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President's Message

Hello All!

I want to thank all of you who attended the Annual Meeting this year, despite the last minute changes of time and venue. For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, or fell asleep at the meeting, I wanted to update you on a few topics that were discussed.

A motion was passed to start a two year transition for the newsletter, at the end of which the newsletter will no longer be mailed out, but will be turned into a pdf file and sent to members via email, as well as made available on the website. In addition, we will post digital copies of previous newsletters on the web. This change will allow us to save a significant amount of money each year, that can be better spent in a variety of ways, rather than paper and postage. In the meantime, if you wish to opt out of the hard copy delivery please contact Nancy and let her know that you want to start receiving the newsletter via email.

A similar discussion was once again held regarding the journal. To summarize the discussion, I think it was generally agreed that we should continue printing the journal, but perhaps making previous versions of the journal available in electronic format, once an issue is sold out. It was decided that the AWA board would investigate some potential copyright, and other issues, and present those to the membership by the next Annual Meeting, so that hopefully we will have a resolution soon.

Volume 12 is finished. For those who did not pick it up at the NWAC, you should be receiving it in the mail soon. For those, who were not members in 2006 – please see the attached order form to order your copy!

Also, AWA continued its contribution to the Archaeology Channel. For those who have not seen it, I encourage you to visit the site at www.archaeologychannel.org and see what our money is supporting!

Have a great summer!

Tom Becker

AWA President

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It is assumed that articles reporting on any aspect of a project under contract have been submitted in accordance with the provisions of the contract and with the knowledge and permission of the project's PI.

Submission deadlines are the 1st of March, June, September, and December. We welcome any relevant submissions. Please send them to the Editor via email.

Have You Renewed?

If you have not already done so, renew your membership for 2008 by mail using the form on the back of this newsletter or go to the new AWA website (see President's Message, page 1). Your mailing label indicates the last year for which your dues are paid.

You may pay for multiple years at once if you wish, just be sure to note that on your form. If you are renewing and check the "Address Unchanged" box, you need not write in your address. Please remember to keep your email address current; send a message to the Secretary and Treasurer if you have a change. Thanks for your support!

AWA Journal: Call for Submissions

Archaeology in Washington is seeking submissions. Your help is critical to its success! We will consider articles based on contracted reports, independent work, literature reviews, short field or lab projects, student projects, conference presentations, and other work relevant to Washington archaeology. We will also consider monographs (e.g., reports, student theses), and book reviews. If you have an idea for a contribution, or if you know of someone else who would benefit from a personal invitation to submit, please contact Editor Pat Lubinski (Lubinski@cwu.edu). We have several manuscripts in review for Volume 13, but need more submissions to round out this volume. We are also seeking articles for Volume 14. Since AWA is trying to catch up on volumes (Volume 13 is for 2007) submissions will be accepted via email at any time, and volumes will be printed as they are completed. However, if our association wants a journal printed for release at NWAC 2009, all manuscripts would need to be submitted no later than October 1, 2008. Please help us to continue this important component of the Association for Washington Archaeology!

CWU Mammoth Dig Featured in Documentary

-submitted by Pat Lubinski

The Wenas Creek Mammoth Project, a Central Washington University field investigation of mammoth remains and associated materials near Selah, Washington, is featured in the current History Channel documentary "Journey to 10,000 BC." This 2-hour documentary is intended to show the "true story" of what happened at the purported setting of the current Hollywood production "10,000 BC." The mammoth dig is included in the opening half hour of the program, as are comments by project director Dr. Pat Lubinski and graduate student assistant Jake Shapley. The program goes on to explore topics in North American archaeology at the end of the Pleistocene, including a number of controversies. Footage for the mammoth dig segment was filmed at the site last summer by Limulus Productions under the direction of David Padrusch. See the History Channel web page (www.history.com) for current show times and videos.

The AWA website is at <http://www.washingtonarchaeology.com>

DAHP is welcomes Gretchen Kaehler to the Archaeology staff! Gretchen graduated from Portland State University in 2002 with a Masters Degree in Anthropology (emphasis in Archaeology). Since then she has been worked for Department of Defense in Wisconsin conducting eligibility testing on historic homesteads sites. In 2003 she returned to the Pacific Northwest where she joined Larson Anthropological Archaeological Services until 2006. Recently, she worked for Historical Research Associates, Inc. Seattle and now joins DAHP as Assistant State Archaeologist for Local Governments. Gretchen will be reviewing SEPA documentation from counties, cities, and local governments as well as reviewing cultural resource survey reports. She will also be assisting local governments with integrating cultural resource review into their SEPA, Shoreline Management Act and local ordinance compliance.

