

Elders invited to join family quilt project

The Cultural Resources Program is working on a Tribal History Project. One of the goals of the project is to be able to tell the story of our tribal families from 1855 to current times through old family photographs and stories. The program plans to make use of the most recent audio-visual computer technology to make this project an educational tool for people of all ages.

Because the Wellness Committee also is interested in collecting old photographs to hang in the new health clinic, members of this committee have joined forces with the Cultural Resources Program to provide a gala event for tribal Elders. The event is designed to create an atmosphere where the Elders can relax, discuss old times, and enjoy themselves. Members of the Culture and Heritage Board and the Wellness Committee will be on hand during the event to record many of the stories they tell for the Tribal Oral History Archive.

Each Elder is asked to bring a few photographs taken before 1950 which they would not mind being copied for the Tribal Archive and displayed in the new health clinic, in other tribal buildings or in tribal publications. In addition to family photographs, the Cultural Resources Program and the Wellness Committee is interested in old pictures of Grand Ronde including the buildings, social ceremonies, and special events.

The Elder's Social will begin at noon on **Friday, January 24** at the Grand Ronde Community Center and will include lunch. Every effort will be made to provide transportation for any Elder wishing to attend. To arrange transportation call June Olson at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2249. If Elders cannot attend the event, but wish to share old family stories and/or photographs, they can contact June Olson at the tribal offices.

As a continuation of this event, the Cultural Resource Program, the Wellness Committee, the Adult Education Program, and the Culture and Heritage Board have joined together to provide an opportunity for those



Claudette Parazoo, left, and Pearl Mekemson hold a family quilt made by tribal member Karen Olson. The Elders' quilt project will convey a similar "family tree" theme, and will hang on display in the new Health and Wellness Center when completed.

Elders to create a tribal quilt. Old family photographs can be included in the design of the quilt. Each Elder will be provided with the materials to create a quilt square which represents his/her particular family. After the squares are sewn together, the finished quilt will hang in the new health clinic. Gayla Tulensru, Adult Education Coordi-

nator will arrange for a quilting instructor to help the Elders working on the project. The date for the class will be announced later. An Elder does not need to attend the class to participate in the project. The material to make a quilt square to represent your family can be delivered and the square can be created at home. Each Elder is asked

to embroider his/her name and date of birth at the bottom of the square. If an Elder is unable to embroider, this will be done for them. If you are an Elder and would like to participate in the Quilt Project, please contact June Olson at 879-2249 or 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2249, as soon as possible for your materials.

Culture and Heritage Board raffling elk leg basket; extend appreciation to donors

The Culture and Heritage Board will be selling raffle tickets to help with the costs of the Elders' Social planned for January, as well as the Tribal Quilt Project. The drawing for the winner will be at the February General Council meeting, and the prize is the elk leg basket (shown) made by tribal employee Vivian DeMary. You need not be present at the meeting to win. To purchase tickets, please call the tribal offices at 1-800-422-0232 or 879-5211 — contact Pam Warren at ext. 2028; Claudette Parazoo, ext. 2382, or June Olson at ext. 2249.

The Culture and Heritage Board would also like to publicly thank Wesley "Buddy" West for donating a large handcrafted drum to the Tribe in memory of his grandmother, Adeline Menard Haller. The drum is on display at the Community Center.

Another special thank you to Jack Graves, author of the book *"Now" Never Lasts: Stories of Garibaldi and Garibaldians*, for donating books to our tribal history library. It is the generosity people such as these which expands our collections and helps us preserve our history.

