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President's Message

Hello All!

I hope you all had a great summer, full of exciting projects and/or vacations! As part of my responsibilities as AWA President, I conducted a fact-finding investigation this summer of cultural resource management practices in the Balkans (aka our honeymoon). We visited a fifteenth century church where they were excavating its perimeter, searching for evidence of a twelfth century church. Although they were not using screens, they were somehow able to find old stone walls and at least one skull which was left sitting alone by a fence. And while driving along a super-highway between Slovenia and Austria, we observed a couple of 1x1's that had been excavated within the construction right-of-way. Although we did not actually pull over, they looked much like the 1x1's we excavate here. I found the similarities fascinating!

In light of recent economic events, at our most recent board meeting we discussed the option of creating a savings account to maintain a year's operating budget in reserve, as sort of a rainy day fund to help ensure our viability. The board has set a goal of \$4000 for this account, and began brainstorming ways to raise the additional funds to meet this goal. We are considering many options including a silent auction at the NWAC, t-shirt sales, increasing membership, a government bailout, and subtle begging. Regarding the latter, if at the end of this year, you or your company find yourself looking to donate money to a worthy cause for tax purposes, or to get in Santa's good graces, please keep AWA in mind. Or if you have other good suggestions, please let us know!

As a reminder, Oregon State University is hosting the 2009 NWAC conference, which will be April 9 -11, at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport, Oregon. No international borders to cross, so we hope to see you all there!

Have a great fall!

Tom Becker

President, Association for Washington Archaeology

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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, October, and December. We welcome any relevant submissions. Please send them to the Editor via email.

Renew, Renew!

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. Your mailing label indicates the last year for which your dues are paid. And, 2009 is just around the corner!

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 Update/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 four manuscripts through peer review and two more in process. Once they are revised, these should fill Volume 13, but we need more submissions to round out 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. Please help us to continue this important component of the Association for Washington Archaeology!

Missing Members

Can you help us find several members? Newsletters and other material sent to their addresses are returned. Contact Mary Rossi (Treasurer) at mkrossi@eppardvision.org if you know their current addresses or email.

Missing members are:

Nathan Carnes	Megan Herkelrath
Elizabeth Chambers	Walter Harper
Melanie Kerr	Danielle Gambala
Andrea Weiser	Jason Dabling
Jeni Morris	Jerry Sievert
Amy Homan	

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

Communications from DAHP

– from the DAHP website

NOTE THE NEW HOURS: DAHP is now open Monday through Thursday ONLY from 7am to 5:30 pm. They will be closed on Friday.

DAHP continues to seek applicants for an Assistant State Physical State Anthropologists. A note on their website states, however, that the filling the position is on hold due to a statewide hiring freeze of state employees. Interested applicants can find more information about the position and its requirements at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/AboutUs/Employment.htm>.

In Search of a Good Archaeologist

– from Adam Nickels

Some of you are probably thinking, Wow, I have not heard from Adam for a while. I hope that plays to my benefit here. As all of you probably know, I am working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento, CA. My agency is hiring for a new GS 11 full time archaeologist. Ideally, this individual would have a good understanding of the Section 106 process and would have conducted SHPO consultations, field work, and have consulted with Indian Tribes.

Our cultural resource branch in Sacramento is growing by leaps and bounds. We have a staff of 9 CRM folks which include 5 archaeologists, 1 architectural historian, 1 museum property specialist, and 2 students. We cover an area of Northern California from Santa Barbara to the Oregon border, the Klamath River Basin in Oregon, and Northern Nevada. The archaeology we deal with is diverse and intense. Sacramento is a metropolitan area 72 miles east of San Francisco, and 120 miles west of Reno. It's in the center of everything!

Below is the link to the "Open to the Public" announcement:

http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?jobID=75296300&AVSDM=2008%2D09%2D29+00%3A03%3A01&Logo=0&pg=2&jbf522=0193&FedEmp=Y&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/series_search.asp

If you have questions, you may contact Adam at 916-978-5053 or anickels@mp.usbr.gov

JULIAN D. HAYDEN STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

– from the *Kiva*

The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society is pleased to announce the eleventh annual Julian D. Hayden Student Paper Competition, named in honor of long-time AAHS luminary, Julian Dodge Hayden. The winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$500 and publication of the paper in *Kiva*, *The Journal of Southwestern Anthropology and History*. The competition is open to any bona fide undergraduate and graduate students at any recognized college or university. Co-authored papers will be accepted if all authors are students. Subject matter may include the anthropology, archaeology, history, linguistics, and ethnology of the American Southwest and northern Mexico, or any other topic appropriate for publication in *Kiva*.