DAHP also welcomes Dr. Lance Wollwage as our 2nd Transportation Archaeologist. Lance has been away from Washington for a few years, completing his Ph.D. in Anthropology at UC, Riverside; we are pleased he has chosen to join the DAHP staff. Lance is a native Washingtonian, receiving his Master's from the Washington State University in 2002. In addition to his academic talents, Lance honed his field skills while working for Statistical Research, Inc., in the American Southwest. At DAHP, Lance will serve as the point of contact for selected transportation projects, will review and comment on cultural resource survey reports, and will review projects for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. He will also review transportation projects for compliance with both SEPA and Executive Order 05-05. Lance is an active member of the Society for American Archaeology, the American Quaternary Association, and is listed in the Register of Professional Archaeologists.

Statewide Preservation Plan: The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) continues to work to develop a new state historic preservation plan for the 2009-2013 planning cycle. The existing plan titled Strengthening Communities through Historic Preservation lapses at the end of 2008; a new plan must be submitted to the National Park Service for acceptance by December. As of this writing, DAHP has been working with Seattle-based consulting firm Berk and Associates to facilitate meetings of the Plan Steering Committee and hold seven public meetings around the state. Next steps are for the consultants to synthesize feedback from the public meetings and articulate goals and objectives for the state's historic preservation community to tackle in the next five years.

Current AWA President Tom Becker serves on the Plan Steering Committee and participated in the public meeting held in Vancouver May 22. Former AWA President Linda Goetz was also involved in drafting the present state preservation plan in 2004. Both are active in representing AWA at meetings of the Preservation Collaborative, a body that was created to foster implementation of the state preservation plan and provide a forum for discussing preservation planning issues. Current issues that have surfaced for incorporating into the new plan include: promoting historic preservation as a sustainability tool, integrating historic preservation into local land use planning, enhancing education and outreach efforts, and providing greater access to preservation information, best practices, techniques. You are urged to visit the DAHP website (www.dahp.wa.gov) as soon as possible and complete the on-line questionnaire about the preservation plan. Any questions or comments can also be made to Greg Griffith at greg.griffith@dahp.wa.gov or 360-586-3073.

SHPO Awards, Career Achievement: Bob Mierendorf, National Park Service Archaeologist at the North Cascades NP, Marblemount, is the recipient of State Historic Preservation Officer's Award for **Outstanding Career Achievement** in Historic Preservation. Bob's career has spanned the archaeology of Washington. In his graduate days at Washington State University he specialized in geomorphology and soils of archaeological sites in Eastern Washington. He recognized the significance of the Calispell Valley camas ovens, and was the first professional archaeologist to seek the protection of the East Wenatchee Clovis Site in 1987. Now an archaeologist at North Cascades, his work on the 9,000 year old site at Cascade Pass is creating an understanding of the time depth of Native American use of high mountain environments. Bob has played a key role in the public advocacy, education, and protection of a wide range of archaeological, historic, and Native American traditional places.

Bob's scientific research and preservation efforts are incredibly diverse. He has been an active participant and instructor at the nonprofit North Cascades Institute and has donated his time to teach multi-day seminars for the last 21 years. He works with federal, state, and tribal government agencies to ensure protection of sites and traditional places in the alpine and sub-alpine environments of Washington. His contributions to archaeological science are significant nationally and to the Northwest. Bob's efforts were recognized by the National Park Service and the Department of Interior in 2006 when he was named as one of three recipients of the Roy E Appleman, Henry A. Judd and Ralph H. Lewis Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Management. Bob is an articulate, devoted and thoughtful voice in protecting and assuring the consideration of archaeological and cultural values. It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of gratitude that the DAHP acknowledges his lifelong commitment to the protection, education, and scientific research of Washington's cultural heritage.

Media: In the Media category, correspondent Jefferson Robbins and the *Wenatchee World* received an award for Outstanding Achievement. Robbins' research into the lifeways of the ancient Clovis culture of the Columbia plateau, and the history of the discovery of the Clovis spear point cache in East Wenatchee resulted in first-rate reporting on cultural resource issues and superior website content. Award recipients were honored in a ceremony at the State Capitol on May 13, 2008.

