



SALISH VILLAGE SCENE by Butch Dick



**Winter**

- ~inside winter village.
- ~Big House dancing and ceremonies, marriages, namings, feasts
- ~some hunting and trading
- ~women: mat, basket and cloths making
- ~men: carving and weapon making
- ~eating dried and preserved food



**Fall**

- ~trading, more time inside
- ~berry picking
- ~gather tea and roots
- ~gathering, preserving and storing berries
- ~fishing and hunting
- ~eating fresh food .



**Spring**

- ~more time outside fishing and hunting camps
- ~birds and animals hunted
- ~berry picking
- ~collecting shell fish
- ~gather tea and roots
- ~trading, preserving fish and fish oil
- ~eating what's left of preserved food and fresh



**All Year**

- ~spirit quests
- ~collecting and preparing for feasts and ceremonies
- ~education: teaching young people skills and behaviour, grooming future chiefs and matriarchs, passing on family history

**Summer**

- ~outside fishing and hunting camps
- ~gathering, preserving and storing berries
- ~collecting cedar and birch bark
- ~preparing and smoking fish
- ~eating fresh food

## Bone Game.

Lahal or the "Bone Game" is played all around North America. The game goes back over 1000 years. It is a form of entertainment or gambling (sometimes for money).

Drumming and songs are part of the game and the different forms of music are determined by the region in which the game is played.

The game is played in 2 teams vying for 11 sticks. The goal is to win all 11 sticks. One set of 5 of the sticks are different from another set of 5 sticks.

The 11th stick, the King Stick is different from the other 2 sets. The King Stick is played for at the beginning to determine who starts the game.

Sticks are won or lost by guessing the correct position of the marked bones. For example, bones are held hidden in a players hands. If a marked bone is in the left hand and

the unmarked bone is in the right hand, the challenged team must correctly guess where the unmarked bone is located. There are four bones, 2 female and 2 male.

You win a stick when the person "gets away" which occurs when the person does not guess the position of the female or plain stick correctly.

There are hand signals instead of verbal guesses when a team is holding both sets of bones. Down the middle means two middle ones, to the right- both right handed ones etc.

The game is played until all the sticks are given to one team or the other. The length of the game is determined by the amount of successful challenges by each team. As with any game of chance, games can be short or long.

Thanks for accepting our invitation to watch and participate in the game.