

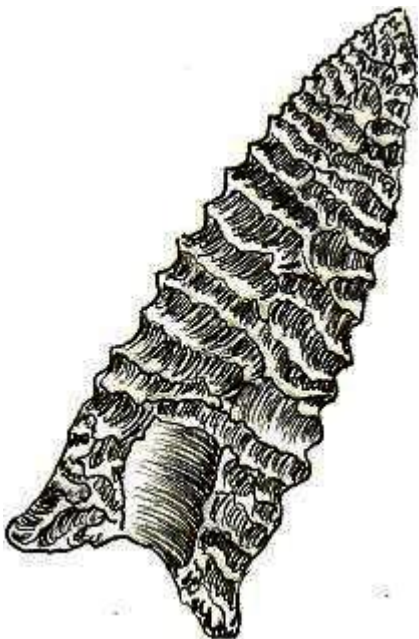
Spalls

Puget Sound Knappers

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July - December 2019



SPALLS Distribution

Due to the challenges of working with Comcast in sending out email with the SPALLS Newsletter attached to over 800 PSK members I have made it a downloadable Acrobat file (.pdf extension). All you have to do is click on the link in the Home Page of the PSK Website and you will be able to download the latest SPALLS!

SUMMARY – Important Please READ

For those of you who do not have access to the internet at home and receive SPALLS via snailmail, I strongly encourage you to visit your local library and visit our website '<http://pugetsoundknappers.com>'. I can't possibly put everything in a newsletter, particularly all the great photos provided from our events. Every public library I've visited in the last 5 years has computers with internet access for public use. And all have librarians that are happy to assist you in navigating the Internet.

The TREND continues! Membership grew to 820 active knappers and again attendance at PSK Knap-in set records! We've added several new artists, musicians and primitive skills students and practitioners. All welcome additions!

**ANOTHER NEW MILESTONE – PSK REACHES 820 ACTIVE MEMBERS
(and still growing!)**

Again membership is growing at such a rate it is difficult to keep up – but as of December 12th, the membership roll is up to date.

New since February 2019 (partial list)

Aedin Schwartz	Cecelia Wolman – Redmond, WA
Ben Kurtz – Sweet Home, OR	Chloe Brezsny – Bainbridge Island, WA
Bob Tuomala – Chehalis, WA	Chase Olson - Chehalis, WA
Cristi Christensen – Bellingham, WA	Dean Smith – Lakewood, WA
Evan Siegfried Portland, OR	James Dewey

Jon Neese – Oregon City, OR
Matt Syron – Lewiston, ID
Paula Butler
Rosana Letourneau – Tacoma, WA

Karen Carnot - Bainbridge Island, WA
Nic Rosettie – North Bend, WA
Rick Hawk – Kalispell, MT
Steve Becker

Upcoming Events – Note: Since SPALLS is published only three times each year, changes/updates to the schedule of events will be posted on our website <http://pugetsoundknappers.com>

Also – some of the knap-in dates are tentative. The hosts will try and nail down specific dates but circumstances may dictate changes.

If you have attended or know about an event involving knapping let me know. I'll either publish it in SPALLS or put in on the PSK Website.

Note from the publisher - With concurrence from the Council of Elders

This note is a basic reminder that the PSK and all of the knap-ins are paid for either by direct donations or auctions of donated items and community points, and competitive knapping contests. The expenses to the host of a knap-in are not trivial, running into the hundreds of dollars. To insure the continuation of our knap-ins and in particular the largest knap-in in the PNW – the Glass Buttes Knap-in, it is important that all knappers contribute what they can. The cost of Porta-Potties alone at Glass Buttes can run between \$600 and \$800 including toilet paper. We must make sure that whoever arranges and pays for the Porta-Potties is adequately compensated.

Ongoing Events

Weekly Fort Knapadonia Knap-ins

There is a knap-in each Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30am until sometime in the afternoon at Fort Knapadonia on the north end of Whidbey Island (see the website's Annual Fort Knapadonia Knap-in announcement for directions or see below in the annual Ft Knapadonia announcement for contact information). While there are usually 12-14 knappers attending, from novices to master knappers, we are seeing up to 16 and sometimes more knappers attend. Dr. Joe Higgins hosts and provides expert knapping lessons. The regulars also provide lessons, loaner

tools, free rock and safety gear – safety glass and nitrile-coated gloves. Brunch or lunch is usually provided by the regulars as well.

**Note – please contact Joe Higgins (360) 720-0025 or Jim Keffer (425) 503-4413 if you'd like to attend and you are not one of the regulars – if the weather is bad (usually is) – we knap indoors and there is limited room. We always try and make room! Joe has also been opening the shop on Saturdays – just call ahead to make sure!

