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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

February / March 2020

Hang in there - Spring is just around the corner!

Canadian Archaeological Association Conference coming to Edmonton



The Canadian Archaeological Association and the Archaeological Society of Alberta are co-hosting the 53rd Annual CAA Conference, which is being held in Edmonton, Alberta from May 6-9, 2020. For all the details please check out the Canadian Archaeological Association web site - <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting>.

Summary of dates and costs of the conference.

Call for Abstracts: FEBRUARY 20, 2020 submission date - [please see the web site for guidelines and evaluation criteria](#).

Registration Fees and Dates: [Please see website for details](#).

Membership Status	Early Registration Fee until MARCH 27th	Fee after MARCH 27th
Member	\$170.00	\$200
Student Member	\$70.00	\$100.00
Non-Member	\$220.00	\$250.00
Non-Member Student	\$100.00	\$125.00

Day passes will be available on-site only, at the conference registration desk.

Day Pass (May 7, 8, or 9)	Cost / day
Member	\$75.00
Student Member	\$40.00
Non-Member	\$80.00
Non-Member Student	\$50.00

Banquet Fees (Saturday May 9th, 2020)	
Member / Non-members	\$65.00

Volunteers are needed, so if you have the interest please contact wwadswor@ualberta.ca

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Message from the President

Submitted by: Shawn Bubel

As was the case for many organizations across Alberta, the funding given to the Provincial Heritage Organizations (PHOs) was reduced as part of the 2019-2020 budget cuts. As far as I know, all five PHOs (Archaeological Society of Alberta, Historical Society of Alberta, Alberta Genealogical Society, Archives Society of Alberta, and Alberta Museums Association) were cut by 8%. Last year the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) received \$36,170. A cut of 8% reduced our grant by \$2,870, giving us \$33,300 for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. We had already been issued \$18,085 (half of our original grant) in the fall of 2019 and according to our revised signed agreement we will receive \$15,215 at the end of 2019. (\$18,085 + \$15,215 = \$33,300). I and the other PHO presidents anticipate another cut to the heritage funding in the next fiscal year, which begins on April 1, 2020.

Moreover, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation board was dissolved. This board, established in 1973, was made up of volunteer members from various sectors across the province with expert knowledge of the heritage community. They worked together to encourage and support the programs and activities of the Provincial Heritage Organizations, and to ensure the funding we received was well spent. We now report directly to Matthew Wangler (Executive Director, Historic Resources Management Branch, in the Heritage Division of the Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women organization unit of the Alberta Government). Our grant and reporting requirements will be handled by Matthew Wangler's department.

The cancelling of the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) is also a blow our ASA centres and the other PHOs. The funding we received through the STEP allowed us to hire summer students to help with community outreach programs, to work at local museums, and to assist with a variety of heritage related projects. We can no longer support many of these initiatives.

We are all worried about the negative impacts this will have on our organizations, and by extension, the loss of programs and resources for Albertans. Supporting cultural heritage organizations strengthens community engagement as they help build a strong sense of belonging in our province, whether or not you were born in Alberta. Heritage funding also fuels the tourism industry and creates new job opportunities. The ASA in particular plays a central role in K-12, post-secondary, and community education, and directly engages in the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. Moreover, members of the ASA work hard to ensure that our cultural heritage is preserved for future generations. It is important that we express our concerns to our MLAs, and impress upon them the need to support the ASA and other PHOs.

I wish I had better news to share about our funding situation. I will keep you informed as we receive the new budget. In the meantime, if you have knowledge of funding programs or resources that the ASA or other PHOs could benefit from please let us know.

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ASA Calgary Centre

2019 Calgary Student Award Recipients

**Humphreys Archaeological Student Award
winner Jamieson John Zunti**

My name is Jamieson John Zunti. I am a 4th year Anthropology student at Mount Royal University in my senior year, and will be graduating prior to this upcoming summer. Up to this point, I have maintained a 4.0 GPA, and plan on pursuing a masters program in the near future. Within Anthropology itself, I have a particular interest in Archaeology with a focus on lithics, be it stone tools, the physical properties of lithic materials, or how these materials were sourced, transported and utilized throughout human history. I one day hope to work within the Archaeological sector of Alberta doing either fieldwork or cultural resource management, with a focus on pre-contact Indigenous Archaeology.

