



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

Issue No 13: December 2014 & January 2015

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

### ***Archaeological Society of Alberta - Calgary Centre 2014 Forbis Award***

Submitted by ASA - Calgary Centre

The Calgary Centre instituted the Forbis Award in 2000 in recognition of the late Dr. Richard Forbis, one of the founding fathers of archaeology in the province and an individual who was instrumental in establishing the Archaeological Society Alberta. The Forbis Award is presented to individuals or organizations in Calgary and Southern Alberta who best epitomizes the ideals held by the late Dr. Richard Forbis through his support of Public Archaeology. More specifically the award is given to any individual or group in Calgary or southern Alberta who displays exceptional service to public archaeology, by making archaeology more visible in the media, raising public awareness and providing ways for the public to participate in archaeological studies. The 2014 recipient of the Forbis Award is Dr. Dale Walde of the Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, University of Calgary. An excerpt from his nomination is below:

*We are privileged to nominate Dr. Dale Walde, PhD for the 2014 Forbis Award for Outstanding Contributions in Public Archaeology. Dr. Walde has displayed a constant commitment to raising public awareness of archaeology in the province of Alberta over the past two decades. His commitment to public archaeology is exemplified by his ongoing dedication to bringing archaeology into the public realm. He was key in helping to expand the*

*University of Calgary's public archaeological programming.*

*From 1998 to 2007 Dr. Walde ran the University of Calgary archaeology field school at Fish Creek Provincial Park. This grew to be much more than just a field school. The Alberta Heritage Research Project was multifaceted, incorporating a field school, public excavations, a school program, an online component, and the redevelopment of an Alberta Parks interpretive centre. To make this project happen, he received many grants from both industry and the government, raising several hundred thousand dollars over the years.*

*Dr. Walde's field school encouraged volunteers to work alongside academic archaeologists and get a true feel for what archaeology entails. From site mapping to excavation, the public was exposed to the true grit of working in the trenches. Not only did Dale provide guided tours of the site, he passed on this passion for public archaeology to his graduate students who oversaw the public excavations, sharing their enthusiasm and deep knowledge of the sites with the general public. The thrill of the find and recognition that what you have uncovered has not seen the light of day for hundreds, or thousands of years is incredible. The possibility that the thumbprint found in a piece of chinking from a log cabin might belong to one of the primary leaders of*

*the Alberta Settlers Rights group and an early figure referred to in Sir Sanford Flemming's diaries of his journey west in search of a route for the railway, is indeed exciting. This is public archaeology at its best.*

*Dr. Walde's passion for public archaeology continues to inspire students through the field school that he has conducted for over five years at Cluny. Dr. Walde is also fostering a love of public archaeology in future archaeologists. He actively encourages his field school students to guide tour groups through the site and provides them with the opportunity to inspire the next generation of potential archaeologists through offering explanations of the ongoing excavation. This past summer, a public archaeology program was initiated by Dr. Walde at the Cluny site. This program allowed members of the public to come out to Cluny and excavate alongside the field school students. A memorable experience for all!!*

*Dr. Dale Walde has repeatedly demonstrated his love of public archaeology throughout his career. His enthusiasm is contagious and has sparked or renewed countless people's interest in archaeology. It is our hope that you will choose Dr. Walde to be the*

*recipient of this year's Forbis Award for Outstanding Contributions in Public Archaeology.*

*- Tamsin McRobbie and Susan de Caen*



This award was presented to Dr. Dale Walde at the October lecture in Calgary by Susan de Caen. Congratulations!

## **40th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta**

May 8-10, 2015 in Olds, Alberta

**ASA 1975-2015:**

**Celebrating Forty Years of Alberta Archaeology**

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for registration details!

Events will be held at the Pomeroy Hotel on Olds College Campus.

More information will be posted here as it becomes available:

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## ***Diggin' Up the Past: An Archaeology Speaker Series***

A collaborative speaker series between  
the Telus World of Science and the Strathcona Archaeological Society

<http://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/exhibits-events/events-calendar/diggin-past-archaeology-speaker-series>

### ***Friday evenings 7:00 p.m.*** ***Margaret Zeidler Star Theatre***

In connection with *Indiana Jones™ and the Adventure of Archeology*, TELUS World of Science – Edmonton and the Strathcona Archaeological Society present *Diggin' Up the Past: An Archaeology Speaker Series*. Some of Alberta's most renowned archaeological professionals will share their research about archaeological sites throughout Alberta and the world as well as tools used to learn more about societies of the past. Join us each Friday night at 7:00 pm in the Margaret Zeidler Star Theatre.

**Friday, December 12:** Todd Kristensen (Historic Resources Management Branch of the Government of Alberta) - ***The Heritage Art Series: Bringing Archaeology to Life***

**Friday, December 19:** Krista Gilliland (Western Heritage Services) - ***Geoarchaeology of the Birthplace of Buddha, Lumbini (Nepal)***

**Friday, January 23:** Kristine Fedyniak (Royal Alberta Museum) - ***Demonstration of Lithic Raw Material Sourcing Using X-Ray Fluorescence***

**Friday, February 6:** Krista Gilliland (Western Heritage Services) - ***Demonstration of Dating Sediment Using Portable Optical Spin Luminescence***

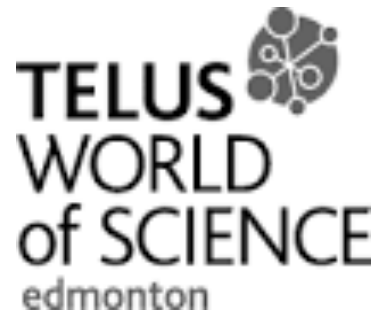
**Friday, February 27:** Margaret Haagsma (University of Alberta) - ***Urban Households, Rural Economies: Recent Excavations at the Hellenistic City of Kastro Kallithea in Greece.***

**Friday, March 6:** Jack Ives (Department of Anthropology, U of A) - ***Indiana Jones, The Temple of Doom & "Essence of Nurhaci"--the Real Story***

**Friday, March 13:** Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer (Lifeways of Canada Ltd.) - ***Old North Trail between Fort Calgary and Fort Macleod***

**Friday, March 20:** Sarah Youngblutt - ***The politics of World Heritage and the scramble for Cambodia***

*Diggin' Up the Past* lectures are included with admission and free for Telus World of Science Members and Strathcona Archaeological Society Members.



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**2015 Calendar**



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- Papers of the Algonquian Conference
- National Museum of Canada, Contributions to Anthropology
- Journal of the North Dakota Archaeological Association
- Various miscellaneous reports

Please enquire about specific availability and bulk discounts! For a detailed list of books and prices, please contact Joanne Braaten at [asacalgary@yahoo.ca](mailto:asacalgary@yahoo.ca).

## **INTRODUCTION TO FLINTKNAPPING AND STONE TOOLS WORKSHOP 2015**



For the fifth year in a row, we are offering the workshop over two days!!

On **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014** we will be offering an **Introduction to Flintknapping**. This course will be beneficial to those new to making stone tools, as well as those just looking for a little extra practice and a few pointers. A basic introduction to techniques involved in the production of chipped stone tools will include: platform preparation, hard hammer and soft hammer percussion, and pressure flaking. The course runs 9am-3pm, at the University of Calgary.

On **Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding a full day **Knap - In**. This course is aimed at those with a strong desire to improve their existing flintknapping and prehistoric technology skills. The workshop will take the form of instructor led discussion and demonstration on platform preparation and thinning, followed by the numerous techniques utilized in the hafting of arrowheads and spear points to tool shafts (notching, raw hide, sinew, hide glue, etc...). As in the past, we encourage participants to bring their own projects to share experience, skills, and techniques with others. Projects in the past have included, slate knives, multi component tools, fluting, and the fletching of arrows. The course runs 9am-3pm, at the University of Calgary. Please note that in order to take the second day you must have taken the first day or an equivalent course (experience in flintknapping is required).