Weekly Sammamish Knap-in

Jim Keffer, PSK Webmaster, is hosting a weekly knap-in each Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm at his shop in Sammamish. Starting in January 2017 he has added Saturdays! Everyone is welcome and the shop can easily accommodate more than 25 knappers. The shop is well heated and we now have plenty of chairs! There is free rock, loaner tools, safety glasses and gloves for everyone. Coffee is provided and there are usually a number of senior PSK members attending to help instruct the 'noobies'.

Tri-Cities Bi-monthly Knap-in

The Tri-Cities Knappers host a bi-monthly knap-in Kennewick, WA. The knap-in is hosted by Frank Olmsted and Marvin Barger the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30pm - 9:00pm. The location is Frank's home - 803 S. Edison in Kennewick, Washington.

This is a new group founded by four PSK members in the Tri-Cities area. There are about a dozen 'regulars' and forty-one who attend when their schedule permits.

Their goal is quote "to help all new or experienced knappers, who are interested in this art form". They also offer private session of Video Tutorials and One-on-One instruction!

To find out more contact:

Frank Olmsted: Phone - (509) 783-2798, email mlofbo@yahoo.com

Marvin Barger: Phone - (509) 942-1014, email Shmsbarg@gmail.com

2020 Puget Sound Knappers Event Schedule

Dates and Locations subject to change

(Non-PSK Sponsored Events)*

Summary – The following Knap-ins are planned for 2018, details below.

1. 2020 Granite Falls Winter Break Knap-in - February 1st
2. 2020 Cabelas Lacey Knap-in Announcement * Dates TBD
3. 2020 Glass Buttes Knap-in - March 21st - March 29th
4. 2020 Yakima Canyon (Spring) Knap-in - May 15th - May 17th
5. 2020 Bitterroot Valley Knap-in June 10th – June 16th
6. 2020 Wildhorse Knap-in - July 9th – July 13th
7. 2020 Fort Knapadonia Knap-in * Dates TBD
8. 2020 Sammamish Knap-in * Dates TBD
9. 2020 Canadian Whoop-up Knap-in * Dates TBD
10. 2020 Sacajawea Heritage Days Knap-in Announcement - Sept 25th - 27th
11. 2020 National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration & Knap-in * Dates TBD
12. 2020 Millersylvania Turkeyfest Knap-in November 7th - 8th

2020 Winter Break/Cabin Fever Knap-in
February 1st
First Saturday in February
Host Dave Pehling & Steve Allred

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE!

Dave Pehling and Steve Allred will be kicking off the 2020 Knapping Year with the first official PSK knap-in of the year. Jim Dennis will be moving before 2020 and close neighbor, Steve, readily agreed to co-host the event at his shop next door in Granite Falls. This knap-in has been for years the best cure for Cabin Fever! Typically features chili (or some sort of edibles) it draws both the hardcore PSK knappers as well a fair crop of noobies. So come on out and help us start the new year in style at our new location!

It will be at Steve Allred's house in Granite Falls as he has plenty of parking and a large walled-in workshop that we can heat and use to break rocks. The fun starts about 9:30 or 10...until late afternoon.

Directions

From North or South

Take I-5 to Everett.

Take exit 194 for US-2 E toward Snohomish/Wenatchee

Use the left 2 lanes to merge onto WA-204 E/State 204 E toward Lake Stevens

Merge onto WA-204 E/State 204 E

Continue on WA-204 towards Lake Stevens

Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto WA-9 N

Turn right onto WA-92 E

At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on WA-92 E

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Turn LEFT onto JORDAN RD, just before you get into Granite Falls.

At the next traffic circle, take the 2nd exit to remain on Jordan Rd

After crossing the Stillaquamish River bridge, take the 4th drive (I think) on the left. It's just past the road from a large "turn-out" and Jim D.'s driveway. There will probably be a PSK sign on the left. (Mapquest and Google maps have different directions and will also get you to the site).

Address is 11502 Jordan Rd, Arlington, WA 98223.

Dave will have a PSK sign out on the left so you shouldn't miss it. If you go over a mile past the bridge, you've gone too far. If you need directions while driving, I'll have his cell phone on - 425-327-8034

For more information, you can contact Dave at: djpehling@frontier.com or phone 425-327-8034. Talk to the answering machine and I'll pick up if I'm in the house.

2020 Glass Butte Gathering, Glass Buttes, Oregon

Saturday, March 21st - Sunday March 29th

Host - Rocky Male

Take Special Note – The timing of the annual Glass Buttes Knap-in corresponds to the Oregon Schools Spring Break Calendar. In 2020 Spring Break is March 23st through March 27th, and the knap-in starts the Saturday before and ends the Sunday after!