Recently, with great pride, I was selected as the recipient of the Humphreys Student Award in Archaeology. To myself, this award serves not only as financial aid, but as a symbolic reminder that my hard work, dedication, and passion towards my craft can indeed be rewarded. It is the honor of receiving awards like these, that reminds myself of my potential as an academic, and hopefully one day, professional within Anthropology.

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank the Archaeological Society of Alberta and any affiliated groups for their support and warm reception. It has been an absolute pleasure in every regard, and I look forward to keeping in touch.

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**Wes Johnston Student Award
winner Bonnie Piercy**

To me, archaeology is time travel: a way to reach through time and glimpse – however fleetingly – an event that happened in the past. To shake hands with a stranger one thousand years distant, and share a small part of their day: the lost bead that dropped from their clothing, the meal they cooked over a hearth, or the pot sherds they swept out of their home. Unfortunately, time travel can be expensive . . .

As a mature student pursuing two degrees (Archaeology and Fine Art), paying my own tuition and mortgage, and feeding myself and a cat named Goblin, the Wes Johnston Student Award has certainly helped me financially; last summer, thanks in large part to the Wes Johnston Award, I was able to participate in a group study trip to Italy and Greece, where we visited various archaeological sites and studied tourism impact and heritage conservation/management practices. One of my areas of interest is the conservation of archaeological sites and objects, and the rapid deterioration or destruction of many sites due to tourism, industry, and environmental change. This summer, I plan to return to Italy as part of an archaeological field school to learn excavation, artifact preservation, and digital mapping techniques – and the Wes Johnston Student Award will play a large role in making this happen.



Archaeological excavation is a bit like solving a mystery novel without the final chapter: piecing together threads of evidence to reconstruct the most likely ‘who done it’ and ‘how’. But life is stranger than fiction, and the mysteries preserved in the ground are the most interesting, ephemeral, and tantalizing of them all. Why don’t you join me in 2020, with a trowel and tape measure, to solve some enigmas before they disappear forever, unknown?

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Speaker Series **At A Glance**

(it's free to attend)

ASA Centre

ASA Lethbridge
Lethbridge Public Library
Downtown Branch
Main Theater
http://www.arkyalberta.com/lethbridge_speakers.php

February

February 4, 6:30pm

Carol Williams
"A Settler Scholar Reconsiders the Colonial Archives of the Residential School System: Why Contemporary Oral Histories of Survivors Matter"

March



ASA Edmonton
Edmonton Public Library -
Strathcona, 8331-104 St NW
<https://arkyedmonton.ca>

February 12th, 7:00pm

World Prehistory - Dismantling
"Civilization"

March 11th, 7:00pm

World Prehistory - Dismantling
"Civilization"

ASA Calgary
***NOTE:** Starting in January,
the Winter Speaker Series will
be held at the Central Calgary
Public Library - Patricia A.
Whelan Room
<https://arkycalgary.com>

February 19th, 7:30pm*

Michael Parker-Pearson
Institute of Archaeology, University
College London
Stonehenge: New Discoveries

March 18th, 7:30pm*

Chris Jass
Royal Alberta Museum
*Beneath the Surface: Bison,
Lakes, and Public-influenced
Research in Alberta*

All of the Archaeological Society of Alberta Centres have an active Facebook presence. Check them out for the latest information on activities and speakers or contact the Centres directly.



Click on any of the Alberta Points in the newsletter to be taken to the Archaeological Society of Alberta website

- ◇ [Bodo Archaeological Society \(Eastern Alberta\)](#)
- ◇ [Archaeological Society of Alberta - Calgary Centre](#)
- ◇ [Archaeological Society of Alberta - Edmonton Centre](#)
- ◇ [Archaeological Society of Alberta - Lethbridge Centre](#)
- ◇ [Archaeological Society of Alberta - Red Deer Centre](#)
- ◇ [Southeastern Archaeological Society of Alberta](#)

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Speaker Series Abstracts

(it's free to attend)

ASA Lethbridge Centre

Lethbridge Public Library, Downtown Branch, Main Theater

<https://arkycalgary.com>

February 4, 6:30

Carol Williams

"A Settler Scholar Reconsiders the Colonial Archives of the Residential School System: Why Contemporary Oral Histories of Survivors Matter"



Residential schools operated by Methodists, Catholics and Anglicans from late 19th to mid-20th century across Canada and the United States produced a profoundly disturbing archive of photographs with their depiction of indigenous pupils. While Residential

School photographs supposedly expressed the charitable even humanitarian intentions of the administrators, the oral testimonials of survivors, as exemplified in the many accounts collected by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2015), reveal that student experiences at the schools were anything but nurturing. This presentation moves beyond a literal, or superficial, interpretation of the photographs produced by the administrators of Residential Schools in light of contemporary survivor testimonials.

