

AWA News

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President's Message

I've thought a lot this year about the fact that we Board members seem to be operating in a vacuum. We can't seem to find enough manuscripts to fill an annual journal, even when we offer a cash prize. Everyone at the Members Meeting agreed to send at least one item for the Newsletter, which should net us over a hundred articles, book reviews, news and notes, letters to the editor, etc. a year. But we get almost zip, and we have to beg, cajole and blackmail for those few. If we call an extra meeting a year, few members show up, even those from the local area. I was going to write my President's Message, complaining about all that, but then we received AWA Vice President Fennelle Miller's letter of resignation. It speaks volumes, and so I quote it below, slightly edited, with her permission:

To the AWA Board

Ok, having thought long and hard about this lo these many months, I regretfully tender my resignation.

I have valued my time on the board, and felt that we were doing important work. Unfortunately, I cannot say that the membership seems to feel the same way. Over the last four and a half years, I have seen us struggle with issues, struggle to maintain our numbers (on the Board of Directors), and struggle even to make quorum at annual meetings. This struggle would seem more worthwhile if more archaeologists really believed in AWA. I wish I could say that I felt that was the case, but...where are their Newsletter articles/book reviews/etc.? Where are their journal articles? Where are the members when we need to have extra meetings?

Archaeologists are unnecessarily divisive as a community. We have never managed to become an effective lobby. We cannot agree on anything long enough or get committed in large enough numbers to have a unified message on even the most vital issues that cross philosophical lines. I understand that people can't be active on every issue, but it would be nice for them to get involved on a few...

I'm worn out caring about "us" when I'm not sure who "us" really is. My position would be better filled by someone who has a new, fresh perspective and commitment. I have served four and a half years, and it could certainly be argued (and probably has been these past three years) that my time is up!

I have sure enjoyed working with you guys in this capacity! I hope to continue to be active as an AWA member. Here's a parting thought: maintain diversity!

Love you all and wish you the best!

Fennelle

All the board positions are up for elections at the Annual Meeting, interested?

David DeLyria



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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, to any of the editors listed above.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Summary of Test Excavations at 45KI263

by
Christian J. Miss, Northwest Archaeological Associates

Northwest Archaeological Associates recently completed test excavations near Fall City, Washington, to assess site damage and content at 45KI263. At the conclusion of that work, a variety of artifacts, faunal remains, and features had been recovered from this site that has ethno-historic and historic documentation as a Snoqualmie village.

As many as four superimposed cultural strata, separated by sediments representing seasonal or periodic flooding, have been found. These probably represent both interior and exterior surfaces. Categories of cultural material recovered include chipped stone debitage and tools, ground stone, bone (especially fish), and archaeobotanical remains.

The chipped stone debitage appears in high density with primary secondary and tertiary tool manufacture represented. Raw materials include basalt/andesite, jasper, petrified wood, other cryptocrystalline silica, and a small amount of obsidian. Formed tools include projectile points (small stemmed), bifaces, scrapers, and graters. Ground stone items include a complete pestle, an adz fragment, and a shaft straightener. The bone is calcined and includes crushed vertebra, ribs, and numerous teeth and head parts of fish, probably *Salmonid*. Small amounts of mammal bone and river mussel shell also were recovered.

An additional three weeks of work, concluded on October 1, focused on horizontal exposure of occupation surfaces of the first component. Matrix samples were collected systematically from the four major block exposures. Surface features and features extending beneath the occupation areas, such as post molds and pits, were generously sampled or collected in their entirety.

The October 1 deadline was imposed by the seasons: the site is in a floodway and must be stabilized and protected before the winter rains. King County has, however, assured the Snoqualmie Tribe that additional excavation can take place, contingent on funding. Funding must also be arranged for analysis and curation of the recovered material. NWAA welcomes, however, inquiries from folks with regional research problems who might have interest to perform data analyses of various kinds on site materials.

