Wisdom Of The Elders

Dear Friends and Relatives,

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. extends a hearty welcome for you to join us on Saturday, April 17 from noon until 5 PM for the third in our series of multicultural gatherings, "An Afternoon with Wisdom of the Elders." At this celebration, we plan to demonstrate and honor the richness of Native American heritage and cultural values. At the same time, we will acknowledge the area's diverse European-American community.

As the celebration begins, the Native American drum group, the Martin High Bear Memorial Sun Dance Drummers, will play a resounding beat, and blessings and comments will be

offered from both cultures. Chief Johnny Jackson of the Cascade Klickitat Nation will share reminiscences of grandparents' way of life and the richness of cultural values that have been passed on from generation to generation among their people. Music, dance and story telling follows, and honor songs will be sung to the elders to acknowledge their service in the community as role models to younger generations. To heighten the cultural exchange, the audience can take time to visit educational displays, and shop at arts and crafts and food tables.

We are especially honored that Frank Mills, Celtic scholar and publisher of Brigit's Feast: The Journal of Celtic Thought, History, Culture & Folklore, has agreed to speak of memories of his grandmother. In the February-March 1999 issue, he shared, "There is an alternative Western wisdom, spiral wisdom; wisdom that according to the Celts, flows from the mind of God...Merely resurrecting and recreating some ancient Celtic ritual or tradition, or just simply calling ourselves "Celtic," will not cut it. There's more to being Celtic than bloodlines and reenactments. Application must be in a way that clearly speaks to twenty-first century hearts and minds and enables us all to live wholly and in harmony in the new millennium."

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. also invites you to join in the festivities at our fourth gathering on Sunday, May 9 when we honor Asian-Americans and Native Americans. It will be held at Portland State University's Smith Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway, downtown Portland at the corner of SW Broadway and Montgomery. Feel free to call us at 775-4014 if you have questions or you would like to volunteer at our gathering.

Pilamiya (thanks), Rose High Bear

Beer Festival

Big plans are underway to celebrate the special 5th anniversary of the SPRING BEER FESTIVAL, April 16-17. Producers are excited about moving the venue from the Greyhound Park to the larger Portland Expo Center on I-5, which is a more accessible location for travelers in and out of state.

The festival features a hundred micro beers. Many of the beers will be new or seasonal with brewers there to talk about them. The beer will taste even better in new German beakers with gold rims, a great souvenir glass.

The festival isn't just about sampling beer. It is also known for its outstanding music. The April event will feature Blues on Friday and Swing music on Saturday.

Fine cigars, a few special micro beers, and tastings of single-malt scotch are found in the comfortably heated, enclosed, outdoor smoker's tent.

Thirteen to fifteen thousand people are expected to attend the SPPRING BEER FEST. This tasteful celebration has established itself as the top premier, springtime Micro beer festival in the nation.