Papers should be no more than 25 double-spaced, typewritten pages (approximately 8,000 words), including figures, tables, and references, and should conform to *Kiva* format. Deadline for receipt of submissions is January 15, 2009; *late entries will not be accepted. Send four copies of the paper and proof of student status to: Julian D. Hayden Student Paper Competition, AAHS, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721-0026.

For more information, contact Ron Towner as rtowner@ltrr.arizona.edu or see http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aaahs/hayden_comp.shtml.

Cultural Resource Management in the Pacific Northwest took a nice step forward in September when the *2008 Cultural Resource Planning Summit* was held at the Kiana Lodge on the Suquamish Indian Reservation, outside Poulsbo, Washington. Entitled, "Preserving the Past, Practicing in the Present: Defining Cultural Resource Planning in the 21st Century," the Summit was sponsored by the Applied Preservation Technologies, a program of the non-profit Eppard Vision out of Bellingham, Washington. The event was orchestrated by the Leadership Series Planning Committee composed of Mary Rossi, Isaac Blum, and Steve Kinley. This was the inaugural meeting of what the organizers expect to be a regular event.

Julia Longenecker and I had both been invited to participate on panels, so we headed to Seattle on Sunday, took the ferry to Bainbridge Island, and explored what was new territory for us. The Summit was well attended, with about 70 people always in the room. More actually attended, but many came and went, plagued by busy schedules. Attendance was hampered by the Governor Christine Gregoire's travel ban for state employees, which prohibited many from attending. The newness of the event, the high registration fee (\$300) and the limited advertising campaign also kept attendance lower than the organizers had hoped.

The summit began on Monday and ended Tuesday. Each session followed a similar format and was composed of a moderator and a panel of 3 or 4 individuals. Panelists represented a variety of disciplines and a variety of organizations. There were contract archaeologists; university archaeologists; cultural resource managers and planners working for cities, counties and federal agencies and tribes; museum professionals; tribal elders. The audience was a good mix of interested professionals, students, and tribal members. The general format, which we thought worked exceptionally well, was for the moderator to ask the panelists a set of questions, and then open it up to the audience.

The venue was outstanding. The rustic Kiana Lodge, which was recently purchased by the Suquamish Tribe, has been a popular party and wedding location since the early 20th century. Set right on the water, the buildings are beautiful and the grounds full of colorful flower beds. The weather was perfect. The meeting room was comfortable and well stocked with good coffee, breakfast treats, refreshments, and afternoon snacks. Most people stayed at the Suquamish Casino, located a few miles up the road. Rooms were reportedly wonderful if expensive (\$141 - \$175). The casino hotel was full by the time we registered, so we stayed in the more modest Poulsbo Inn (\$79), located about 5 miles away.

The first session focused on Washington State's new human remains legislation and featured Washington State Legislature Representative John McCoy (D-38th), who has been spearheading the legislation. More legislation is on the drawing board, and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will be making the final rule; Representative McCoy explained that there are mechanisms for changing the rule if people feel something needs to be improved.

The next two sessions focused on cultural resources and federal agencies and forestry in Washington. The federal session suffered from lack of representativeness, with only Department of Agriculture – Rural Development and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers represented. I found the forestry session most interesting. The session was highlighted by the Commissioner of Public Lands, Doug Sutherland; it sounded like the agency was doing a good job protecting cultural resources, though there were hints that maybe we were getting an overly rosy picture from the Commissioner.

The next session focused on the conflicts among tribal and scientific values, as they relate to cultural resources. Rhonda Foster and Garth Baldwin both presented good and olive branch-like perspectives for the audience to consider. With an audience full of tribal members, archaeologists and others, sessions such as this can get us back on the track working together to protect important resources.

The next session focused on cultural resource management in local governments. This is a growing area, with cities and counties increasing hiring archaeologists and passing ordinances to protect resources. The final session focused on developers, and advocated a risk management approach for developers to use rather than relying solely on state and local regulators to say what needs to be done.

The second day started with a keynote address by Dr. Thomas King, whom most archaeologists should know from his collection of books on cultural resource management in the United States. Dr. King talked about the various cultural resource laws and the problems created by archaeology's domination of cultural resource management. He also discussed his forthcoming book, which focuses on the corruption of cultural resource management created by contracting firms working for developers; this situation he feels creates a conflict of interest where the resources get sacrificed to satisfy the developer. When pressed, however, Dr. King had no alternative to the present system.