AWA ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Called to Order: July 8, 2000 at 12:45 PM

Where: David DeLyria's Cabin, Stevenson, WA

Attendees: Amy Dugas, Paula Johnson, Dave DeLyria, Leon Leeds, Doug Wilson, Glenn Hartman, Vera Morgan, Larry Nelson

Absent: Linda Naoi Goetz, Fennelle Miller

Minutes by: Amy Dugas

I Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Approved*

II Agenda: *Approved*

III New Business

Cultural Resource Training Sessions

Larry Nelson [Lewis County Deputy Sheriff and past-President, AWA] met with Fennelle at OAHP to talk about Training Project for county law enforcement. Larry had previously written a class manual for this topic and presented it to law enforcement and land managers in 1996. The class was a 3-day but for our purposes would be boiled down to a day. Topics would include:

1. Federal and State Laws as applicable
2. Investigative techniques
3. Interpreting archaeological terms into laymen terms

Material would be presented using actual federal case examples-ARPA violations and convictions. Training could include 38 or 39 sheriff's offices not including county agencies. Also important to educate Prosecutors Office too. Present at Sheriffs and Chiefs Annual Meeting, Land Managers and County Law Enforcement. The approach is critical; the training session should emphasize that cultural resources law enforcement should be considered a tool to use in a total enforcement policy, not another task to complete. Larry has examples where the enforcement of cultural resources laws lead to arrests and convictions of more serious felonies. Investigation of cultural resources violations provides a legal pretext to search. PUD's may also be an interested group. Vera will bring it up to Chelan PUD as a mitigative response to re-licensing.

Cost of the training program:

1. Reimburse county for cost of vehicle.
2. Larry will donate time but would like an archaeologist to accompany him.

It was also suggested that archaeologists should offer to be expert witnesses for law enforcement. Create a reciprocating relationship. A list of interested parties should be created in the future. A class on how to be an expert witness should be organized possibly held at NWAC meetings.

*Motion: To proceed with project expanding throughout the state. Funding will not exceed \$1500.00 this year. Funding will be budgeted each year. **Dave will approach Clark County.*

Motion: Approve forming a volunteer witness group from AWA members that will agree to be trained and provide pro-bono witnessing for local law enforcement. The list will be sent to law enforcement groups that are interested.

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission is a good group to contact regarding training. AWA would reproduce necessary sections of Larry's manual. Include his name on it still. Make approx. 500-1000 copies. Possibility of acquiring SAA support at a statewide level.. Vera will look into that.

Kittitas County would be first group to provide training to. Possibly as early as October.

IV Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Savings: \$1400.00

Checking: \$4355.76

120 members: 9 students (1999 & 2000)

Secretary

Minutes have been approved for last 2 meetings. Minutes for meetings have to be organized. We need to figure out what we have, and what we don't.

V Old Business

I. Archaeology Month

Get update from Linda during next meeting. Larry will contact Allyson.

II. Newsletter

Problems with delivery of last month's excellent newsletter. Leon will search for a remedy to the problem. A new editor will be needed after next 2 newsletters. Paula may be interested in taking over the position. Another idea would be to have a guest editor. If Paula became editor, Vera may be interested in becoming Treasurer. We would need a new member-at-large.

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Association Business, Continued

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III. Journal

Need submissions now for next years journal...possibly by as early as October. A request for submissions should be sent out to membership. We should also advertise for a new editor because Doug is too busy to fill the position any longer.

IV. Blaine

A letter of grievance agreed upon by Board needs to be drafted and signed by Dave. Follow up on situation is needed.

Adjourned: 4:00 PM

RESPONSE TO RECENT ISSUES

Cultural Resource Law Enforcement Training Sessions

Since the July Board meeting, the AWA Board has been brainstorming about how to spend the surplus funds which were at one time going to be used to produce a "make-up" journal. It was agreed upon during last year's annual meeting that a "make-up" journal was not necessary but that the surplus funds should possibly be applied toward a public education program which would benefit our profession.

Following the situation at Semiahmoo, the Board felt that one of our weakest links in cultural resource protection is in the area of law enforcement. Federal and state cultural resource laws are often not given the attention they deserve and more often than not violators go unprosecuted. The Board decided that one avenue to pursue in the quest to protect archaeological properties in the state would be to better educate county law enforcement personnel, land managers, and individuals from the Prosecutor's Office on cultural resources.

These Cultural Resource Training Sessions would provide a general presentation of archaeological concepts in laymen's terms, and would include information on federal and state CRM laws and investigative techniques applicable to cultural resource violations. Similar training sessions have been presented in the past to sheriff's offices and county agencies by Larry Nelson, who produced an excellent manual on cultural resource law enforcement and violations. This manual, in a condensed form, is available to AWA if we choose to pursue this project. Larry has also been gracious enough to volunteer his time for this project and has offered some insight on how to get it off the ground and make it work for us.