AWA Student Research Grant

Every year the AWA offers a student research grant for up to \$500. Unfortunately, this year no applications were submitted. This represents a missed opportunity for promising future archaeologists. Please encourage your students to apply. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2008. Please encourage students conducting archaeological research relevant to Washington state to apply. The AWA student research grant recipient will be announced at the 2009 NWAC conference in Oregon.

For more details, check out the AWA website at <http://www.washingtonarchaeology.com/events.html>.

Applications should be sent to: Tom Becker, Association for Washington Archaeology, PO BOX 1455, Portland, OR 97207

National Park Service, New Heritage Area

New Heritage Areas Created: With the signing by the President of Public Law 110-229 (S. 2739, Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008), three new Heritage areas were created. The bill also redesignated the Minidoka Internment National Monument as a National Historic Site. Bainbridge Island Internment Camp was added as part of Minidoka NHS.

Passing of a Friend and Colleague —submitted by Tom Churchill

Kirk Johnson, a long time field archaeologist, graphic artist, and musician recently passed away on February 13, 2008. Kirk had worked in the field of archaeology for over thirty years for a number of cultural resource management firms and environmental businesses. He had traveled the United States from coast to coast, Hawaii, Guam, and as far away as Japan with his archaeological endeavors. Most recently he had been working for an Hawaiian CRM firm while living in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Many lives were touched by Kirk's generosity and caring; he was an unique human being and we shall all miss him. A Kirk Johnson Memorial blog site has been made for those who would wish to share a celebratory moment you had with Kirk. It can be found at <http://kirkjohnsonmemorial.blogspot.com/>

Events Calendar

Edmonds Arts Festival, June 13th, 14th, and 15th: at the Wine Bar and Bistro (located on Plaza above Edmonds Library), Edmonds, WA. Featuring Andrew Morrison (Haida/Apache) on Saturday from 11:30-3:30 and on Sunday 10:30-1:00.

Annual Lummi Stommish Water Festival, June 13th, 14th, and 15th: 62nd at the world famous Stommish Grounds, at Lummi. For more info contact: Freddie Lane, Lummi Communications, 2616 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226 360.384.2351, 360.312.9812 f, 360.410.1451 m, freddielane@paddletolummi.com

Annual Muckleshoot Veterans Association Pow-wow, June 20th, 21st, and 22nd: 7th . Honoring the Veterans on Saturday afternoon. For more info contact Kelvin Frank (206) 793-0347 or Mike Starr (253) 261-1764

Raven's Corner Classes, located in Neah Bay Washington on the Makah Indian Reservation. Raven's Corner offers a variety of scheduled classes. All the classes include materials for the projects, home cooked meals and bunk-style sleeping arrangements. Admission and tour at our tribal museum, and an annual permit, required by our tribe, is also included. Class limit is 4. For more information contact Melissa at 645-2074 or visit <http://www.ravenscornerart.com/> for prices and class information.

June 27, 28 & 29	Woman's Basket Weaving-Instructor Melissa Peterson	Price \$250.00
July 11, 12, & 13	Woman's Hiking the Reservation-Instructor Samantha Della	Price \$225.00
July 25, 26 & 27	Woman's Drum Making/Painting-Instructor Melissa Peterson	Price \$250.00

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August 8, 9, & 10	Men's Drum Making/Painting, Instructor Melissa Peterson	Price \$250.00
August 15, 16 & 17	Men's Hiking the Reservation-Instructor Samantha Della	Price \$225.00
September 5, 6, & 7	Woman's Drum & Basket Weaving-Instructor Melissa Peterson	Price \$350.00
September 19, 20 & 21	Woman's Wrapped Twine Basketry- Instructor Melissa Peterson	Price \$300.00
October 3, 4 & 5	Woman's Silversmithing-Instructor Micah Vogel	Price \$370.00

SQ3Tsyay'ay: Weaver's Spirit Power Exhibit Open August 20 - November 9, Exhibit Workshops, Yarn Dyeing with Native Plants Taught by Susan Pavel, August 9, 9 am - 3 pm, Class Fee: \$155, Participants will collect Native plants of our Northwest Coast region, and process the plants into dye, which will be used to dye wool. Dyed wool made in this workshop can be used in the Aug. 16 - 17 workshop to create a Coast Salish woven project. However, please note these are separate workshops.

