

Edna Stideman

Fellow with many ~~dead~~ brothers & sisters

Story - go to marten traps in fall - every trap has marten - soon no more martens in traps, but bait all gone, traps shut (houses broken in)

Watched traps - marten came and danced on top of cubby house - making noise but not singing; jumped down and ran around and grabbed food.

Went home to sleep and; <sup>in dream</sup> next time marten was singing song. again and again - SD when he awoke he remembered 14 and more songs.

Thought maybe <sup>dead</sup> brothers and sisters wanted food - Made 14 baskets filled with food. Sang a song to each basket. Fire in center, threw each basket in fire. All alone

Put red and black around traps, sang all songs

Go as far as Nulato, but no farther

Songs from dream now used in Stick Dance

Feed people who are lost by this method -

Keep up tradition, let kids know so they can continue on

Oral tradition strong - <sup>Dad told</sup> stories ~~told~~ every night, different ones, and songs so she would not be lonesome

Give dishes ~~to~~ to someone, also food, clothes, in order to "feed our children" Perhaps two or three people for each child

She made 3 parkys, 4 pair boots, girls made socks, gloves to give to helpers & donors

Food in special dishes - children's favorite dishes, cake, pie, cookies, cigarettes, snuff, whiskey, Indian foods - what children used to like & ask for

Clothing given - also colors children liked, kinds of clothes kids liked (fur)

People to give to selected by picking those who helped at the time.

Romeo Stideman

Potlach food - Bear hunting was no luck - caught pike (frozen in cache) - to use for snow ice cream, moose, beavers - saved for potlach

Saved from fall - berries, always save best, ducks, geese  
Save to give away

Potlach lasts Monday - Saturday; then Sunday night is clean up - Wash-tub dance. Women come in with dish full of food (cookies, pie, cake, fish, frozen meat - small cut - bite at time) dressed in face mask, funny line up in front of canvas; drums - one guy at each end w/ stick & rabbit hide to keep time with singers. All women sing. Women leave ~~then~~ Men come in and sing. All go to store buy whatever they can - coke, candy.

Do it all again. Boys dressed in funny clothes like Halloween - boys come in and sing too.

Pauline Peter

Dressing 2 people - jack-rabbit skin parka, calfskin coats, bear skin mitts, suspenders

parkys, boots, gloves, storebought dress (sears), scarf  
people dressed for woman who passed away several  
~~day~~ years ago, other woman who helped when  
Pauline's mother passed away in '56 - kept Pauline  
company when she was worried, dressed her mother  
after she passed away

Being dressed for a daughter who passed away  
cleaned & dressed body

Foods - each day gives a dish of cooked food saved up  
bread, fish, anything at all

Give best they have - to make a meal

For older people, give dried fish

For children, give candy & gum

Put same foods in baskets to return

Vivian Peter - dress 5 people

(bro-in-law) Give - Eddie Bauer Parka, gloves, boots (moose skin)

(sister) Mouton parka, boots (beaded), gloves to match

(son) - store-bought parka, mukluks & gloves, marten cap

(daughter) - " jacket, boots, beaded gloves, knitted socks

(son) - jacket, boots w/ beading, martencap, moose skin gloves (beaded)

Dishes made - best foods saved, made best ways

Smoked king salmon, Indian Ice Cream - Coke, Pepsi too & gum

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