Second Special Note and Reminder – The Glass Buttes Knap-in is held on Federal Land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM does not

permit commercial activity or organized events. This is an informal gathering of people with a common interest. As a condition of using the Glass Buttes area the knappers provide sanitation facilities (Porta-Potties). The cost of these Porta-Potties is not insignificant and historically, one or two knappers have gone out on a limb and spent their own money up front to rent them. Donations from those attending will help insure that we will be able to meet our commitments to provide sanitation facilities and keep in the good graces of the BLM! Donations are absolutely voluntary but please donate if you can. And pack out your trash!

And Come PREPARED! While two of the last three years have seen moderate to good weather, those of us at the 2011 GB Knap-in experienced some tough conditions. Not bad enough to keep away the hardiest of the knappers but tough nevertheless!

As always it will be primitive camping – bring what you’ll need and plan to pack it out as well. Porta-Potties are the only amenities that will be provided. To see a checklist of useful items to bring go here: [Glass Buttes Checklist](#)

A further reminder. There are specific rock collecting guidelines for collecting in the Glass Buttes area. The regulation promulgated by the BLM can be seen here: [Glass Buttes Handout](#)

Also, if you have other interests in all the other aboriginal skill sets: food/fire/water/tanning/cordage/herbs/basketry/etc., etc., etc. - this is one of the best for networking/sharing/learning. Again, the weather is THE wildcard for this event.

Point of contact is Rocky Male (rockylmale@yahoo.com). Rocky will be providing the Porta-Potties (and firewood) so keep him in mind when the donation bucket goes around.

Directions:

Get to Glass Buttes by driving to the Central Oregon Highway - Hwy 20 and the driving to milepost 77. A dirt road goes south towards two volcanic peaks, Little Glass Butte is on the east and Big Glass Butte is on the west. The main camp is approximately 2.9 miles south of Hwy 20.

2020 Yakima Canyon (Spring) Knap-in Announcement*Friday, May 15th – Sunday, May 17th***Host - Jim 'JKnapper' Miller**

Reservations for campsites should be made starting on November 20th, 2017 (the day after Thanksgiving).

Jim Miller will be hosting the Fourth Annual Spring Knap-in at the Big Pines Campground in Yakima Canyon, Friday May 15th thru Sunday May 17th.

Big Pines is located in the scenic Yakima River Canyon, which cuts through massive basalt cliffs and rolling desert hills, 19 miles south of Ellensburg, Washington. This canyon has been designated as a state scenic route and offers excellent wildlife viewing, fishing in a Blue Ribbon trout stream, river rafting and camping.

At 20 acres, Big Pines is BLM's largest recreation site in the Yakima River Canyon. The northern edge of the recreation site is adjacent to undeveloped hiking trails on lands managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is recommended that you reserve campsites as early as possible using the BLM website. There are also three other close-by campgrounds in the event all sites at the Big Pines campground are taken.

1. Umtanum (6.9 miles from Big Pines) - Six campsites
2. Lmuma Creek (2.8 Miles) - Seven campsites
3. Roza (2.4 miles) - Six campsites

Note: Each site can accommodate 10 people and may be shared with one other vehicle and/or tent. If you can't get a reservations and would like to share a spot contact Jim Keffer (jkeffer@comcast.net 425-503-4413) or Jim Miller (goldpoint@comcast.net 206-930-9107) and we'll see if we can work something out.

Directions:

The campgrounds in Yakima Canyon are all along Hwy 821 (Yakima Canyon Road). Access is either via:

1. I90 exit 109, go south on Canyon Rd/Hwy 821 (18.6 miles)
2. I82 exit 3, go west on Hwy 821/Thrall Rd (15.6 miles)
3. I82 exit 26, go west on Hwy 821 (9.7 miles)

2020 Bitterroot Valley Knap-in Announcement*June 10th – 16th***Host - Erik Pearson**

This year's 11th Annual Bitterroot Valley Knap-In will be hosted by Erik Pearson. As in the past it will be held at the Larry Creek Campground in the Bass Creek Recreation Area, Bitterroot Valley, Montana. This event will start Wednesday Noon on June 10th thru Tuesday, June 16th. We will be setting up June 10th after 1p.m. and have to vacate by noon on the 16th.

As with all PSK knap-ins, everything is free. This is a family event. There is a paved parking lot for RV's (up to 30 feet), (no hookups) and vehicles. There will be lots of room for tents under the trees or under the stars. Vehicles need to be in the parking lot. Gear will need to be carried a short distance to campsites.

There is about 75% shade where we will be gathering and tenting. There is a 50X50 yard open area for an archery/atlatl range.

This is BEAR country so tenters should bring a long rope to hang your food up in the trees - do not leave it in your vehicles. There will be a pot luck dinner on Saturday night with the hosts providing the main dish. Other group meal arrangements will be announced later. There are restaurants and supermarkets 6 miles away in Stevensville and Florence. There is a motel 15 miles away in Lolo.