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The first session of the second day highlighted the problems surrounding the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources and private property development. Panelists, mostly from tribal backgrounds, presented legal perspectives on this complex issue. The next session concerned cultural resources and technology, and concentrated primarily on application of geographic information systems and their utility in cultural resource planning efforts.

Cultural resource contractors got their turn in the next session, with a focus on professional standards and current practice and how they impact the development process. In reference to Dr. King's keynote address, several archaeologists commented that not only do we have conflicts of interest with those who pay us, but also to the resources we want to protect, to our profession, to the politics of the day, and to the law. We agree with those who said these forces are constantly pulling within us as we work through a project; we are always seeking a balance from within and from without.

The next session highlighted the roles of the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in the land use development process. This is a little understood area, but one that is increasingly important and influential, as tribes throughout the Northwest are starting offices or strengthening their existing operations.

The final session was entitled "The Post-Graving Dock Era: the Stakeholders Discuss Lessons Learned." Unfortunately, due to the travel restrictions imposed by the governor, neither the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation nor the Washington State Department of Transportation could attend and so the session was cancelled. In its place was a closing session moderated by Suquamish Chairman Leonard Forsman. Many AWA readers may know Mr. Forsman, who received a degree in anthropology and worked for many years in Puget Sound cultural resource management.

The Suquamish Chairman provided some more history of the Suquamish (people and territory). He emphasized the need for community outreach about the importance of cultural resources and that there are many opportunities to increase awareness (e.g. Archaeology Month, hosting talks and activities, the Canoe Journey which will be at Suquamish next year). He then had Tom Sampson, former Chief, Saanich First Nations, close the Summit with a prayer. Tom had everyone hold hands in a circle, and he delivered a wonderful prayer. It was a very effective, moving way to end the event.

The Summit was videotaped, so there is a record of what was discussed. The organizers have posted all of the Summit (e.g. attendance list, available powerpoints, scanned reference documents, the sessions; etc.) at: <http://www.theleadershipseries.info/resources.html>).

My only question about the Summit relates to the title *Cultural Resource Planning Summit*, which seemed somewhat of a misnomer. We did not plan anything and there was no specific outcome that we were chartered to pursue. I would call it more of a cultural resource retreat. Set in a beautiful location world's away from the daily grind, I can think of no better place to spend two days thinking and learning about the many aspects of cultural resource management in the Pacific Northwest that we face. I know my batteries were recharged.

The organizers, however, apparently thought of the title in different terms than I did, as they felt the Summit achieved their goal. The Planning Committee wrote to the attendees a few weeks after the summit the following:

When we began planning the Summit, we did so with the recognition that there are many tribes, organizations, agencies, corporations, and individuals involved in the "land-use" industry and processes who don't know one another or who are unfamiliar with the others' roles. So, we thought it would be a good idea to put some of these folks into a friendly room to talk openly about themselves and what they actually do. It seems that the Kiana Lodge certainly fulfilled the friendly room prerequisite. Although there were numerous segments/organizations that were, unfortunately, not represented, we will continue to work to get them involved in the next event.

I agree that the summit achieved this goal. Where in the Pacific Northwest does a diverse group of cultural resource professionals get together with those in the land-use industry and with tribes and others impacted by development? The Northwest Anthropology Meeting is the only thing that comes close, but it is really focused in a different direction.

For this reason, I think that this was an important gathering, and will continue to be an important gathering for year to come. Julie and I learned a lot, met new people, rekindled old friendships, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time in a beautiful location. There was a good aura there. We're going next year and plan to bring along a group of colleagues. I hope you will also consider going. Bring a colleague or two, and help the organizers take cultural resource management in the Pacific Northwest to a new level.

Open Forums on Human Remains Continue –submitted by Mary Rossi

On July 14, State Representative John McCoy (D-38th) convened the second in a series of three open forums on human remains planned for 2008. The forums are a continuation of the process that began last year. In 2007, three forums were held 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 signed by Governor Gregoire on March 31 with an effective date of June 12, 2008.

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 gather input from participants and set priorities.

The July 14 forum was held at the Puyallup Tribe's Spirit House and attended by approximately 45 people, including one State Representative, one State Senator, legislative staff, two tribal lobbyists, and representatives from ten Tribes, DAHP, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, the Washington Forest Protection Association, the State Cemetery Board, the Association of Washington Cities, the Association for Washington Archaeology (AWA), and cultural resource consulting firms.

