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President's Notes

The N.W. conference in Moscow was enjoyable and well attended. It's always a treat to get a chance to renew acquaintance with those we don't get to see on a regular basis, and to find out what's happening around the state.

Our annual meeting at the N.W. Conference was well attended also. Julie Stein, Curator of Archaeology at the Burke Museum, asked to step down as our V.P. if a replacement could be found. Greg Sullivan accepted the job. Greg is at Mt. Rainier National Park and has hit the ground running. Thank you, Julie, for your contributions, including the end-of-summer meeting and program at the Burke Museum last year. I also want to thank Greg for saying yes. Greg has already moved us to some re-evaluation and planning for the future of AWA.

The executive officers recently had a meeting to brainstorm goals for the growth of AWA. We will keep everyone posted on ideas as they mature.

On the conservation side of archaeology, it's been a good year so far. A one-day *ARPA Law and Investigation* class was held in Moses Lake February 20th for the law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, land managers, and archaeologists. There were seventy-plus in attendance. The workshop was funded by Grant county P.U.D. Thanks Kathy!

A spin-off of that class was an invitation to give a presentation to the Washington State Prosecutors training session in Yakima April 24th, on state and federal law and the looting problem in general. Candace Hooper, Chief Deputy Criminal Prosecutor from Kittitas County and Rex Buck from the Wanapum People were two of the presenters. There was some very positive feedback the next day on the presentation. Boy do those folks ask good questions; but then that's their job. Candace has become a real advocate and Rex's passion for his culture is moving.

Regarding the proposed change in the penalty statute of state law for digging without a permit from a misdemeanor to a Class C felony given damage or loss of over \$500, I will be contacting Senator Frazer soon about drafting the bill. At that point I will probably call on all hands for some letters and support. I will keep you all posted on this effort as it develops.

Finally, in keeping with our mission of public education, I would ask each of you to consider doing something for *Archaeology Week* (see notice next page) this year. An interested, informed and contacted public is in the best interest of us all.

Larry Nelson
Deep Is The Well Of The Past

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PRESERVATION BROCHURE

Our preservation information brochure entitled *Protect the Past for Our Future* is printed and available. 100,000 copies were made at the first printing. Thanks to Kathy Kiefer and the Grant County P.U.D. there was no cost to AWA. Thanks also to Rick McClure and Susan Freiburg and the Oregon Archaeology Society for their help. If I have overlooked anyone, my apologies. General response to the brochure has been good and yes, Gary, it is "more stick than carrot."

The brochures are great to hand out at meetings and conferences, and to those- visiting your project areas. Grab a bunch at the next meeting, or when you're next in Olympia, or call (360) 753-4011. They are an easy way to explain why conservation of our archaeological resources is a good idea, and a reminder to all that cultural resources are protected by law in the State of Washington.





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ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK 1996

September 29 - October 5, 1996

“Protecting Common Ground”

Washington Archaeology Week is a week-long series of statewide events held in local communities to create public awareness of the importance of protecting Washington’s archaeological resources. This is the fourth annual celebration in Washington State, this year jointly administered by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) and Advocates for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (AAHP)

Archaeology Week features activities sponsored by museums, tribal cultural committees, local historic commissions, professional archaeologists, government organizations, and associated groups. There is still time to become a part of Archaeology Week by hosting or sponsoring an event such as:

- ◆ An exhibit on the archaeology of your community
- ◆ A lecture on archaeology
- ◆ A tour of an archaeological site
- ◆ A demonstration of Native American crafts and technologies
- ◆ An archaeological reading or story program at your library

If inspiration suddenly strikes, **phone** OAHP as soon as possible at (360) 753-5010 or **fax** your proposal to (360) 586-0250 (e-mail oahp@wln.com). Include such information as event title, location, date, time, sponsoring organization, primary audience, fee schedule, contact name, phone, e-mail, URL, and a one-

paragraph event description.

There are other ways to help; AAHP needs:

- ◆ Volunteers to help with distributing information, coordinating events, advertising, photography, t-shirts, assisting at the events
- ◆ Sponsors to help pay for the poster, t-shirts, printing and distribution of the *Activity Guide*, etc.
- ◆ In-kind donations of facilities for events, professional services (such as video), supplies (paper), printing services, and media exposure.

If you would like to get involved, and to get your Archaeology Week commemorative T-shirt, call AAHP at (206) 780-AAHP or e-mail at aahpofwa@aol.com

AAHP is preparing the Washington State Archaeology Week Activity Guide, a publication that will not only list a calendar of Archaeology Week activities but will include standing museum exhibits, a bibliography, a listing of related web sites and electronic resources, discount coupons, and other materials. The booklet will be ready toward late August. Call (206) 780-AAHP for information.



A SHOT FROM THE OAHP: Summer Projects

State Archaeologist Rob Whitlam knows of the following summer research projects. If you want to tour any of these sites, phone the contact person for days, hours and other information about public tours.

For those readers who are not archaeologists (or who are, but whose wits are dulled by age or too much sun), Rob asks you remember to dress appropriately for the field and weather conditions, and to

please observe proper site etiquette by walking gently on the site and removing nothing.

Project: *Burton Acres Archaeological Excavation (fieldwork completed)*

Nearest Town: Vashon Island
Dates: June 21 to July 3
Contact: Dr. Julie Stein 206/ 685-2282
Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum

Archaeological excavations at this shell midden site will allow community volunteers to participate in modern archaeological research. Volunteers will be guided through all the phases of archaeological fieldwork, recording and analysis.

