

# Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tsimshian, Haida, and Tlingit Tribes & Clans

On the evening of March 21, 2007, clan leaders welcomed several hundred people to "Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tsimshian, Haida and Tlingit Tribes and Clans." The audience included academics and artists from throughout North America and as far as St. Petersburg, Russia, and Alaskans, Native and otherwise, from throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.



During the four days that followed, 37 workshops, inclusive of 145 presentations, were staged at the Sitka Centennial Hall and the Sheet'ka Kwaán Community House, with evenings dedicated to traditional music and dance, oratory and poetry readings.

The "Clan Conference" was the latest in the series of what has become the premier scholarly gathering for historians, academics, elders, clan leaders, artists and youth who are involved in the study and documentation of Southeast Alaska Native history, culture and language.

This was the first such gathering in a decade. Earlier conferences were held in Haines & Klukwan (1993), Sitka (1995), Ketchikan (1996), and Sitka (1997).

The previous gatherings were organized by Andrew Hope III. For the 2007 conference, Hope was joined by curator Steve Henrikson (University of Alaska/ Alaska State Museum) and anthropologist Sergei Kan (Dartmouth College), who served as co-organizers.

Sponsored by the Southeast Alaska Native Educators Association and hosted by Sitka Tribe of Alaska, the event was underwritten with a \$43,000 grant, written by Henrikson, from the National Science Foundation. Additional contributions were received from Shee Atiká Inc., the Juneau and Anchorage school districts, and the University of Alaska Southeast.

Over 62 hours of presentations were recorded on digital video by Northstar Television, a project supervised by Peter Metcalfe. The conference recordings are available on 37 volumes of DVDs, which can be ordered using the form in this publication.

> For more information: http://ankn.uaf.edu/ANCR/Southeast/ClanConference/

## **The Complete List of DVDs**

Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tsimshian, Haida, and Tlingit Tribes and Clans

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

#### Vol. 1A & B — Plenary Session

**Becoming a Clan, Clan House Leader** Edwell John Jr.

At.óow: Care and usage of Clan Regalia — Introduction

Irene Dundas, Andy Hope, George Bennett Sr., Harold Jacobs

#### Vol. 2 — Southeast Alaska Native Language Retention

Language Endangerment: Who, Where and Why?

Alice Taff, Marsha Hotch, Paul Jackson Sr.

**Psychological Implications of Lingit Language Loss** Jessica Chester

Paths to Lingit Mary Folletti, Vivian Mork, Vida Davis, John Pugh

#### Vol. 3 — Ceremonial Regalia

Introduction Megan Smetzer

**Regalia Research** Clarissa Hudson and Donna Foulke

**Chilkat Tunics: Towards a Re-Evaluation of the Configurative** Emily Moore

**Chilkat Appreciation** Evelyn Vanderhoop

**Opening the Drawer: Unpacking Tlingit Beadwork in Museums and Beyond** Megan Smetzer

#### Vol. 4 — Remembering The Old, Building The New

Teslin Tlingit Councils

#### **Tlingitization Initiative and Beyond**

Representatives of the Teslin Tlingit Council Executive and Elders Councils and the Dahk Ka Tlingit

### Vol. 5 — Sharing Our Work:

The Artists Speak Introduction Jan Steinbright

Artist Presentations Nickolas Galanin, Tanis S'eiltin, Teri Rofkar, Evelyn Vanderhoop

### Vol. 6 — Traditional Ecological

**Knowledge** K'wát'Aaní: Returning to the land of the Seagull Eggs Mary Beth Moss

**Natural Laws and Traditional Ecological Knowledge** Bertrand J. Adams Sr.

**Tracing the Origins of Tlingit Agriculture and Reintroducing Native Cultivars to Today's Gardens** Elizabeth Kunibe

#### Vol. 7 — Sacred and Historic Sites Bob Sam

#### Vol. 8 — Tlingit Clan Naming Ceremony and Workshop

Introduction George Bennett Sr., David Katzeek, Doris McClain, Herman Davis, Vida Davis, George Bennett Sr.

**Question and Answer Period** Harold Jacobs

#### **Ceremonial Dance**

Naming Ceremony

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

#### Vol. 9A & 9B — Plenary Session

Place Based Education Part 1

Andy Hope III, Tom Thornton, Harold Martin, Bambi Kraus, Ishmael Hope

#### **Place Based Education Part 2**

Ted Wright. Steve Langdon. Clarissa Hudson. Richard Dauenhauer. Nora Dauenhauer. Jason Blue-Smith and Glynnis Breen

#### Vol. 10 — The Wisdom and Healing

**Messages to be Found in Mythology** David Katzeek

**"Regaining Elders Leadership"** Walter Porter

Remembrance of Mark Jacobs Jr.

