

= Suquamish Museum =

The Suquamish Museum is a museum located on the Port Madison Indian Reservation in Washington state . It preserves and displays relics and records related to the Suquamish Tribe , including artifacts from the Old Man House and the Baba 'kwob site . Founded in 1983 , the museum currently occupies a facility opened in 2012 .

= = History = =

The Suquamish Museum opened in 1983 as the Suquamish Museum and Cultural Center , then only the second tribal museum in the state of Washington . In 2009 the Suquamish tribe launched a capital campaign to construct a new facility , enlisting Senator Patty Murray and former Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro to help lead the effort . The new facility opened in 2012 and is triple the size of the original building . Constructed at a cost of \$ 6 million , the 9 @, @ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot (840 m2) purpose @-@ built structure is set in a small botanical garden on the Port Madison Indian Reservation and consists of two galleries , a gift shop , a 50 @-@ seat auditorium , and a climate @-@ controlled storage room used to house artifacts not on display . The facility was designed by the Seattle architectural firm Mithun and is a LEED Gold certified building . In 2013 it received a citation from the Washington Council of the American Institute of Architects .

= = Operations = =

= = = Collection = = =

In addition to a large repository of photographs documenting tribal life from the 1860s to the present , the museum 's collection includes 496 archaeological artifacts recovered from the site of the former Old Man House , a massive , 240 meters (790 ft) long longhouse that served as the Suquamish capitol until its destruction in the late nineteenth century . Originally in the custody of the Burke Museum at the University of Washington , the artifacts , which include harpoon points , smoking pipes , and jewelry , were transferred to the Suquamish tribe in 2013 . In 2014 , the Port of Seattle transferred additional artifacts to the museum , including crockery and glass bottles , discovered during archaeological excavations in the 1970s at the Baba 'kwob site , a pre @-@ contact village located in what is now Seattle 's Belltown neighborhood . The controversial transfer was contested by the Duwamish , an unrecognized tribe and historic Suquamish rival who claim ownership of the artifacts .

= = = Exhibitions = = =

The museum 's main gallery features a permanent exhibit titled " Ancient Shores ? Changing Tides " that showcases drawings , documents , and historic photographs related to the Suquamish Tribe , contemporary and historic crafts , and interpretative panels and multimedia elements . The centerpiece of this exhibit is a 300 @-@ year @-@ old carved canoe that was last used in the 1989 Paddle to Seattle , the first of a now annual series of canoe journeys through the Salish Sea undertaken by tribal members . A second gallery is used to house rotating exhibits from the museum 's permanent collection , or items on loan from other museums , including traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) . Exhibits have included a SITES display " Native Words , Native Warriors " , chronicling the history of Native Americans in the U.S. armed forces .

= = = Management = = =

The Suquamish Museum is governed by a five @-@ member board of directors appointed by the

Suquamish Tribal Council . The galleries and auditorium of the museum are open daily during the summer , and five days per week the rest of the year . The museum 's storage vault is open to tribal members and accredited researchers weekly .