



# AWA News

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## President's Message

Hello all!

I hope you are enjoying the winter, and that this finds you in the office doing analysis and writing, or working on a project in California, Central America, or the South Pacific!

Several recent conversations/events have rekindled thoughts in my head about our responsibilities as professional archaeologists, regarding topics such as public outreach and education, community activism in pursuit of archaeological regulations, and the general protection of archaeological sites.

An AWA member contacted me about members who might be interested in being a counselor for a Boy Scout working on an archaeology merit badge. A board member of the Archaeological Conservancy was in Washington recently, inquiring about sites that should be purchased and conserved. Down in Portland, they recently held an "Archaeology Day", where archaeologists gathered at a park and made themselves available to the public to answer questions and talk about archaeology. The Archaeology Channel is conducting a membership drive to gain more individual supporters. And it seems there is an increasing number of emails, asking archaeologists to call or email in support of local or state regulations to protect our cultural resources.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I know that I get these thoughts from time to time when the juices get flowing, often after having an energetic conversation or reading about something in the paper, swearing that I am going to devote more of my time to these responsibilities. But then work happens, and life happens, and those plans do not always happen. They take at least a little bit of planning, a little bit of commitment, and probably a little bit of mojo.

So what do you all think - do you have time to take part in outreach/education? Can you, or perhaps an employee of yours, spend a few hours once in awhile to speak to a class, give a public lecture, or help a student learn about archaeology? Can you spare just fifteen minutes to compose an email to a local government, encouraging them to protect archaeological resources? Or if you are too busy, can you make a donation to a group like the Archaeology Channel or the Archaeological Conservancy, that are also trying to spread the word?

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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.

## Renew for 2009

It's time to renew your membership for 2009! Please do so 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. 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. Beginning in 2010, newsletters will be sent electronically and posted on the website, not mailed. 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 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

Charles Luttrell

Jill Black

Anyone know their new addresses, email, or phone numbers? Let Tom Becker or Mary Rossi know.

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

## Cama Beach

DAHP is pleased to announce that the archaeological site at Cama Beach State Park, 45IS2, is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The structures at Cama Beach Resort have been listed as a District since 2001 under Criteria A and C, as an extensive and intact example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century auto-era resort. Now, the sub-surface resource, a large, deeply stratified, late prehistoric shell midden dating from 1640 BP to 300 BP is listed under Criterion D.

This is a very exciting listing because very few archaeological sites in Washington are listed in the National Register. Of 1373 register listings, only 60 are listed under Criterion D. The first two archaeological sites ever listed in the National Register in Washington were Marmes Rock Shelter and the Whitman Mission in 1966.

## New Definition for Professional Archaeologist

During the last legislative session, the legislature amended the archaeological definitions in state statute. There is no longer a definition of “qualified archaeologist” and the definition of “professional archaeologist” has changed to the following:

RCW 27.53.030 (8) "Professional archaeologist" means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a professional archaeologist. Archaeologists not meeting this standard may be conditionally employed by working under the supervision of a professional archaeologist for a period of four years provided the employee is pursuing qualifications necessary to meet the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a professional archaeologist. During this four-year period, the professional archaeologist is responsible for all findings. The four-year period is not subject to renewal.

DAHP is tasked with interpreting and implementing the legislative changes. We have been receiving many calls about implementation of the revised definition.

All Cultural Resource reports must now be authored or co-authored by a professional archaeologist. This new standard includes surveys, site inventory forms, predeterminations, testing, data recovery and monitoring reports and plans, Inadvertent Discovery Plans, Research Designs, and other ancillary documents.

The professional archaeologist will be held professionally and legally responsible for all findings and recommendations made in any report he/she authors or coauthors. DAHP can no longer accept reports that do not list authors, or from archaeologists who do not meet the standards in the new definition.

DAHP recognizes that many field technicians have a bachelor's degree and are accustomed to working in the field under the supervision of a professional archaeologist, while either surveying, excavating, or monitoring. As long as a professional archaeologist is present, he/she can supervise any number of field technicians on a survey or excavation project. For surveys during which the field technician is working alone, the report must present how the technician was directly or indirectly supervised. For example, the report could state that the survey methods were formulated by the professional archaeologist and carried out by the field technician. The professional checked the technician's field work x times per day/week and had regular communications via cell phone. After the survey, the fieldwork was reviewed by the professional archaeologist through discussion, and examination of fieldnotes and photographs.