#### Vol. 11 — Caring For Regalia

Scott Carrlee

## Vol. 12 — Tlingit History During the Russian Occupation of Alaska

The Russians in Tlingit America: The Battles of Sitka, 1802 and 1804

Richard Dauenhauer Nora Dauenhauer

## The Yakutat Tlingit and the Russians-1795 to 1825

Elaine Abraham (Oral Traditions), Judy Ramos (Russian Traditions)

Tlingit Interaction with Other Ethnic Groups of the Northwest Coast and Alaska, Before and During the Russian Rule Elena Piterskaya

## Vol. 13 — Our Neighbors: The Haida and Tsimshian

Visible Grammar: Tools for Revitalizing Tsimshian Sm'algyax Margaret Seguin Anderson

**Reflections on Roots and Resurrections** Tom Abel

**Bringing to Light a Counter-Narrative of our History** Mique'l Icesis Askren

#### Vol. 14 — Repatriation

A Canoe's Journey: From Angoon to NYC to Angoon Harold Jacobs

Repatriation of the Masks of Kaawa.ee to the Dog Salmon House, L'eeneidÍ Clan, Auk Tribe Bob Sam

Identifying Cultural Affiliation of Saanyaa Kwáan & Taant'a Kwáan At.óow Irene Dundas

Smithsonian Repatriation of the Killer Whale Hat (Kéet Saaxw) to the Dakl'aweidí Clan of Angoon Eric Hollinger and Harold Jacobs

**Potlatch Loans: Building New Relationships with Tlingit Clans** Stacey Espenlaub

#### Vol. 15 — Ethnohistory - Part 1 Introduction

Kristen Griffin

#### Spanish Voyages to Alaska and History's Mysteries

Wallace Olson

A Terrible Turning Point: Sitka and the 1835 Smallpox Epidemic Kristen Griffin

How We See Ourselves Today As Clans Ellen Hope Hays

Selected Manuscript Collections in the Alaska State Library Historical Collections James Simard

#### Vol. 16 — Keynote Address "Revival and Survival: Two Lifetimes in Tlingit"

Nora Dauenhauer Richard Dauenhauer

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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Whose Justice? Traditional Tlingit Law and the Deadly Code Diane Purvis

**The Paul Family Collection** Ben Paul

**The Cottages: A Brief History** Gil Truitt

A Geologist's Vision for a Bureau of Ethnology Donna Foulke

#### Vol. 18 — Traditions of Living with the Land and Sea:

Archaeological, Ethnographic and Oral Historical Studies of Place (Part 1) Tlingit Oral Narratives and Time Immemorial Daniel Monteith

**Preserving a Sacred Landscape** Ken Grant

Native Use of Seabirds from the Forrester Islands, Southeast Alaska Madonna Moss

Inclusive Archaeology: Research and Partnerships at On Your Knees Cave Terry Fifield

Vol. 19 — Our Warriors: Old and New Traditions

Steve Henrikson, George Ramos, Ashley Verplank, George Bennett Sr.

## Vol. 20 — Traditions of Living with the Land and Sea:

Archaeological, Ethnographic and Oral Historical Studies of Place (Part 2) Archives Related to Haa Atxaayi Haa Kusteeyix Sitee, Our Food is our Tlingit Way of Life Lilian Petershoare

**Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Rock Art in Southern Southeast Alaska** Terry Fifield **Clam Gardens of the Pacific Northwest: Sitka to Puget Sound** John Harper, Bob Sam

**Deikeenoow: Tlingit Traditional Cultural Property in the Hazy Islands** Steve Langdon

Anatomy of a Traditional Cultural Property: The Saga of Auke Cape Thomas Thornton

#### Vol. 21 — Tribal Historic Preservation Efforts

Bambi Kraus

**Traditional Tribal Medicine** Ida Armiga

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Paul M. Jackson

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Jim Bowen

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**Reconstructing the Montana Creek Fish Trap** Janice Criswell and Steve Henrikson

Ish: Thinking About Tlingit Relations With Salmon Steve Langdon

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A Growing Crisis: Gathering Our Materials in the 21st Century Delores Churchill

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**Perspectives on Museum's Positions through The Native Experience Past and Present** Clarissa Hudson

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This is Kuxaankutaan's (Dr. Frederica De Laguna's) Song Elaine Abraham, Judy Ramos

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Anne Marie Victor-Howe

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**Skidegate Haida House Models** Robin K. Wright

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Steve Henrikson, Joyce Shales and the Walton Family

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Bob Sam

#### Vol. 35 — Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights

Vivian Faith Martindale, Marie Olson

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Moderator: Mique'l Icesis Askren Panelists: Tommy Joseph, Clarissa Hudson, Tanis S'eiltin, Mike Dangeli, Preston Singletary

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