ASA Calgary Centre

Calgary Public Library - Central Location, Patricia A. Whealan Room

<https://arkycalgary.com>

February 19th, 7:30pm*

Michael Parker-Pearson, Institute of Archaeology, University College London

Stonehenge: New Discoveries

In the last 15 years there has been a transformation in our knowledge about this iconic and mysterious stone circle. Not only have new excavations revealed unexpected discoveries but a battery of scientific methods has been applied to the monument, its landscape and its artifacts. New discoveries about Stonehenge are being made almost continuously, making research into its mysteries a roller-coaster ride for archaeologists and scientists.

March 18th, 7:30pm*

Chris Jass. Royal Alberta Museum

Beneath the Surface: Bison, Lakes, and Public-influenced Research in Alberta

Research on the Quaternary palaeontological record in Alberta takes many forms, ranging from prospecting in gravel pits to excavating cave deposits. As a result of public inquiries, efforts to further understand the late Quaternary history of Alberta has taken on a new, surprising direction. Prospecting for fossils in modern Alberta lakes is revealing a complex faunal record that spans the last 10,000 years. These records highlight palaeoenvironmental changes in the mid-Holocene and provide insight into the faunal history of areas of Alberta with otherwise sparse Quaternary fossil records.

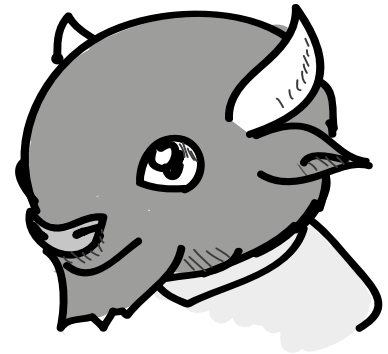
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From "Exploring Archaeology in Alberta" ASA Lethbridge Centre

What is Archaeology?

Archaeology is the **scientific** study of the **human** past through the **analysis** of **remains** left behind by **people**. The jobs archaeologists do are as diverse as the **ancient** people they learn about. Some spend much of their time looking for (**surveying**) and digging (**excavating**) sites. Some work in **laboratories** or **museums**. Some archaeologists teach or give tours at sites around the **world**; others work for the **government**. No matter their job, all archaeologists share the goal of better understanding **past** human **culture**.



Find the 15 bolded words in the word search below.

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**Archaeologists DON'T study dinosaurs.
That's the job of paleontologists!**

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Provincial Awards & Grants

The Archaeological Society of Alberta provides two awards: Distinguished Service Award and the Johan (John) Dormaar Award. The ASA also provides research/special activity funding through the Archaeological Society of Alberta Grant Program. Click on the award/grant title to be directed to ASA guidelines.

Johan (John) Dormaar

Award: Nomination and application deadline: March 1st for presentation at the AGM. Nominations are accepted throughout the year. Award: \$1,000.00

Distinguished Service

Award: Nomination and application deadline: Nominations should be received by the nomination committee by the end of the calendar year prior to the Archaeological Society of Alberta's AGM.

Archaeological Society of Alberta Grant Program

for research assistance and special activities: Application deadlines: January 15th and September 15th annually. Research grant: up to \$10,000.00. Special activity grant: up to \$5,000.00



Archaeology Education Kit

The Archaeological Society of Alberta can provide a portable archaeological education kit that is available to ASA Centres for use at community events or school visits. It is a great hands-on kit that makes "holding" the past possible. The kit includes items such as bison skulls, fire broken rock, hafted arrow, and much more. Contact the [Provincial Coordinator](#) for more information.

Photos of artifact examples from the Education Kit:
Left, Oxbow projectile point; Right: Atlatl with weight



Memberships



Archaeology in Alberta is alive and well! Do you want to learn more about Alberta Archaeology or archaeology in general? There are six Archaeological Society of Alberta Centres around Alberta. Contact the nearest Centre to you for more membership information.

- ◇ Bodo Archaeological Society (Eastern Alberta)
- ◇ Archaeological Society of Alberta - Calgary Centre
- ◇ Archaeological Society of Alberta - Edmonton Centre
- ◇ Archaeological Society of Alberta - Lethbridge Centre
- ◇ Archaeological Society of Alberta - Red Deer Centre
- ◇ Southeastern Archaeological Society of Alberta

Publications

Archaeological Society of Alberta publications – The ASA has a series of published books for sale on the website. Please check out the Gold Book Series [here](#) and other publications, like the ever popular *Record in Stone: Familiar Projectile Points from Alberta* [here](#).