If you plan to attend or have questions, Erik Pearson (eplogcreations@gmail.com) (406) 777-7121. Let us know number attending and if you will be staying at Larry Creek, tenting, or camping elsewhere. A list of alternative hotels and RV parks is available from Erik.

RV's over 30 feet and overflow Rv's, use the Charles Waters Forestry Campground - first come, first served - about a mile from Larry Creek Campground, in the same complex - cost is about \$10/night or \$5 with Sr. Nat'l Park Pass. No hook-ups, individual camping spaces.

Location: Larry Creek Campground in the Bass Creek Recreation Area, Bitterroot Valley, Montana

Directions:

Drive to Missoula, Montana, on Interstate 90. Take exit 101 and head south on Reserve Street (also designated Hwy 93) toward Hamilton. Turn right on Brooks street (also designated Hwy 93). You will pass 2 towns, Lolo and Florence. Look for the Forestry sign for Bass Creek Recreational Area. There is NO sign for the Knap-In on highway 93. Turn right onto Bass Creek Road, 0.6 miles south of mile post 71 to Bass Creek Recreation area. Go 2 miles into Bass Creek Recreation area then turn right to Larry Creek campground group area. There will be 'knap-in' signs to direct you in the recreation area. Go 1 mile on gravel road to our group campground. You will pass a parking lot for day users on your right.

2020 Wildhorse Knap-In Announcement
Belly Dancing & Didgerioo Festival

July 9th - 13th

Host - Russell Thornberry & Bear Baker

The Alberta Knap-In - Dates TBD at the Wildhorse Mountain Ranch east of Rocky Mountain House a few miles.

Okay, Okay, I meant to say "Belly Laughs" and Didgeridoo Festival. But now that I have your attention, please be advised that we will return to the Wildhorse Mountain Ranch again for our 2020 Knap-In!

The 2019 Wild Horse Knap-In was our best ever, with the exception of a couple of highly regarded regulars who let their priorities slip and couldn't get there. I wont mention names as long as it doesn't happen again!

There is unlimited parking space for trailers, campers and tents!

For more information contact Russell Thornberry @

Directions

From Caroline

From the (only) stop sign on main street in Caroline, drive north on Arbutus Road 24.2 km.

Turn east (R) on TWP RDX 38-4 (see Wildhorse sign) drive 1.5KM

Turn South (S) onto RGE RD 6-2. Drive .8 km into Wildhorse Ranch

From Rocky Mountain House, Alberta

From last stop sign at south end of Rocky Mtn. House, drive East on Highway 11 for 11.5 km.

Turn South (R) on Arbutus Road (RGE RD 6-3) - Drive 3.2 km.

Turn East (L) onto TWP RD 38-4 (see white Wildhorse sign). Drive 1.5 KM.

Turn South (R) onto RGE RD 6-2 (see another Wildhorse sign).

Drive .8 km and bear right at road's end into Wildhorse Ranch

From Red Deer, Alberta

From the traffic lights by the Fast Gas Station on HWY 11, just west of HWY 2, drive 63.3 km west

Turn South (R) on Arbutus Road (RGE RD 6-3) - Drive 3.2 km.

Turn East (L) onto TWP RD 38-4 (see white Wildhorse sign). Drive 1.5 KM.

Turn South (R) onto RGE RD 6-2 (see another Wildhorse sign).

Drive .8 km and bear right at road's end into Wildhorse Ranch

Note – A passport is required to enter Canada and return to the U.S. Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) indicate both citizenship and identity and are valid for entry into Canada by land or sea, though not valid for international air travel. As of January 2009, these licenses are only available in Washington and New York.

Sammamish Knap-in Announcement - Sammamish, WA

Dates - TBD

Hosts - Jim and Beverly Keffer

Jim and Beverly Keffer will host the 6th Annual Sammamish Knap-in at a date to be at their place in Sammamish, WA. (Address 23811 NE 14th Street, Sammamish, WA 98074).

Accommodations: FREE!

There is camping and parking space in the north pasture for trailers, campers and other vehicles. Electrical power will be available on a limited basis and there are two battery chargers if needed. Tent camping spaces are available in the orchard.

There will also be overnight sleeping space in the shop. The shop is two-story about 1200 sq. ft. per story and heated (if necessary). There are two cots and if the pasture yields enough hay there will be bedding available

Activities:

If the weather is unfavorable, knapping will be in the shop. There is adequate room on the first floor (1,000 sq. ft.) for 30-40 knappers (or more) and it can be heated if necessary.

There will be the usual events – 2” Goat and 10-Speed. Plus there will be targets for archery, atlatls and tomahawks. And plan on a Saturday evening Potluck dinner.

There two grocery stores (Safeway/Hagans) within one mile as well as a couple of pharmacies. Costco is just 7.7 miles away.

