



PNWAS NEWS BULLETIN 143

WELCOME TO NEW PNWAS 2019-2020 PROGRAMS!!!!

*This Fall and Winter we are working on programs including one by Rick McClure, Retired U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist, Friday October 18th, entitled: **Aypax-kan-ishchit—The Yakama-Cowlitz Trail: History, Archaeology, and an Approach to Evaluation** (Friday October 18th),*

and a book signing and cake on the new and updated edition of: *Basketry from the Ozette Village Archaeological Site* by Dr. Dale R. Croes, W.S.U. and PNWAS Director (Our Xmas Party, Friday December 20th).

*We have tentatively arranged early Winter and Spring 2020 programs including one by Dr. Colin Grier, WSU on his extensive archaeological work in B.C. Canada and Dr. Gary Wessen titled: **Makahs, Quileutes, and the Precontact History of the Northwestern Olympic Peninsula, Washington;** until announced please do mark your calendars for these two final 2019 PNWAS programs so far scheduled at the Mountaineers Seattle Programs on Fridays from 7-9pm:*

Reserve: October 18th, and December 20th, 2019

PNWAS Summer Fieldtrip—August 23rd-25th, 2019, for the Hoko River Mouth Retreat (HRMR) campout and MAKAH DAYS—Celebrating the Ozette Dig

We had a wonderful time at this year's PNWAS *Makah Days* campout at Hoko, with Ed Carriere, Suquamish Elder and Master Basketmaker joining us. As an Ozette excavator, Dale Croes, PNWAS Director, was one of the Grand Marshalls in this year's parade as they celebrated this year's theme: the Ozette Dig.



(Left) Dale Croes as one of the Ozette Excavator Grand Marshalls for Makah Days Parade; (Right) PNWAS Group enjoys Hoko River beach, spit and Kydaka Point.



Ed Carriere helps PNWAS members and Master basketweavers Kay Harradine and Vickie Lash teach cedar bark basketry at Hoko. Thanks to Kathleen Hawes for help too.



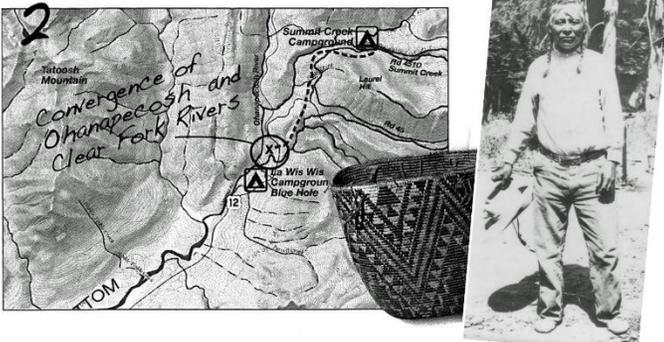
(Left) PNWAS youngest member, Julian Carter, finishes great cedar bark twill weave basket; (Right) PNWAS Group enjoys salmon bake and hamburgers/hot dogs prepared by Gary Wenzel.

October 18th, 2019

Aypax-kan-ishchit—*The Yakama-Cowlitz Trail: History, Archaeology, and an Approach to Evaluation*

By Rick McClure, Retired U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist

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Cross-mountain footpaths were primary avenues for exchange and social interaction between Indigenous people east and west of the Cascade Mountains in pre-contact and historic times. The *Aypax-kan-ishchit*, or “Yakama Trail,” ranked among the principal routes in the southern Washington Cascades, connecting Taytnapam settlements in the Cowlitz River watershed with Yakama settlements to the east.



Ray Paolella, of the William O. Douglas Trail Foundation, on a section of abandoned trail near Packwood, Wa. in the upper Cowlitz River watershed.

A group of private, non-profit, tribal, and federal partners initiated efforts in 2018 to begin comprehensive mapping and documentation of the Yakama Trail, while developing a cultural/historical context for National Register evaluation and a strategy for assessing the integrity of the resource. This presentation summarizes research completed to date and addresses potential challenges for nomination and listing.