Coast Salish Weaving Taught by Susan Pavel, August 16 & 17, 9 am - 3 pm, Class Fee: \$175 for both days. Participants will use plant dyed yarns to weave on a Coast Salish table top loom. The finished project will be a wall hanging, approximately 12" x 14". Documentation of the process as well as samples from these workshops will be displayed in the upcoming exhibit. Call 253-288-7439 to register. Sponsored by: Allied Arts Foundation, Antique Tribal Art Dealers Association, Ferguson Foundation, White River Valley Museum, 918 H St SE Auburn WA, 98002, 253-288-7433 <http://www.wrvmuseum.org/>

Section 106 Essentials, a two-day course on the requirements for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will be offered by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Seattle. Dates are August 26-27, 2008. For more information and registration, go to www.achp.gov/106. Contact: Cindy Bienvenue, 202-606-8521.

New Book Published on NW Paleoclimatology & Archaeology

The Archaeoclimatology Atlas of Oregon: The modeled distribution in space and time of the past climates of Oregon by Reid A. Bryson, Alison T. Stenger, and Katherine DeWall University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City. Presenting Early Climate Data for Oregon and Washington Sites, this is a landmark book on archaeology and paleoclimatology. The authors have utilized archaeological and paleontological data to validate models of paleoclimates. While this book focuses upon different regions within Oregon, the same criteria used in this book can be applied to nearly every other part of the world to interpret the past. The book is due to be released this Fall.

Through climate models and extensive field data, the past is finally being accurately rebuilt. Now researchers can predict the time periods and grazing areas that would have supported mammoth or American bison. Useful environments for humans can also be determined. These same models illustrate when the environment could not have supported such animals, or when the landscape might not have been hospitable to human needs without enormous adaptation. Excavation results have consistently validated the models. This is a very exciting and extremely useful tool for multiple disciplines. It is now possible to project site locations, identify selected causality in population movement, and to enhance the interpretation of site data. Scientists, from paleontologists to paleobiologists, can now greatly expand their knowledge of the past. Ecosystems that supported ancient people and animals can now often be predicted, and understood.

The authors describe the book in this way: "This book provides an in-depth look at the modeled climatic and environmental history of the state of Oregon over the past 14,000 years and analyzes the relationship between climatic variables and people in the past. The Atlas provides both broad scale reconstructions of specific times in the past as well as detailed, site-specific

Passing of Another Colleague and Friend, Harvey S. Rice (August 10, 1934–May 30, 2008)

Dr. Harvey S. "Pete" Rice passed away while hiking in the outdoors he loved near Beverly, Washington on May 30th, 2008. He was 73. Pete was a loving husband, father, mentor, and friend to many and played a pivotal role in establishing archaeological and cultural resources management in the Pacific Northwest. He was born in 1934 in Walla Walla, to Elbert and Myrn (Harvey) Rice. He graduated from Pasco High School in 1952. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 50 years Barbara Jeanne (Newell), son Newel, daughter-in-law Tina and grandson Colton of Monroe; daughter Kyla and son-in-law Don of Spokane; brother Jon and sister-in-law Ann of Moses Lake; several nephews, and his special kitty friend Majik. Pete was an avid hiker and enjoyed kayaking and exploring the central Columbia Plateau. After high school, Pete attended Grays Harbor Community College and later enlisted in the Army, serving in Eretria in North Africa.

