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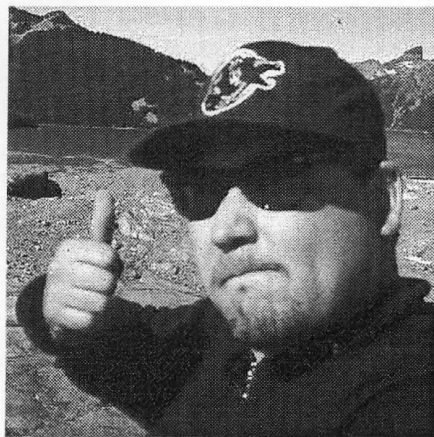
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Readers,



President - Sarah Ladd

As I was walking along the path at Locarno Beach this summer allowing myself to be fascinated by the lowest tide levels since 1886, I came across a boulder with a plaque on it. This plaque was put there by the Archaeological Society of British Columbia as a visible marker of the site of Locarno Beach and to recognize the work of Charles Borden. This small monument was placed here in 1989 well before my volunteer career with this organization, and it gave me a sense of



Field Editor - Yumks/Rudy Reimer

purpose; a reminder that though my term as President will only last for two years there is much that can be accomplished in that time.

Under the initiative of our Past-President, Patricia Ormerod, several members of our Executive are currently working with the Union of BC Indian Chiefs to develop a program similar to the volunteer archaeological warden program the ASBC first ran in partnership with the Archaeology Branch from 1976 to 1987.

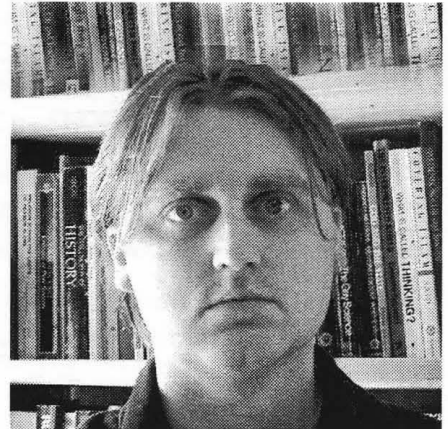
The Warden program involved the monitoring of archaeological sites by designated volunteers from the local area. These Regional Advisors were given basic training in Victoria at the Archaeology Branch, and were provided with information on who to contact if a known archaeological site was being disturbed, looted, or excavated without a permit. Regrettably, the program was disbanded due to lack of funding and staffing resources but we are confident that in collaboration with First Nations groups and our own membership, a newer and better program will soon be possible.

Other exciting initiatives begun last year are coming into full fruition in the upcoming 2004-2005 year. These include the diversity of our next public talk series from September to June and the second running of the Hilary Stewart Art and Archaeology Competition (HSAAC) which will become an annual event each fall.

The cover of the previous issue of *The Midden* featured the very first winning artwork for the Hilary Stewart Art and Archaeology Competition. Posters advertising the competition will be mailed out to ASBC Members, schools, and other organizations in early September. If you have children between the ages of 7 and 18, have them sharpen their pencils and get ready to participate!

In June of 2004 we substituted an indoor lecture with a walking tour of the area around Vanier Park led by Don Welsh, Yumks/Rudy Reimer, and Susan Rowley. Yumks/Rudy Reimer transported us into the

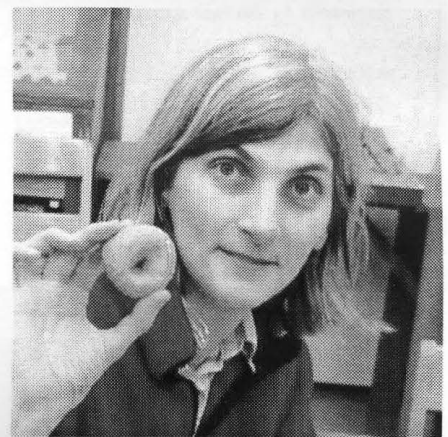
past with descriptions of what the area was used for and what it meant to some of the original inhabitants when it was called Snauq. We are planning another such walking tour of archaeological sites and



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formations in Stanley Park for September. The success of last year's Artifact ID night, our first, ensured that we will be running it again this coming April, and it will be tied in with the Spring 2005 lectures featuring the archaeology of British Columbia from 10,000 years ago to the present.

Now that you have had a peek into some of our plans for the coming year, I would like to introduce you to the great crew of people working on all of our ventures:



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Subscriptions – Andrea Onodi

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- Lecture Photography and Articles – Haeden Stewart
- ASBC Clippings Books – Ingrid Woldenga

The year ahead will be a challenging and rewarding one and I look forward to seeing many of you at our public meetings.

**Sarah Ladd
President**

“DISCOVER ARCHAEOLOGY” IN NANAIMO

The Archaeological Society of BC - Nanaimo Branch (ASBC-NB) and the Nanaimo District Museum presented the Third Annual “Discover Archaeology” Interactive Bones Display Saturday, August 7, at the Nanaimo District Museum.

In February, 2002, the ASBC-NB was invited by the Nanaimo District Museum to organize an archaeological display as part of their 35th Anniversary celebration, which took place on August 17. Thinking caps were put on and the “Discover Archaeology” Interactive Bone Display was born. The annual event focuses on how bones can illuminate the archaeological record by telling archaeologists about such things as season of the kill, subsistence strategies, and social structure. The public also has the opportunity to make their own stone or bone tools or at least watch the demonstrating archaeologists and volunteers get a few cuts and bruises!

This hands-on bone display focuses on how bones can give us clues about the archaeological record, such as what season the animal was killed and past environments. This year, a variety of species were presented, from a horse skull to a bison toe. A replica of a skeletal human arm and leg illustrated that though many species have bones, not all are arranged or look the same way. Also featured was the stratigraphy and archaeological principles display constructed for the Sharing Memories event in 2001. Many archaeological books were also available for the public to browse through. Last year’s event was featured on Shaw Cable’s “The Daily,” which led to the “Hands On Heritage” Public Archaeology Program being conducted by the ASBC-NB this summer.

This year’s event had an additional focus on conservation of archaeological sites and on what you can do to preserve and protect our heritage. This event was an important one as it illustrated the

importance of archaeological remains and their conservation. In the wake of the recent destruction of archaeological sites on Vancouver Island, public awareness of the importance of archaeology and what they can do to protect British Columbia’s Heritage is paramount. For additional information and past program information, visit the ASBC Nanaimo Branch website listed below or call the Nanaimo District Museum at 753-1821.

**Julie Cowie, President
ASBC-NB**

Nanaimo Branch website:
<http://homesites.nisa.net/asbcnb/ndm.html>

VICTORIA CHAPTER CALLING MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS

The Victoria Chapter of the ASBC is beginning anew and we are looking for you. Archaeological sites of the southern Vancouver Island region are physical evidence of the rich, diverse, and dynamic history of the area and its people. We are dedicated to the appreciation, study, preservation, and sharing of ideas and information regarding these unique places. There are opportunities for everyone to participate - field trips, practical and theoretical components, lectures and innovative archaeological research.

The first meeting of the rejuvenated branch will be held September 22, 2004. The meeting will provide a chance for existing members to reconnect, for those interested to gather additional information and fill out a membership form, and for all to participate in rebuilding the chapter from the ground up.

For more information – including meeting location and time - please contact ASBCVictoria@hotmail.com