The newest Occasional Paper for the Archaeological Society of Alberta (No. 15, 2nd Edition), *Medicine Wheels of the Plains and Rocky Mountains*, is now available. Please see attached order form for more information.

Archaeology Web Finds

From History & Tech News - [“The Rock That Tells a Story”: Native American petroglyphs in Utah and Arizona depict lives of centuries ago](#)



From HeritageDaily - [Late Neolithic Italy was Home to Complex Network of Metal Exchange](#)

From PhysOrg - [Holocaust Archaeology: Uncovering Vital Evidence to Prove the Deniers Wrong](#)

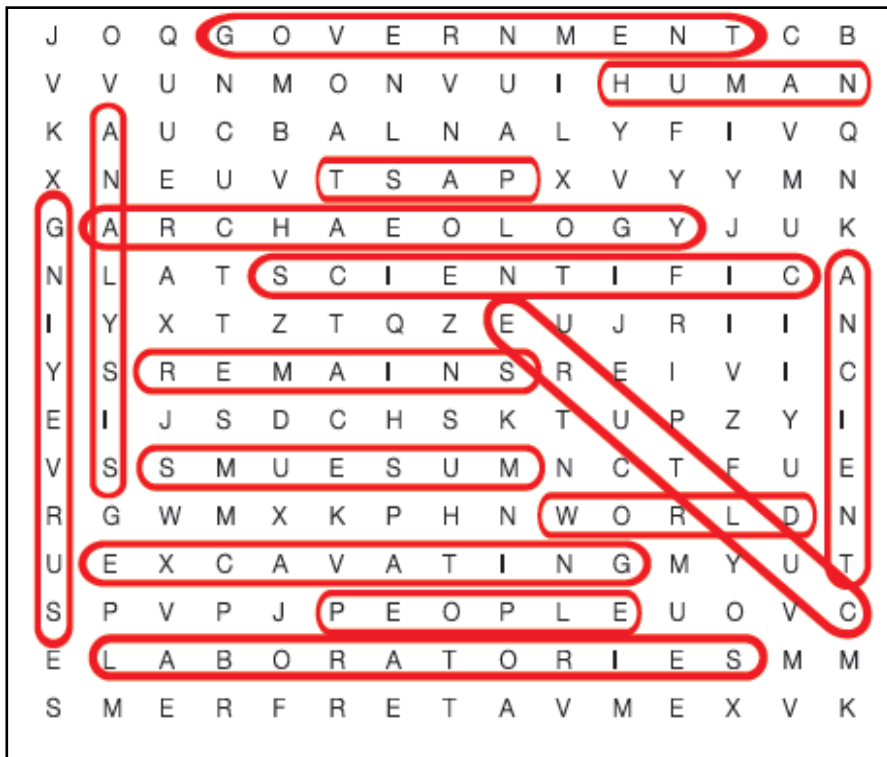
Be a Heritage Hero and Report A Find

The Archaeological Society of Alberta highly recommends reporting any type of artifact you may find to the [Alberta Report A Find webpage](#). It is important to know where artifacts are being found. It helps archaeologists to determine things like past human and animal migration patterns, trade routes, and much more.

From BBC Documentary - [Britain’s Pompeii: A Village Lost in Time \(2016\)](#)

From InsideOttawaValley.com - [Accidental Archaeology: Your Found Items may Interest Rideau Valley Archaeological Society](#)

Answers to the puzzle on page 7



Hope to see you at the Canadian Archaeology Association Conference



Heritage Around Alberta

Alberta has several provincial heritage organizations that value Alberta's history and shared past. Explore them here by clicking on the logos.



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Other Events

Chinook Country Historical

February 18th, 2020 7pm

Mapping Black Calgary, 1890-1960

Cheryl Foggo, Author, Filmmaker, Playwright

Calgary Central Library 802 - 3 St SE

FREE PROGRAM

Immerse yourself in the Calgary you didn't learn about in school. Through images, text and maps, Cheryl Foggo will bring to life the people, places and events of Black Calgary across a span of time.

Edmonton and District Historical Society

February 25, 2020 7:30pm

BANNED IN ALBERTA!