Pete enrolled at Washington State University in 1958. The WSU anthropology department was then among the leading paleoenvironmental research institutions. Pete spoke fondly of his years there. Dr. Daugherty was his mentor and a guiding influence on Pete's development. In 1959, he attended field-based training in Alaska and at the University of Oregon. On returning Pete conducted research that would help change our understanding of the antiquity of humans in the Pacific Northwest. Completed in 1965, his thesis provides details of the earliest artifacts from deep levels at the Windust Caves, including the Windust-type stemmed biface. While at WSU, Pete took part in the excavation and analysis of Marmes Rockshelter and Ozette, where he served as assistant director. Additionally, he worked at Valsequillo, Mexico and on Egypt's Aswan Dam project where he found lithic hand axes 500,000 years old. In 1967, Pete became the Highway Archaeologist. One project was in Moses Coulee, near Wenatchee where he invited Spokane Congressman Thomas Foley to see the site. Foley later became Speaker of the House and never forgot about archaeology because of Pete. In the 1970s Pete was active in the formation of the Washington Archaeological Research Center (WARC) at WSU, an independent agency to maintain site records for sites in eastern Washington. When WARC's charter changed in 1980 Pete moved to Eastern Washington University where he established Archaeological and Historic Services (AHS). AHS/EWU became one of the most long-lived and successful archaeological programs in the Northwest, accomplishing projects for Bonneville Power Association, Washington DOT, and the Middle Columbia Public Utility Districts. Pete's dissertation completed at WSU in 1984 ("Native American Dwellings and Attendant Structures of the Southern Plateau") is a collection of archival photos of Plateau Indian housing, the only comprehensive work on the subject. His expertise on Native structures contributed to a full-sized reproduction of a Wanapum longhouse. In 1992 Pete retired from AHS and worked as the Colville Tribal Archaeologist under Adeline Fredin in Nespelem. In 2000 he was hired as Cultural Resources Coordinator at Grant County PUD, where he led the Cultural Resources department. During his years at the PUD he developed strong friendships with the Wanapum people and a dual role as researcher and advocate for Wanapum cultural resources issues and concerns. Pete helped craft a successful model for Tribal participation in cultural resources programs along the Columbia River. A prolific writer, Pete completed many professional reports in Washington. He directly influenced the course of cultural resources management in the Northwest. A favorite past-time was photography, and he provided his expertise to other archeologists. His photographic contributions to Washington archaeology are especially notable in the works of Ruth Kirk and Dr. Daugherty. Pete's interest in prehistory was balanced by his concerns for modern Native American people. His work with the Colville, Wanapum and other Columbia Plateau Tribes was based on his fundamental respect for Native American issues. Pete believed in the critical need to incorporate Native American concerns into the process and outcome of archaeological research. Pete recognized archaeological relics of the past still play important roles in the lives of Indian people. This direct link to people was primary in Pete's work and lifestyle and he considered this connection as more than just academic studies of "prehistory". His many deep friendships with Indian people across the Plateau are testament to this commitment.

In keeping with Pete's love of the outdoors, his family suggests that memorials be made to Conservation Northwest or to the *Dr. Harvey S. ("Pete") Rice Memorial Scholarship for Plateau Archaeology and Anthropology* % Department of Anthropology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-4910. Checks should be made out "Department of Anthropology" indicating they are for Pete's fund. From it, scholarships of several hundred dollars will be awarded annually. Graveside services for Pete was held Saturday, June 7th at the Colfax Cemetery.

Report on Washington State Curation Summit Activities —submitted by Paula Johnson

The Washington State Curation Summit is a group of individuals addressing issues related to curation of historic and prehistoric archaeological collections. The group has been meeting several times a year since 2003. Information on the topics discussed by the group can be accessed at: <http://staff.washington.edu/sdenton/index.htm>.

The most recent Curation Summit meeting was held May 12, 2008 in Ellensburg, hosted by Lynn Bethke, Central Washington University Anthropology Department collections manager. Two major topics were on the agenda: results of the DAHP collections survey of state contractors and draft Repository Requirements.

The results of the recent DAHP collections survey were discussed by Stephenie Kramer. Twenty-nine individuals participated in the survey which was focused on CRM contractors. Data is believed to be slightly skewed because at least two museums participated (this article attempts to account for this by excluding those responses). Approximately half of respondents were storing collections (not including collections being analyzed for active projects). Collections volumes ranged from 2 to 200 cubic feet; of those that answered approximately 63% held less than 10 boxes. Collections had been held for between 1 and 20+ years; six individuals reported holding collections for 5 years or less, two reported holding collections for 10-20 years, and three reported holding collections for 20+ years. For collections that are currently being analyzed there were 11 responses. Five respondents report no collections, two report between 1 and 2 cubic feet, and three respondents report between 10 and 20 cubic feet. There were a series of questions that sought to address the nexus for these collections; answers varied greatly. Finally, the survey asked "What are the reasons you are storing these collections and not transferring them to an appropriate repository?" Twelve responses were received: "No one will pay for curation" (n= 4; 33%); "Collection not prepared to federal standards so no one will take it" (n=1; 8%); "Unable to find a repository to take it" (n=1; 8%); "I just have not taken the time to do it" (n=3; 25%), and "Other" (n=3; 25%).

