

The Official

AEG Nisqually Chapter Newsletter

Meeting Details

Wednesday, Nov. 19th

Location: Mercato Ristorante

111 Market St NE

Olympia, WA

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5:30pm Social hour and buffet

6:30 pm Presentation

7:30pm Brief Q&A

\$30 Member or Non-Member

\$15 Educators or Job Seekers

\$5 Student

\$5 Online

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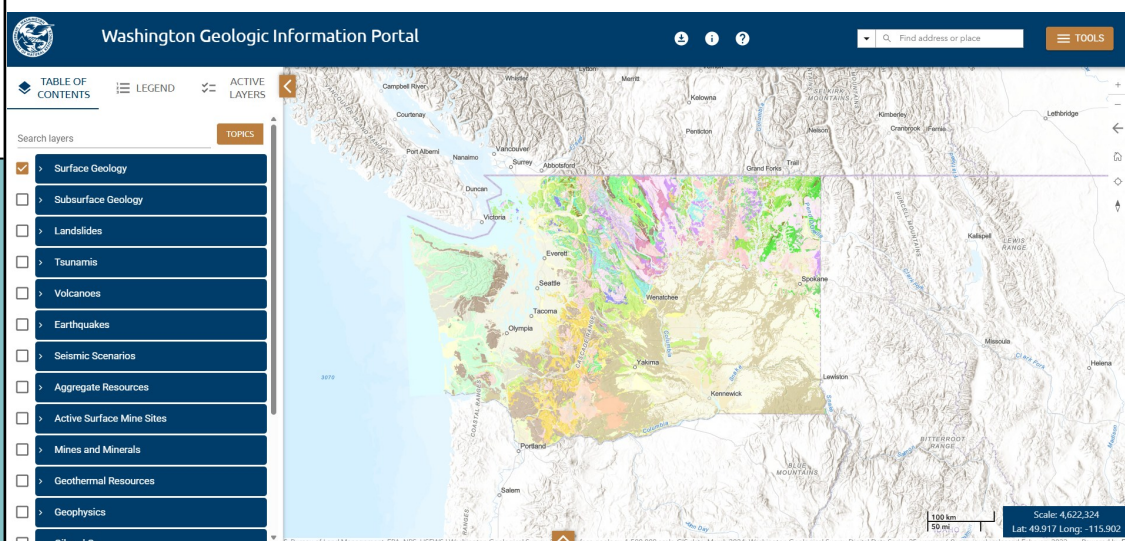
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Redesigning the Washington Geologic Information Portal

The Washington Geological Survey develops and maintains an online interactive map Portal that showcases the Survey's many digital datasets. Over the last couple of years, the Washington Geologic Information Portal has undergone a redesign process driven by user feedback related to usability and functionality. As the Survey prepares for the release of the new Portal, we are excited to connect with our users to direct our redesign process. Our users range from non-technical homeowners to GIS-savvy geoscientists and everyone in between. In this presentation, we will showcase new tools, the redesigned interface, and a streamlined user experience, as well as provide an opportunity for AEG members to provide feedback on the redesigned Portal.



View of the current development version of the Washington Geological Survey's redesigned Geologic Information Portal. The new Portal introduces a redesigned interface and new tools to make it easier for users to navigate the Portal and find answers to their questions about Washington geology.

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Speaker Bios:

The Publications Group at the Washington Geological Survey is responsible for the Survey's website, interactive maps, Portal, GIS data, publications, and outreach products.

Susan Schnur, Ph.D., L.G.

Susan Schnur is the Publications Group Manager and guides the work of the group by providing leadership and project management. She has an academic background in marine geology with a focus on volcanology and geochronology, and work experience in technical editing, copyediting, graphic design, publication layout, and GIS. She enjoys finding ways to communicate technical concepts to non-technical audiences in a way that everyone can understand.

Ashley Cabibbo, L.G.

Ashley is the Publications Group Data Manager. She enjoys working with all the science groups within the Survey and finding unique solutions to their data management needs. She also works on preserving the Survey's at-risk data such as historical field notebooks, oil and gas logs, coal and metal mine maps, and photographs. She hopes to create interactive maps and content documenting the geologic history of Washington State.

Keara McLean

Keara is the GIS Specialist for the Publications Group at the Survey, where she supports WGS's scientists by developing, publishing, and maintaining GIS data and web mapping applications. She has a background in state and federal government, working across the transportation, intelligence, and environmental sectors. She is passionate about demonstrating the power of spatial thinking and creating impactful, user-friendly solutions.

