

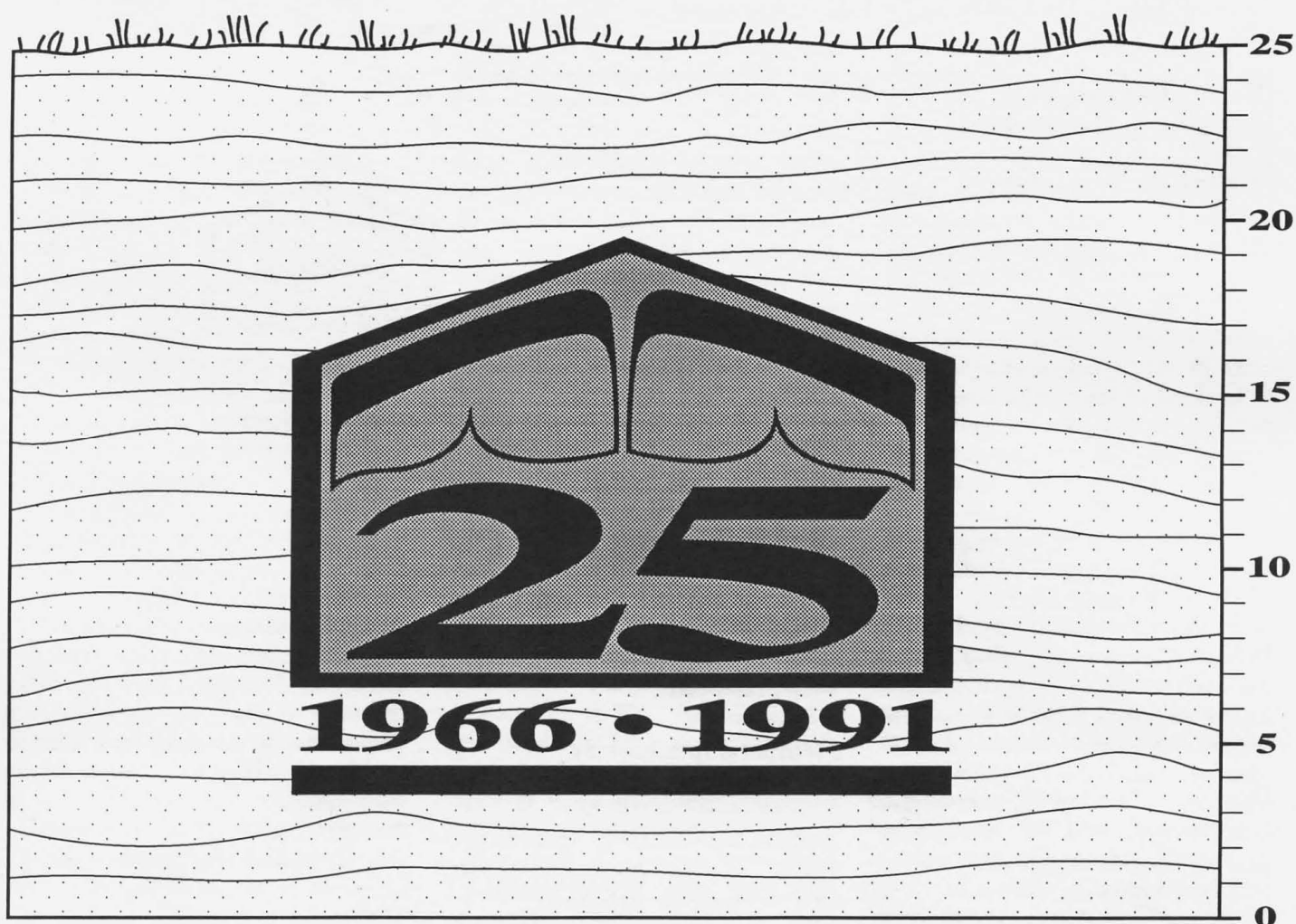
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Carlson Recollects

Backdrop to the 25 Years of the A.S.B.C.

by Roy Carlson

A summary of this account was given as part of the 25th anniversary celebration on November 16, 1991.

