour groups come for a tour, lunch, music and just a general good time! We host offsite meetings, private parties, weddings, memorial services, casino parties, luncheons just about anything you can think up we can host. So join us for a tour or a party and bring all your friends!

Summer Camps

Another summer of fun and creative kids! The camps we held were "Native American Camp",

"Dirty Hands & Messy Faces", "Paint Paint Paint" and the famous "Mural Camp with Fred". Each camp was an experience and wait till you see the new mural at our entrance - right over boot hill. These camps could not happen without our teachers and volunteers - Peggi and Aletha of course and they were joined by Marylou and Jose Landrie, Karen Cota, Skeet Jensen, Darrell Cota and Jennifer Marshall- all there for the kids. We know that even great teachers could not make it happen without the amazing volunteers! Our hats are off to them for all the hours that they spend at the Center with the kids!!!



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Art Classes

We had some real talented guest artists come in to teach classes for the adults. You just can't learn too many pointers and different techniques to keep you fresh and interested in painting. Our Art Program for the kids continues to grow with the talented Aletha Deuel and Peggi Rowe as the principal teachers. If you have any desire to paint you should come on down and give it a try! (We have an adult class too). Over 20% of our students are here on scholarships. That my friends, is thanks to you – so give yourselves a big hand - because of you these kids are thriving here in this old western art school!

Anniversary Celebration

We had a brand new experience this year – “The Oldfield Heritage Fiddle Contest & Concert”. Since I don't know much about music it was a real pleasure to see folks of all ages competing and what amazing talent!! Kids as young as 5 years old played a mighty fine tune and of course all age groups competed. We'll have another contest this year and we sure hope you'll want to come on down to hear the music!

Fall Fair

Well I sure had a good time “Doing the Puyallup” this year! We had thousands of visitors come through the Center and many of you were there too. It's always so much fun for me to get to visit with everyone. I did another painting for the Fair's Scholarship Fund and \$7800 went into the fund for a student in the Puyallup School District – makes a guys heart feel good!



Best of show winners: Marilyn Manwaring, Ron Adamson, Janyce Sukow, Bev Plum

Celebration of Western Art Show

This show continues to showcase some of the best talent in the West! We had your favorite artists here as well as some brand new talent. Auctioneer Steve Mitzner was here to make the auctions a lot of fun for all of us. This show is sure worth hitching up the team and coming to town for, so don't miss it this fall!

Fred's going to be 90 on March 18th! ...that's what they keep telling me anyway.

Whoop! Whistle! Shout! & Stomp!

is what they say we'll be doing at some big shindig they're throwing for me - and you're all invited! I would not have guessed that God would have let me enjoy being here on earth this long, but what a grand ride it's been and I don't expect it to stop anytime soon. I still love family, friends, painting and fishing, so I'm truly a Lucky old cowboy! March 16-20 I will get to enjoy kids from the schools around the valley. They will come in for a tour and paint with me. On **March 22nd** we will have an Art Show for all the students enrolled in our Art Program and that's free and you're all welcome to come down and cheer the kids on. They promise me we'll wrap up the Celebrating on **March 29th** with a Whooping – Whistling – Shouting & Stomping Celebration – Dinner – Roasts – Entertainers – Music and You!!! Wonder what they have planned for my 100th? You'll get an invitation in the mail but if you have one of those fancy computers all the info will be on our website.

*Let's talk about what's comin' up in 2008...
Wow 2008... can you believe it?!*

February 23rd Wine Tasting Party

Valley Arts United is teaming up with the Heritage Center to bring you a fun day of Wine Tasting. Ten Wineries will be represented at the party along with a Cheese Company. 2-8pm – \$5 Advanced ticket price - Check our website for all the details or call us at the Center.

Spring Fair April 17-20th

Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 17-20th for Spring Fair. Come on down and “Do the Little Puyallup” – fair burgers – fun and guest artists at the Center!

Western Music & Cowboy Poetry - May 10th

This will be a fun concert for all you Western Music fans. It will feature Juni Fisher and Rockin' HW – May 10th – in the Heritage Center. For information go to: www.junimay10.com or call the Center.

Summer Art Camps

We'll have four Summer Art Camps for the kids again this year. Make sure your kids and grandkids and neighbor kids know all about it! We'll have all the info on the web site.

August 8-10th - Fiddle Contest & Festival

This will be another great weekend. We will have a Variety Show honoring seniors on Friday afternoon – Concerts Friday and Saturday evening – Contest all day Saturday and a Gospel Hour on Sunday.

“Do the Puyallup” Fall Fair September 5-21

Come on down and enjoy the Fair and see our new displays in the Center. Don Crook, Julie Thompson, David Craig and other fine Western Artists will join us and we'll also have continuous Live Music in the Center. Don't miss all the fun, food and excitement you can only find at the Fair!!

Celebration of Western Art Show and Auction - Oct 10-12th -

Mark your calendars to see the Country's top Western Artists and enjoy the Silent and Live Auctions. We are still free and open to the public with free parking and wine.

There will be many more fun events coming up along the way. I just wanted to share some of the highlights with you. I hope to see you down at the Center and remember if you are feeling at loose ends or just a little bored come on down and volunteer with us. Sure makes a guy feel great at the end of the night! If you want to be a volunteer just call Glennis Golden at the Center 253-445-9175 – we need and treasure every volunteer that plays a part in the Center!!

Well, I'd better finish my Ellensburg painting before I miss their deadline. My wishes for you for the New Year are simple – Good Health – Love – Laughter and bury any hard feelings! Be Thankful for everyday and I hope all your New Years dreams come true!!!