**\$35.00 for one day / \$50.00 for both days**

**\*Special one day discount rate for students (\$30.00)**

**Includes instruction, materials, and lunch. Space is limited!**

**Priority will be given to Archaeological Society Members.**

**Please contact Michael Turney  
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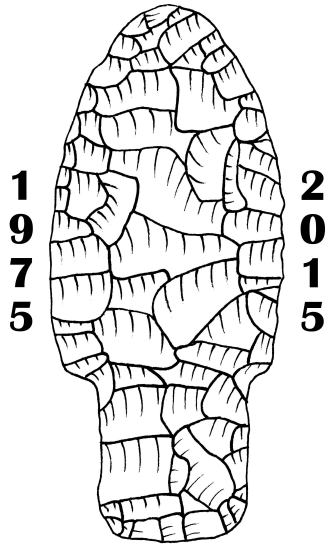
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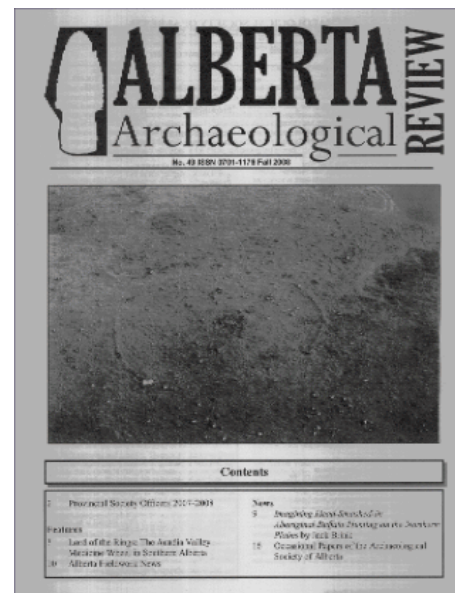
What we need to get started is contributions from centres and members. Pictures are great, but please include a sentence or two about the picture if you can (and the photo credit). If you just have a whole bunch of pictures to share please send them along and we will make good use of them!

For more information or to contribute please email the Provincial Coordinator: Christie Grekul at [cgrekul@shaw.ca](mailto:cgrekul@shaw.ca)

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### *2015 Updates from the Lethbridge Centre*

Submitted by ASA - Lethbridge Centre

The Lethbridge Centre is once again expecting 2015 to be a very busy and active year. Our newly elected executive met in January and has planned three major projects for the ensuing year and are still exploring some other future possibilities.

#### 1. DIPa-2 Excavation

DIPa-2 is located north of Taber on the bank of the Oldman River. Part of the site has been eroded by high spring flood events and the small remaining portion of the site will not stand up to many more flood conditions. Under a research permit held by Dr. Shawn Bubel and with the guidance and help of Neil Mirau of Arrow Archaeology our society members began assisting with some preliminary site preparation and excavation in late November 2014. More field and laboratory work will continue as soon as a permit extension is granted and the frost is out of the ground.

#### 2. Lethbridge Library Book Purchase

In cooperation with the Lethbridge Public Library our society will purchase between \$3000 and \$5000 worth of archaeological related books for the enjoyment of readers throughout southern Alberta. We hope to add 66 books to the library's archaeological collection.

#### 3. Children's Activity Book

Support and activities for youth are a focus of our Centre. This year our members have designed a youth Activity Book that will be given to grade four and five students to help readers obtain an understanding and appreciation of human habitation on the plains for the past 10,000 years. The Archaeological-based ten page activity book will enhance students knowledge of topics such as First Nations culture and prehistoric stone tool use. Students can work through the many activities and check their answers against the answer key on the back cover. Eight thousand copies will be printed for the first edition.

Our Record in Stone Book continues to sell well within book stores and educational institutions. The book can be ordered from Jim McMurchy at 97 Eton Road West, Lethbridge, Ab. T1K4T9. E-mail [jnemoc@telus.net](mailto:jnemoc@telus.net). The cost of a single copy is \$10.00 plus postage.

Throughout 2015, our society will continue with our monthly speaker series, field trips and social activities to serve our members and to keep the Lethbridge Centre in the eyes of the public. Members from other Centres are always welcome to any of our events.

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If you missed the first four posts online, here they are again for your enjoyment.

### **January 16, 2015: Calgary Centre**

In 2012 the Calgary Centre of the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Formed in 1962 with a lot of help from Dr. Richard Forbis, an Honorary Lifetime Director, the Calgary Centre was one of the founding members of the ASA along with the Edmonton and Lethbridge Centres.

### **January 26, 2015: Strathcona Archaeological Society**

The Strathcona Archaeological Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1987, originally by people interested in promoting awareness of the Strathcona Archaeological Site & Interpretive Centre and in supporting its programs. The SAS re-focused after the closure of the Strathcona Archaeological Site and Interpretive Centre and by 1994, members of the SAS had decided to join the Archaeological Society of Alberta.

### **January 30, 2015: Lethbridge Centre**

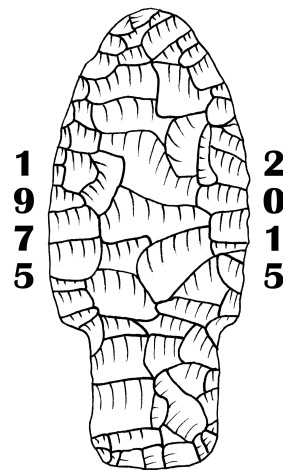
The Lethbridge Centre was part of the original three centres that formed the Archaeological Society of Alberta. The formation of the centre was spearheaded by Dr. Warren Geiger along with Jim Carpenter and Jim Cousins. Lethbridge received their certificate of incorporation on November 21, 1968 and maintained local autonomy for the next seven years. When

Lethbridge centre teamed up with Edmonton and Calgary to form the provincial society in 1975, the society's first president came from the Lethbridge centre, the one and only, Dr. John Dormaar.

### **February 5, 2015: South Eastern Alberta Archaeological Society (SEAAS)**

On March 4, 1975 an organizational meeting of 18 people interested in forming the South Eastern Alberta Archaeological Society (SEAAS) was held in the Medicine Hat College. John Brumley presided over the meeting. The first executive was chosen and consisted of a chair (Veronica Maltin), vice-chair (Ev Johnson), a secretary-treasurer (Shirley Heather), and two directors (John Brumley and Veronica Maltin). The SEAAS (head quartered in Medicine Hat, AB) received their certificate of incorporation on June 5, 1975. By August 1975 the SEAAS was participating in excavations at the Hill Valley Site (EaOp-11). On January 25, 1976 they had their first Annual General Meeting at which time John Brumley became the chair of the society and Janice Andreas filled the vacated director role.

Help us celebrate by submitting your photos, facts or stories about the ASA's last 40 years to [cgrekul@shaw.ca](mailto:cgrekul@shaw.ca).



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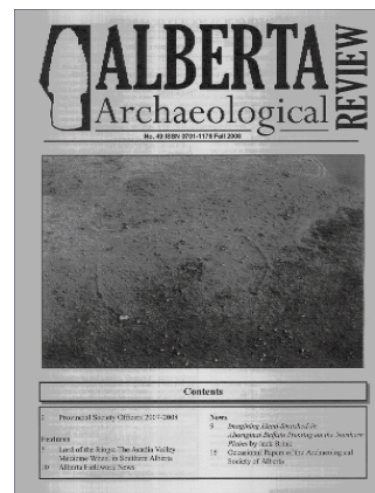
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## ***Upcoming Workshops: Flintknapping & Artifact Illustration***

### ***Artifact Illustration Workshop***

**February 21, 2015 at Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton**

The Strathcona Archaeological Society welcomes you to come and get a hands-on tutorial in artifact illustration with Shawn Morton, graduate student from the University of Calgary. You will learn basic illustration techniques, and get a chance to draw a variety of artifactual materials. The workshop will be held on February 21st, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at MacEwan University. Cost for participants will be \$15, \$10 for paid SAS Members. All supplies are included. Pre-register by emailing [arkyedmonton@gmail.com](mailto:arkyedmonton@gmail.com).

### ***Flintknapping and Stone Tool Workshop***

**March 7 & 8, 2015 at the University of Calgary, Calgary**

The ASA: Calgary Centre is offering a two day flintknapping workshop for the fifth year in a row! Saturday will include a basic introduction to techniques involved in the production of chipped stone tools and Sunday will be a full day knap-in for those with a strong desire to improve their existing flintknapping and prehistoric technology skills. Cost is \$35 for one day or \$50 for both days. There is a special student rate of \$30 for one day. Registration includes instruction, materials and lunch. Pre-register by emailing Michael Turney at [mturney@golder.com](mailto:mturney@golder.com).