Discussion at the open forum revolved around two main topics: 1) updates on the planned implementation of the Human Remains Bill, and 2) comments on the first draft of the next bill. In terms of implementation, no formal rulemaking or agency guidelines was granted to DAHP as the Department currently does not have the resources to address rulemaking; however, since DAHP is adding staff, the next bill will include rulemaking authority. In the mean time, 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, [tribes](#), [other descendant communities](#)), will be tested through actual application over the next few years.

Dr. Allyson Brooks, SHPO, provided an update on staff additions at DAHP as authorized by the Human Remains Bill. The newly-authorized position of State Physical Anthropologist will be assumed in August by Dr. Guy Tasa, formerly of the Oregon State Museum where his responsibilities included repatriations, teaching, and working with medical examiners on a *de facto* basis. Dr. Tasa will be meeting with all Washington tribes and coroners/medical examiners; he will also attend King County "dead body school" and train law enforcement in proper procedures for archaeological sites. Other duties will evolve over time from the concept established in the Human Remains Bill. DAHP is currently advertising for the position of Assistant Physical Anthropologist, and interns have been hired for the summer in order to develop educational brochures for county and city planning departments.

Ideas for the next bill were also discussed. Draft legislation distributed by Representative McCoy's office on June 23 included the following summary of changes: 1) default determination that human remains dating prior to European contact are Indian, 2) preference is to reinter the remains at site of discovery unless otherwise indicated, 3) provide incentives for landowners to reinter and allow easements for ceremonial and religious purposes, and 4) provide an amnesty period for the turning in of non-forensic skeletal remains.

A considerable amount of discussion centered on the establishment of 1492 as the date for European contact, including whether a specific date should be established and what methods would be used to establish a date for remains. Some participants suggested that establishing a date is unnecessary given the methods available for determining whether human remains are Indian or non-Indian. It was also suggested that the date could be removed from the proposed legislation and discoveries could be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Alternatively, since the date is related to proposed language stating the preference is to leave Native remains in place, it was suggested that the language could be changed to include all remains thereby making a date unnecessary.

Participants also discussed cemetery dedication and removal of dedication, negotiating reburial on private land, providing positive incentives for leaving graves and cemeteries in place, and educating responsible parties and the general public. Other discussion points included voluntary cooperative agreements, the amnesty period, site protection in the event of a discovery, and the need for a mediation/dispute resolution process.

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Events Calendar

Lucy Exhibit Opens, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, beginning October 4. (See article, page 9).

S'abadeb (The Gifts): Pacific Coast Salish Art and Artists, Seattle Art Museum, October 24-January 11. The flyer says this is the first major exhibition to explore the unique artistry and culture of Coast Salish First Peoples of Washington State and British Columbia. It features more than 175 works of art from national and international collections that offer a glimpse into the daily and ceremonial lives of the 40 groups that make up the Coast Salish. Prehistoric, historic, and contemporary works are part of the exhibit, and exhibited side-by-side to emphasize the cultural exchanges beginning in the late 18th century and the ongoing vitality of Salish art traditions today. Multimedia presentations will be part of the exhibit. The works will be interpreted by Native voices. Curated by Barbara Brotherton, Curator of Native American Art at SAM, the exhibition was created in collaboration with Salish First Nations consultants and others. For more information, go to <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/exhibit/exhibitDetail.asp?eventID=13771>.

Wordcraft Circle Writer's Conference, October 17-19. Quileute Nation Resort, Olympic Peninsula, Highway 101. Brings together a diverse selection of panels and workshop sessions, from storytelling icon Elizabeth Woody, to poet and performance artist Ed Edmo to actor Gary Farmer. Other presentors include famed storyteller Richard Van Camp, author Philip Red Eagle, Wordcraft national director Dr. Kimberly Roppolo, children's author Linda Boyden, and Evergreen State faculty member and storyteller Allen Standing Bear Jenkins. Student groups (discounted): 10 students and one adult companion @ \$1000 which includes admission to all events, all meals including a traditional Salmon Feast Saturday evening. Additional students over 10 within the same group are \$100 per person. One chaperone admission is included with every 10 students. Individual student registration is \$90 plus \$25 for the traditional Salmon Feast Saturday evening and entertainment with Gary Farmer and the Troublemakers. Regular adult admission is \$110, plus \$25. Complete details and lodging can be found at http://www.terrahansen.com/Wordcraft_Circle_Pacific_NW_Writers_Conference.html. Or contact terrichansen@gmail.com.