What we need from the membership is overall input. Is this an avenue that AWA, as an organization, would like to explore? Are people willing to volunteer their time to accompany Larry and assist him at the training sessions? What are some realistic

contributions you can make, as an AWA member, to a project such as this?? Larry also suggested that an important element of this program is to create a reciprocal relationship between the CRM community and local law enforcement. One way to do this is by registering yourself as an "expert witness" who would be willing to assist law enforcement personnel during a crime scene investigation if needed.

The Board sees many positive opportunities coming out of a program such as this but cannot handle the responsibility alone. We need to hear from our members...your input is crucial. This project is still in its infancy and will not move forward until we hear from you. Email any of the officers with your ideas or concerns. The Board looks forward to hearing from you.

Re Membership Ennui and Fennelle's Resignation

In a flurry of e-mails among Board members, it was decided to publish excerpts of Fennelle's resignation letter in the Newsletter in the hope that more members would be energized to take an active role in association leadership.

It was also felt that the future of AWA itself should be a main point of discussion during this next annual meeting. As a Board we are facing other resignations down the road and limited interest from members. There is only so much shuffling that can go on. Next annual meeting we will have to elect a new editor, new president, now a new vice president, and a new or at least interim newsletter editor.

Some members have now expressed an interest in working on the journal but without officers there is no AWA Board and therefore no AWA.

We therefore solicit the membership's help for volunteers to serve as interim officers and to submit nominations, self or otherwise, for Board positions and for Journal Editor and Newsletter Editor.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Archaeology Education Handbook: Sharing the Past with Kids.

Karolyn Smardz and Shelley J. Smith, editors. Altamira Press, published in cooperation with the Society for American Archaeology, 2000. About \$35

Reviewed by Paula Johnson, Paragon Research Associates

Let me begin by saying...“ADD THIS BOOK TO YOUR LIBRARY!!” I have already dog-eared pages throughout the book and have used ideas from the book to create activities to teach the idea of “context” to a group of adults. Anyone who shies away from talking to the public about archaeology may think again if they have this book on the shelf. In short, you don’t need slides, “real” artifacts, or a speech on notecards to teach lasting lessons about archaeology.

The book is divided into four main sections. Parts I and II, entitled “The Culture of Teaching: The Educational System and Educational Theory” and “The Interface: Archaeologists Working with Educators” respectively, contained a world of information for anyone trying to design or evaluate a curriculum for use at a school, museum or park. Some of the information is directed specifically at educators rather than archaeologists and the chapters run the gamut from using popular magazines (*National Geographic*, etc.) as textbooks to using technology to teach archaeology.

More useful for my purposes, Part III, “The Danger Zones: Issues in Teaching Archaeology,” provided valuable examples of how to make a potentially controversial lesson into a lively educational experience. Chapters in Part III discussed the idea of teaching without “The Dig” and, conversely, examined an in-

depth simulated dig conducted at one school. Other chapters detail the key elements to working with school children. For example, a list of seven “Tips and Techniques for Public Archaeologists”, provides small reminders to make working with kids a more positive experience for all involved. The chapters focus on a variety of age groups and when viewed together form a backdrop for re-assessing how professional archaeologists can effectively promote stewardship to the public. “Fit your message to your audience” is a key overall theme, which doesn’t mean “dumb down your message”.

Part IV, “The Provenience: Archaeology Education in the Real World”, describes effective public archaeology in a variety of venues: urban archaeological site, museums, research centers, and universities. Of particular interest was the chapter “Teaching Archaeologists to Teach Archaeology” which details effective approaches for a variety of audiences and has helpful suggestions for getting your message across.

One of the best aspects of the book, from my perspective, is the liberal use of “Recommended Reading” sections at the end of most of the chapters. This will continue to be a handy reference not just for my information, but for me to share with the teachers, museum educators and others I come in contact with.

Going through this book sparked numerous ideas for a 20-40 minute activities, increased my enthusiasm for sharing with the public, and provided valuable reminders such as teaching kids (and the rest of the public) not how to be archaeologists but how to respect and value archaeology. For these lessons alone, I highly recommend this book.

~ PJ

CMT HANDBOOK REVIEWED ANEW

(Update to last issue's book review by Gary Wessen)

Re: *Culturally Modified Trees of British Columbia - A Handbook for the Identification and Recording of Culturally Modified Trees*. ARNOUD H. STRYD. 1997 British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Vancouver Forest Region. ISBN 0 - 7726 - 3133 - 6.