For monitoring projects in which the monitor is working alone, a supervisory plan should be submitted to DAHP along with the project monitoring plan. The supervisory plan should explain the monitor's qualifications and how often a professional archaeologist will be in the field with the monitor. DAHP recognizes that each project requirements will be different and the level of supervision will vary with the demands of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about this new definition.

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## President's Message

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"While it will always be true that archeologists need to communicate effectively among themselves, it now is abundantly clear that unless they also communicate effectively with the general public, and with those making decisions affecting the cultural resource base, all else will be wasted effort" (McGimsey and Davis 1977).

Anyhow, something to think about over what is promising to be a long, cold winter! And please let me know if you hear of any projects in the South Pacific!

Tom Becker

## DAHP

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### Proposed Legislation on Human Remains

Finally, Rep. John McCoy is considering additional legislation to define and protect human remains. If you are interested in commenting on his proposed legislation please contact his Rep. John McCoy's office in the Washington State legislature. His office address and phone number can be found on the legislature's website, [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov). [Editor's note: see story on page 9.]

## Events Calendar

*42nd Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology*, January 7-10, 2009, SHA, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For more information go to [www.sha.org](http://www.sha.org).

*Yakima Honors Peoples of the Plateau*, January 11 through March 7, 2009. Exhibits at Larson Gallery, Yakima Valley Museum, and Allied Arts of Yakima Valley, celebrating the Yakama and other Plateau people. For more information, go to [larsongallery.org](http://larsongallery.org), [alliedartsyakima.org](http://alliedartsyakima.org), or [yakamamuseum.com](http://yakamamuseum.com).

*Who Owns Antiquity?*, Lecture, January 13, 2009, World Affairs Council, Seattle. See story on page 6, this issue.

*Voices from the Past, Trends in Contemporary Native Art*, panel discussion, February 8, 2009, with Vivian Harrison, Holly Anna "Cougar Tracks" Pinkham, George Flett, and Frank Janzen. To be held at Allied Arts of Yakima Valley, 1:00 p.m., Free.

*Preservation Travel/Training Opportunities for 2009*, Heritage Conservation Network offers a series of hand-on opportunities for brick and mortar projects of 1-2 weeks. Locations include Old West town of Virginia City, Montana, Trappe, Pennsylvania, Cairo, Illinois, as well as foreign locations. For information go to [www.heritageconservation.net](http://www.heritageconservation.net).

*Voices from the Past, Lee Moorhouse: Photographer in the Inland Northwest 1898-1915*, Lecture by Steven Grafe, Curator of American Indian Art at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Sponsored by the Larson Gallery. To be held at the Yakima Valley Museum, 1:00 p.m., Free.

*Northwest Anthropological Conference*, April 9-11, 2009, Inn at Agate Beach, Newport Beach, Oregon. See story on page 5, this issue.

*74th Annual Meeting, SAA*, Atlanta, Marriott Marquis, April 22—26, 2009. For more information, go to [www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org).

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## Northwest Anthropological Conference

The 62nd Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference will be held April 9-11 in Newport, Oregon. Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, Oregon State University, the conference will focus on the broad theme of community impact anthropology. From corporations to hospitals, watershed councils, tribes, development agencies or federal, state and, local governments, people in institutions increasingly realize that to serve their various constituencies effectively, they must have a deep understanding of the perspectives, values and experiences of the communities with whom they interact. In order to advocate with institutions, communities must also understand their conditions in relation to institutions and global forces. The 2009 Northwest Anthropological Conference will offer an excellent opportunity for anthropologists and archaeologists to showcase their work broadly aimed at identifying and analyzing problems from multiple perspectives, communicating, and negotiating within and across communities, especially advocating for and with communities, brokering between communities and organizations, and aiding institutions, companies, agencies and governments in developing and implementing actions that are sensitive to the human and natural environment and attuned to current cultural changes.