### ***Stone Tool Making Workshop***

**March 21 & 22, 2015 at the University of Alberta, Edmonton**

The Strathcona Archaeological Society is excited to offer a two day introduction to stone tools, or flintknapping, for the third year! This year's workshops will be led by Sean Lynch, professional archaeologist, U of A alumnus and experienced flintknapper. The full-day workshops will be on March 21st and 22nd. On Saturday, you can learn the very basics of stone tool making using techniques like hard-hammer and soft-hammer percussion and pressure flaking. On Sunday, you can experiment with traditional materials like sinew, spruce pitch and ochre to create composite tools like hafted knives, scrapers or arrows. Cost is \$45/day, \$40/day for SAS Members, and includes coffee break, lunch and afternoon snack. Pre-register by emailing [arkyedmonton@gmail.com](mailto:arkyedmonton@gmail.com).



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

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### *Report A Find*

Written by Courtney Lakevold, Archaeological Information Coordinator, Alberta Culture

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Have you ever discovered a projectile point, stone tool, ceramic, bone or other archaeological artifact? If so, we want to hear from you!

Archaeological artifacts may be exposed by natural events (flooding, freeze/thaw cycles or tree throws) or human modification to a landscape (agriculture, recreation activities, or development). As explained in a previous post, [Alberta is Rich in Archaeology](#), archaeologists

working in the province discover, or revisit, sites during the course of Historical Resource Impact Assessments. However, there are large stretches of the province that aren't subject to Historical Resource Impact Assessments such as previously cultivated areas or areas that do not have development projects on them. This doesn't mean there are not archaeology sites there. Often, people will discover archaeological artifacts and sites when they are out hiking,



*A variety of artifacts typically found in Alberta. Photo credit: Todd Kristensen*

fishing, geocaching, working, or cultivating their fields. This can include arrowheads or other stone tools, bones, ceramics, or tipi rings and other stone features. So, what can people do when they make these discoveries? They can [Report A Find!](#) The [Archaeological Survey](#) has set up a webpage where people can report their discoveries. You can get an expert opinion on your find and, who knows, possibly be credited with recording a new archaeological site! Recording this information is a big step in helping to preserve and protect Alberta's historical resources. But, please remember that if you observe an artifact in your travels, the best practice is to leave it where you found it. Archaeological sites are protected under Alberta's [Historic Resources Act](#), regardless of where they were found. Removing an artifact from its original context disrupts the integrity of

the site, and may hinder efforts to further understand the significance of the object. You just need to provide us with a photo of your find and the location it was found, either by providing geographic coordinates or plotting the location on a map. Your find will be reported to staff at the Archaeological Survey and they will follow up with you to confirm the find and possibly ask for additional information. Staff will confirm if the site is already known or if the find warrants a new site designation!

Reporting finds can provide valuable information that helps the staff at the Archaeological Survey manage, protect and preserve archaeological resources in Alberta. We can't wait to hear about your discoveries!



*Bone artifact from a "Stones and Bones" event in Coaldale. Photo credit: Royal Alberta Museum*

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*Medicine Wheel with outer rings and a central cairn. Photo credit: Royal Alberta*

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## ***Artifact Illustration Workshop***

Written by Christie Grekul, ASA Provincial Coordinator

The Strathcona Archaeological Society organized a successful Artifact Illustration Workshop on February 21, 2015 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Grant MacEwan University. This hands-on tutorial was taught by Shawn Morton, a graduate student from the University of Calgary. Participants learnt basic artifact illustration techniques and had a chance to draw a variety of artifactual materials, including lithics, pottery and bone.



*Artifact illustration in progress.*

Shawn Morton shared his knowledge about different types of archaeological illustrations, why artifact illustration is important and the steps involved in artifact illustration.

Approximately 15+ people attended the event and enjoyed it. Participants paid \$15 (\$10 for SAS Members) to attend the workshop and all supplies were included.



*A partially illustrated obsidian projectile point.*

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In the spring of 2002 Dr. Shawn Haley, who was a

professor at Red Deer College, was asked if there was an interest in creating a chapter of the Archaeological Society of Alberta in Red Deer. The first meeting was held in April of that year at the Red Deer and District Museum. The 30+ people in attendance were eager to see an ASA chapter in Red Deer. Forty-four memberships were sold the first year. The ASA - Red Deer Centre was officially registered on October 28, 2003.

Between 2003 and 2006 the center hosted many events including Forensic Crime Scene workshops. However, by the end of the 2006 season, the Red

Deer Centre took a hiatus due to lack of membership. In 2010, through the dedication of Provincial President Joanne Braaten, Vandy Bower, Jean Kaufmann, Doug Shaw and the current Red Deer Centre President Larry Stienbrenner, the center became active again. Regular meetings are currently held at Red Deer College the second Wednesday of the month.

#### **February 19, 2015: Bodo Archaeological Society**

The Bodo Archaeological Site, located 35 km south of Provost, Alberta, was first discovered in 1995 during a pipeline development project. The local community took interest in the archaeological site immediately and began stewardship over the area in December of 2003 when the Bodo Archaeological Society (BAS) was incorporated. From 2002 to 2008, the University of Alberta also conducted a field school at the site to train aspiring undergraduate archaeologists. Since 2003, the BAS has offered tours and educational programs (including school tours, kids camps, and Adult Dig-It Camps) to the public.

Some of the original members who helped create the Bodo Archaeological Society including Iris Larson, Roxanna Wotschell, Leila & Clarence Grobel, and Terry Gibson were all founding members of the BAS who are still active board members today!

#### **February 26, 2015: The ASA as a Provincial Body**

In September 1960 a group of interested individuals in Edmonton formed the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) (unincorporated). Subsequently in 1966 Edmonton applied for a charter under the Archaeological Society of Alberta, Edmonton Centre due to fact that other Centres were established in the meantime. The Calgary Centre received their charter in 1964 and the Lethbridge Centre in 1968. Finally in September of 1973, a meeting of the three centres was held in Calgary to discuss the formation of a provincial society. An agreement was reached and a decision was made to meet again in April 1974 to discuss the matter further. In February 1974 a representative from each Centre met in Edmonton and drew up a draft constitution. At the meeting in April 1974, the draft of the constitution was presented and accepted in principle. Subsequently the draft was

sent to Lethbridge Centre where a committee went to work and tidied up the draft. The final constitution was then signed by officers of Lethbridge Centre and forwarded to Calgary Centre for their approval and signatures. Once this had been done, the package was forwarded to Edmonton Centre for their final approval and signing. The package was then delivered to Department of Corporate Affairs and the charter for the Archaeological Society of Alberta was issued on February 7, 1975.

The first executive meeting of the newly formed Archaeological Society of Alberta was held in Calgary in October 1975 and Dr. John Dormaar of Lethbridge was elected as the first president of the ASA.

#### **March 5, 2015: Dr. Johan Dormaar**

As mentioned in last week's post the ASA's first president was Dr. John Dormaar of the Lethbridge Centre. John was an avid avocational archaeologist and an invaluable member of the Alberta archaeological community. His own area of expertise was soils and organic chemistry but his keen interest in archaeology resulted in the publication of many scientific papers relevant to the discipline. John was a very active member of the society (and many other interest groups) who regularly presented talks at the various centres and led "legendary" fieldtrips! John had a long history of service to archaeology in Alberta and we were honoured to have him be a part of our family!

The ASA created the Johan (John) Dormaar Award in 2012, after his passing, to honour his memory. The John Dormaar Award is granted to an individual who, through production of a substantive piece of written work, has significantly advanced the understanding and appreciation of Alberta archaeology and related disciplines.

#### **March 12, 2015: Distinguished Service Award**

The ASA has had many outstanding members and volunteers over the last 40 years. The Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize these individuals. Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award must be an ASA member in good standing; have a distinguished,



long term record of service to their local centre; have made contributions, or participated in, the provincial level of the society; have made contributions to archaeology in Alberta; contributed to an increased awareness and/or education of the public on issues of archaeology in Alberta and; contributed to public awareness and promotion of the Society, both at the local and provincial level. If you know a member of the ASA worthy of this prestigious award, please contact us for a nomination form!

#### **March 19, 2015: Alberta Archaeology Review**

One of the ASA's publications is the Alberta Archaeological Review. The Review's purpose is two-fold: to convey news of activities throughout the province, and to provide a forum for the dissemination of archaeological research in Alberta. The first Review was published in March of 1977 and featured an article by Richard G. Forbis called "The Past, Present and Future of Alberta Archaeology." Dr. Forbis offered some interesting and accurate insights, and reading the article today sheds light on how much the discipline of archaeology has changed over the years. On a side note - the price listed on the first issue was \$20...imagine how much it's worth now! Many interesting articles have been published since, and the 57<sup>th</sup> issue of the Review has just been released! To see a full listing of past reviews, visit our webpage:

[http://www.arkyalberta.com/publications\\_theReview.html](http://www.arkyalberta.com/publications_theReview.html).