The 25th anniversary party seems an appropriate time to talk about those events which led up to the formation of the Society in 1966.

From 1946 to 1966 archaeological research and teaching in B.C. were largely the work of one individual, Dr. C.E. Borden. Even with him it was a part-time vocation grafted onto his full-time occupation as a Professor of German. I had the privilege of working for him as a field research assistant in 1952, 1954, 1959, and for several short periods in between.

Dr. Borden taught the archaeology courses in the Anthropology/Sociology Department at U.B.C. and undertook archaeological research in the province both because he was fascinated by prehistoric research, and because he could see it had to be done before the archaeological record was destroyed by modern expansion. But it was clear that U.B.C. had no intention of expanding archaeology beyond what Dr. Borden could teach and do in his spare time. Whereas many universities followed the American tradition of an integrated discipline which incorporated socio-cultural anthropology, prehistoric archaeology, physical anthropology, and ethno-linguistics, Dr. Harry Hawthorne, head of the U.B.C.

Anthropology/ Sociology Department, followed the British anthropological tradition with its interest in the present and the future, and corresponding disinterest in the past.

Dr. Borden thus became the token archaeologist to help bridge the gap between different systems of organizing and teaching archaeology. In spite of these odds Borden undertook significant research, and inspired some students and research assistants (including myself) to continue in the discipline. With Wilson Duff he worked out B.C.'s *Archaeological and Historic Sites Protection Act*.

In 1962 there was a faculty position vacant at U.B.C. so I wrote a letter of inquiry to Dr. Hawthorne and received a letter in return stating that they planned to expand socio-cultural anthropology, not archaeology. By 1964 there were only about five people working in archaeology in B.C., including those few students who were on their way to becoming professionals. None of these five were employed full time in archaeology.

In 1964 I wrote to P.D. McTaggart-Cowan who had been appointed President of the soon-to-be-completed Simon Fraser University and indicated my interest in B.C. archaeology. I inquired whether there would be a Department of Anthropology at S.F.U. He replied with a resounding "yes." At an appointment with him in July of 1946, he advised me that



on the advice of Dr. Hawthorne of U.B.C. plans had changed and, instead of archaeology, an interdisciplinary department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology (P.S.A.) would be headed by the eminent British sociologist, T.B. Bottomore. It was clear that, at this point, there was no intention of establishing an archaeology program as part of the package.

Nevertheless, I sent my C.V. to Professor Bottomore, with a strong letter of reference from Dr. Borden. We arranged to meet in England in December of 1964 on my way to the Aswan Project in Sudan. Bottomore and I had a delightful lunch at the London School of Economics where he was a faculty member. We discussed the famous British archaeologist, V. Gordon Childe, who, like Bottomore, was a well-known and well-regarded Marxist theorist (probably the only archaeologist with whose works Bottomore was acquainted). Bottomore was persuaded that archaeology would be an ideal component of his P.S.A. Department, and hired me specifically to develop teaching and research programs in the archaeology and anthropology of the Pacific Northwest. Of the dozen people hired in 1965-66 as faculty of the social science department of this new B.C. university, only two, a sociologist and myself, had ever lived or done research in British Columbia.

Why was this the case? The main reason was the absence of qualified candidates. U.B.C. had never developed strong graduate programs in the social sciences, failing to anticipate the tremendous growth in post-secondary education and the need for qualified faculty in the 1960s. Dr. Borden and I once discussed this matter. He noted that Dr. Hawthorne didn't want graduate students because he didn't think he could find jobs for them! The first Ph.D.s from a B.C. university in anthropology (Graham Watson, 1967) and in archaeology (Fidel Masao, 1976) came from the graduate programs at Simon Fraser.

In the spring of 1965, from the University of Colorado where I was doing research, I designed the archaeology curriculum and drafted preliminary plans for the archaeology laboratory and a small teaching museum and mailed them to S.F.U. In September, after attending the opening of Simon Fraser University, I flew off to my research project in Africa. Shortly after my return in May, Hank Rosenthal of the U.B.C. Extension Department contacted me and asked if I would teach a short, non-credit course on B.C. archaeology. Despite the minuscule stipend offered, I nevertheless agreed because of my feeling of what archaeology is all about. To me, *archaeology exists because people are interested in it; it enhances the quality of life and is little different in that respect from art, music or literature.* Archaeologists are obligated to take their findings to the public. One of the best ways is through public education (better than newspapers who usually get things wrong).