Location: 23811 NE 14th St, Sammamish, WA 98074

Directions:

From the East

Drive West on I-90 to the Preston exit (exit 22).

Turn right at the end of the off-ramp then turn right on SE High Point Way. SE High Point Way becomes Preston-Fall City Road. Continue on Preston-Fall City Road 3.7 miles to Fall City and turn left on SR-202 (Redmond-Fall City Road).

Go 8.7 miles to 244th Ave NE (stoplight) and turn left.

Go 1.2 miles and turn right on NE 14th Street, 23811 NE 14th Street is at the end of new paved road.

NOTE - The SPEED LIMIT on NE 14th Street is 10 MPH. It is intended to provide safety to our neighbors - PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED THE 10 MPH LIMIT!

And watch out for the new construction.

From North, South or West

Take I405 to WA520 and head east towards Redmond, WA (5.5 miles).

Exit at Redmond WA. SR202 and turn right towards Sammamish.

Go approximately 5.1 miles to and turn right onto 244th Ave NE. Go 1.2 miles and turn right on NE 14th Street.

23811 NE 14th Street is at the end of the road.

There will be signs.

Fort Knapadonia Knap-in Whidbey Island, WA

Dates - TBD

Hosts - Joe Higgins and Rick Turpin and Lisa Albrect

Joe Higgins and the Knapadonia Gang will again host the annual Fort Knapadonia Knap-In in August. He promises to have a full schedule of events – archery, 2-inch Goat, 10-speed, bowmaking, atlatls, darts, arrows, making arrowheads and blades, etc.

There will be water available, electricity, Port-a-Potties, and lots of room for camping and RVing. Families are welcomed and encouraged to attend! Close by Oak Harbor offers plenty of garage sales and stores for shopping.

In addition to the usual great knappers knapping, plentiful rock and great weather, Whidbey Island is also a great place for families interested in sightseeing and experiencing other tourist activities.

There will be Archery shoots, Atlatls shoots, Tomahawk throwing, arrow making, wire wrapping, and a basketing making class! Joe plans to add a few more ‘classes’ to share the artistry of PSK members so come prepared to learn and enjoy!

More information about the class as it becomes available - check back often.

There will also be two large teepees available for overnight guest accommodations. Use of these teepees is FREE but on a first come-first served basis. Each teepee can accommodate 6-8 people.

Directions to the Knap-in:

Drive north past Seattle about 70 miles on Interstate 5.
Take the 230 off-ramp to highway 20 and go west toward Anacortes.
Take highway 20 turn off to Deception Pass.
Go past Deception Pass about 2 miles and turn right (west) on Banta Road.
Follow the signs from Banta Road to the knap-in.

There are stores and restaurants/fast foods in the area.

Contact Joe Higgins at (360) 720-0025 for more information on fishing and the knap-in.

5th Annual Fort Whoop-Up Knap-In

September 1st to 4th

Host - Barry Rogers

The Fort Whoop-Up Knap-In will be held Sept 1st to 4th at The Ft Whoop-Up Black Powder Range, Lethbridge Alberta.

We will join the Black Powder Rendezvous so bring some points and knives to sell to them at the auction and anything else they may want. Any knapper with a black powder gun can participate in the shoots. They must have insurance or purchase it from the Black Powder Club for \$5. It is located in the valley close to the confluence of the St Mary River and the Old Man River, near the original site of Ft Whoop Up. Free camping will be available on the banks of the Old Man River to preregistered knappers and a \$10 attendance fee will be charged for nonregistered knappers and visitors. Period dress is preferred but not mandatory.

Master Knappers from Canada and the US will be available to instruct those who want to learn or improve their knapping skills. This is an opportunity to meet many knappers with varying skills and experiences. Rock and tools will be available.

Many may choose to visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site near Fort Macleod, about 40 miles west of Lethbridge or Writing on Stone Park east of Milk River.

If you are a knapper or a wannabe knapper and wish to attend, register as soon as possible with Barry Rogers at **rockybearroad@gmail.com** or 403-678-5041. This will help us plan our **forth Canadian Ft Whoop Up Knap-In** and to secure a camping site for you. Rock and tools will be available to use, **you must supply eyeglass must be worn to protect ones eye from flying rock shards**. The weather man has promised warm dry weather .There will be an archery/atlatl range. We expect 20 to 30 Knappers and 40 to 50 Blackpowder shooters.

There is no entry fee for the Knappers, wannabes and their families. You must register for a camping site, trailer or tent, no services, an open field in beside the Old Man River. There is lots of room for trailers, and tents. Public toilets on site are available; no power or water.