A few of my Canadian friends have thanked me for the very positive review but suggested that the BC Ministry of Forestry is probably not thrilled to have a bunch of Yanks trying to talk them out of free copies—eh? In mitigation of any sore feelings, a couple of folks have offered the following suggestions.

(1) You can download the entire volume off the internet at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/docs/mr/mr091.htm>

(2) If you want a hard copy in the nice field-friendly format I described, it seems that you can now purchase it from Crown Publications. No one I talked to knew how much it cost (apparently they all got theirs free from the BC Ministry of Forestry) but they suggested that anyone wishing to buy one contact: Customer Service; Crown Publications Inc.; Phone: (250) 386-4636; (crown@pinc.com).

(3) AWA members also might want to check out the Website for the British Columbia Association for Professional Consulting Archaeologists: <http://www.bcapca.bc.ca/> Links off this page take you to a large number of useful Websites, including reports and publications which can be downloaded directly off the web, including *Culturally Modified Trees of British Columbia*.

EMPLOYMENT

Curator 1 - half-time position;

Reference: R8294

Department: Burke Museum

Date Available: October 4, 2000

Closing Date: October 18, 2000

Salary: 50% of \$2,380 - \$3,022

General Duties/Description:

Assists curator and collections manager in all aspects of care and use of the archaeological collections. Duties include housing cataloging, inventorying and improving the storage of archaeological materials, archival documents and images. Using ARGUS computer database, preparing paperwork for loans, accessions, deaccessions and purchasing. Assisting visiting researchers; consulting with native people concerning repatriation requests related to NAGPRA. Training and supervising hourly assistants, students and volunteers. Meeting public visitors, participating in museum public programs related to archaeology, serving on Museum committees, supervising physical plant work in the division; planning use of budget allocations.

Requirements:

A Bachelor's Degree related to assigned collection specialty AND two years of experience assisting with care and preserva-

tion of collections, with interpretation of collecting or with display design and execution OR equivalent education/experience.

Additional Requirements:

Degree in anthropology, archaeology or museology/museum studies. Knowledge of NAGPRA required.

Desirable:

Knowledge of Pacific NW archaeology and ARGUS data preferred. One year archaeological field or laboratory experience preferred.

How to Apply:

Refer to UW personnel Website:

<http://www.washington.edu/admin/employment/2000archive/10-2000archive/R8294.html>

Include the reference number R8294 on your Application Data Form (ADF) to apply for this position. If you have a current ADF on file, please contact the Employment Services Office at 543-2544 to apply for this recruitment. uwjobs@u.washington.edu

GRANTS

NEH GRANTS FOR PRESERVATION

Special National Endowment for the Humanities Grants to support humanities programs in Washington State

As part of a new initiative to provide resources for creative humanities programming, education, and preservation efforts in parts of the country that have not benefited as fully as others from NEH programs, the NEH has announced special grant opportunities for organizations in Washington state that provide humanities programs. These opportunities include:

Consultation Grants of up to \$10,000 to support early stages of project or institutional planning. Upcoming deadlines are April 16, 2001; and September 6, 2001. For more information please contact: Division of Public Programs (202) 606-8267. E-mail: publicpgms@neh.gov

Preservation Assistance Grants of up to \$5,000 to support gen-

eral preservation assessments and the creation of long-range preservation plans, or consultations with professionals to develop a plan for addressing a specific collections care problem. The next deadline for this program is April 3, 2001. For more information and application materials, please contact: Division of Preservation and Access (202) 606-8570. E-mail: preservation@neh.gov

Humanities Scholar-in-Residence Grants of up to \$10,000 to offer middle and high schools an opportunity to collaborate with a humanities scholar from a local college or university over the course of a year. The collaboration is aimed at enhancing the school's humanities curriculum while giving teachers a special opportunity for professional development. The next deadline is April 3, 2001. For more information please contact: Division of Education Programs (202) 606-8380. E-mail: education@neh.gov

Organizations that have not previously received NEH grants are especially encouraged to apply. For more information about these and other NEH programs is available at their Web site at <http://www.neh.gov>



NEWS & NOTICES

APOLOGIES FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to the many members who sent in their dues since June...the summer has been hectic and the checks have been slow to make their way to the credit union. I also realize I have been slow to send out the receipts to those renewing memberships. Finally, I have recently sent out renewal notices to those of you who still need to renew your membership for 2000. Please provide any updated contact information and return your dues to continue receiving your newsletter. Dues are \$25 for regular members, \$20 for institutional (non-voting) members, \$18 for students, and \$10 for associate members.