Two Forest Service archaeologists mapping the trail location with GPS unit again near Packwood, Wa.

Approximately 140 miles in length, the trail originally extended from Cowlitz Prairie on the west, near present-day Toledo, Washington, to the mouth of the Naches River, near present-day Yakima, Washington, and crossed the Cascades at Cowlitz Pass.

DATE: *Friday, October 18th, 2019*

TIME: 7 pm to 9 pm

PLACE: Mountaineers Seattle Program Center, 7700 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 in the Cascade Room

COST: FREE to members, \$10.00 to non-members, \$5.00 for Students (*please renew membership for 2019 and these programs at <http://www.pnwas.org> and now through [PayPal](#)*)
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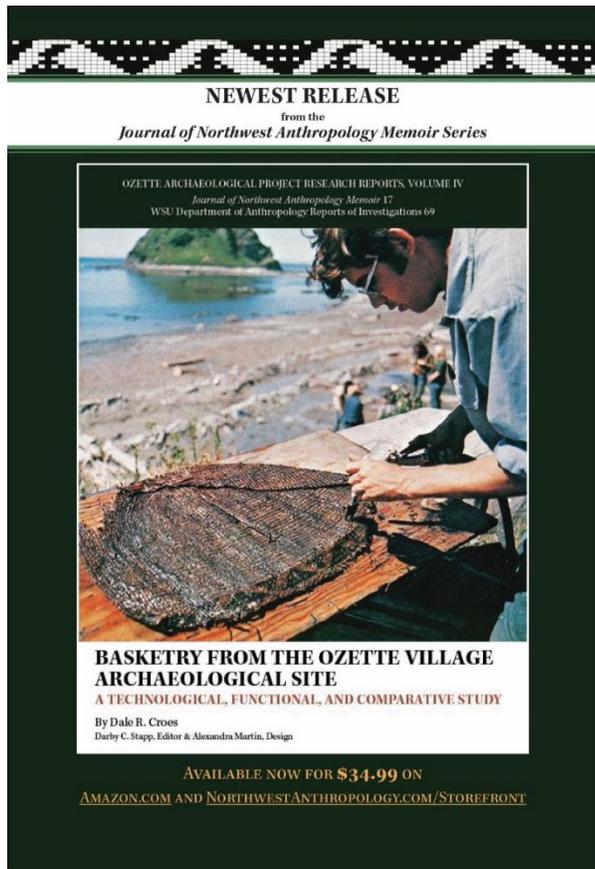
December 20th, 2019

A book signing and cake on the just released edition of:

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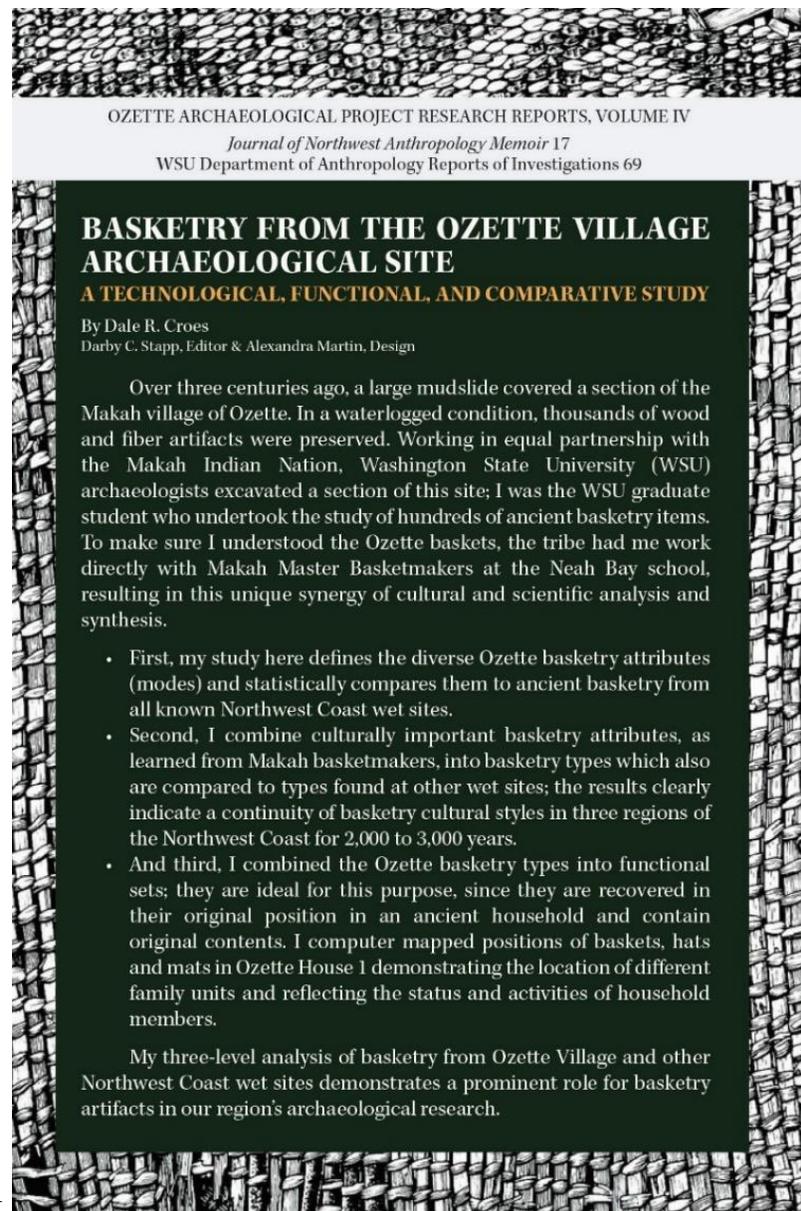
From the Editor, Dr. Darby Stapp:

When Dale Croes asked us to consider publishing *Basketry from the Ozette Village Archaeological Site: A Technological, Functional, and Comparative Study*, the decision was easy. Written 50 years ago to fulfill the dissertation requirement for Dale's Ph.D. at Washington State University, it was scheduled to be published as Volume IV of the *Ozette Archaeological Project Research Reports*. But, for various reasons it never did appear, and the basketry information from this important site remained largely inaccessible.

Remarkably, however, for the past 50 years, Dale has continued researching Northwest basketry, building on the incredible dataset

that launched his career by excavating and analyzing basketry from wet sites across the Pacific Northwest. The vision he described to us was a document that would keep the integrity of the original dissertation intact, but supplemented with new information—in the form of footnotes—from more than a dozen major wet site excavations conducted in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. A little awkward perhaps (is there another document in existence with 268 footnotes, 232 figures, 43 tables, and 25 maps?), but in terms of anthropological value, a treasure.

How fortunate are the tribal and archaeological communities to have a major synthesis of Northwest basketry written by one of the few people on earth who could produce such a synthesis. When it comes to anthropological value, it doesn't get much better than that, so our reply to Dale was an emphatic, "Yes, we would be honored to publish Volume IV of the *Ozette Archaeological Project Research Reports*."



