

Northwest Community College, Prince Rupert:

Excavations in the Dundas Island Group near Prince Rupert.

When: May 9 to July 15 (in the field from June 6 to July 8).

Public Visitation: groups of 5-10 can contact David Archer for more information

Contact: David Archer (darcher@nwcc.bc.ca; 250-624-6054 [local 5799])

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, in collaboration with Stó:lo Nation:

Excavation of pithouse villages in the central Fraser Valley.

When: May 2 to July 29 (two months in the field).

Credits: 15 credits for Anth 433, 434, and 435.

Public Visitation: to be determined with the Stó:lo Nation.

Contact: Dr. Dana Lepofsky (dlepofsk@sfu.ca; 604-291-5403).

Web: <http://www.sfu.ca/archaeology/dept/fschool/fs2005/index.html>

University of British Columbia, Vancouver:

UBC will be offering four different field schools this summer. For further information, contact Patricia Ormerod (cbarc@interchange.ubc.ca; 604-822-2567).

UBC 1: Survey and Testing of defensive sites in the Gulf of Georgia.

When: May 24 to June 30.

Contact: Bill Angelbeck (angelbec@interchange.ubc.ca).

UBC 2: Archaeological mapping in the central Fraser Valley.

When: May 24 to June 24.

Contact: Dr. Michael Blake (tmlake@interchange.ubc.ca).

UBC 3: Survey and excavation at Anyang, capital of the Shang Dynasty, China.

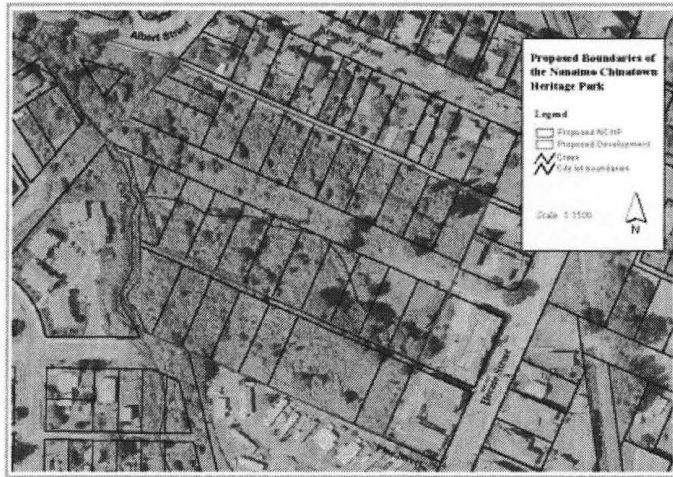
When: May 28 to July 31.

Contact: Dr. Zhichun Jing (jingzh@interchange.ubc.ca).

UBC 4: Survey and excavation in Nunavut, in collaboration with the Inuit Heritage Trust.

When: 4.5 weeks in July.

Contact: Dr. Sue Rowley (srowley@interchange.ubc.ca).



ASBC Nanaimo Branch Proposes *Nanaimo Chinatown Heritage Park*

This proposal was developed in response for the need to protect the heritage resources in the area known as Chinatown, situated between Machleary and Pine Streets, in Nanaimo, British Columbia. Currently, the area is slated for development and looting of archaeological deposits is well documented. Previous development of the area has impacted the site, destroying vital information and links to Nanaimo's past. Chinatown has played an important part in the development of Nanaimo and preserving it would allow future generations the opportunity to explore and celebrate the area's rich history.

In addition, the Cat Stream, an extremely sensitive salmon-bearing watercourse, runs through this area, which is presently overrun with invasive species, such as Himalayan Blackberry, and is threatened by garbage, the build up of silt, and water contamination. Without restoration efforts this area of the stream may be completely overrun with non-native species, limiting its salmon habitat potential. Removal of these species and riparian vegetation replanting may serve to improve the quality of fish habitat in the Cat Stream. Other areas of the Cat Stream have been successfully restored, bringing community groups together such as the Friends of the Cat Stream, Fairview Elementary School, and the Nanaimo Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada.

The Archaeological Society of British Columbia – Nanaimo Branch proposes

the establishment of a heritage park in this area that would allow for protection of the archaeological deposits, as well as protecting the fragile balance of the Cat Stream.

Paths marked with plaques depicting the history and natural features of the area would allow for educational and tourism opportunities. There is currently a proposed expansion to the Hecate Lodge (see above map, outlined in pink) to the north before the City of Nanaimo for approval. The ASBC-NB proposed that the area be transformed into the Nanaimo Chinatown Heritage Park in lieu of development. Few parks are found in Harewood and residents would have the opportunity to enjoy this green space and learn about the history of the area in which they live.

The current political climate in Nanaimo supports the creation of green spaces within city limits. The construction of this park could be linked to the adjacent Old City Quarter and would allow a space for local families, schools, and visitors to enjoy Nanaimo's natural beauty and rich historical past.

In conclusion, the establishment of the Nanaimo Chinatown Heritage Park would serve to protect Nanaimo's rich historical and ecological uniqueness, while increasing the value of the property both visually and economically. The Archaeological Society of BC – Nanaimo Branch is currently enlisting the support of interested parties and welcomes any comments or questions about our proposal.