

Science Posters Worthy of 'Life After Conference'

More than 320 posters, illustrating the various symposia, were on display in Poster Hall throughout the science conference – giving rise to a suggestion by Ed Menning, Pacific Northwest Regional resource management specialist, that the posters continue to be used as learning tools.

"Many of those posters were worthy of display in the Visitor Centers," Menning observed. "They described some management problems that seldom come up in interpreters' talks, but probably should be recognized and understood by the public. Others described projects that would be of interest to visitors and that otherwise might be overlooked."

At Menning's suggestion, the poster describing San Juan Island's reforestation project is now gracing the visitor center at that National Historic Park in the state of Washington. The poster, prepared by Jim Milestone, Resource Management Trainee at PNR headquarters in Seattle, shows the reconstruction at San Juan Island of the historic scene.

Even the more technical posters – those beyond the understanding of the average visitor – could be used as ways of acquainting interpretive staff members with facts that could enrich the parks' interpretive programs, Menning noted.

Every paper listed in the 274-page Abstracts book was slated to have an accompanying poster. Only about 20 of the 350 failed to show, according to Ray Herrmann, Science Conference chairman.