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(For a history of our 1st 36 years of PNWAS go to this published account: https://rex.libraries.wsu.edu/esploro/outputs/bookChapter/Pacifc-Northwest-Archaeological-Society-PNWAS-Reaching/9990109594030184 2?institution=01ALLIANCE_WSU)

NOTE: We have made a wonderful transition to PNWAS ZOOM meetings. Though a virtual transition, we have decided not to raise our membership fees (which have been the same since we started—in 1985!—remember those days!), but we DO ask for you to be sure and renew and help support the ongoing VIRTUAL AND FIELD TESTING THE CHEHALIS RIVER HYPOTHESES WITH WALKING SURVEYS IN THE SPRING OF 2026.

We again request your help in making the **Pacific Northwest Archaeological Society (PNWAS)** better yet for ***2025-26***, *in our* ***41st*** *year* of programs, projects and events supported by virtual connections. Your membership will continue to support PNWAS in our mission: giving the public a better understanding of our *region's and world's* rich and ancient cultural heritage. By helping PNWAS at one of the levels indicated on the back of this form, **you will provide the vital margin needed to assure meeting our goals.** Your help means you are a direct part of the PNWAS educational effort. To keep up with scheduled programs, see our new and developing web site at: ***http://www.pnwas.org***

As a member of PNWAS we provide the following membership benefits:

EXPEDITIONS

PNWAS sponsors professionally conducted archaeological projects, providing public involvement, including (1) archaeological tours in Washington State and beyond (we were involved in tours of Africa (pyramids of Egypt to Olduvai Gorge of Tanzania)) and South America (touring Peru), and (2) Field trips to visit and help archaeological sites and regional programs in our area (we visited the great YAMA Japanese Community dig on Bainbridge Island last summer, sponsored by Olympic College. We are beginning planning for field surveys in the Black Lake drainage to look for very early sites to test our Chehalis River Hypothesis. This Spring 2026 we plan to camp out in beautifully developed campgrounds by the famous Mima Mounds in Capital Forest Park to do walking surveys in this area to search for potential early camps used by First Peoples coming into our Continent (see PNWAS News #175 for information on first Ground Penetrating and ground survey!)

PRESENTATIONS

PNWAS brings archaeologists and public speakers from around the world to describe their discoveries and Anthropological adventures (please mark your calendars). As a current member you will receive a invitation by e-mail to join our meeting shortly before the start date. The 2026programs through ZOOM online presentations include:

Thursday April 16th, 2026: ***Terminal Pleistocene Bison and Sloth from Vancouver Island, B.C.*** *By Morley Eldridge, Millennia Research Limited, Victoria, B.C.*

Thursday October 22nd, 2026: ***Community Rescuing Eroded Wood and Fiber Artifacts from an Ancient Yup'ik Village, AK, Summer 2026: An UPDATE*** *By Dr. Rick Knecht, University of Aberdeen, UK*

Thursday December 10th, 2026: ***18,000 Year-Old Human Occupation of Daisy Cave, Channel Islands, So. California*** *By Dr. Jon Erlandson, UO, Originator of The Kelp Highway Hypothesis*

CONFERENCES

Our society proudly co-sponsored the international **Circum-Pacific Prehistory Conference** in conjunction with the 1989 Washington State Centennial Commission during our State's Centennial celebration (our spring speaker, Dr. Peter Bellwood came from Australia and gave a paper!). In 1998 we conducted a special panel-of-experts program discussing the extinction of Mammoth in conjunction with the National **Society for American Archaeology's** first-ever meeting in Seattle, Washington. In April 2003 we were involved in an international **Wetlands Archaeological Research Programs** conference entitled: *Wet Sites Connections—Linking Indigenous Histories, Archaeology and the Public* (us!) bringing international archaeologists together to discuss waterlogged/wet archaeological sites from around the world in Olympia, Washington.

NEWS BULLETINS

An electronic newsletter providing timely information on discoveries, events and public archaeological projects is circulated. This information includes activities, such as meetings, conferences, field trips, and involvement in local archaeological projects and surveys.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

We had a hands-on red cedar basketry workshop Summer of 2019 and hope to have one in 2025; more announced in our newsletters and meetings as conditions allow. We are planning atlatl making workshops as we become involved with the ***Gateway to Squaxin: The Mammoth Exhibit*** (and potentially help by volunteering; opening summer 2026) at the beautiful *Squaxin Island Tribe Museum Library and Research Center* (right picture and google it!).

Please join PNWAS and support all our planned efforts through our web site at ***https://pnwas-society.weebly.com/membership.html*** *and* ***PayPal*** *or by filling out the following form and send to*: **PACIFIC NORTHWEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1219 Irving Street SW, Tumwater, Washington 98512***; (360) 789-9687 or e-mail for information to Dale Croes, Executive Secretary: dcroes@pnwas.org.*

You must be a current member to be invited by e-mail to join our ZOOM Programs and field surveys.

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