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Journal of Northwest Anthropology Memoir 17
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BASKETRY FROM THE OZETTE VILLAGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

A TECHNOLOGICAL, FUNCTIONAL, AND COMPARATIVE STUDY

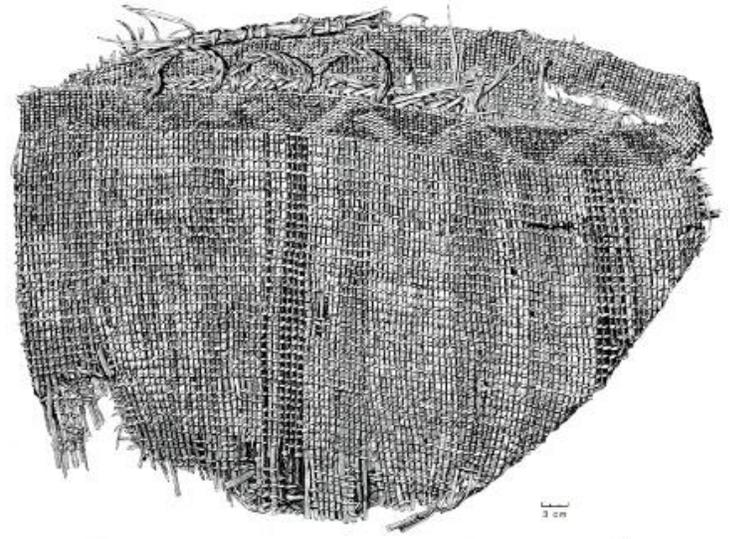
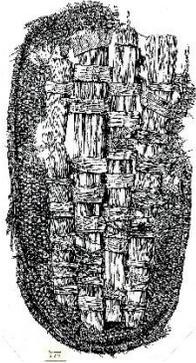
By Dale R. Croes
Darby C. Stapp, Editor & Alexandra Martin, Design

Over three centuries ago, a large mudslide covered a section of the Makah village of Ozette. In a waterlogged condition, thousands of wood and fiber artifacts were preserved. Working in equal partnership with the Makah Indian Nation, Washington State University (WSU) archaeologists excavated a section of this site; I was the WSU graduate student who undertook the study of hundreds of ancient basketry items. To make sure I understood the Ozette baskets, the tribe had me work directly with Makah Master Basketmakers at the Neah Bay school, resulting in this unique synergy of cultural and scientific analysis and synthesis.

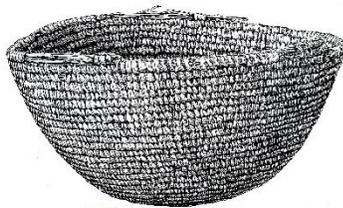
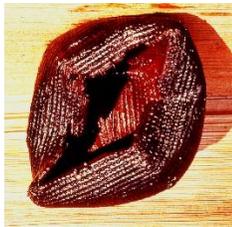
- First, my study here defines the diverse Ozette basketry attributes (modes) and statistically compares them to ancient basketry from all known Northwest Coast wet sites.
- Second, I combine culturally important basketry attributes, as learned from Makah basketmakers, into basketry types which also are compared to types found at other wet sites; the results clearly indicate a continuity of basketry cultural styles in three regions of the Northwest Coast for 2,000 to 3,000 years.
- And third, I combined the Ozette basketry types into functional sets; they are ideal for this purpose, since they are recovered in their original position in an ancient household and contain original contents. I computer mapped positions of baskets, hats and mats in Ozette House 1 demonstrating the location of different family units and reflecting the status and activities of household members.

My three-level analysis of basketry from Ozette Village and other Northwest Coast wet sites demonstrates a prominent role for basketry artifacts in our region's archaeological research.

As a special to PNWAS Members (please renew your membership for 2020) this new book will be made available and signed by Dale for **\$25.00.**



Ozette cedar bark cradle recovered from the site



Ozette cedar root coiled baskets, one with the red ochre paint still preserved inside

Beautiful open twined basket with bear grass overlay and design along rim from the Ozette House.

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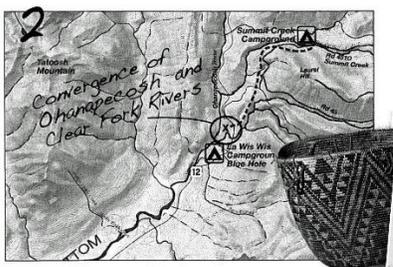


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