The conference will be held at the Best Western Inn at Agate Beach in Newport. Room rates for the conference will be \$95 (hillside view) or \$119 (ocean view), plus 10.5% city tax. (Additional guests at \$10.00/night.) For these rates, call 1-800-537-3310 on/before March 9, 2009.

The Annual Meeting of the AWA will also be held at the conference.

## New Northwest Publications

Lyman, R. L., Mandibular Hypodontia and Osteoarthritis in Prehistoric Bighorn Sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) in Eastern Washington State, USA. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology*, in press.

Lyman, R. L. The Holocene History of Bighorn Sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) in Eastern Washington State, Northwestern USA. *The Holocene* 19, in press (expected in 2009).

Lyman, R. L. 2008. Climatic Implications of Latest Pleistocene and Earliest Holocene Mammalian Sympatries in Eastern Washington State, USA. *Quaternary Research* 70:426–432.

*Re-Thinking Northwest Coast Archaeology* by Madonna Moss will be published by the SAA Press in the near future. Part of the Contemporary Perspectives series of the press, the book will offer a short volume focused on the archaeology of the region. It will be designed to provide busy professionals and instructors with state-of-the-art, efficient summary of the current research being carried out and current interpretations.

I am writing as a voice of institutional knowledge—I joined the AWA board in 1996 and served in various positions until 2003. It was early during this time (I'd have to check the minutes to pinpoint the precise moment) that the board discussed the development of a scholarship. The \$500 scholarship would also result in publication in the AWA journal. One of the comments that was made came from professors—if the professors were going to publicize the scholarship they had to know it was going to be a stable, constant offering. The AWA board pledged to support the scholarship and we set out to promote it. The return on this investment of time—at least 10 years if not longer has not been overwhelming. There have been several years with *no* applicants and several years with just *one* applicant. The reasons for the lack of interest include the fact that acceptance of the scholarship can negatively impact financial aid packages.

While I applaud efforts to encourage students to join AWA, the fact remains that most of the membership consists of relatively seasoned professionals. Offering a scholarship has had a negligible effect on increasing student membership.

I propose that AWA phase out the scholarship and put the funds to use in a way that will continue to support the advancement of Washington's archaeology. Here are some of the suggestions that I have come up with:

Support curation of “orphan” collections; this could alternate among counties, regions, or repositories to ensure that the benefit is shared.

Fund carbon dating samples from undated sites; proposals could entail dating curated samples or collection of new samples from recorded sites. AWA should require an updated site form as a condition of the project. This approach would truly benefit the entire state. Students, museums, and private landowners could all apply.

Offer/co-sponsor training workshops on a variety of topics. AWA has received consistently good turnout to trainings offered at the NWAC.

Many of you may have other ideas—I hope you will bring them the Annual General Meeting at the NWAC in Oregon. I have asked the AWA board to add this issue to the agenda and for a plan to be formulated for transitioning from the scholarship to something that will be more relevant, more beneficial, and more sought out.

## “Who Owns Antiquity?” a lecture

Tuesday, January 13, 2009, the World Affairs Council in Seattle is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. James Cuno, President and Director of The Art Institute of Chicago, titled "Who Owns Antiquity? State Property or Global Heritage?" Dr. Cuno will speak on artifact ownership and what role national governments and international policies should play in addressing the question of cultural preservation and international exchange of state antiquities. From their website:

“Should antiquities be viewed as the property of the states where they are found or as global heritage? Given the history of national and imperialist conflicts, are countries right to demand the return of artifacts? What is the international norm with regards to laws related to antiquities and where is the conversation heading? What are the priorities informing this debate?”

Dr Cuno formerly was Director of the Harvard University Art Museums and Professor of History of Art and Architecture at Harvard. Dr. Cuno has written and lectured extensively on topics such as the role of art museums in contemporary American cultural policy. Cuno received his PhD from Harvard University.

For more information, including information on the pre-event reception, check out their website: <http://www.world-affairs.org/calendar.cfm>

## **King County Historic Preservation Program Update** —submitted by Philippe LeTourneau

In 2003, The King County Historic Preservation Program completed the first phase of its Cultural Resource Protection Project (CRPP), and has now begun the second phase. The purpose of the CRPP is to provide an informational and conceptual basis for improved cultural resource identification, evaluation, and management, and to create tools for more effective compliance with federal, state, and local regulations addressing archaeological resources.