The students in this class were energetic and enthusiastic. At the end of the course one of them, Alex Ennenberg, stood and asked, "What now, Dr. Carlson?". I suggested that the students organize themselves into an archaeological society. I also told them that this society should be their own, and that the work of organizing and maintaining it would be up to them. Alex Ennenberg became the first president of the Archaeological Society of British Columbia, ably assisted by other members of the class—Gladys Groves, Sheila Neville, Bill and Betsey Lane, Harold Cliffe, Stephanie Bowes—and their spouses. They were soon joined by other energetic and interested folk such as Ron and Eileen Sutherland, and Hilary Stewart, and eventually by so many that it is impossible to recount them all here. Four years later, in 1970, the Archaeological Society of British Columbia awarded me an honorary life membership of which I shall always be proud.

Initially, Dr. Borden was not pleased with the idea of an organized body of amateurs involved in B.C. Archaeology. His vision of an archaeological society was a pick-up load of relic hunters armed with shovels and screens, looting sites and framing arrowheads over their fireplaces. When asked to speak to the Society shortly after its founding, his contribution was a lecture on the legal consequences of pot hunting. Borden soon discovered, however, that the archaeological interests of the members of this society were

overwhelmingly intellectual, that they were strong boosters of scientific archaeology and heritage preservation, and that they were willing and able to lobby our government as part of these interests. Dr. Borden, fortunately, became very active in the Society and one of its most ardent supporters.

Archaeology has changed and expanded since those early days which led up to the formation of the Society. Instead of five part-time people, about 50 archaeologists now work almost exclusively in teaching, research and administration of B.C. archaeology. Both U.B.C. and S.F.U. now have strong programs in archaeology, and many of the colleges offer numerous archaeology courses. An entire branch of the government is devoted to protecting and administering provincial archaeological resources. Most archaeological field work is now done by archaeology consultants as part of salvage or land claims research. Native peoples have become actively involved. The first all-Native archaeological field school took place last summer as a joint endeavour of S.F.U. and the Shuswap band. These events are, however, parts of other stories—stories to be found in *The Midden*, a treasure trove of information on B.C. archaeology from 1968 onward.

Roy Carlson is the inspiration for the A.S.B.C. He teaches in the Department of Archaeology at Simon Fraser University where he was instrumental in instigating the program in 1965.

Dates for N.W.A.C.

The 45th Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference will be held at SFU in April. The conference has indicated it would welcome papers to be given by members of the ASBC. Papers may address any anthropological topic including archaeology, prehistory, paleoanthropology, linguistics, cultural resource management, ethnography, ethnology, ethno-history, ethno-archaeology or museology, and should not exceed a 20 minute presentation including discussion. Deadline for submission of titles and abstracts is Feb. 15th.

Plenary speakers will be Yuri A. Mochanov on "The Early Paleolithic in Northeast Asia" and Svetlana Fedoseva on "Neolithic Cultures of Yakutia." There will be a special exhibit of Contemporary Native Art in British Columbia, and space for publishers, booksellers and displays.

Registration fee is \$23.00 for students, \$34.00 for all others. Address: N.W.A.C. Steering Committee, Department of Archaeology, S.F.U., Burnaby, V5A 1S6, phone 291-3135.

New dates from Hatzic

The last issue of *The Midden* (vol.23,no.4:1-2) reported that additional radiocarbon dates were needed to clarify the age of deposits from the Hatzic site (DgRn 23). The Sto:lo Tribal Council and U.B.C. have recently obtained additional radiocarbon dates that provide a more precise range of the occupation span.

A radiocarbon date of nearly 4500 BP, taken from the basal deposits of structure 2, corroborates relative dates suggested by the style of artifacts recovered. The 9000 BP date previously obtained still remains to be explained. Obviously further investigation of the exploratory trench that produced both dates is necessary to resolve this problem.