#### **March 26, 2015: Occasional Papers**

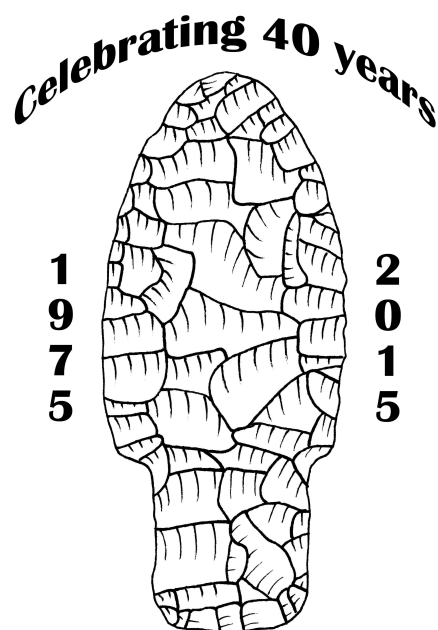
The Occasional Papers Series is another important publication produced by the society. Twelve issues have been published and each feature interesting archaeological sites and research, not only in Alberta, but from across the Plains. This series' first publication was in 2003 and featured excavations at the Saahkomaapina (Boy Chief) site in south-central Alberta. To see a full listing of the Occasional Papers visit our webpage: [http://www.arkyalberta.com/publications\\_papers.html](http://www.arkyalberta.com/publications_papers.html)

#### **April 2, 2015: Richard G. Forbis**

Richard Forbis really began the previously neglected study of Alberta Archaeology when he was hired by the Glenbow foundation in 1954 to establish an Archaeology Department specifically

to carry out research into the archaeology of the Province. In cooperation with the Glenbow and the then young University of Alberta in Calgary he taught the first course on Plains Archaeology in the early 1960's and helped play a key role in establishing the Department of Archaeology at the University in 1964. As Chairman of the Public Hearings into the Conservation of Historical and Archaeological Resources in Alberta in 1972, he played a critical role in the development of the Alberta Historical Resources Act. In 1961 Dr. Forbis and a group of interested public sketched out the constitution and direction of the Calgary Centre of the Archaeological Society of Alberta. Through his work with the Glenbow Foundation, the University of Calgary, the Calgary Centre of the Archaeological Society and his many publications on sites all over Alberta, Dr. Richard Forbis made a hugely significant contribution to our knowledge and understanding of Alberta Archaeology.

Help us celebrate by continuing to submit your photos, facts or stories about the ASA's last 40 years to [cgrekul@shaw.ca](mailto:cgrekul@shaw.ca).



**Archaeological Society  
of Alberta**

## ***The ASA Lethbridge Centre award Bob Shore with a Honourary Lifetime Membership***

Submitted by ASA - Lethbridge Centre & Photos by John Easton

Robert (Bob) Shore has been a very active member in The Archaeological Society of Alberta, Lethbridge Centre since he joined the Society in the early 1980s.

Bob, over the years has held the position of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Director and when no one else stepped forward, he volunteered to act as Secretary until a replacement could be found. In addition to taking an active role on the executive, Bob has worked on various committees over the years as well as actively participating in fieldtrips, mapping projects and other activities of the Society. When we have information tables set up at one of our events, Bob has generously volunteered his time to help man the display and has provide some material (photo albums) for the display tables.

As President, Bob represented Lethbridge Centre on the Provincial Executive for several years.

When able to commit the time, Bob volunteered with several archaeological consulting firms to assist in excavating archaeological sites along the Oldman River prior to the construction of the Oldman River Dam. For several years after the construction of the dam was completed, Bob monitored a section of sites along the Oldman Reservoir on behalf of the Archaeological Survey. Bob also volunteered on other site excavations over the years including the monitoring of Wally's Beach.

Bob has freely offered his expertise on various archaeological matters or sites to not only our



long time members and to new members but the general public as well.

In addition to his volunteering on behalf of the ASA Lethbridge Centre, Bob is an active member of the Lethbridge Historical Society. Bob has also given talks and slide presentations on archaeology and his world travels at the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organisation (LSCO) once a month for the past several years. Bob also received an award for his volunteer work with the LSCO.



# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Archaeological Society of Alberta

May 8-10, Pomeroy Inn & Suites, Olds College Campus, Olds



## ASA 1975-2015: Celebrating Forty Years of Alberta Archaeology

Hosted by Red Deer Centre & Calgary Centre

<b>Friday, May 8</b>	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Registration (Pomeroy Hotel lobby) and Reception (Land Sciences Bldg., 100 m south of the hotel; entertainment and cash bar available) Other planned activities will include tours of campus gardens, wetland research gardens, the on-site brewery, and meat lab.
<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	8:00 am: Registration continues (Pomeroy Hotel lobby) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Speaker Sessions (Pomeroy Hotel meeting rooms) 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Cocktails, Dinner, Banquet Speaker: Barney Reeves: Alberta Archaeology -The Past and Next 40 Years
<b>Sunday, May 10</b>	8:30 a.m. (tentative start time): Dry Island /Rumsey Field Trip (tentative)

**Accommodations:** Accommodations are available on campus in either student residences/townhouses (starting from \$40/night for single rooms with shared washrooms) or at the Pomeroy Inn & Suites at Olds College, a full-service hotel (starting at \$149/night). Camping is also available on campus (RVs only) or at the O.R. Hedges Lions Campground. See opposite side of this form for details.

### Conference Registration Form (registration deadline is May 1, 2015)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (ASA centre or other): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Early Bird Registration (before April 1; incl. sessions, lunch, coffee, banquet, speaker): \$65
- Full Registration (after April 1; incl. sessions, lunch, coffee, banquet, speaker): \$75
- Saturday sessions only (incl. lunch & coffee breaks): \$30
- Banquet/speaker only: \$30

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*For more information, please contact:*

Larry Steinbrenner  
403-342-3316 (bus.)  
[larry.steinbrenner@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:larry.steinbrenner@rdc.ab.ca)

*To register, mail completed form and cheque to:*

Archaeological Society of Alberta - Red Deer Centre  
c/o Dr. Larry Steinbrenner, Red Deer College,  
100 College Boulevard, Red Deer AB T4N 5H5

## Conference Accommodations

### Olds College Student Residences

Located on campus in Frank Grisdale Hall, a five minute walk from the conference site. All rooms feature shared washrooms. Single: \$40.00; double: \$60.00. There is a \$5.00 linen fee unless your own linens are supplied. Phone Terri or Michelle at 403-556-8330 to reserve.

### College Court Town Houses

The townhouses are located on campus and are less than a ten minute walk from the conference site. Seven units are available at \$180.00 a night. Each townhouse has four private bedrooms with single beds, a shared living room, a kitchen and two full baths. Townhouses may be booked as a unit or by the single room. Phone Terri or Michelle at 403-556-8330 to reserve.

### Pomeroy Inn & Suites at Olds College

Located at the corner of Highways 27 and 2A (4601 46th Avenue, Olds, Alberta T4H 1P5) on the grounds of the Olds College, the Pomeroy is the site of the conference. Guests can look forward to a deluxe complimentary hot breakfast, state-of-the-art fitness facility, pool, hot tub, waterslide, and fully equipped business centre, along with exceptionally comfortable rooms.

\$149: King suite with pullout sofa

\$159: Double queen with demi kitchen

\$169: King suite with full kitchen

Bookings can be made online (see below) or by calling the **Pomeroy Inn & Suites at Olds College** (quote **Group Code ASA0515** for conference rates):

**Phone:** (403) 556-8815

**Fax Number:** 403-556-1056

**Toll-Free Number:** 855-800-8815

Pomeroy Inn & Suites Website:

[AB Arch Society](#) (dedicated site for Group Code users) OR

<http://www.pomeroyinnandsuites.com/hotels-olds-alberta>

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### Camping

Camping for self-contained RVs is available in selected parking lots on campus at Olds College. This is for self-contained units only; no services are available except for electricity. \$15/night. Phone Terri or Michelle at 403-556-8330 for reservations.

Camping for tents and RVs requiring washroom or other services are available at O.R. Hedges Lions Campground (about 1 km from conference site, on 54 St. Across from the Cow Palace & Centennial Park Site Rates (not including GST): Power & Water: \$35; Tenting: \$17. Call 403-556-2299 for reservations.

