



Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project

Building a Future for the Past

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Did You Know? We are building a 37 by 78 foot Chinookan-style plankhouse to be completed by March 2005.

Where? On the Carty Unit of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in Washington, overlooking Duck Lake and near the Chinookan village site of Cathlapotle.

Why? To provide cultural and environmental education of the legacy preserved on the Refuge. To share our natural and cultural heritage beyond Lewis and Clark.

How? The construction will be conducted by volunteers trained by archaeologists, craftsmen and the Chinook Tribe. Building materials such as the cedar planks and rope will be produced using both traditional and modern methods and tools.

When? Architectural plans are complete and site preparation is underway. Regular work parties on the Refuge are preparing the structural features such as posts and planks (see www.plankhouse.org for more information) The construction of the foundation is scheduled to begin during the summer of 2004.

How much? The projected construction cost is \$500,000. As of Summer 2004, all the funds necessary to build the plankhouse have been raised through grants, individual donations, and in-kind donations. A \$100,000 endowment for the long-term maintenance of the structure was established by the estate of local resident Gladys Hare. Additional funds for development of educational materials, programs, and staff are being sought.

What Can You Do? Tell everyone you know about the project -- friends, family, business leaders! Volunteer at a work party or special event! Learn traditional skills like plank splitting and cordage making! The list goes on and on... call the Refuge and get involved!

Call 360.887.4106 and ask for Yvette.
Check it out on the web at www.plankhouse.org

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