Phase I products consisted of a database of registered and reported archaeological sites and ethnographic places; GIS shape files and associated data depicting known sites, ethnographic places, cultural features mapped by the Government Land Office, and other related geographic data; and a draft context statement covering King County's prehistoric chronology, an archaeological overview, a site typology, and general paleoenvironmental conditions.

In Phase II we are refining existing GIS data and developing additional GIS cultural resource-related environmental data; refining and supplementing the draft context statement; and developing a GIS-based archaeological sensitivity model. We are incorporating geomorphological and geoarchaeological data into the GIS with the aim of estimating and mapping landform age and archaeological site potential. We are revising the draft context statement in order to make it useable as a reference overview for archaeological survey and research and to provide background information for the archaeological sensitivity modeling.

The King County Historic Preservation Program is working with Northwest Archaeological Associates and the University of Washington's Puget Sound River History Project on this phase of the CRPP. We expect to complete the project in 2009. Both phases of the project have been funded by Transportation Enhancement Grants.

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## **Dugout Canoe, Nationwide Search**

—submitted by Dennis Griffen

Our office has recently received a request from Florida to try and get some information on the known location of Native American canoes in the US. Donna Ruhl at the Florida Museum of Natural History is attempting to gather data from all states on recorded instances of dugout canoes. AWA Newsletter recipients aware of information on these artifacts can assist them in establishing a national database on such canoes. I have tried to share with her some of the information we have here at the Oregon SHPO but I am sure that she would be interested in anything AWA members know of sites in Washington. Donna's contact information is:

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# South Puget Sound Community College ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

June 29—August 21  
**SUMMER 2009**  
Anthropology 280



## Joint Squaxin Island Tribe/College Investigations at The Qwu?gwes site, Southern Eld Inlet, Olympia, Washington



Join us at an ancient Squaxin Island Tribe village site where we are conducting a full-scale cultural investigations of a buried waterlogged shell-midden area (with wood and fiber artifact preservation) and a dry shell-midden living area in the ancient dwellings at the site. Slightly up-bay we are also testing a well preserved ancient fish-trap with over 440 cedar stakes mapped and a historic 1850's homestead.



You will gain invaluable training in full-scale archaeological excavation techniques in recovering cultural materials from a dry shell midden living area, a waterlogged site with preservation of basketry (the large clam basket being recovered (above, left), was found last summer and one twill weave basket had to be left in site for next summer! (above, right)), cordage, a cedar bark gill net, shell jewelry, bone tools, ancient toys (war club, center right—less than 2" long (scale mm)) and wood working tools (jadite adze bits) and an entire preserved fish trap. You will also gain laboratory experience, including conservation, analysis, replication, interpretation, photography and illustration of artifacts.

Working as a team with the Squaxin Island Tribe you will also gain invaluable cultural training. The tribe will bring its values and traditions to the project. You will be allowed a glimpse into an ancient culture and past life-ways. Additionally you will be involved in their newly built Squaxin Island Tribe Museum and Library Center (visit <http://www.squaxinland.org>). We also will provide training in heritage site survey procedures and opportunities for overnight field-trips to visit other field projects and museums, including the Makah Museum in Neah Bay, Washington.



The 2009 field season is our 11<sup>th</sup> year in the scenic, isolated, and privately owned, Qwu?gwes archaeological site. If you would like to join our one-of-a-kind joint tribal/college field archaeology project please contact us and/or send in the attached application form. Dorm housing is available within a mile of the project area at The Evergreen State College in Olympia (see application form). Also see: <http://www.library.spscc.ctc.edu/crm/crm.htm>

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For more on the field school and the application go to: <http://www.library.spscc.ctc.edu/crm/crm/fieldschool/pdf>

## Proposed Amendments on Human Remains –adapted from H-0171.1/09

Revisions to the 2007 “Human Remains Bill” or E2SHB 2624 that went into effect in June of 2008 have been drafted. H-0171.1/09 will change several aspects of the current legislation if passed. The amendments are not unexpected. As noted in the last addition of the AWA Newsletter, Representative McCoy, a major sponsor of the current statute, stated earlier this year that certain aspects of the legislation needed improvements. His office drafted H-0171.1/09, and the bill is expected to be introduced early in the 2009 legislative session.