U.W. ANTHROPOLOGY SEEKS MEMBERS FOR LISTSERV LIST

Miriam Kahn, Chair of Anthropology, University of Washington, and Peter Lape, the new Curator of Archaeology at the Burke Museum are soliciting membership for a new e-mail (Listserv) list called 'Puget Sound Anthropologists' (psanthro), intended to share information about visiting anthropologists and archaeologists, weekly departmental colloquia, and other events. The owners of the list (those who can add and delete names) are Jane Brem, Anthropology office support person, and Julie Brugger, graduate student tech support person and Webmaster. The request for membership specifically includes professional archaeologists. If you would like to be added to the list, please send your name and e-mail address to Julie Brugger. Her e-mail address is julieb@u.washington.edu.

LAST CHANCE FOR FREE JOURNAL

At the Annual Meeting in Spokane the membership voted to forgive the journal owed to 1998 members. As mentioned during the Annual Meeting, we have the editors, reviewers, and printers all lined up to produce the journal, just no submissions. However, since 1998 members did pay for a journal, 1998 members are invited to select a back issue (Vol. II, IV, V, VI, or VII). (Remember Volumes I and III are now out of print). Send an email or a note to indicate your first and second choice for your back issue selection. Every attempt will be made to send your first choice. Check your address label if you can't remember if you were a member in 1998. Look for the '98. Please make your request promptly for book-keeping reasons. This offer expires in October 2000.

SUSPENSION OF SECTION 106 REGULATIONS

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation announced that Section 106 regulations will be suspended as of October 30th but hopes to have the final rule in effect by mid-November. The ACHP suggests that the existing regulations be used as guidelines while the suspension is in force.

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation expects the suspension of the existing regulations, and transition into a final rule, to be a seamless process. We fully expect all federal agencies to continue as though the existing regulations are still in effect.

If the existing regulations do not return by the middle of November our office will issue a memo providing guidance on

AWA Membership Application Form

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- The Journal The Newsletter Archaeology Month

Send form with payment to: AWA MEMBERSHIP, c/o Curator of Archaeology, Burke Museum, University of Washington, Box 35-3010, Seattle, WA 98195-3010

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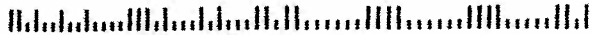


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NEWS AND NOTES CONTINUED

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how we expect the Section 106 process to continue. We will be consulting with the Attorney General's office. **Even though the regulations are suspended, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act remains in effect as law.** While the rules will become guidelines in the interim, they remain a clear statement of how we should be relating among each other as cultural resource professionals.

For further information, contact Allyson Brooks Ph.D., State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, (360) 407-0826, allysonb@cted.wa.gov

PORTLAND AREA ARCHAEOLOGISTS' FIRST THURSDAY PRESENTATIONS

Portland Area Archaeologists' First Thursday Presentations, October 2000- January 2001, will be held at Portland State University, 1721 SW Broadway, Cramer Hall, Rm. 41, starting at 4:00 PM.

Nov 2. Gretchen Kaehler (Portland State University): Glass Beads and Status on the Lower Columbia, 1792-1830

Dec 7. Loren Davis (University of Alberta): The Oasis Effect and the context of early culture change in the Southern Plateau: New evidence from the Cooper's Ferry site, west-central Idaho

Jan 11. Jack Corbett (Portland State University): Long-term preservation of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Monte Alban

For more information, contact Virginia L. Butler, Department of Anthropology, Portland State University
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NEW WEB SITE

"Strategies for Protecting Archeological Sites on Private Lands," at <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/pad/strategies/>

"Strategies" serves as a guide to the wide variety of tools available for protecting archeological sites on private lands. The site contains information on strategies that are currently being used throughout the U.S., contact information, and other sources of useful information. Key strategies include -- Land Ownership, Financial Strategies, Development Regulation, Laws Specific to Archeology, Voluntary Strategies, and Site Management. The project that produced this web site was partially funded by the National Park Service's Cultural Resource Training Initiative, and was co-sponsored by the Heritage Preservation Services Division and the Archeology and Ethnography Program of the National Park Service, the Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historical Archeology, The Archaeological Conservancy, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