Another radiocarbon date indicates the antiquity of the surface which had already had one metre of deposit removed by the developer's bulldozer. Dating to approximately 4600 BP, the surface is only 300 years younger than the basal deposits from structure 1. The accumulation of nearly 1.5 metres of deposit in approximately 300 years suggests a period of substantial flooding and sediment deposition along the banks of the Fraser River.

Old dates from Kamloops area

Ian Wilson Associates are just back from an intensive seven weeks near Kamloops. MOTH (the Ministry of Transportation and Highways) were checking out a proposed area for a highway and interchange.

A salvage operation near Monte Creek (EdQx 43) exposed three semi-subterranean structures carbon-dated to around 5000 years ago, definitely the oldest structures in the interior plateau by 1500 years.

Lithic debris was scattered thickly over all floors. The artifact assemblage recovered implies possibly an even earlier occupation. Evidence suggests that rather than pit houses, the structures may have been mat or bark winter lodges.

Pokotylo Praises

Address to the A.S.B.C. on its 25th Anniversary Celebration November 16, 1991

by David Pokotylo

On behalf of my colleagues and students at U.B.C., I would like to congratulate the Society on its 25th anniversary. UBC has enjoyed an association with the Society throughout these 25 years. In the early years I know that the late Charles E. Borden played an active role in the Society. Since then the archaeology faculty at UBC has grown, and all of us have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Society in various activities.

Both faculty and students have benefited considerably from their involvement with the A.S.B.C. We have enjoyed presenting the results of our recent research to an appreciative and inquisitive audience. Society members are often the first to hear of the most recent research discoveries well before our colleagues in other parts of the country. The A.S.B.C., through its regular meetings, special events and projects, and its publication, *The Midden*, has provided a much needed forum for presenting British Columbia archaeology to a wide audience.

The Midden now serves as the main means of disseminating news and information on archaeology in British Columbia, and is definitely a

product to be proud of. Over the past 25 years we have seen the rise and fall of a number of publications dealing with B.C. archaeology. However, *The Midden* continues to be regularly produced. Both the academic and public communities look forward to each issue with its insightful presentations on various aspects of B.C. archaeology written from a range of perspectives and interests. The standard of quality *The Midden* has attained is quite evident when one examines major publications on B.C. archaeology—papers published in *The Midden* are often cited in the bibliographies.

On a personal level I acknowledge and appreciate the support that the Society has provided me and other members of the academic community. I remember how quickly a number of members ventured up to Cache Creek to assist our efforts in surface collection on an endangered site in the early 1970s.

Members have actively supported our public programs ranging from continuing education courses to the

now-infamous raft trip down the Fraser River a few years ago. The inventory of private collections, prepared by the Society and housed at U.B.C., has been a valuable research tool for both students and faculty.

As I was preparing these comments I realized that the Archaeological Society of British Columbia is one of the older such organizations in Canada. The Canadian Archaeological Association—the major national organization for Canadian archaeology—will only be marking its 25th meeting next April.

Congratulations on your achievements over the past 25 years! You, the members, have developed an organization to support, appreciate and promote archaeological interests in this province, and have done an exemplary job that sets a standard and model for other provinces to follow. My best wishes for the continued success of the Society.

David Pokotylo is an Assistant Professor at U.B.C. and Curator of Archaeology at the Museum of Anthropology.

"The Party"

A.S.B.C. Celebrates 25 Years

by Gladys Groves

IN SEPTEMBER 1966 the Archaeological Society of British Columbia held its first meeting at the Maritime Museum. On Saturday, November 16, 1991 the Society celebrated its 25th anniversary with an evening reception at the Music Centre in Vanier Park, a successful event with more than 60 members and guests attending.

For newcomers to the A.S.B.C. it might be of interest to learn how the Society came into being. It all started in the summer of 1966, when the U.B.C. Education Department (now the Centre for Continuing Education) offered a short course in the archaeology of British Columbia consisting of four evening lectures over two weeks, with a field trip to observe a "dig" on Gabriola Island the intervening Saturday. The class of 75 was much bigger than anticipated. Many of those attending were regular students taking this non-credit course for interest only. Dr. Roy Carlson, who had recently come to



Neil Smith, Duncan and Thelma McIntyre, braved the windswept highway from Abbotsford.

open the new Archaeology Department at Simon Fraser University, was the lecturer. Alex Ennenberg asked how we might continue with this fascinating subject. Dr. Carlson, involved with his new duties, suggested we do it on our own. Consequently, Alex

sent out a letter to all the class members inviting them to a meeting with the thought of forming a society. Twenty-five responded, and the Archaeological Society of British Columbia was born with Alex Ennenberg as its first president.



