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President's Message

Autumn is right around the corner. And what else arrives with the cooler weather in October? Halloween, football games, raking leaves? No. (Well, technically "yes," but they're not the point of this article...) **ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH!**

It looks like another successful Archy Month is on tap: 80 events and exhibits had been scheduled by the submission deadline, covering much of the state geographically speaking; from Neah Bay to Pullman, Spokane to Vancouver, and many locations in between. Thank you in advance to the AWA members who have volunteered their time to organize and present these events.

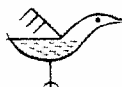
For those of you who aren't involved in an Archy Month presentation this year, please consider attending an event near (or far, take a road trip!). The booklet and calendar of events, as well as the poster, will be distributed sometime in September. The calendar will also be available as a downloadable pdf on OAH's website: www.oahp.wa.gov.

Last year, OAH did a fantastic job of distributing 5,000 posters, 3,000 booklets, and 10,000 calendars across the state. If you didn't see a poster or stacks of booklets and calendars displayed at your local museum, library, or work place last year, help us get the word out about Archy Month this time around! Email Rob Whitlam at robw@cted.wa.gov and he'll send you a packet of materials to distribute, just let him know how many you'll need. I'm planning on dropping materials off at regional libraries along the I-5 corridor from Everett to Sedro Woolley like I did last year. This year, I could use help distributing one boxful of packets to both the King County and Seattle Public libraries distribution centers. Any takers? Do you know of other library or school district distribution centers around the state? If so, let Rob know or request a box of materials from him.

The folks outside of the metropolitan areas are especially grateful to receive these educational materials. Last year, one librarian in Skagit County was so thrilled when we dropped off posters, booklets, and calendars, she called the rest of library staff around to look at them. She had heard about Archaeology Month the previous year, but only in *November*, after all of the events was over.

Please help spread the word about **Archaeology Month 2001** in any way you can. Our colleagues who are presenting events, creating materials, and organizing distribution will thank you. Even the local coffee shop where you drop off a packet will thank you. Mine did - I even got a complimentary pastry... Every extra poster/booklet/calendar hanging in one extra place this year can make a difference, but not without your help. Thanks!

—Linda Naoi Goetz



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Archy 575: Archaeological Research Design is being resurrected at UW to meet graduate student demand for training in research design and field methods that will better qualify them for both academic and CRM/agency field research positions. I will be teaching the course this Autumn and I would like to organize a few field trips that can give students some hands-on (or at least "eyes-on") experience in some of the archaeological methods we will be covering including survey, gridding, excavation, record keeping, technical mapping, field curation, profiling, photography, etc.

I am writing to find out about any archaeological fieldwork that will be ongoing between October and December and that might be suitable for a visit from a group of about 10-15 archaeological grad students and myself. I am also looking for suggestions of appropriate locations in the Seattle-area to practice invasive techniques (e.g., gridding, augering, shovel tests, and profile cleaning and drawing) in sediments unlikely to yield cultural deposits. I suspect this would have to be on private land, if permits for such exercises could be cumbersome to attain on public land.

Any suggestions for activities or contributions to this class, based on your own perception of common deficiencies in student training, would be appreciated. I can share the course syllabus upon request (it will also be posted on a class web site). Please contact me at: fitzhugh@u.washington.edu with any suggestions, questions or comments.

ARPA Class Trains Law Enforcement

AWA was one of the sponsors of two one-day classes on the **Archaeological Resource Protections Act (ARPA)**. Other sponsors included Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office, Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC). The CJTC accredited the class to allow law enforcement personnel to receive credit for attending the class. This class was led by AWA member (and former president) **Larry Nelson**, Lewis County Sheriff's Office and **Candace Hooper**, Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office.

The idea behind the free class is twofold: teach cops and land managers about how to use cultural resource protection laws as a tool for law enforcement and build partnerships between archaeologists and law enforcement.

The two classes were held to accommodate each side of the state: August 21 in Chehalis and August 28 in Ephrata. Twenty-nine participants attended in Chehalis with 20 in Ephrata. A diverse group represented a myriad of agencies including the Forest Service, Tribes, prosecuting attorneys, a coroner, museums, SHPO & OAHP, power companies, city, county, and federal law enforcement, both tribal and contract archaeologists, Fish and Wildlife forester and law enforcement, Parks and Recreation, DNR and DOT. It was a challenge to meet the needs of all, but Larry says he feels good that it was indeed accomplished. The classes were supplemented with presentations by Sara Steel from OAHP and David Powell, TFW Archaeologist with the Yakama Indian Nation. Larry reports "we received a lot of great feed back". The classrooms and refreshments were provided by Lewis and Grant County Sheriff's Offices. The reference books were printed at no cost. Each participant received a class roster to allow networking as well as a training certificate.

AWA will be continuing to work to develop more classes to allow further outreach opportunities. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

AWA does not review or evaluate the literature in its newsletter, though manuscripts may be edited for length and format. The views expressed herein are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of AWA, its Board of Directors, staff, or the editor.

