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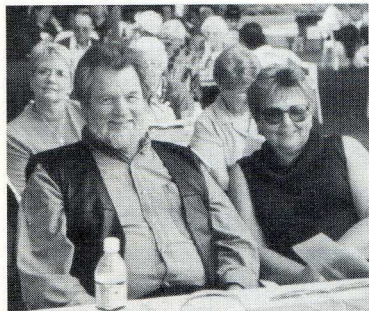
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## 2002 Annual Salmon Bake a Huge Success

On September 8, the day dawned bright and sunny, a good omen for a wonderful event. Though the clouds gathered and a few sprinkles fell in the afternoon, the early evening became clear and warm as guests arrived at the Gentle House for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Salmon Bake. Attendees were welcomed by Jensen board members and the staff of University Advancement and the Public Relations Office who eagerly lent hand to help the



President Philip W. Conn

Gene and Carolyn Hall

event run smoothly. In fact, several even volunteered their spouses or significant others time to help during the evening.

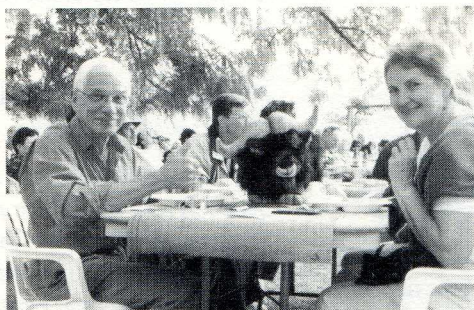
Warren Franklin of Salem-based radio station KBZY was on hand as our master of ceremonies. New WOU president Philip W. Conn and Jim Birken from the WOU Foundation spoke words of welcome. As guests found their tables, guitarist Gene Hall, serenaded them until dinner was served. Our time-honored fare of traditional fire pit barbecued genuine Alaskan salmon was delicious. The salmon was donated by Lavonne Hendricks of Alaska, flown in by Don and Knikki Oman and Larry Kruljac provided the fresh-picked

sweet corn again this year. Thanks to Cynthian Catering for the delicious side-dishes and marionberry cobbler that made the meal complete.

Entertainment for the remainder of the evening was provided by Alaska Native

singer Ina Jenkins-O'Hearn, who performed her own songs and played the keyboard. Once again, the sensational Northwest Inupiat Dancers, lead by Alex Muktoyuk, were on hand to "wow" the audience with their traditional Inupiat dances and the special guest appearance of Elvis...like he's never been seen before!

Thanks to the generosity of many local and regional businesses, several fabulous artists and a few wonderful individuals, the raffle and the auction were both huge successes. Thanks also to the talents of John McArdle, who did a super job as auctioneer and got

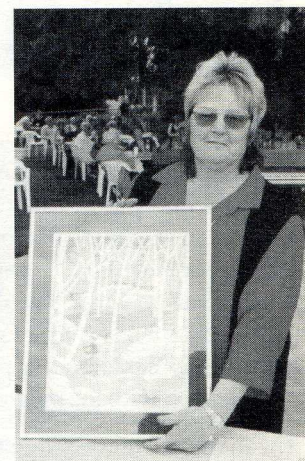


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everyone in the mood to open their wallets. Two outstanding works of art, produced and donated by Inupiat Eskimo artist Larry Ahvakana, were auctioned for a minimum of \$800 each.

As the museum's new curator and a first-time Salmon Bake planner and attendee, I am happy to report that the museum's main fund-raising event was a complete success. The evening was attended by 191 people, the entertainment was great, the weather held, the food was fabulous and a good time was had by everyone. We netted more than \$5,500 with this year's event to help with operating expenses. Next year, we hope to again find a sponsor for the event, leaving even more of the money raised to be used for the operation of the museum. Thanks to all of you who participated!!

**Kenji Sturgeon**, curator



Jenny Rettke