A few members enjoying the evening.



Roy and Maureen Carlson.



Ron Sutherland, past president.

Twenty-five years later, Bill Paull, the latest president, read regrets from those unable to attend, as well as a telegram from Sharon and Nick Russell (first editor of *The Midden*) of Regina. Charter member Stephanie Bowes Manson and her son Greg Bowes of Victoria were unable to be with us this year but sent their regrets and good wishes, as did Barbara Adams of Kelowna.

Other long-time, faithful members missing were Mabel Cliffe of Gabriola, Anna Marie Dahlke of Saltspring, and Hilary Stewart of Quadra Island. An expected delegation from the Victoria branch was

grounded by the inclement weather, but four stalwarts from the Abbotsford branch braved the wind-swept highway to join the celebration. Our oldest member, Gwen Leigh aged 91 enjoyed the evening, while young Cody Crittenden, 11, assisted his mother, Toni, in welcoming the guests.

Bill Lane, one of the charter members still with the Society and a former president, recalled his first contact with archaeology when, at age 12, he cycled down to the Great Fraser Midden. ("Now the Fraser Arms parking lot," added Bill.) He went on to describe working with the Society's first dig—done in the most diligent manner — at Tsawwassen.

Dr. David Pokotylo, Assistant Professor in U.B.C.'s Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and Curator of Archaeology at U.B.C.'s Museum of Anthropology, spoke of his own experience with the Society. He cited its members' prompt response to a request for help with his Cache Creek project in the early '70s.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Roy Carlson with whom the Society has always been closely associated. Over the years he has often spoken at the regular monthly meetings, and has given his moral support as well as practical aid.

Dr. Carlson was especially



generous in his praise of the Society's newsletter, stating that to learn the history of archaeology in the province for the past 23 years one only had to refer to *The Midden*, the only publication of its type to be produced regularly since its inception in 1968. He remarked on the fact that just two editors had been involved in all those years,



Young Cody Crittenden assists his mother, Toni in greeting the guests. Fred Braches signing the guest book.



Bill Lane and Marie Duncan, past presidents, reminisce while Doug Duncan looks on.

potential midden.



past projects and outings of the A.S.B.C. was enjoyed, as were the scrapbooks of memorabilia. All credit is due to the hard-working, efficient committee consisting of Reet Kana, Don Bunyan, Helmi Braches; as well as "Toni" awards to T. Crittenden and T. Guffei for their untiring contributions.

Gladys Groves is a charter member of the A.S.B.C. and still is an active member. Part of a two-person editorial team of The Midden for nearly 15 years, she has been the historian/recorder for the 10th, 20th and now the 25th anniversaries of the Society.

Reet Kana and Robin Hooper.



Lorene Hooper chatting with our oldest member, Gwen Leigh (right).

paying tribute to Nick Russell and Kitty Bernick. (We deeply regretted they were not present to acknowledge the warm applause.) Dr. Carlson's faith in the Society should guarantee its continued life well into the next 25 years.

Successful as the occasion was, it did not happen spontaneously. Don Bunyan's non-stop slide show of



Brian and Isabel Byrnes.



A few familiar faces: Evelyn Gilley (rear), Betsy Lane, Maureen Carlson and Ruth Nesbitt.

Open letter to Kathryn Bernick...



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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November 11, 1991

Dear Kitty,

It was with great regret that the ASBC Executive Committee accepted your resignation as Editor of *The Midden*. However, it is only too understandable that after having produced the publication for nearly ten years, mostly single-handedly, you want to step away from it. All we can do at this point is let you know how much we appreciate what you have done over the years in giving your time and energy to *The Midden*.