Project: *Cathlapotle Archaeological Project*

Nearest Town: Ridgefield, WA
Dates: June 24 to August 9
Contact: Anan Raymond 503/ 625-4377
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Cathlapotle, an ancient Chinook village, had as many as 14 plank houses and 900 inhabitants when Lewis and Clark visited in 1806. Archaeological excavations conducted by Portland State University have revealed information about the ways the Chinook built dwellings, prepared food, made tools, and interacted with the surrounding environment. Public tours are scheduled for Fridays during the field season.

Project: *Pataha Archaeological Excavations*

Nearest Town: Pomeroy, WA
Dates: July 15 to July 18, 1996
Contact: Tommi Fulgham 503/ 278-3719
Umatilla National Forest

Excavations at this site in the Blue Mountains of Southeastern Washington will be undertaken to identify the boundaries of the site and learn about the historic period occupation.

Project: *Swiftwater Rockshelters: The Sequel*

Nearest Town: Leavenworth, WA
Dates: August 12 to August 30
Contact: Sue Marvin 509/ 662-4335
Wenatchee National Forest

The Swiftwater Rockshelters are located along the plunging rapids of the Wenatchee River within the deeply incised Tumwater Canyon. Last year's excavation revealed the remains of two periods of precontact occupations. This year's work will focus upon continued excavations of the rockshelter, and surveying adjacent areas for evidence of archaeological materials.

Project: Silver Star Rock Features

Nearest Town: Battle Ground

Dates: Auguts 18 to 23

Contact: Rick McClure 360/ 750-5012
Gifford Pinchot National Forest

On bare mountain ridge tops overlooking the Columbia River gorge are scattered concentrations of circular rock pits and trenches constructed in ancient times for purposes that remain a mystery. For decades archaeologists have puzzled over their function. Are they hunting blinds, cache sites, or evidence of personal spirit quests? Detailed field recordation will be undertaken to help shed light on the meaning of these rock features.



AWA NEWS:

PLEASE, SIR, WE WANT MORE (news)!

The goal: We'll put together a newsletter when we get enough news, aiming for four times a year, hoping for six (if we can afford it.)

Where to send stuff: AWA News, POB 742, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

What stuff to send: Seems to me we ought to cover a broad range of archaeological interests: prehistoric, historic, experimental, urban, professional, academic. Here are some departments I'd like to be able to include either every newsletter, or sporadically:

- ◆ President's Notes
- ◆ Current Projects
- ◆ Summary Minutes of Board Meetings
- ◆ Advocacy
 - pending legislation
 - new laws
 - interpretations
 - discussion

- ◆ Announcements & Reviews
 - recent research reports
 - new books
 - web sites
- ◆ Archaeological & Heritage Activities Calendar
- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Mini Articles



MEMBERS:

A Gold Star For Those Who Are

Check out the mailing label on the other side of this page. If there's a gold star after your name (black, actually), we have you down as having paid your 1996 AWA dues. If no star, do not pause; fill in the handy coupon below and send in your 1996 dues. Even if you've paid up, send in the form if you have new physical or electronic addresses. Return the completed form with your check, made payable to AWA, to: AWA MEMBERSHIP, P.O. Box 742, Mercer Island, WA 98040.



AWA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

YES! I want my gold star. Here are my 1996 membership dues, and a whopping big unsolicited donation too!

Individual \$10.00

Organization \$20.00

Name _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ E-mail _____

Web Page <http://>_____

Archaeological and Heritage Events Calendar

NOTE: Items do not include Archaeology Week activities Sept 29 - Oct 5. There are too many to include. Call (206) 780-AAHP for the *Activity Guide* listing all the week's activities.

June 21 - August 9 Project: *Cathlapotle Archaeological Project*. Call Anan Raymond (503) 625-4377 for information.

September 19 - 22 *Wenatchee River Salmon Festival*. "Salmon Edu-Tainment" is the focus of this unique festival celebrating the return of Chinook and Sockeye to the Wenatchee River. Activities include Amazing Salmon Maze, Native American cultural performances, Salmon tent theater, storytelling, and others. Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, 3 miles south of Leavenworth.

September 29 - October 5 *Washington Archaeology Week 1996*. (See Page 2)

August 12 - August 30 Project: *Swiftwater Rockshelters: The sequel*. Call Sue Marvin (509) 662-4335.

August 18 - August 23 Project: *Silver Star Rock Features*. Call Rick McClure (360) 750-5012.

September 21 Kickoff celebration of the historic tour from the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon to the Maryhill Museum of Art. Follows the tracks early settlers, railroads and stagecoach lines to tour the natural and cultural history of this special heritage corridor. Contact Francine Havercroft at (509) 773-3733.

September 26 4:10-5:00 p.m. *Voice of the Old Wolf: Lucullus Virgil McWhorter and the Nez Perce Indians*. Lecture by Steven Evans, Ph.D., at WSU, College Hall, Room 125. Call Joy Mastrogiuseppe at (509) 335-3936

October 6 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Descendants of Fort Nisqually Employees Association hosts a coffee hour, business meeting and guest speaker presentation. Steve Anderson, Curator of Renton Museum, will speak on *Cowlitz Portage* at

2:00 p.m. at the DuPont City Hall & Community Center, 303 Barksdale Avenue.

October 12 9:30 a.m. *Westend Shipwrecks*. Clallam County Historical Society/Westend Shipwreck Project sponsors a presentation on shipwrecks, shipping companies and early settlements in Clallam and Jefferson Counties — events of maritime history now part of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Olympic Natural Resource Center, south of Forks off SR 101. Call June Robinson (360) 681-0674.

October 13 2:30 p.m. *Remembering the Wellington Avalanche*, sponsored by the Snohomish County Museum. Robert E. Kelley reviews the events that led up to the avalanche and shows the historic photos of the event taken by J.D. Wheller the day after. At the historic Everett Theater, 2911 Colby Avenue, Everett. Call Mary Clowell at (206) 259-2022.

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