The bill will introduce several changes into enabling statutes for DAHP (RCW 43.334), the statutes governing abandoned cemeteries (RCW 68.60), and statutes governing Indian graves (RCW 27.44). Each of these changes is summarized below as they are currently drafted. One caveat should be noted: bills are subject to change. The final language that is introduced may change from that discussed below. Persons interested in the final language, or with opinions for or against the proposed language should contact their legislator with copies of their opinions to Representative McCoy. Your legislators can be readily contacted by going to: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>.

*Clarification of when “ancient” determination occurs:* RCW 68.60.645 and RCW 68.60.55 both deal with human remains found on or under the ground, but not marked. Such remains are considered “abandoned cemeteries”, provided they are nonforensic. In these statutes, the State Physical Anthropologist determines if nonforensic remains are Indian or non-Indian. Rep. McCoy’s amendment to both statutes states: “If the state anthropologist cannot determine if the remains are Indian, the anthropologist must make a determination whether the nonforensic skeletal human remains are ancient. If the remains are determined to be ancient, the remains will be presumed to be Indian.” Other changes in the same section “encourage,” but do not require early notification of such remains to Indian tribes.

*Definition of “ancient”:* Later in both statutes, he proposes a new section that states: “Ancient” means skeletal human remains that existed prior to the first European contact in Washington. Ancient is not defined in the current legislation.

*New definition of “affected tribe:”* Another change Rep. McCoy proposes in RCW 68.60.645 and RCW 68.60.55 redefines “affected tribe” as follows: “Affected tribes’ are: (i) Those Indian tribes with usual and accustomed areas in the jurisdiction where the remains were found; and (ii) Those Indian tribes that submit to the department [editor’s note: here “the department” means DAHP] maps that reflect the tribe’s geographical area of aboriginal occupation or cultural affiliation including the area where the remains were found.” Previous language in sections (i) and (ii) distinguished affected tribes as “federally recognized” tribes.

This and the removal of subsequent language within the same sections remove the requirement for affected tribes to be federally recognized. The other section that is proposed for removal currently states: “Nothing in this section constitutes, advocates, or otherwise grants, confers, or implies federal or state recognition of those tribes that are not federally recognized pursuant to 25 C.F.R. part 83, procedures for establishing that an American Indian group exists as an Indian tribe.” This paragraph will be deleted and supplanted with: “Nothing in this section shall preclude individuals who establish that they are lineal descendants of the person whose remains have been discovered from making a claim to the remains.”

RCW 27.44.055 which deals with Indian graves contains the same proposed amendments as those listed above.

*Decisions to reinter in place:* In addition to the above proposed changes, RCW 43.344.075, which establishes the office of the State Physical Anthropologist, contains proposed language about whether or not human remains will be re-interred in place. The new language is: Any removal or reintering of human remains that are determined to be Indian shall be carried out under the control and supervision of the tribe of origin pursuant to Chapters 27.44, 68.50 and 60.60 RCW.

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## Metis House Excavations at Fort Vancouver NHS

-from NCRI Newsletter

The recent NCRI Report details new efforts at Fort Vancouver NHS to interpret and understand the houses of the people who worked at the fort, focusing on a dwelling on the east edge of the site and labeled in an 1845 map as "Servants." Partially excavated in 1968-1969 by Susan Kardas and Edward Larrabe, it was again investigated in 2002 by Doug Wilson and Bob Cromwell to more thoroughly understand the structure and its content. Based on the recent investigations and an 1851 sketch of the site that shows the structure, the National Park Service (NPS) is now able to provide a design for the house and the artifacts from the test excavations. Together, they offer information about the house furnishings and the occupants.

