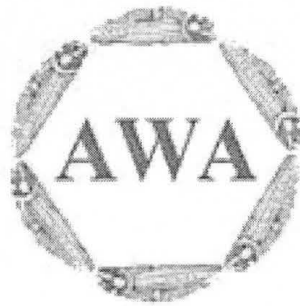


The Association for Washington Archaeology

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The Association for Washington Archaeology (AWA) is an organization of professional archaeologists, educators, students, and other individuals who are interested in the archaeology and archaeological resources of the State of Washington. Our Mission statement specifically identifies our goals as:

- To foster scientific archaeological research in the State of Washington;
- Coordinate and cooperate with professional and amateur archaeologists, Native Americans, and the lay public on matters relating to research, policy, and findings;
- Disseminate information relating to Washington archaeology through meetings, publications, audio-visual presentations, and the media;
- Advise policy makers in government, academia, and the private sector on matters affecting the conduct of research, the protection of archaeological resources, and the maintenance and dissemination of archaeological data;
- Actively review proposed state and national legislation concerning or affecting archaeological interests, and provide responses to proposals according to majority vote of the membership; and
- Promulgate state and national legislation and regulations in support of the enhancement and protection of and funding for archaeology and archaeological studies.



Acting in this capacity for more than 25 years, we acknowledge something of a provincial perspective at times and now seek to obtain broader views and interactions. In particular, we recognize that, despite the differences in legal and regulatory contexts, we share many common interests and challenges with our neighbors in British Columbia. Thus, we have recently invited the Archaeological Society of British Columbia (ASBC) to provide a brief introduction to itself for our newsletter, and we offer the same here.

The AWA holds only one annual general meeting, but also maintains contact with its membership through a journal, a newsletter, and its website. Our Journal: *Archaeology in Washington*, appears annually. It features recent survey reports, excavation reports, and other discussions of aspects of the archaeology and archaeological resources of Washington. Our newsletter: *AWA News*, appears quarterly. It contains brief items about AWA activities, news of the Washington archaeological community,

news about pending legislative and/or regulatory issues affecting Washington archaeology, and announcements about upcoming events and new publications. Our single annual general meeting occurs at the Northwest Anthropological Conference each spring. Informally known as the "Brews and Dues" meeting, the meeting features AWA business (such as elections, collecting dues, distribution of journals, and discussion of organization policy) and — some — free beer. Perhaps some of you have attended one of our meetings in the past as a guest?

The AWA also offers an Annual Student Scholarship of \$500 to support archaeological research in Washington. In this regard, please note that scholarship recipients do not have to be either residents of Washington State nor enrolled in a college or university in Washington State. They must, however, be AWA members and the supported work must be either on an archaeological site in Washington State or with materials from an archaeological site in Washington State. Two of our recent winners have been students at Simon Fraser University. When their research is completed, scholarship winners are invited to submit their findings for publication in our journal.

Annual membership dues for the Association for Washington Archaeology are \$25 dollars for regular members and \$18 for students. Applications for membership can be made by mail to:

Assn. for Washington Archaeology
c/o Curator of Archaeology
Burke Museum
Box 353010, UW
Seattle, WA 98195-3010

Or, through our website:
<http://www.cwu.edu/~mccutchp/archaeology/index.html>

Field Schools of 2008, continued

village site of Hiikwis (Equis), which features prominently in Tseshah oral history and ethnographic documentation and is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island overlooking Barkley Sound. The 2008 field season will endeavour to establish the boundaries of the archaeological deposits, document surrounding resources at Hiikwis, produce a detailed site map for the area, and construct a chronology for the site through traditional excavations, data which will help inform when the ethnographic pattern of seasonal residence

began in Barkley Sound. The directors of this project are Denis St. Claire (Director of Research for the Tseshah First Nation) and Alan McMillan (Simon Fraser University), while Nicole Smith (Parks Canada/University of Victoria) will be instructing the field school.

We look forward to reporting on this fieldwork in the fall.