Information on other accommodations in Olds (hotels, motels, bed and breakfast, etc.) can be found at:

<http://www.windsorgraphics.ca/cgi-bin/tofolds/bizdir.cgi?ffilt=HOTE&submit=View>

**Conference Preliminary Program**  
**ASA 1975 – 2015**  
**Celebrating Forty Years of Alberta Archaeology**

Jack Brink, Royal Alberta Museum

**From Dewdney to Dstretch: A Retrospective of Rock Art Studies in Alberta**

Alwynne B. Beaudoin, Royal Alberta Museum

**Filling in the Gaps: how Palaeoenvironmental Studies provide the backdrop for Alberta's Archaeology**

John W. (Jack) Ives

Landrex Distinguished Professor, Department of Anthropology, U. of Alberta  
Executive Director, Institute of Prairie Archaeology

**Collections, Corridors and Clusters: Paleoindian Research in Alberta**

Alison Landals, Stantec Consulting Ltd.

**The Excavation and Analysis of Bison Kill Sites in Alberta: A Forty Year Journey**

David Meyer, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, U. of Saskatchewan

**Narrow Fabric-impressed Ware in the Boreal Forest of Northern Alberta**

Gerald A Oetelaar, Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, U. of Calgary

**Academic Contributions to Archaeology in Alberta: Retrospect and Prospect**

Heinz W. Pyszczyk, Royal Alberta Museum

**Historical Archaeology in Alberta: A Short 'History' of Doing History**

Brian Ronaghan

**Observations on the 40-year progress of CRM Archaeology in Alberta**

Brian Vivian, Lifeways of Canada Limited

**Form versus Function, Style and Change in the Standards of Practice in Alberta Archaeology**

Dale Walde, Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, U. of Calgary

**First Nations Ceramics of the Canadian Plains and Parklands: New Finds and New Interpretations**

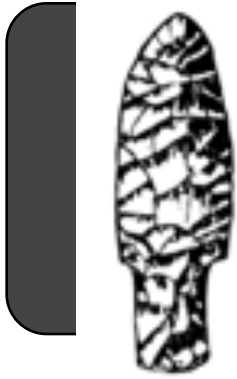
Robin Woywitka, Archaeological Survey of Alberta/U. of Alberta

**Stone, Fur and Bitumen: Archaeology of the lower Athabasca River basin near Fort McMurray, Alberta**

**Key Note Address:**

Barney Reeves

**What Goes Around Comes Around or Does It?; Alberta Archaeology -The Past and Next 40 Years.**



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

***The Red Deer and the Calgary chapters of the society hosted this year's annual ASA conference and AGM in Olds, AB on May 8-10, 2015.***

Written by Jayne Carlille, ASA Red Deer Centre

The weekend kicked off in grand fashion on Friday night with a few tours.

The first tour for thirsty conference attendees was the Olds College Brewery, a state of the art 2,000 square foot facility dedicated to teaching students the art and science behind brewing the best beer possible. This is one of only two brewmaster programs offered in Canada. The brewing equipment is tailored for small commercial production with six 1,000 liter commercial fermenters plus eight 100 liter pilot systems used for testing recipes and for niche brewing. Everyone's favourite part of the tour was that you could not only buy your beer, but you could sample it first!

Jane Reksten, from Olds College led the tour of the Treatment Wetland Gardens. Spread over 20 acres, and encompassing a series of 19 ponds with a 1.3 kilometer walkway newly planted with hundreds of trees and shrubs, native plants, perennials and wetland plants, the site was truly impressive. What is not readily obvious is the function of the ponds - treating and polishing run-off water from the campus, and providing research opportunities in the area of wastewater treatment.

The next stop was the National Meat Training Centre where students can go to learn about all aspects of meat processing. It is also a great place to buy your locally raised fresh beef, pork, bison, lamb, and chicken, or sausages, beef jerky, and, well we lost track as we were overwhelmed by the choices available in the Meat Lab Store. All the goods were cut and processed by the students of Olds College.

The social was held in the glassed atrium filled with beautiful vegetation in the Land Science Building at Olds College. Judy Dahl, the Mayor of Olds brought greetings from the town and opened the social. It was a good opportunity to sample some of the Brewmaster students' products, catch up with old friends, and meet new friends.

Saturday's ASA Conference and AGM were held in the Conference Centre at the Pomeroy Inn & Suites at Olds College. Lovely costumed volunteers from the Olds Historical Society greeted arriving participants. The list of speakers was impressive and covered the scope of the last forty years of Alberta Archaeology, and way beyond in the case of Alwynne Beaudoin from the Royal Alberta Museum with her talk on "Filling in

## ASA 2015 Conference - Olds College Tours



the Gaps: How Palaeoenvironmental Studies provide the backdrop for Alberta's Archaeology".

Other speakers included: Jack Brink (Royal Alberta Museum), John W. (Jack) Ives (University of Alberta), Margaret Kennedy (University of Saskatchewan), Alison Landals (Stantec Consulting Ltd.), David Meyer (University of Saskatchewan), Gerald A Oetelaar, (University of Calgary), Heinz W. Pyszczuk (Royal Alberta Museum), Laura Nuttall (Stantec), Brian Ronaghan, Brian Vivian (Lifeways of Canada Limited), and Dale Walde (University of Calgary),

A special thanks goes out to Tim Carlielle from Progressive Media Video and Corvis Aerial Inc. for donating his time and equipment to record all the speakers. Members who could not attend the conference but would still like to hear the talks are in luck and the videos will be available for private viewing in the near future. Stay tuned.

The banquet was held at the Pomeroy where we enjoyed a delicious meal and were enlightened by the keynote address of Barney Reeves: *What Goes Around Comes Around or Does It?: Alberta Archaeology -The Past 40 and Next 40 Years.*

The conference culminated with Sunday's Field Trip. A rather large convoy, comprised of a representative stratum of early 21<sup>st</sup> century automobiles, headed east to Dry Island Buffalo Jump Provincial Park. After an informative stop at the top, for a discussion of the jump and of the Cree who hunted there, we descended down a steep and windy road to the bottom of the valley and enjoyed along the way the breathtaking view of the Badlands and Red Deer River. Not only is this a sight of archaeological significance but it is also an important paleontological and geological local. From here the KT boundary is clearly visible, at least for those in the know! The Cretaceous-Tertiary (K-T) boundary is a geological signature

that defines the end of the Mesozoic around 66 million years ago. The boundary marks the end of the Cretaceous Period, and marks the beginning of the Paleocene. The boundary is associated with mass extinctions and was the demise of the non-avian dinosaurs in addition to many other species. One of the world's largest and best-known exposures of K-T boundary are exposed just north of the park.

The group was also reminded that they were walking on the same ground that was once the shores of a vast inland sea and the same ground that the tyrannosaurs walked upon. In fact, the "Huxley *T. rex*" (the big specimen on display in the Royal Tyrrell Museum) was found just outside the park.

Next we took a short drive to the Rumsey Cairn. We accessed the Cairn through private farmland and walked up to the site. From there we had clear views across the countryside. Since it was first photographed in 1912, this has remained one of the most photographed Cairns in the province. It was first surveyed in the 1920s, excavated in the 30s, and reconstructed in the 1950s. Several enterprising members of the group took numerous photographs of the cairn and its human

rock effigy just to ensure the photographic record continues!

In summary the conference was a great success and a special thanks must go out to all who contributed. Thanks to all those who took time out of their busy lives to attend the conference and a special thanks to all the speakers and the poster presenters who shared their knowledge and insight with us. Thanks to the volunteers from the Red Deer and Calgary chapters who planned the event and to the volunteers from the Town of Olds who helped make the event run so smoothly. Another loud thank you goes out to all our sponsors: Alberta Historical Resource Foundation, AMEC Foster Wheeler Historical Resource Group, Lifeways of Canada, Arrow Archaeology Group, Stantec Consulting, Turtle Island Cultural Resource Management, Atatl Archaeology Ltd., Speargrass Historical Resource Consultants Inc., Golder Associates Ltd., Circle CRM Group Inc., Association of Consulting Archaeologists, Beta Analytic, and Corvis Aerial Inc.

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year in High River when Calgary hosts the 41<sup>st</sup> ASA AGM and Conference.