Location: Ft Whoop Up, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada
GPS Coordinates 49°37.516, W 112°50.813 for the range

Directions:

From the East and West - On the Crowsnest Trail Highway (#3)
Entering Lethbridge from the Crowsnest Trail Highway (#3), turn South onto Mayor Magrath Dr.
Go South (8 Km, or 5 Miles) and turn right on TSR 82E
Follow the signs to the site

From the South - coming in on Highway #4 (from Coutts US/Canada Border Crossing)
Head West (NW) on AB-4 N
Turn right onto AB-4 (signs for 43 Street N/AB-3)
Turn left onto S Parkside Dr W
Turn right onto Mayor Magrath Dr S/AB-5 E
Turn left onto 3 Ave S
Continue onto Indian Battle Rd S
Fort Whoop up Interpretive Centre - 200 Indian Battle Road South,
Lethbridge, AB T1J 5B3, Canada

Note – A passport is required to enter Canada and return to the U.S. Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) indicate both citizenship and identity and are valid for

entry into Canada by land or sea, though not valid for international air travel. As of January 2009, these licenses are only available in Washington and New York. If you wish to bring a black powder gun, check with the Canadian Border Service on how to cross the border with it.

If you have question call Barry Rogers, (403) 678-5041 or rockybearroad@gmail.com

2020 National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration

September (final date TBD)

Hosts Steven Dazey (WDFW)

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is hosting a National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration sometime in September. This year's celebration will take place in SPOKANE! Venue not yet confirmed. Steve Dazey, on behalf of the WDFW, has cordially invited the Puget Sound Knappers to attend!

Their goal is to have around 500 youth attend and not only introduce youth and newcomers to target shooting, hunting and fishing, but other primitive and traditional skills such as flintknapping and blacksmithing. And since the purpose of the Puget Sound Knapper is to promote the ancient art of flintknapping this will be an ideal opportunity to do so. Please let Jim Keffer know if you plan on supporting this event!

Sacajawea Heritage Days Knap-in - Pasco, WA

September 28th – 30th

Hosts - Frank and Mary Lou Omstead, Marvin Barger, Rick Tobin and Stephen Sontag

The Puget Sound Knappers have been invited to participate in the annual Heritage Days Event at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, WA September 28th - 30th. This event is organized and sponsored by Friends of Sacajawea State Park (FSSP) and Frank and Mary Lou Omstead, Marvin Barger and Rick Tobin will host the first official PSK knap-in at Sacajawea State Park in conjunction with this event.

In addition to PSK flintknappers, Sacajawea Heritage Days features re-enactments of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery trip, Native American dancers, mountain men and fur traders, traditional blacksmith and authors of books about that period in time.

Participation by PSK member began a number of years ago and was coordinated by the late Greg Greger and continues on through the efforts of Frank, Mary Lou, Marvin and Rick.

This is a two day event but the knappers can stay through Sunday. On Friday, the combined school districts of the Tri-Cities (Richland, Kennewick and Pasco) have a field trip to the Park for their 5th and 6th graders (between 1,500 and 2,000) youngsters. On Saturday the Park is open to the public and the number of people who show up is almost equal to Friday's attendance.

The event is intended to give the school children, and the general public, a visual history lesson of the period around the time of Lewis and Clark's epic journey. Flintknapping Demos and lessons by members of the PSK have always been one of the star attractions.

I highly encourage everyone who can to participate and support this Knap-in. Frank, Mary Lou, Marvin and Rick have put in a tremendous amount of time and energy in developing a relationship with Friends of Sacajawea, the sponsors of Heritage Days as well as organizing the knap-in!

The Park offers a large area for dry camping (no hook-ups) suitable for RVs as well as tents for just \$13/day.

Address: Sacajawea State Park, 2503 Sacajawea Park Road, Pasco, WA 99301.

Location: On the north shore of the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, the park is about 7 miles east of downtown Pasco, WA.

Directions:

From the West:

Take I-82 East towards the Tri-Cities (Washington).

Get off on Exit 120 and go east on US-12.

Take US-12 E to Sacajawea Park Rd in Pasco (about 23 miles).

Continue on Sacajawea Park Rd to your destination.

From the South:

Take US-395 N

US-395 N merges with I-182E just across the Columbia River

Follow I-182E /US-395N towards Pasco
I-182 ends and becomes US-12
Take US-12 E to Sacajawea Park Rd
Continue on Sacajawea Park Rd to your destination.

24nd Annual Millersylvania (Pre) Thanksgiving Knap-In
November 7th and 8th
Hosts - Mick and Holly Hill

Visitors to the Park must have a Discovery Pass! Park rules must be observed and followed.

The annual pass is \$30. If you access the park for 2 days without a pass, the fee is \$10 each day. One pass is good for two (same registered address) vehicles and must be displayed in the vehicle that is in the park. If you have 2 vehicles in the park, you must have 2 passes displayed.

If you have reserved and paid for a campsite, the parking tag/fee is not required.

