

## Agnes Baker-Pilgrim Honored at Indian Art Northwest Celebration

by Selene Rilatos, Cultural Programs Coordinator

It was a great honor for Lisa Brown, Terry McDowell, and myself to attend the Third Annual Indian Art Northwest (IAN) Celebration to see Agnes Baker-Pilgrim receive the "Living Cultural Treasures Award" from our tribe.

This celebration was held at the Portland Art Museum on May 27, 2000. IAN does a superb job of honoring our most prized gift – our tribal elders. I think this award is a great idea and applaud IAN for being the first to host such a ceremony.

This award is given to tribal elders who are recognized by their tribe as having a commitment to tradition, who keep our cultures strong, who make it possible for other artists to keep traditions alive in their communities, and who exemplify the meaning of this prestigious recognition.

Agnes was honored along with eight other awardees from different Northwest tribes. Our Culture and Heritage Committee first nominated Agnes and our Tribal Council endorsed her. Agnes represented herself, her family, and her tribe at this great event.

Another tribal elder, Gladys Muschamp, received this award in 1998 for her master artistry in Siletz traditional basketweaving.

Agnes has served on many tribal committees. She is a Rogue River Indian of the Takelma band, a registered elder of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, and the oldest living member of the Takelma Indians.

She is the granddaughter of Chief George Harney; the third youngest child of George and Eveline Lydia Harney-Baker, born in Logsdon, Ore. She graduated from eighth grade in Logsdon, then graduated from Taft High School in what is now Lincoln City.

Congratulations to Lisa Norton for making the President's List (3.75 or better GPA) at Oregon Coast Community College.

Thanks to Alan K. for remembering me. "May God bless."

Gladys Bolton

Happy Birthday to my son, Bill Hudson, June 30.

Love you, Mom G. Bolton

Thanks to Shirley Walker and her daughter, Heather, for the lunches they served the elders on our way home from Idaho. They were delicious and saved us time and energy.

Thanks again, Gladys Bolton



Agnes Baker-Pilgrim (standing)

Agnes has five children: Keith Taylor, Sonya Taylor, Nadine Martin, Mona Hudson, Tony Martin Jr., and the late Robert Taylor, plus numerous grandchildren. She went to college at age 52, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and Native studies at the College of the Redwoods, and is an alumnus of Southern Oregon University.

Agnes enjoys giving lectures on culture for all ages, beadwork, pow-wowing, feather dancing, making buckskin dresses, traditional necklaces, belt making, traditional cooking, tolepainting, sewing, and working with abalone.

She also is the founder of the "Coming Home Ceremony," now the "Sacred Salmon Ceremony," held in our aboriginal homelands in Ruch, Ore. The seventh annual gathering was held on June 9-11, 2000.

Agnes is quite the lady and she says we should never complain about being tired, worry about that when you get to the other side. "There is far too much work to be done here while the creator gave you this good gift of life – so live it good," she adds.

We'd like to wish Donna Kessinger a Happy Belated 62nd Birthday! We love you, mom/grandma.

Terrie, Steve and grandbabies

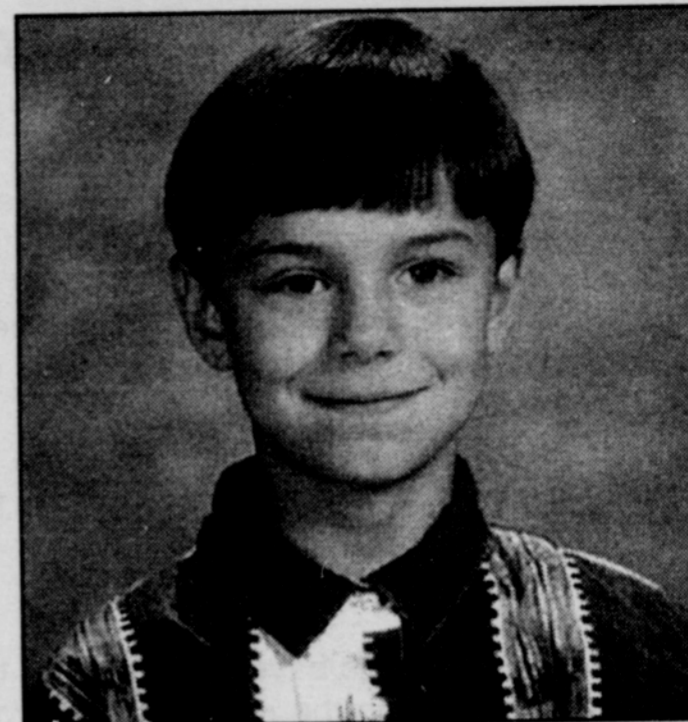
We'd also like to wish Vern Kessinger a Happy Belated 64th Birthday! We love you, dad/grandpa.

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Guess who's 15?! Happy Birthday, Tashina Leilani Burke. We love you, honey. Mom, Dad, Stevie and Kelani

Hi, Grandma and Grandpa Kessinger. I love you both.

Steven



Delbert Ray Hunt, one with eyes of a mountain lion. Happy number 8-skate on... Love, Rodney Wayne Tyron Jr., Ashley, Mom, Grandma Marie, Joan, and Godmother Pancho



### Wedding Announcement

Miranda Elizabeth Williams and Jack Mark Strong  
July 16, 2000 @ 2 p.m.  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
1365 Oakway Road, Eugene, Ore.  
Reception to follow  
Adam's Place  
30 East Broadway, Eugene, Ore.

Uncle Pat, may the Great Spirit strengthen your shield in your times of need. And the winds of wisdom guide your path of life. Happy Birthday on June 29.

From – Nelson, Daniel, Cha-met and Miss Lydia

Congratulations to our son, Bobby Brandt, for completion of his high school graduation endeavor! We're so very proud of you.

Much love, Mom and Dan, the Rilatos, Brandt and Lynch clans