*Sunday Fieldtrip: Rumsey Cairn.*



*Sunday Fieldtrip: Dry Island Buffalo Jump.*





*Conference Speakers:*

*Top row (left to right): Gerald A Oetelaar, Brian Ronaghan, Alwynne Beaudoin & John W. (Jack) Ives*

*Middle row (left to right): Laura Nuttall, David Meyer, Alison Landals & Margaret Kennedy*

*Bottom row (left to right): Dale Walde, Brian Vivian, Heinz W. Pyszczyk & Jack Brink*

***RETROactive: Blogging Alberta's Historic Places***

Visit ***RETROactive: Blogging Alberta's Historic Places***

<https://albertahistoricplaces.wordpress.com>

Check the blog regularly for new releases.

## 2015: Two Canadian Knap Ins – Rocky Mountain House & Lethbridge

### **1<sup>st</sup> Rocky Mountain House Knap In**

Rocky Mountain House Heritage Site

July 9-13, 2015



The second-ever Canadian Knap In will be held at the Rocky Mountain House Heritage Site on the outskirts of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada, during the Legends and Legacy weekend. This event draws 3000-4000 visitors annually that come to see history relived on this historic site where in 1799 the North West and Hudson's Bay companies set up rival posts at the end of the fur trade line on the North Saskatchewan River.

Arrangements have been made for free RV parking and/or tenting for our knappers but since space is somewhat limited we have been asked to preregister for those sites.

Email or call Russell Thornberry at [russellthornberry@gmail.com](mailto:russellthornberry@gmail.com) - phone (403) 872 4866 for more information and off site accommodation.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ft Whoop Knap In**

Lethbridge Black Powder Range

Sept 4-7, 2015



It will be held in conjunction with the Black Powder Rendezvous which will draw 50 plus participants. It is located in the valley close to the confluence of the Belly and Old Man Rivers, near the original site of Ft Whoop up.



Free camping will be available to preregistered knappers and a \$10 attendance fee will be charged for nonregistered knappers. Contact Barry Rogers 403 678 5041 or email [barryrogers@shaw.ca](mailto:barryrogers@shaw.ca) to register and get a map and further accommodation and activities information.

## **Archaeological Society of Alberta: 2015 Summer Events**

### ***Field Trip: 40 Mile Coulee Site Survey South Eastern Archaeological Society of Alberta June 27 & 28***

After our excitement of finding a beautiful site (40+ rings & cairns) along the coulee last year you may have been wondering just when we're going back to finish identifying the features as well as moving onto the other areas that have yet to be examined. As you can see the decision has been made and we will have at least two archaeologists with us, Wendy Unfreed and Cathy Linowski. Cathy is also an expert on natural vegetation so there will be lots of opportunity to learn.

It takes about an hour to get from Med Hat to where we park. You'll need to bring water and lunch. The work will consist of walking the prairie that overlooks the coulee in a way that ensures all the property is scanned. Since we work in pairs (or more) experience will not be an issue, recognition of features comes quickly. We then take a GPS reading, measure the rings and count the stones. It's a beautiful area and a great way to spend the day.

If you think you'd like to attend please give me a call or send Janice Andreas an email.

(403) 526-3346

[Banjomh1@telus.net](mailto:Banjomh1@telus.net)

### ***Glenbow Townsite Tour Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary Centre July 25th, 9:00 am – noon. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Price: \$20.00 (pre registration required)***

Join Shari Peyerl, from the Archaeological Society of Alberta (Calgary Centre), to explore Glenbow Village and the Workers' Quarters. These areas are protected under Ministerial Closure, but the tour will allow participants special access on the day. Although the community of Glenbow has disappeared, the stories of the families who lived and worked there provide great insight into the conditions of quarry workers in the early 1900s and the challenges faced by Alberta's early residents. The tour begins at Glenbow Village, with a research update on some of the most interesting residents. Then the tour continues to the Workers' Quarters below Glenbow Quarry. Visit the excavations of the Archaeological Society and learn how excavations are done. Hear the stories revealed by the recovered artifacts. The unique site of Glenbow Town and Quarry brings archaeology, historical documents, and oral history together to tell the story of Alberta's past. As we will be traveling to the townsite via golf carts, drop-ins on the day of the tour cannot be accommodated. Each person who wants to attend MUST pre-register. There will be some walking through grasses over uneven terrain, so sturdy shoes are recommended.

Contact: [asacalgary@yahoo.ca](mailto:asacalgary@yahoo.ca)

**Paskapoo Slopes Walking Tour**  
**Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary Centre**  
**July 27, 7:00-8:30pm**

Join Brian Vivian of the Archaeological Society of Alberta in a walking tour of Paskapoo Slopes. This tour will highlight the natural history and provide an introduction to the rich archaeological resources found along the slopes, including First Nations campsites and bison kills that are 2000-3000 years in age. The tour is ~ 90 minutes in length, and follows trails that may be considered physically challenging and requires good footwear be worn. To join this tour meet on the Old Bow Fort Road, just below the ski jump in Calgary, Alberta at 7:00 pm.



**Opportunity to Attend the**  
**National Trust Conference 2015: Heritage Energized**  
<https://www.heritagecanada.org/en/get-involved/conferences>

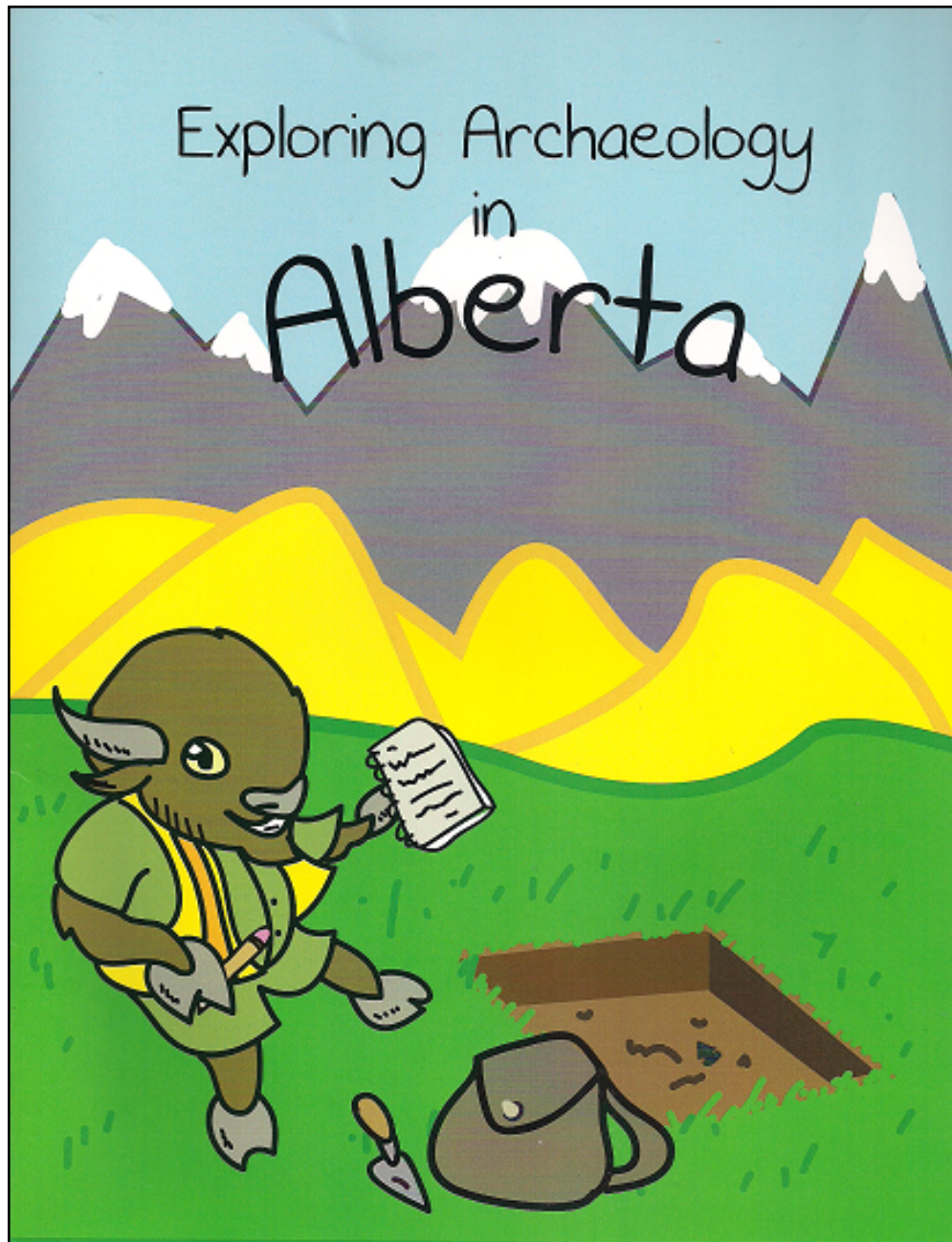
Heritage is an energy producer that consistently infuses Canadian communities with cultural and economic vitality, sparks new investment, and grounds us with a strong sense of place. The 2015 National Trust Conference will explore how heritage energy can turn places around, empower people, and create opportunities. It will also shine a spotlight on how the heritage movement itself is being transformed through its evolving relationship with property development, arts and culture, sustainable living, philanthropy, and the cultural diversity of Canada.