Join Mick and Holly Hill at their 24th annual knap-in November 7th and 8th. This gathering began with the idea of putting closure to the year, reflecting on the fun gatherings and campouts that happened thru the year(s). It is our knappers' time to give thanks and be grateful, and then look forward to the holidays with our own families.

This event takes place at Millersylvania State Park which opens at 8 a.m. and closes at dusk, 5 p.m. Kitchen #1 is a log cabin that includes an area with fireplace heat and extra lighting set up for flintknapping. There is also a kitchen area with wood stove to plan the potluck. We have electricity and running cold water if the weather is not freezing temps. Part of the cabin is open to the weather elements and cannot be closed off. It can be cold! There are also bathrooms near the cabin.

A potluck Thanksgiving dinner will be served by 1 p.m. on Saturday only. Mick and Holly provide coffee, turkey and some traditional thanksgiving dishes. Bring a potluck dish, camp stool or chair, and plan to wear warm clothes and boots for the mud, sometimes rainy weather. Pack a project to work on or maybe share with others how to make something.

Some may camp and stay thru Sunday. If camping, expect to follow state park rules and provide payment for a camp site. There are bathrooms w/plumbing and token-operated hot showers available. Check the website at www.parks.wa.gov, select Millersylvania, to consider reservations.

We meet again Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be pulled pork for a reduced number of knappers. This is a good time for learning flintknapping from others with more experience if you are new to the art.

Directions

From North or South

Take I-5 to Exit 95.

Follow signs to the park entrance.

Look for Kitchen #1. Park in the first parking lot around to the left, near the entrance of the park.

Access to Kitchen #1 is by walking a path thru the woods. We will have 2 wheelbarrows to shuttle your flintknapping supplies from your vehicle to the cabin. Watch for others that may be trying to find our cabin! It gets confusing to new visitors. If necessary, there is a back road access to drive/assist those who don't hike, or to deliver the extra heavy load. Park rangers want to limit our driving thru their back roads.

For more info, contact Mick or Holly Hill, 360-493-8439 or email:

hollyhill54@gmail.com or Michaelhill30@gmail.com

Other Events – not PSK Sponsored

Bakersfield Monthly Knap-In, Monthly, Bakersfield, California, hosted by Gary Pickett

A monthly knap-in is held on the first Sunday of every month. The one-day event goes from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Hart Memorial Park. The park is eight miles northeast of Bakersfield on the Alfred Harrell Highway. Knappers meet at the East end of the park.

Location: Hart Memorial Park - eight miles northeast of Bakersfield, CA on the Alfred Harrell Highway

Directions:

While on highway 58, east of Bakersfield, take the Comanche exit and turn to the north. Comanche curves around 5 to 6 miles and dead ends into highway 178. Turn north on 178 (right) then a quick left (less than 1/4 mile) onto Alfred Harrell highway. Alfred Harrell 7-8 miles goes into Hart Park. The knap-in is 100 yards or so from the entrance on the right hand side of the park. For more information contact Gary Pickett at: Home: (661) 392-7729, Cell: (661) 444-6163, e-mail: arrowheadexpert@gmail.com.

Latest PSK Knap-in Reports and Sponsored Events*

(Since January 2019 - Pending)

End of Reports

Due to the high cost of printing and mailing I am unable to include photos of past events in SPALLS. If you have or can get access to a computer with Internet access you can find these reports with photos here:

http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/events/2017_Reports.html

Ps – anyone attending a PSK knap-in can help with the reports. I could certainly use the help!

Update on the Website

As September 30, 2019 this website has had over 290,000 unique visitors with more than 12 million hits from 170 different countries! And we've had visitors from 170 different countries. The number of people visiting and the number of pages accessed (hits) is growing each month.

Website Funding

Our current web hosting contract for the website expired in September of 2013. I renewed the contract for a cost of \$180 for three years (up slightly from the introductory price of \$150). I also renewed the contract with an outside service to monitor and protect our website from hackers for \$99/year.

The website is paid for by voluntary contributions, usually at the knap-ins. Knap-in hosts who receive donations that exceed their cost have been passing along some of the excess contributions to the website. So your donations at the knap-in may well help maintain the website. However, covering the cost of the knap-in has greater priority to make sure to donate to cover their costs first. Still, any contribution helps!

Thanks to very generous donations by Jim Miller and Richard and Joan Urata, the entire cost for the website has been covered for the next couple of years!

Member Art Galleries

We now have 101 member art galleries, up twelve galleries from just six months ago. Some members continually provide update photos for their galleries so there is always something new.

Member Art Galleries are a great way to advertise your art, promote the ancient art of flintknapping and increase awareness of the Puget Sound Knappers Association! The pages of the art galleries are among the most visited pages of our website.

The Galleries are FREE to all PSK members. Just send in photos of your knapping (or other 'Paleo art') and the webmaster will create an art gallery for you.