Message from the Chair

Hello, AEG Nisqually!

We are well into Autumn now, and we've had, by my count, three atmospheric rivers and at least three nice and sunny weekends. So, I'm calling it even on that one. However, I know that we are dipping into that time of year when we must face the long dark tunnel of wintery wet and dim light. These are the days for hardy outdoor adventures and cozy and contemplative indoor hobbies. It's a bimodal lifestyle for us here in the great PNW. May each of you find your own way through, and may you earn a yearn for spring!

Networking – Colleagues and Friends

AEG Nisqually is one of many ways to stay connected to our geo-positive community, here in the South Sound. We have a wonderful variety of individuals in our community with a wide array of interests, backgrounds, and experiences, but we share a common thread, a love of geology, particularly the geology of Washington. I'm grateful for those of you who I know from other state agencies, educational institutions, and the private sector. Let's not forget the students and those yet to be employed (including the very young ones), and those who were once employed and are now enjoying retirement. Our Chapter brings us together and I am grateful for that one night a month.

...Speaking of which. A few thoughts on our recent meetings:

Dinner

It turns out that dairy-free is not something that Mercato does well. After inquiring, we found that literally everything on the menu comes with cheese of some kind. There are probably vegans among our community, who have been silent on this. We welcome your suggestions and requests. Let us know how we can be a good Board. We want to make this work for everyone. Crystal went ahead and ordered an appetizer where the cheese is separate, but so far, we're not sure how else we can accommodate a dairy-free/vegan option, and we feel kind of bad to offer a mere charcuterie for your dinner. We'll have another chat with Mercato, but please know that we hear you and we are working on it.

Pricing

Yes, I paid eight bucks for two small heads of broccoli the other day, and my favorite six-pack is up to \$16. So, it goes. We do have certain fiscal responsibilities here on the AEG Nisqually Board, and I'm afraid these require us to start charging \$30 for our dinner meetings. We need to remain a sustainable organization and this change should make that happen. If you have thoughts on this, we're all ears. You can always donate. Talk to Gabby when you check in. She'll hook you up. If it's large enough, we'll even drop the dinner meeting price back down again. We're not in this for the money.

Looking forward to the Holidays

Very soon, your AEG Nisqually Board is meeting for the second time, to plan the December 17 dinner meeting. We're going to build on past traditions of storytelling and cheer and make for a pleasant and low-key AEG Holiday Celebration. We'll have some entertaining short presentations, some structured fun times, and plenty of unstructured time for just chatting with your AEG Nisqually community. I hope to see you there.

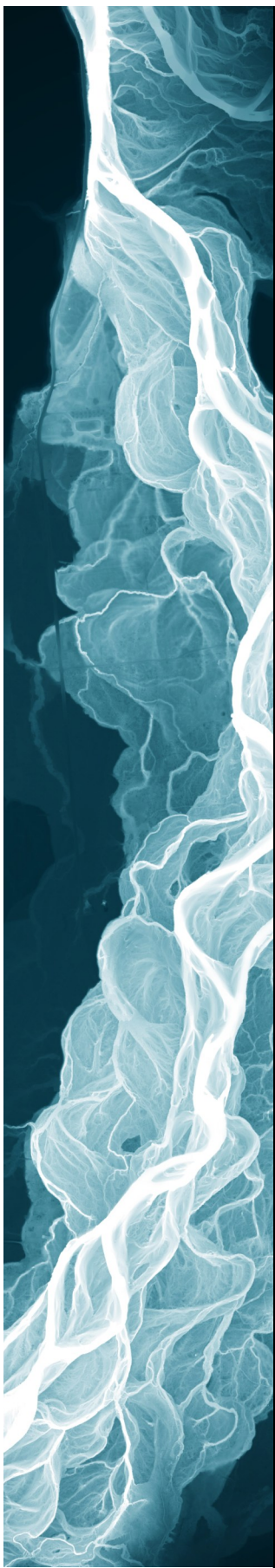
Please renew your membership and select AEG Nisqually

When you renew your AEG membership (it's about that time of year), be sure to select Nisqually as your Chapter. It puts a few more bucks into the Chapter account and keeps our numbers up.

It's great to be part of AEG Nisqually! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Gabe Taylor

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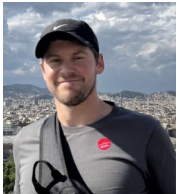
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