The Archaeological Society of Alberta is sponsoring one free Conference Registration (Opening Reception, Awards Ceremony, Closing Party), including limited expenses, to the **National Trust Conference 2015: Heritage Energized taking place in Calgary, Alberta at the Palliser Hotel on October 22-24, 2015.** If you are an ASA member in good standing and are interested in working with the Provincial Coordinator to represent the ASA at this conference, send a short letter of intent to [cgrekul@shaw.ca](mailto:cgrekul@shaw.ca). The chosen attendee will be required to collaborate on a written report and oral presentation as a followup to the conference for the ASA executive and members. Application deadline is September 1, 2015.

# ***Archaeology Themed Children's Book***

Created by Shawn Bubel and Kenzie Ferguson

Published by the Archaeological Society of Alberta Lethbridge Centre, 2015



This children's activity book was developed for elementary school children in Alberta. It is 12 pages of interactive activities and information about archaeology in Alberta.

For more information or to get copies please visit: [www.arkyalberta.com](http://www.arkyalberta.com).

## **Call for Volunteers – ASA Provincial Executive**

The Archaeological Society of Alberta is seeking nominations for the following Provincial Executive positions: Associate Editor of the Occasional Papers, Secretary, and Treasurer (or combined Secretary-Treasurer). The provincial executive is made up of members representing all six centres of the Society. The executive meets three times a year (fall, spring, and at the annual general meeting) and discusses and votes on grant applications, award nominations, provincial funding, publications and other matters concerning the Society as a whole. The provincial executive is an integral part of the operation of the ASA and offers rewarding and meaningful opportunities for interested individuals. Below are brief descriptions of the positions that are available:

**Associate Editor of the Occasional Papers** – The Occasional Papers are a publication of the Society that highlight archaeological research in our province. The Associate Editor's responsibilities include working closely with the Editor-in-Chief and Board of Directors to choose topics for the series, working with the author(s) once a manuscript, thesis or site report has been chosen and, providing information to the author (s). Time will be spent on the following tasks: collecting manuscript material, preparing copies for proofing, draft reading, initial formatting, editing, proof reading, e-mail, phone calls, packaging, mailing, delivery, meetings and book sales. Nominees must have strong computer skills.

**Secretary** - The provincial executive secretary shall attend to all administrative matters of the Society and shall maintain the Society's postal address. Daily tasks include checking e-mail and dealing with occasional telephone calls and mail. They also work with the President to schedule executive meetings (twice a year) and the Annual General Meeting, prepare meeting agendas, and send out notices and confirm attendance of executive members. The secretary is also responsible for recording the minutes at all meetings. Annually, the secretary will assist the President with obtaining and forwarding required reports and documents as requested by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF).

**Treasurer** - The treasurer will be responsible for the day to day financial affairs of the Archaeological Society of Alberta. The treasurer shall attend to all financial matters and oversee and be one (1) of the signing authorities along with at least two other Society members of the Society's bank account. All cheques issued on behalf of the Society should be signed by the treasurer and one of the other designated signors. Daily tasks include depositing funds received by the Society into the Society's bank account and paying accounts on behalf of the Society as they become due and payable. Monthly tasks include reconciling the Society's monthly bank statement, maintaining an up to date ledger of income and expenses and maintaining sub-ledgers of various accounts, if necessary. Annual duties include preparing and submitting financial statements and reports to government agencies.

Currently the Secretary-Treasurer is a combined position but it may be split, if the candidate(s) wish. For more information about any of these positions, or to nominate a candidate or express your own interest, please contact [courtney.lakevold@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.lakevold@gmail.com).



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

### *Ground-Truthing at the Redwater Provincial Recreation Area*

Written by Peter Kirchmeir, Strathcona Archaeological Society

The Strathcona Archaeological Society [SAS] undertook a surficial survey of the Redwater Provincial Recreational Area on July 18, 2015. This event was an extensional survey to help place the original sites FIPf-32, 33, and 34, recorded in 2005, in a more precise cultural context.

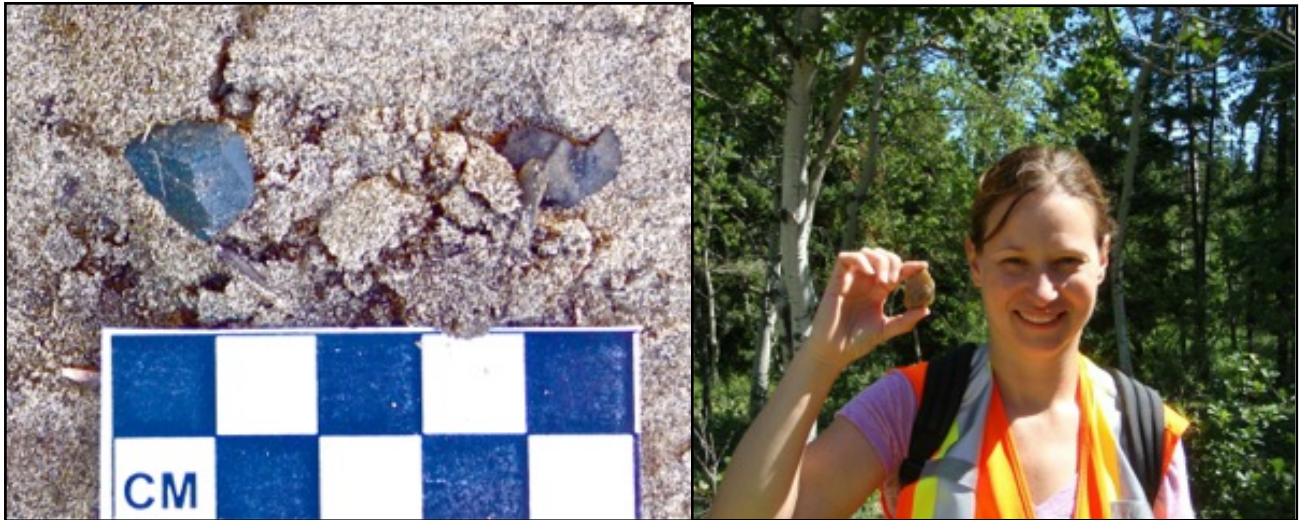
The survey area consists of stabilized sand dunes and was initially surveyed due to a proposed sand extraction surface mine, by Kurt Blaikie-Birkigt, who is now an archaeologist with Tree Time Services, Inc. All-Terrain-Vehicles and various other motorized vehicles, used for recreational trips and hunting forays, have made trails throughout this parkland section of North Central Alberta.

The Victoria Trail is located within this sand dune area: its location surmised rather than definitively traced [personal communication Kurtis Blaikie-Birkigt]. The Victoria Trail follows the North Saskatchewan River here and connects to Calgary and ultimately Fort Gary [Winnipeg] with the Victoria Settlement via Edmonton. [1] At the time of the initial survey, in 2005, diagnostic artifacts of the Boss Hill type were recovered and a possible dating to 8000 to 7500BP was indicated. Little

concrete stratification was found then and is not expected this time either. [2]

Our purpose this day was to survey some of the trails cut into the sand dune. Over the past years continuing use by the ATV's etc, the trails have deepened and new trails have been cut through the delicate surface layers. Poplar tees predominated the sides of the trails; dogwood and other brush, with clumps of interspersed grasses, made for a decorous understory.

We divided into groups of two, three or four, including families with children. An experienced archaeologist takes charge of maps; the trail loops are assigned. We check out our water bottles, for the day is warm, nay, hot, actually blazingly hot. Hats are drawn down over brows and securely fastened; a breeze does help to cool the body. Sunglasses are wiped of dust. Boots are loosened or fastened tighter according to taste. Lunch bags are placed in backpacks. The group leaders test their radios and synchronize watches. So, on with the sunscreen, the anti-bug gunk and other lotions and potions: then off we go to our appointed trailheads.