It will be difficult to replace you! Among ASBC members, you were uniquely qualified to fill the position of *Midden* Editor. As a freelance researcher and writer with an M.A. in archaeology, you had the perfect background for reviewing and editing submissions, yet at the same time sufficient distance from the provincial institutions to be able to report on "hot" issues. Your excellent relationship with members of the three university communities in the province ensured a steady stream of *Debitage*, and bits of archaeological news which have become an important part of *The Midden*. And last, but not least, the high quality of your own writing, and the care you took in shaping the appearance of each individual issue have contributed to making *The Midden* a well respected, widely distributed publication of a high standard.

On behalf of the Executive and membership at large, I want to extend a heartfelt "Thank you, Kitty!"

William A. Paull
President, ASBC

RETROSPECTIVE

by Joyce Johnson

With the beginning of a new generation of The Midden, and the 25th anniversary of the Archaeological Society of British Columbia, this issue of The Midden is taking a look at what has gone on in the past 25 years, and reviewing some of our policy and procedures for the benefit of both old and new members.

Taking Roy Carlson at his word, that The Midden is "a treasure trove of information on B.C. archaeology from 1986 onward (1991, Midden 23/5)," I have dug through past issues as if they were a midden. With the information gleaned there, and a little bit of ethnohistory, I have put together the following picture of the A.S.B.C.

In 1966 the Archaeological Society of British Columbia was born out of a summer archaeology course taught by Roy Carlson. A handful of keen people turned an idea into a strong reality that is still alive with a few of those original members still strong supporters of the Society today. From its meagre beginnings of 25, membership has grown close to 150 today.

The Midden grew along with the Society. From a six-page, gestetnered newsletter in 1968, it gradually emerged as a respectable, staple-bound, 14-page publication less than 15 years later. Printing was first done on "borrowed" Gestetner machines, and then at S.F.U. (until someone finally caught on that it really had nothing to do with S.F.U.). Finally in 1983 assistance was received from the B.C. Heritage Trust and *The Midden* appeared, properly typeset and printed in its current format.

Over 300 copies every two months are distributed to libraries, educational institutions, students, professional and amateur archaeologists, and other generally interested people all around the world. Publications are exchanged with archaeological societies across Canada and sent as far away as Germany, Ireland, Jordan, Japan and New Zealand.

The Midden had grown up, but some things remained the same. The cover was still a yellow/buff colour; it was published every two months, and the A.S.B.C. logo was always peeking out from somewhere. Most importantly, its contents retained the high level of quality evident from its beginnings.

No one seems to remember how the name "Midden" was established, but Hilary Stewart, a prolific early contributor to early editions, designed the logo. A little embarrassed now about her naiveté then, she admits she designed the logo before she knew much about Northwest Coast Art and its use of ovoids. The design developed as the symbol of a meeting and gathering place, a shelter for the ideas of the Society. It has stood for a quarter of a century.

In the beginning Nick Russell and Gladys Groves formed a two-person editorial team, with Russell as editor of *The Midden* for nearly 15 years. In 1983, after two years of apprenticeship with Nick Russell, Kitty Bernick was "promoted" to Editor and continued what Russell had built. The editor of *The Midden*

seems to be the only member of the executive that is not held to the two year term of office. Only two editors have carried *The Midden* through 25 years!

The Midden is an apt name for the group's publication. Digging back through the layers issue by issue, a picture of the Society slowly emerged — its structure, the ideology which has sustained it, and the environment in which it grew.

On the inside front cover of each issue of *The Midden* is the statement, "*The Archaeological Society of British Columbia is dedicated to the protection of archaeological resources and the spread of archaeological knowledge.*" This statement evolved from the fundamental objectives of the Society. Its goal has always been to protect B.C.'s archaeological and historical heritage, and to further public understanding of the scientific approach to archaeology.

The A.S.B.C. has long been acknowledged by provincial and federal governments, and has the respect and confidence of professional archaeologists. However, this recognition by government, accredited institutions and professional archaeologists has not deterred the A.S.B.C. in its mission. The Society, as an independent body, is able to act on the conviction of its beliefs. It is effective in its position, boosting and reinforcing the need of "amateur" archaeologists, not only to augment professional archaeologists with free, short-notice assistance, but to act as watchdogs over government, developers and academic institutions without concern of repercussions.