The Curation Summit has identified the need for a list of repositories that are capable of curating archaeological collections. The idea is that museums interested in curating archaeological collections will apply to be included on a list similar to the lists of archaeological and historic preservation consultant that DAHP provides as a referral. At the October 2007 meeting a working group was assigned the task of preparing Draft Repository Requirements for review at the next meeting. The draft requirements are still being finalized and will be released for comment in the near future. The general discussion at the May meeting focused on identifying minimum requirements (such as ability to protect site location information and willingness to accept entire collections) and on weighting the other requirements. Additionally, the group discussed providing guidance to DAHP as they review applications. The goal is to have the list in place by Fall 2008.

Members of the group have participated in panel discussions at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in 2007 and 2008. The 2008 NWAC panelists discussed four topics with session attendees. Topics included: working on curation issues with agency clients; culling archaeological collections; incorporating curation into research designs and project timelines; and issues specific to historic collections. Turn out for the session was relatively high considering the session began at 8:30am on the last day of the conference.

Managing Cultural Heritage through a Statewide Database —submitted by Kim Owens, Dena Sedar, and Brooke Shelman

Washington archaeological collections are curated in numerous repositories throughout the state, yet no statewide directory exists to aid researchers. In 2002, Johnson and Denton identified this need. Chobot (2006) developed a prototype directory for Clark County and assessed the potential issues associated with creating such a directory. The Burke Museum recently created an initial directory of their collections based on previous documentation. Building off of the initial Burke Museum directory, we, three graduate students in Museology at the University of Washington, continued this project to inventory the collections and associated data with the objective of making all information accessible for future research needs, as well as exploring the regional history of archaeology.

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Using the pre-existing county specific data and template created by the Burke Museum, we began the process of ground-truthing collections from known sites in Washington State counties. We progressed through the counties in alphabetical order starting with Adams County. For each county we looked for physical objects and archives. We then recorded the material types present. Only objects and archives with an identified Smithsonian site number were included. To date, we have completed 18 out of 39 counties.

In the process of creating this directory, we found that data collected can answer a number of potential research questions regarding the history of archaeology in Washington State as well as aid researchers. For example, the completed database will be able to address the issues present in curated collections. By understanding why things were collected and who collected them, researchers can be made aware of any biases that occur in current collections. To analyze collections, it is necessary to know what wasn't collected as well as what was, which will help to define the trends in archaeology. A state wide database will increase accountability and access through better inventorying and organization.

The Curation Summit participants have discussed this project in depth and encourage all repositories to undertake this project for themselves and for the eventual inclusion in a state wide database. As institutions charged with the storage and preservation for our cultural heritage, we need to make sure that this heritage is accessible. A state-wide database is the next step in managing this resource.

Reference: Chobot, K. F. 2006. *Archaeological Collections Access in Washington State*. MA Thesis, University of Washington.

Latest Open Forum on Human Remains --submitted by Mary Rossi

On May 5, State Representative John McCoy (D-38th) convened the first in a series of three open forums on human remains planned for 2008. The forums are a continuation of a process that began last year. In 2007, forums were held on July 10, September 11, and December 3 in order to gather input from stakeholders and affected communities for use in drafting legislation to improve the protection of Washington State's graves and cemeteries. Input gathered during the 2007 forums, as well as through a statewide study funded by the State Legislature and administered by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA), contributed to the drafting of House Bill 2624. On March 12, 2008, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 2624 passed both houses of the Legislature; the bill was then signed by Governor Gregoire on March 31 with an effective date of June 12.

While E2SHB 2624, or the "Human Remains Bill," provides for mandatory reporting of skeletal human remains, an inadvertent discovery plan with timelines, a State Physical Anthropologist, a statewide inventory of known cemeteries and burials, and funding for additional DAHP staff and inadvertent discoveries, Representative McCoy plans to address additional improvements to the State's system of grave and cemetery protections through a series of future bills. The 2008 open forums have been scheduled in order to set priorities and gather input from participants.

The May 5 forum was held in Tukwila and attended by approximately 40 people, including two State Representatives, two State Senators, legislative staff, two tribal lobbyists, and representatives from seven Tribes, GOIA, DAHP, the Washington Forest Protection Association, the State Cemetery Board, the Association of Washington Cities, the King County Sheriff's Office, the Burke Museum, and cultural resource consulting firms.

