



Keeping Up with the Past Cathlapotle Plankhouse

October/November 2008

Ladle Carving Workshop With Adam McIsaac



Adam was the lead carver for the Plankhouse. He studied under renowned NW Coast artist, Duane Pasco, and is currently sharing his skills with students from the Chinook Tribe.

This is an exceptional opportunity to learn from this accomplished artist. The workshop is appropriate for the beginner and those with more developed skills.

**December 13th and 14th
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, both days
At the Artist's workshop in
La Center, WA**

*Adam has invited participants to stay for a potluck dinner on Saturday.

Please contact Courtney Yilk, Plankhouse Coordinator, to register or for more information. Courtney_Yilk@fws.gov 360-887-4106

Costs: \$125/ This includes a wood perform and tools.

* If you are a Plankhouse Volunteer please contact Courtney for subsidized pricing.

BIRDFEST 2008

Seasonal migrations are cause for much excitement and celebration on a wildlife refuge. Birdfest, a Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge tradition that began 9 years ago to celebrate the fall migration, had a flavor of its own at the Plankhouse. This year that flavor was Salmon.

In addition to a strong line-up of speakers and demonstrators sharing presentations on the past and present of Chinookan people and the Plankhouse, we hosted a Chinookan-style Salmon bake. Fortunate to have two sun-filled days, illuminating the early autumn colors and flocks over head, the Plankhouse hosted a record number of visitors. The schedule of events was further enhanced with appearances by otters swimming in Duck Lake and the closing calls of the seasonal sandhill cranes.

It was a wonderful celebration and time to give thanks for a successful year at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse. We are grateful to the volunteers and sponsors that made it all possible.



Greg Archuleta and Greg Robinson (pictured) tended to fire and fillets as guests begin to line up for salmon, clams, and oysters.

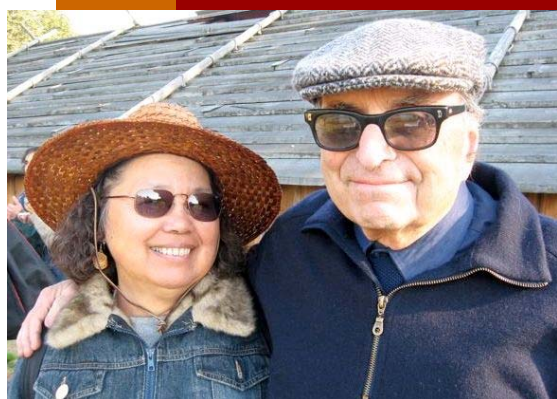
BIRDFEST cont.



Dr. Ken Ames discusses the original Cathlapotle Village. Anan Raymond leads a hike out to the archaeological site.



Bob Tom (center), Tribal Elder from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Siletz, welcomed guests and blessed the bake.



Presenter, Pat Courtney Gold, Wasco weaver, and Phil Gold enjoy the day.



Above: Judy Heath, Plankhouse Volunteer, helps a young visitor complete a primitive fish hook.



Left: Dean and Caroline Wood, Plankhouse Volunteers, prepare to serve the salmon.



Left: Greg Archuleta, Chinook, prepares a fillet for the fire.

Right: Salmon by the fire.



Winter Social and Potluck

Hosted by
Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

**All Friends members, Refuge Volunteers,
and families are welcome!**

Sunday, December 7, 2008 2-4 pm
Ridgefield Community Center, 316 Main St., Ridgefield, WA

12:00 to 2:00 pm - Join Eric Anderson, Refuge Staff, for a tour of Bachelor Island. Meet at the Hunter Check Station on the River S Unit

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Potluck dinner- bring a dish to share. Beverages and turkey provided

Please R.S.V.P for either/both events:

(360) 887-9495 or rfriends@pacifier.com

Interested in helping build the Plankhouse?

While to many it might look as if the construction has been completed, we are currently working on installing a plank floor. If you are interested in helping please contact Courtney Yilk, Plankhouse Coordinator at Courtney_Yilk@fws.gov or phone 360-887-4106.

Remaining Work Party Schedule

November 15– Install floor joists.

November 16– Move floor boards from storage to the Plankhouse

November 22– Install Floor boards

November 23– Install Floor boards

- ** Volunteers should bring work gloves, dress for weather, and wear sturdy shoes.
- ** If joining a work party on November 22/23, please bring a power hand drill if you have one.