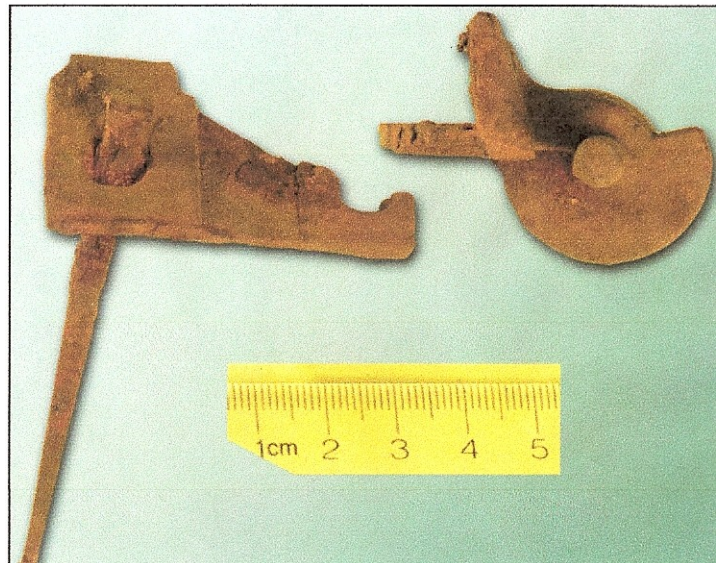
Historical records indicate that some of the dwellings in this area of the fort were occupied by bachelors while others were occupied by families. In the case of this dwelling, built in a common French-Canadian style measuring 20 x 24 feet with one and 1/2 stories, the building appears to have housed a family of mixed ethnicity or Metis. A jeweled brooch and blue buttons suggest the house was one that contained a female presence. In addition to these artifacts and the expected European goods like ceramics, bottles, and metal implements, a carved stone tobacco pipe bowl was also found, which features an American Indian style anthropomorphic figure. From the latter, Wilson and Cromwell conclude that the residents were Metis.

The NHS plans to reconstruct the dwelling with as little impact as possible on the remaining, unexcavated portion of the site, using various avenues to interpret a Metis dwelling in the mid nineteenth century.

## Mystery Artifact

Adapted from an article in NCRI Newsletter

Can you identify this artifact? Excavations at Fort Vancouver found this in the Parade Ground in 2008. If you have seen a similar artifact, please contact the staff at Fort Vancouver at 360.816.6230. They would like to hear from you.



Proposed language in RCW 68.50.645 and RCW 68.60.055 also reflects the role of the “tribe of origin” in making the final decision about the re-internment site. Those statutes have proposed sections stating: “If the nonforensic skeletal human remains are determined to be Indian, the remains will be reinterred at the site of discovery unless the tribe of origin indicates otherwise.”

*Grandfather clause for possession of human remains:* RCW 68.60, concerned with abandoned cemeteries and human remains, is proposed to receive a new section that will allow a grace period for persons with human remains to relinquish them: “(1) Persons in possession of nonforensic skeletal human remains who relinquish the remains to local law enforcement or the coroner by January 1, 2010, are exempt from liability under RCW 68.50.645.

(2) This section does not apply to persons in possession of nonforensic skeletal human remains who are involved in criminal prosecution or civil litigation regarding the remains as of the effective date of this act.

(3) This section expires January 1, 2010.”

*Incentive to Landowners:* Rep. McCoy’s proposed amendments also will modify DAHP’s enabling statutes (RCW 43.334) to have DAHP seek ways to mediate between landowners and tribes. Their statute would be modified to include the following language: “The director shall develop an incentive program to encourage landowners to allow the reinterment of Indian skeletal human remains and to allow the tribal members access to the reinterment site for ceremonial and religious purposes.”

These are important amendments that should resonate with AWA members. Whether you support or do not support these amendments, you are encouraged to contact Representative McCoy to let him know your opinion.

It should also be pointed out that I, your newsletter editor, am the person who prepared this article. I did so by comparing Rep. McCoy’s language with existing language in chapters of the RCW. While I have many years of experience with federal and state statutes, I am relatively new to Washington. Staff at DAHP (none of whom reviewed this article) or individual members of the AWA may disagree with my interpretations. I encourage each of you to review the current RCW and compare them to the proposed language to ensure that you do/do not agree with my interpretations.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$18.00       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address Unchanged | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$10.00     |   |
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