Member Art Galleries are the best way for PSK members to showcase their art and this section is one of the most visited on the website. These art galleries have a tremendous impact of creating awareness both of the PSK and Flintknapping in general.

If you already have an art gallery please add to it! Just send Jim Keffer new photos of your art and he will add them.

Finally, if you do sell your art please let the webmaster know. While we do not advertise sales, we will include a note to the effect that the artist may offer items for sale.

If you already have an art gallery please continue to send in photos of your work. It helps keep the website interesting and vibrant! If you don't already have an art gallery but would like one simply send some photos and a brief biography to the webmaster at: jckeffer@comcast.net . There is no charge!

Website Contributions – Non-Monetary!

The PSK website is dependent on member contribution to keep it relevant.

I'd like to encourage every member to contribute to the website. Here are some of the ways to contribute:

1. Photos for your art gallery or a new art gallery (no charge!)
2. How To articles on anything pertaining to flintknapping or Paleo Art
3. Road Trip Articles pertaining to rock collecting, arrowheads, Paleo Art, etc.
4. Rules, Regulations, Governmental policies that pertain to flintknapping
5. Knapper Recipes seen (or made) for Knap-in
6. Anything else that may be of interest to our members

Knapper's Marks

Once again, we encourage every member to register their 'knapper mark'.

The '*Knapper Recipe*' Section is always looking for new recipes from our knappers!

We've also added a new section, *PSK Humor* prompted by contributions by Dave Rauschenberg and Mick Hill!

The *Knappable Rock in the PNW* section is still off to a SLOOOOWWW start – only two contributions so far. This could be of great use to both noobies and old-timers!

This section will feature knappable rock found in the PNW and include photos of 'rough rock', as it was found in nature, slabs of the same rock and, where appropriate, photos of slabs of that rock after heat treating. Only general locations will be given, i.e. NW Oregon or Columbia River Basin, but additional information such as heat treating recommendations will be included. I encourage all members

who can contribute photos as outlined above to send them to me at reefer@pugetsoundknappers.com.

The *'Lost and Found'* Section has already paid dividends – the owners of several 'found items' were located and the items were returned. If you lose or find something at one of our knap-ins just contact the webmaster and I'll include it!

The *'Interesting Stuff'* sections even more new articles and information. This includes the newest *'Interesting Places'*, a place to report on places of interest to members of the PSK.

NEXT SPALLS ISSUE:

The next SPALLS issue will be in December 2017 following the Millersylvania Knap-in. Hope to see you at one or more of our knap-ins!

Other items of interest:

Webmaster and PSK member Jim Keffer has initiated a campaign to reverse the recent decision by the US Forest Service Modoc National Forest (Alturas District Office) that lowers the amount of obsidian that recreational collectors may take from 500 pounds annually to only 100 pounds annually. This ridiculously low amount makes it almost impossible for the average rock hound or flintknapper to afford to visit Davis Creek. At the same time the USFS continues to allow 'commercial claims' on Davis Creek obsidian contrary to the Federal Mining Act of 1872 (as amended) with little or no limits.

If you are interested in supporting this cause please contact me at: jkeffer@comcast.net

Or contact the USFS directly at the addresses above.

Obsidian Sources (Worldwide):

http://www.obsidianlab.com/sourcecatalog/s_home.html

Obsidian Sources (Western U.S. - (Northwest Research Obsidian Studies Laboratory) http://www.obsidianlab.com/gis_sources.html

Rock Collecting Regulations Links:

WA and Oregon Rock Collecting Guide -

http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/how_to/rock_collecting_Guide_WA-OR.html

BLM Glass Buttes Handout -

http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/how_to/BLM_Glass_Buttes_Handout_4-09.html

MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Website for Artifact and Archeological Books

This website has Artifact and Archeological Books and Videos for sale.

Go to: https://openlibrary.org/publishers/Hothem_House_Books

Check out the Arrowhead Forum! <http://arrowheadology.com/forums/>

Society of Primitive Technology (SPT) <http://www.primitive.org/> **The purpose of the Society of Primitive Technology is to promote the practice and teaching of aboriginal skills; to foster communication between teachers and practitioners; to set standards for authenticity, ethics and quality. Publishes the Bulletin of Primitive Technology.**

TARP

There is a flint forum where knappers can participate by posting and reading messages and/or going into the chat room. It may be of interest as knapping information is passed back and forth via messages. It is called TARP – you know, the thing you put on the ground to collect the débitage.

<http://www.egroups.com/group/thetarp> .

Knappers-R-Us

Another e-group for knappers: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Knappers-R-Us/>

Flintknappers Digest

Another Egroup called Flintknapper's Digest:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/flintknappingdigest/>

Paleo Planet

Primitive Technology discussions, including flintknapping: www.PaleoPlanet.net.

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