Dave Clarke

Old Timers Cabin 9430-99 Street (Scona Road) NW

FREE PROGRAM

Alberta established its Film Censorship Board in 1913 and had the power to censor and ban movies for the next ninety-six years. The Albertan movie-goer was the most ardently protected entertainment-seeker in the world. What movies were banned and why?

Central Alberta Historical Society

February 19th 2020 7pm

The Liberation of Holland

Rory M. Cory

Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery 4525-47a Avenue

FREE PROGRAM

"In the final months of the Second World War, Canadian forces were given the important and deadly task of liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation.

From September 1944 to April 1945, the First Canadian Army fought German forces on the Scheldt estuary —

opening the port of Antwerp for Allied use — and then cleared northern and western Netherlands of Germans, allowing food and other relief to reach millions of desperate people. More than 7,600 Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen died fighting in the Netherlands.

Today, Canada is fondly remembered by the Dutch for ending their oppression under the Nazis" – The Canadian Encyclopedia

This year is the one hundredth anniversary of the Liberation of Holland

Kunaitupii Back By Popular Demand!



“In May 1990, a remarkable conference was held in Waterton Lakes National Park. *Kunaitupii*, (Blackfoot for “People Coming Together”), officially a joint meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta and the Montana Archaeological Society, was much more than that. It brought together, for the first time, Native and non-Native peoples from Western Canada and the United States to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern respecting Native sacred sites and archaeology”.

Barney Reeves, 1993

This proceeding publication is broken into five sections.

Aboriginal and Biblical Attitudes to the Land

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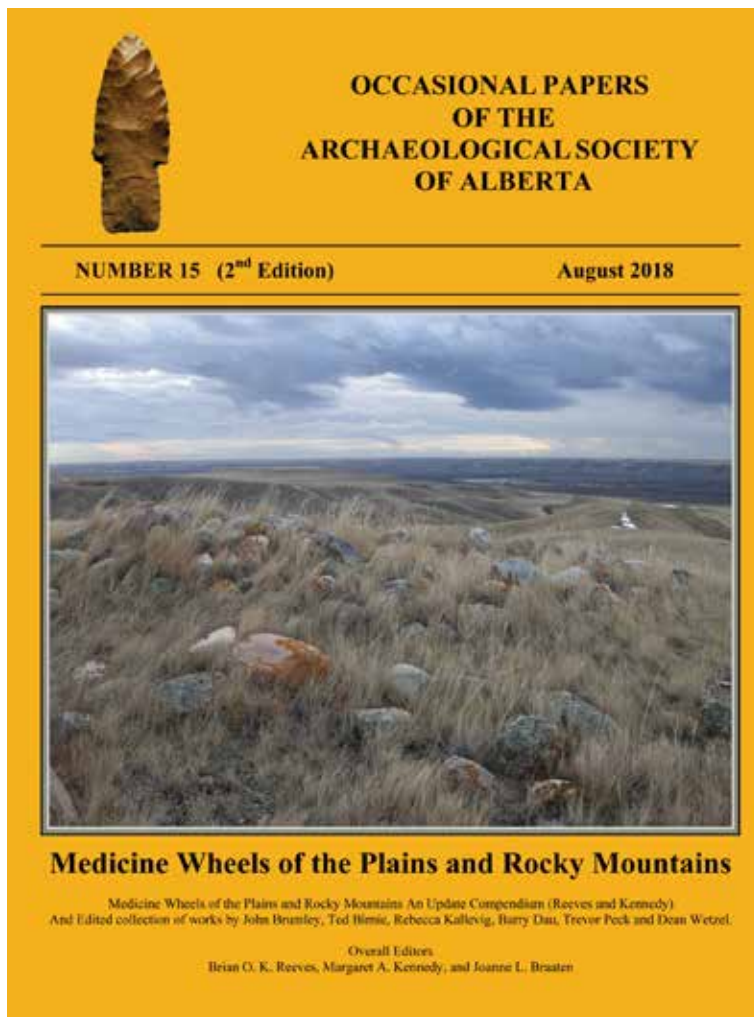
Native Perspectives on Sacred Values and Places

Management perspectives on Native Sacred Values, Sites and Objects

Archaeological Perspectives on Native Sacred Materials and Places



A Digital Version of *Kunaitupii* Cost: \$10.00
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[Archaeological Society of Alberta](http://www.archaeologicalsocietyofalberta.com)
[website for publication ordering details.](http://www.archaeologicalsocietyofalberta.com)



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