Native Woodcarvers, tool making workshop for Native woodcarvers at the Evergreen State College Longhouse, October 18-19. The instructor will be Steve Brown. The workshop will run from 9am—5pm, Saturday and 9am-4pm, Sunday. Registration is limited to the first ten carvers who submit the \$100 registration fee to Longhouse, 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia, WA 98505. Contact Tina Kukkaht, kuckkaht@evergreen.edu, for information.

Northwest Anthropological Conference, Newport, Oregon. April 9-11, 2009 (see related information page 11).

SAA Annual Meeting, Atlanta Georgia. April 22-26, 2009. For more information visit <http://www.saa.org/meetings>.

Human Remains Bill (cont'd from page 6)

On August 7, Representative McCoy's staff distributed the second draft of proposed legislation for review and comment. 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.

A special work session was scheduled for September 8 at the Suquamish Tribe's Kiana Lodge in conjunction with the 2008 Cultural Resource Planning Summit (visit the Summit website at <http://www.theleadershipseries.info/> for complete information). The third open forum was scheduled for October 13 at the Yakama Nation; please contact Lacey Homchick at the email or phone number above for more information.

Remember the AWA Student Research Grant

Every year the AWA offers a student research grant for up to \$500. No applications were submitted this year. This represents a missed opportunity for promising future archaeologists. Please encourage your students to apply. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2009. 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

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Update

—submitted by Tom Becker

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Public Meeting to discuss their new management plan in Seattle was reasonably well attended—with several AWA members present—but the turnout at most of their other venues was quite small. As such, OCMNS officials are now saying that they will accept (and would like) e-mail comments until November 14th. As AWA members, I would like to urge all of you to consider submitting comments. AWA members in Seattle spoke in support of various aspects of archaeological and paleo-environmental research in the sanctuary and also touched on such related issues as the protection of archaeological resources during an oil spill response effort (which hopefully will never happen) and support for the Olympic Coast's Tribes traditional cultural activities in the Sanctuary. If you think that any of these are important, please let them know. Beyond archaeology, there are also many other important biological and regulatory issues for the Sanctuary that you may wish to address.

Comments should be e-mailed to: ocnmsmanagementplan@noaa.gov

Another Colleague Gone

—compiled from an article in the *Idaho State Journal*

Robert Butler and his wife, Tessa, died in their home in Pocatello, Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Robert, 81, was a graduate of the University of Washington, a retired Idaho State University professor, and the former curator of the Idaho Museum of Natural History. He began his archaeological career in 1948, working in the Pacific Northwest throughout most of his career. Robert had been with Idaho State University since 1960 when he was hired to develop the institution's anthropology program. He was the author of *A Guide to Understanding Idaho Archaeology* which was revised and re-published several times, and published a number of articles in *Tebiwa: Journal of the Idaho State University Museum*. His wife, Tessa, was a native of Holland who was known as a top community volunteer in Pocatello, actively assisting Democratic campaigns (even though as a non-citizen she could not vote), various university organizations, and the Portneuf Audubon Society, among others. The Butlers met in 1948 when Robert was working on an excavation in Oregon and Tessa was sightseeing. They married when she obtained her green card. In recent years, both were in frail health. Robert could barely walk due to bone loss, reported a longtime friend, Pricilla Hearst of Pocatello. Tessa suffered from rheumatoid arthritis and was recently stricken with spinal meningitis. Death appeared to be a result of a murder-suicide due to their poor quality of life with little hope of improvement. Hearst feared that people would only remember the cause of their death. Instead, she said, people should remember that "they lived such incredible lives, and he loved her so dearly."

No information was provided about burial services or memorials.

Lucy at the Pacific Science Center

— submitted by Paula Johnson

The Pacific Science Center hosts the west coast premiere of **Lucy's Legacy: The Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia**. The exhibit provides visitors with an extraordinary opportunity to come face to face with Lucy, the oldest, most complete, and best preserved adult fossil of any erect-walking human ancestor. The 1974 discovery of this famous 3.2 million-year-old hominid yielded a new species, *Australopithecus afarensis*, and continues to have a major impact on the scientific understanding of our human origins. Through additional artifacts spanning over 200,000 years visitors will also experience Ethiopia, Lucy's homeland. With eight locales on the World Heritage List, Ethiopia is rich in history and culture and it holds a unique position in the study of paleoanthropology.