Discussion at the open forum revolved around two main topics: 1) updates on the content and planned implementation of the Human Remains Bill and 2) priorities and ideas for the next bill. Primary content of the Bill was highlighted and included mandatory reporting, DAHP funding, and clean-up of the legal code (RCW 68.50, 60.60, and 27.44). In terms of staff additions, the newly-authorized position of State Physical Anthropologist has been advertised by DAHP and will hopefully be filled by July; then, DAHP will advertise for the position of Archaeological Assistant. Interns will be hired this summer in order to develop educational brochures for county and city planning departments. In terms of implementation, no formal rulemaking or agency guidelines are planned. Instead, elements of the new bill, such as inadvertent discovery timelines and coordination between involved parties (e.g. archaeologists, State Physical Anthropologist, local law enforcement, coroners/medical examiners), will be tested through actual application over the next few years.

Priorities and ideas for the next bill were also discussed. Legislative staff reported receiving inquiries about jurisdiction, consultation, and final determination of whether remains are Indian or non-Indian. Participants discussed negotiating reburial on private land, training law enforcement and coroners/medical examiners, providing positive incentives for leaving graves and

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cemeteries in place, educating responsible parties and the general public, and securing additional funding. Also discussed were procedures for determining the disposition of human remains that cannot be definitively dated or identified as Indian or non-Indian and procedures in the event multiple graves are discovered. Other issues included earlier coordination with tribes during the planning process, a "call before you dig" educational campaign, information-sharing between stakeholders and affected communities to support the statewide inventory, automatic dedication, defining "cemetery," and accessing private property containing graves and cemeteries.

This summer, Representative McCoy will be working with legislative staff to draft the next bill. Future open forums are scheduled for July 14 (location TBA) and September 8 at the Suquamish Tribe's Kiana Lodge. If you are interested in providing written comments and/or receiving email updates about future forums, please contact Representative McCoy's legislative assistant, Lacey Homchick, at homchick.lacey@leg.wa.gov or 425.257.1769.

AWA Journals Available

--submitted by Tom Becker

Several of the past AWA journals are still available for purchase. Tables of Content for those available are listed below. If you wish to purchase one or more, please fill out the form on the last page of the newsletter.

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Shades of Gray: Lithic Variation in Pseudobasaltic Debitage, by E. F. Bakewell

The Ideology of Gender in the Plateau, by L. A. Ackerman

Results of a Subsurface Archaeological Survey on A Pleistocene Terrace in North Cascades, by R. R. Mierendorf & D. J. Harry

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Wanna rent a ranger station?

Addapted from an article by Knute Berger

America's national forests are in the middle of a "heritage" crisis as historic structures fall victim to budget cuts, vandalism, and neglect. Northwest forests are not immune, but citizens can help. How about vacationing in a fire lookout this summer?

Despite major national, state, and local government programs to promote historic preservation and protection of landmarks, [public agencies often come up short](#) when it comes to their own stewardship of such resources. Further evidence of that is in a recent *Washington Post* story that [painted a grim picture](#) of what's happening in our National Forests. Citing a new study by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the *Post* reported that "millions of historic sites, crumbling and collapsing in national forests around the country, are in danger of being lost forever." And the Pacific Northwest's forests are not immune to the trend.

The short version is that budget and personnel cuts and shifts have caused the National Forest Service to fall behind in taking care of heritage sites in its trust, ranging from Civil War battlefields to old lodges and fire lookouts, from Native American archaeological sites to cabins built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

In trying to get a picture of the challenges in this part of the country, I talked with Rick McClure, archaeologist and heritage program manager for [Gifford Pinchot National Forest](#) in Washington and [Mount Hood National Forest](#) in Oregon. He agrees there are major problems. One reason is that many of the Forest Service's own facilities have become historically significant. Indeed, a number of Washington's national forests celebrate their centennials this year, including Columbia (now Gifford Pinchot), Chelan, Snoqualmie, Wenatchee, and Okanogan, which were created by executive orders in 1908. Vacancy is the enemy of preservation because mothballed buildings can quickly deteriorate and are subject to vandalism and theft. McClure points to the Oak Grove Ranger Station complex in Oregon, which features 10 '1930s-era CCC buildings. The complex was trashed by vandals who stole copper wiring and plumbing and even ripped off (as in both literally removed by force and stole) the metal roof of a barn presumably to sell for scrap. There is no money for repair. One partial solution has been to keep some of the Forest Service's wonderful structures in use by [renting them out to the public](#).

[for the full article or details on rental, go to <http://crosscut.com/mossback/14623/Wanna+rent+a+ranger+station/>]

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