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 15th of February, May, August, and November. E-mail submissions, attached as Word-readable documents, may be sent to the Editor.

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Selected Kennewick Man Resources On-Line

American Association of Physical Anthropologists	www.physanth.org
Asatru Folk Assembly	www.runestone.org
Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture	www.burkemuseum.org
National Park Service	www.cr.nps.gov/aad/Kennewick
NOVA Online	www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/first/
Seattle Weekly	www.seattleweekly.com/features
Society for American Archaeology	www.saa.org/repatriation
Tri-City Herald	www.kennewick-man.com

Questioning the Past

Darby Stapp, PhD, RPA, Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Do Native Americans have an interest in archaeological sites as sources of information about the past? This question pops up from time to time among colleagues who work with tribes, usually followed by lively, if circular, discussion. Most recently, it came up again when participating in a session on Reflexive CRM at this year's Society for American Archaeology conference.

We all know Native Americans have a strong interest in the preservation and protection of sites for spiritual and cultural reasons. There has also been widespread tribal use of basic information and material culture recovered through archaeology. The Makah Cultural and Research Center in Neah Bay is one excellent example of tribal knowledge gained through archaeological investigations, in their case, at the Ozette and Hoko River sites. But will we ever get to a point where tribes generate new questions about the past that they can work on by themselves or in cooperation with archaeologists?

In talking with various colleagues on this issues and in my own tribal interactions, it seems possible that Native Americans have more interest in archaeological research than it appears. Right now, however, archaeologists are hampered severely by a poor track record and an "Archaeologist vs. Native American" dichotomy that serves no one. We've made tremendous progress in the last decade, but setbacks such as Kennewick Man and Blaine stall progress.

As relations improve, we could reach a point some day when Native Americans work side by side with non-Indian archaeologists to extract meaning from archaeological deposits. We may never get to the point where archaeological sites are investigated solely for research, certainly not absent compelling research questions and opportunities for answering them, but let's not forget that there are a lot of archaeological deposits that will be removed in the future as regional growth and development continues. Are we to continue excavating, recording, describing, and reporting on these materials ad infinitum following our same old trajectories? Or are there opportunities to think about these objects from the past in new ways and generate new information and knowledge.

It is certainly in Washington archaeology's best interest to promote research that has meaning to Native Americans. Some of this is ongoing now in terms of site protection and site stabilization research, but we need to see if we can engage Native Americans to assist in developing new or more sophisticated questions about Pacific Northwest culture history, human behavior, culture change, and so on.

It's the "and so on" part that really could lead to exciting developments in Washington archaeology. As I plod through Ian Hodder's *Archaeological Theory Today* (2001, Polity Press, Cambridge) as well as Henry Glassie's *Material Culture* (1999 Indiana University Press), I am reminded that there are many creative and enlightening ways that archaeological deposits are being put to use. When I look at the same old questions that archaeologists have been asking about Columbia River sites for the past thirty years, it is clear that something needs to change. We don't seem to be making any progress in our understanding about the past and we certainly are not engaging the descendents of these prehistoric peoples or the public in our problem orientations or our results.

It may be that it will take a generation or two before tribes in the Pacific Northwest engage archaeology as a source for information about their past. Nevertheless, there is a compelling reason for the archaeological community to initiate collaborative efforts with tribal cultural resource staffs and elders to explore the nature and extent of their interest. Such efforts could help us continue building relationships based on honesty, mutual trust, and respect, which would further enhance our ability to work together. It won't happen, in a 2-day workshop, but a sustained discussion in the years to come might open the eyes on both side to new ways to think about the material remains of the past and how they can be used by the living.



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BURKE MUSEUM THURSDAY EVENING ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE SERIES

All lectures held in the Burke Room, 6:30 pm.

- **September 13: Geoffrey Martin** "Three Seasons of Excavation in the Valley of the Kings: The Amarna Royal Tombs Project", lecture co-sponsored by the **Ancient Egypt Studies Association**
- **October 18: Randall Schalk**, Cascadia Archaeology, "The Newkah Creek Fish Trap Complex"

Lynne Sebastian, Chair of the SAA Government Affairs Committee, has asked **Chuck Niquette** and **Deborah Cox** to compile a database containing email addresses for a current and up-to-date Government Affairs Network of State Representatives (GANSRs). The objective is to have one person in each state that will serve as the gate keeper of information from the GAC to the archaeological communities in each state. **Paula Johnson** has been asked to serve as the Washington State Representative. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Rick Pettigrew of The Archaeological Legacy Institute announces ALI has significantly diversified the content on *The Archaeology Channel*, their public-education streaming-media website at <http://www.archaeologychannel.org/>. Of particular note is a new feature, *Audio News from Archaeologica*, a weekly audio summary of the previous week's archaeology news from around the world, compiled by Archaeologica (<http://www.archaeologica.org/>), a leading archaeology news website.



We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Allyson Brooks** who was in a motorcycle accident in mid-August.