The exhibit opened October 4, 2008 and extends through March 8, 2009. There are numerous programs and events including several "Lucy Talks" organized in partnership with the Burke Museum. Donald Johanson is among those guest lecturers. More information is available at www.pacsci.org/lucy.

Paula Johnson of Paragon Research Associates has provided museum collections services to the Pacific Science Center (a non-collecting facility that has no collections staff) and assisted with documenting the condition of the collections prior to exhibition.

Photo of Lucy courtesy Houston Museum of Natural Sciences and the Pacific Science Center.



Communications from DAHP

— from Stephenie Kramer

DAHP is very happy to welcome Dr. Guy Tasa as our State Physical Anthropologist. Guy completed his Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Oregon in 1997. During his graduate work Guy also served as a research faculty at the University of Oregon's State Museum of Anthropology conducting numerous archaeological projects for the Oregon Department of Transportation and other agencies. He has considerable experience in Oregon with human remains issues. At DAHP Guy will be responsible for investigating, preserving, and when necessary, removing and reintering discoveries of nonforensic skeletal human remains as directed under Washington's new human remains law (RCW 68.50.645). In this capacity he will be communicating with cemeteries and affected tribes when non-forensic human remains are discovered and is available to any local governments or federally recognized tribal government within the state of Washington to assist in determining whether discovered skeletal remains are forensic or nonforensic. Guy can be reached at (360) 586-3534 and guy.tasa@dahp.wa.gov.

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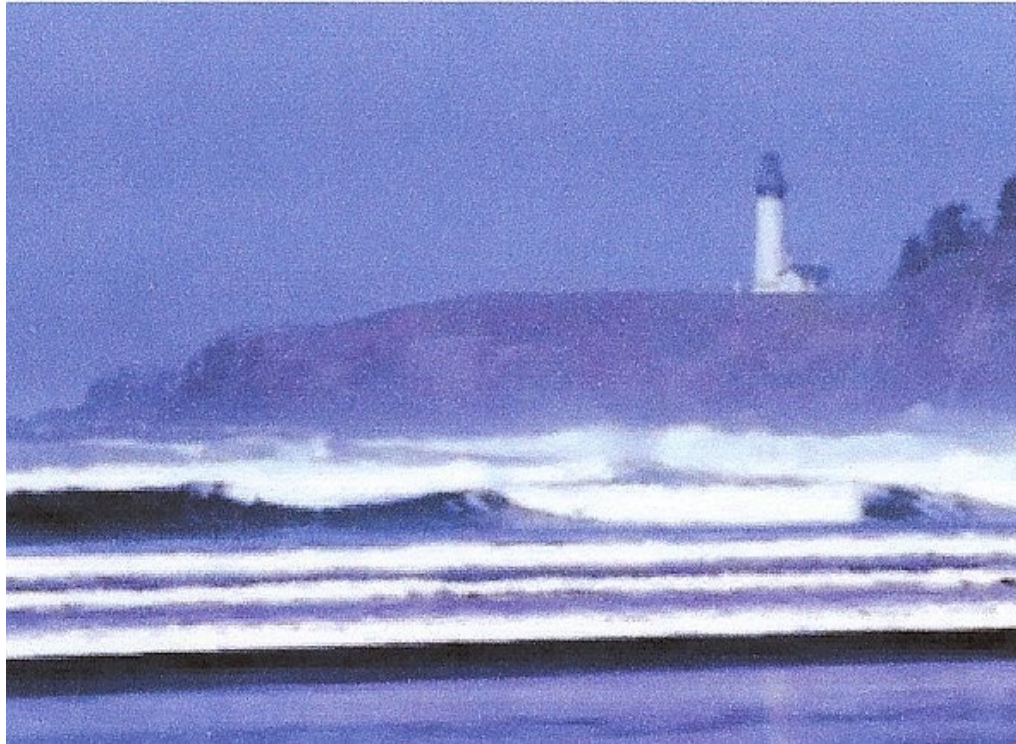
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onderful structures in use by [renting them out to the public](#).

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

2009 Northwest Anthropological Conference

The 2009 Northwest Anthropological Conference is being hosted by the Anthropological Department of Oregon State University. Dates for the conference are April 9-11, 2009. It will be held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport, Oregon. This hotel is located on the beach at 3019 N. Coast Highway (phone 541-265-9411). Watch for details at <http://www.oregonstate.edu/cla/anthropology/>.



View at Newport beach.



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