Dedication to the protection of archaeological resources has been a resolute concern with the Society acting as a sentinel of archaeology in the province. The voice of *The Midden* has been strong and strident about such issues as pothunting, artifact export, and the marketing of artifacts. These concerns were summed up in a brief presented to a project task force on the Heritage Conservation Act (1987 *Midden*, 13/4).

In 1975 the B.C. Heritage Conservation Branch approved the Volunteer Regional Advisors Program to safeguard prehistoric sites throughout B.C. Implemented by the provincial archaeologist's office, "wardens" were appointed from the A.S.B.C. to monitor various communities, and protect sites from both natural and human threats. These volunteers also acted as a liaison between the Branch and the community to bring archaeology to the public level through lectures and slide talks.

Twelve years later the program was cancelled...along with a cut in staff in Victoria. The Society was indignant that the Branch was simultaneously cutting off the only effective (and cheap!) means they had at the time to monitor activity in the province (1984 *Midden* 16/1).

But not all was confrontation. True to its objectives, the A.S.B.C. has participated over the years in the protection of archaeological resources. The services of the Society have been used to supply labour for large projects: sorting and cataloguing thousands of artifacts from the Old Yale Site; assisting with a three-day systematic survey of 133 acres near Cache Creek; helping to locate petroglyphs hidden beneath surface cover on the Katz Reserve before the highway wiped them out.

Later, the A.S.B.C. were prepared for the "Water Hazard" emergency salvage at Beach Grove, when fragile, perishable artifacts were accidentally uncovered during the redesign of the golf course. They were familiar with methods of recovery from an earlier excavation at Musqueam Northeast. But with the unique underwater project at Montague Harbour this past year, A.S.B.C. volunteers learned a new type of "wet site" archaeology.

Tied in with this was a commitment to the spread of archaeological knowledge. Administering the extremely successful public interpretation program for the St. Mungo project, volunteers from the A.S.B.C. educated the public in procedures of soil screening. A grant of \$9450 from Heritage Trust followed soon after for an interpretive display at the Point Grey site, where they also assisted digging weekends.

As avocational archaeologists, members have participated in many excavations when a panicked call for volunteers was raised, in well-planned public interpretation programs, and as volunteer labour to carry through large projects.

But, the A.S.B.C. has not only been involved in projects with other archaeologists. In 1972 the Society undertook, on its own initiative, to make an indexed photo record of local prehistoric artifacts in all private collections in the Lower Mainland area of Vancouver. Assistance in the form of a \$3210 Canada Council grant helped. During the next 15 years this project realized over 6,000 photographs from some 200 collections. Records, broken down into a simple typology of artifact types and materials, are preserved in the archives of the Laboratory of Archaeology at U.B.C.

The Archaeological Society of British Columbia is going strong into its next quarter century. It has left behind a legacy to be proud of and worthy of remembrance. Though some headway has been made, we can't stop now. We must continue in our mandate to protect archaeological resources and to spread archaeological knowledge.

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Christmas Gift Idea

Surprise someone with a **membership in the Archaeological Society of British Columbia**. The ASBC is dedicated to the protection of archaeological resources and the spread of archaeological knowledge.

Membership includes subscription to *The Midden* and *SocNotes*. Membership through August 1992, \$18.00 students and seniors, \$25.00 single, \$30.00 family. Contact Membership Secretary, Toni Crittenden (736-4708), or:

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B.C. archaeology sparks the interest of a larger public. **Equinox Magazine** will feature the **Hatzic Site** in its "Nexus" section in the coming year . . . Bones of an extinct species of bison found along the Nation River in 1967 as part of the Peace River Basin Archaeological Project, have traveled to Ottawa. **The Geological Survey of Canada** believes they were taken from glaciolacustrine sediments. Radiocarbon dating of the bones should give a minimum age of deglaciation of the area . . . An interim report (complete with colour photocopies) of archaeological investigations at the Little Beach site in **Ucluelet** last summer has been completed by **ARCAS Consulting Archaeologists** for the provincial Archaeology Branch . . . *Wet Site Archaeology in the Lower Mainland Region of British*

