



Keeping Up with the Past: Cathlapotle Plankhouse November 2009

Plankhouse Exhibit at the Water Resources Education Center November-February

The Plankhouse may be closed for the season, but its furnishings and objects are still available for viewing!

The Cathlapotle Plankhouse has objects on display at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center from November-February. The display (shown to the right) features Chinookan woodworking tools and wooden objects, and examples of the uses of cedar and cedar bark.

Also on display at the Center are carvings by Greg Robinson including a comb, rattle, and effigy bowl.

The Water Resources Education Center is located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA. The exhibit can be seen

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. For more information about the Water Resources Education Center call (360) 487-7111 or visit their website at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter.asp>.

The Plankhouse will be having off-site workshops throughout the winter and will open back up on March 28, 2010. Visit our website, www.plankhouse.org, for upcoming workshops and events. You can also contact Katie Harrison at katie_harrison@fws.gov or (360) 887-4106 for more information about Plankhouse events.

Works by Greg Robinson

Display includes a carved comb made from Big Leaf Maple, an effigy bowl, and a rattle carved from Red Cedar.



Uses of Cedar and Cedar Bark

Display includes a canoe bailer crafted by Kate Mueller-Wille and Bill Bridges, a folded cedar bark basket made by Bill Bridges, a woven cedar basket made by Kate Mueller-Wille, and a large cedar basket courtesy of Norma Mcgraw. Also included are raw cedar materials such as cedar bark and cedar root.



Woodworking

Display includes woodworking tools such as an elbow adze, D adze, and a beaver tooth knife all made by Lyle Deschand. Also included is an effigy bowl, carved by Greg Robinson, and a salmon pounder to compliment a photograph by Edward Curtis depicting a Wishham woman using similar objects.

Plankhouse & Refuge Events...

Refuge Open House Nov. 18, 4:30 pm

An Open House is scheduled to discuss future site design for the Carty Unit of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. The Open House will be held at the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N. Main Avenue, on November 18, 2009 starting at 4:30 p.m. Design alternatives will be formally presented at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. with the time between the presentations reserved for questions and comments. For more information call (360) 887-4106

Volunteer Walk-in Comment Session Nov. 20, 4-6pm

Volunteers are welcome to join the Refuge Volunteer Coordinator, Josie Finley, and Plankhouse Coordinator, Katie Harrison, for a walk-in comment session to give input on the volunteer program and Plankhouse programs.

We will be in the lobby area next to the Java House located at 210 W Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, WA. For more information contact Katie_Harrison@fws.gov or call (360) 887-4106 and ask for Josie or Katie.

Drum Making Workshop Dec. 5, 9am-5pm



Instructors Greg Archuleta, Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde, and Greg Robinson, Chinook Tribe, will guide participants of any skill level in making their own drums.

This workshop costs \$80 per student. Space is limited due to the number of drum kits available to reserve your spot as soon as possible! For more information or reservations contact Katie Harrison at Katie_Harrison@fws.gov or (360) 887-4106.

This Month in History...

On November 5, 1805, William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition reported in his journal:

"...I observed on the Chanel which passes on the Stard Side of this Island a Short distance above its lower point is Situated a large village, the front of which occupys nearly 1/4 of a mile fronting the Chanel, and closely Connected, I counted 14 houses in front here the river widens to about 1 1/2 miles..."

This entry describes the Expedition's first pass by the Cathlapotle Village. The second encounter with the Cathlapotle Village occurred in March of 1806.

Local Events...

Current Museum Exhibits

The Oregon History Museum currently has the following exhibits:

Oregon is Indian Country

Oct. 6-Nov. 15

This exhibit was done in partnership with Oregon's nine federally recognized Native American tribes and uses voices, historical artifacts, photographs and more to explore Oregon's indigenous cultures. If you can't make it to the Oregon History Museum before Nov. 15, the exhibit will be traveling to the Washington County Museum from Nov. 19-Jan. 3.

The Art of Ceremony: Regalia of Native Oregon

Oct. 6-Nov. 15

This exhibit focuses on ceremonial artifacts from all nine of Oregon's federally recognized Native American tribes. Objects include dance outfits, jewelry, staffs, headdresses, musical instruments, a 21-foot cedar canoe and more.

For more information visit www.ohs.org or call (503) 222-1741.



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