Columbia, a report prepared by **Kitty Bernick** as a joint project with U.B.C. and S.F.U., funded by a grant from Heritage Trust, has been printed. It contains illustrations of basketry techniques and a comprehensive bibliography of water-saturated archaeology . . . Locally, the **Surrey Centennial Museum** (in Cloverdale) has recently opened a small exhibit focusing on the archaeology of the Crescent Beach area. Seven zoomorphic bowls found in the Surrey area are on display . . . U.B.C.'s **Museum of Anthropology** is busy these days. At the end of February an exhibit will open tracing trade with eulachon oil along the Grease Trail . . . And at the beginning of March an exhibition of **ancient Peruvian textiles** will open. Watch for these dates! . . . For the future —

Margaret Holm and **David Pokotylo** in collaboration with the **Musqueam band** will develop a prehistoric Coast Salish Art exhibit with funding received from Communications Canada's Museums Assistance Programs. The temporary, travelling exhibit will focus on material from the Musqueam Site... Plans are also underway for a **basketry exhibit** featuring perishable artifacts which have been excavated over the years in the Lower Mainland area . . . Perishable artifacts are appearing everywhere. A **dugout canoe** displaying stone tool marks was discovered by a skin diver in 50 feet of water in Shuswap Lake. Cariboo College will undertake preservation of the waterlogged canoe.

Book Reviews

A.S.B.C. Book Review Policy

Book reviews are written by ASBC members in good standing unless there is nobody among the membership able/willing to do so. *The Midden* only reviews books for which we are able to obtain a review copy from the publisher. The book becomes the possession of the reviewer. Unsolicited review copies may or may not be reviewed.

Priorities for review topics are:

1. B.C. archaeology (Pacific Northwest specifically)
2. related ethnography / history (relevant to B.C.)
3. public archaeology in Canada
4. archaeology outside Pacific Northwest area (seldom)

If you are interested in reviewing/owning or hearing about a particular publication, approach us and we will try to obtain a review copy.

Reviews in Progress

White Human Osteology

(reviewed by Joanne Curtain)

Theory of Northern Athapascan Prehistory

(reviewed by Doug Hudson)

Archaeological Curatorship

(reviewed by Ann Stevenson)

New Publications

Interpreting Space: GIS and Archaeology.

Edited by Kathleen M.S. Allen, Stanton W. Green and Ezra B.W. Zubrow. Taylor & Francis: Bristol, PA, 1990.

The Campus Site: A Prehistoric Camp at Fairbanks, Alaska.

By Charles M. Mobley. U of Alaska Press: Fairbanks, 1991.
104 pp, b/w photos, illus, map, US\$ 20.00 [paper],
US\$ 30.00 [cloth].

The Buffalo People: Prehistoric Archaeology on the Canadian Plains.

By Liz Bryan. University of Alberta Press: Edmonton.
\$14.95 [paper], \$24.00 [cloth].

Articles

Public Attitudes towards Archaeological Resources and Their Management.

By David L. Pokotylo and Andrew R. Mason, in *Protecting the Past*, edited by George S. Smith and John E. Ehrenhard, pp.9-18. CRC Press: Boca Raton, 1991.

Results of a survey of Vancouver area residents' opinions on archaeology and heritage conservation legislation with an assessment of the results.

An Emerging Early Formative Chiefdom at Pase de la Amada, Chiapas, Mexico.

By Michael Blake, in *The Formation of Complex Society in Southeastern Mesoamerica*, edited by W.R. Fowler, pp.27-46. CRC Press: Boca Raton, 1991.

Christmas Gift

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The Archaeological Society of British Columbia, Vancouver, 1992.

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- January 8** **Robyn Woodward**
"Excavation at Sezilla Nueva, Jamaica."
(joint meeting with the Archaeological Inst. of America)
- February 12** **Dr. David Pokotylo**
T.B.A. [recent research]
- March 11** **Dr. Knut R. Fladmark**
T.B.A. [retrospective look at past research]
- April 8** **Dr. David V. Burley**
T.B.A. [recent research in Tonga]

Dates to Remember

- April 16-18** 45th Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference
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