*Some artifact finds from the Redwater Provincial Recreation Area survey.*

Our first find, just where I step out of the parked car, is a white plastic bottle cork. Its shape reminds me of one of the cheaper brands of bubbling wine. A few steps further on, we come across a spent, red, twenty gauge shotgun shell. Throughout our hike we find empty ammunition shells: a .44 magnum, .22 brasses, a blank 30-30 with crimping instead of a bullet, and some unidentifiable casings, none of which are collected. Fortunately, one member of our group is somewhat of a gun expert.

Other, modern artifacts are seen, but not collected, including pop and beer cans, broken glass, a headband with attached, working headlight, which has four settings, and many, many pieces of aluminum foil of all colours, large and small, bent and flat. An odd assortment of cardboard scraps, cups and straws, mostly at the parking area, also catch the eye with their logos or pictures. Sand covers the bits, fooling the eye into thinking that there is a real pre-contact metal artifact! Aah, - foolish wish!

The day is a success in that new sites are identified and recorded. Our group stumbled, literally, across a core on the trail. A very small Black Pebble Chert end-scraper with attendant

flakes is also spotted, photographed, recorded and placed in a plastic baggie so that it could be admired and drooled over. Probably it had been used up and gotten smaller by each reshaping event.

It is important to continue to monitor these sand hill sites as in many ways man and nature have exposed more evidence of previous human activity in these areas. Our knowledge of the earlier occupants gives valuable insights into people's survival strategies in these areas.

All in all this has been a very successful expedition. We celebrated the finds and the good company with a BBQ supper.

End Notes:

1. <http://www.kalynacountry.com/Victoria-Trail>

2. Blaikie-Birkigt, K.

2017 Excavations at FIPf-31.32.33: Middle Period Workshop on the Victoria Trail. In *Alberta Archaeological Review No. 46, ISSN 0701- 1176, Fall 2007* ASA Permit 2005-228.



## **ASA - Calgary Centre: Summer Events Review**

Written by Shari Peyerl, ASA - Calgary Centre

### **Glenbow Town and Quarry Project Volunteer Excavation - June**

Brian Vivian and Shari Peyerl led an excavation program at Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park for five sunny days in June. The excavation of an historic structure in the Workers' Quarters continued this year with help from local volunteers. The stone cobble foundation continues to be uncovered, revealing clues about the family that lived in this little shack in 1910. The excavation will continue in September.

### **Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Day - July 18, 2015**

Sunny, warm weather made a perfect day for this family event. Many stopped by to check out our display and find out more about archaeology here in Alberta. The children loved the bison hide and skull, while the grown-ups had lots of questions about the points and the spear-thrower (*atlatl*). Other highlights of the day included free MacKay's ice cream in Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park's own flavour (strawberry-rhubarb pie) and a flyover of aerial acrobatics from the nearby Springbank airfield.

### **Bow Valley Park Day - July 19, 2015**

Over 400 people visited the Calgary Centre table at Bow Valley Park Day. Interested public included numerous Calgarians and other residents from the Bow Valley, many new Canadians, and assorted visitors from overseas. All expressed interest in the archaeology and cultural heritage of Alberta. Questions ranged from "What is the oldest site in Alberta?" to "How were buffalo killed and butchered?" and "Where did people live in the winter?".

### **Glenbow Historic Calgary Week Tour - July 25, 2015**

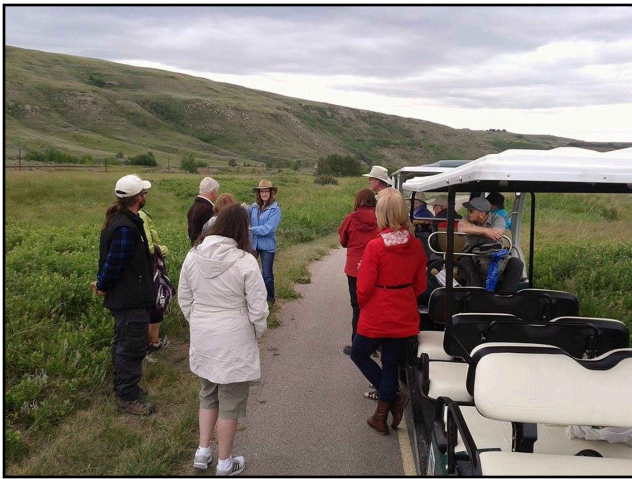
A fully-booked (and wait-listed) tour of the Glenbow Townsite and Quarry was part of Historic Calgary Week events. Shari Peyerl led the Saturday morning golf-cart tour to the Village and the Workers' Quarters, telling stories about the former residents. This historically significant, yet little known, settlement was occupied for only a short time but was home to a variety of interesting characters. A visit to the ASA-Calgary Centre's excavations was featured, and Shari passed around some of the artifacts found during June's dig.

### **Paskapoo Historic Calgary Week Tour - July 29, 2015**

Brian Vivian led an evening walking tour of Paskapoo Slopes, as one of the Historic Calgary Week events. A record number of history enthusiasts joined him for a hike on the slopes where they learned about the many uses of the area over time. Discussion of the local history ranged from the formation of the Bow Valley and Glacial Lake Calgary to the importance of the bison kill complex in the valley, with visits to the sites of a prehistoric campsite and a bison kill.

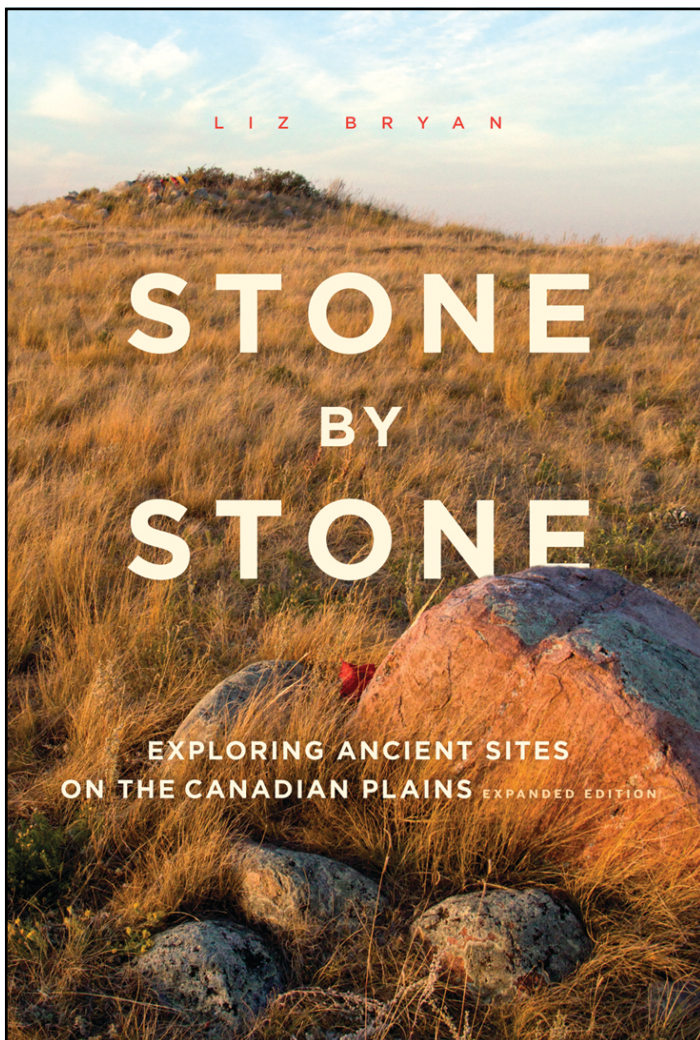


*Bow Valley Park Day.*



*Glenbow Townsite Tour.*

## **New Guide to Alberta's Ancient Past**



Anyone with a passion for Alberta's ancient past will welcome the arrival of Liz Bryan's newly revised and one-of-a-kind guide book, *Stone by Stone: Exploring Ancient Sites on the Canadian Plains, Expanded Edition*.

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For each location, the author provides detailed access instructions along with information for how to

contact local guides who can assist visitors with navigating private lands and interpreting these beautifully isolated and sensitive sites.

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*Stone by Stone: Exploring Ancient Sites on the Canadian Plains, Expanded Edition*

Liz Bryan. Heritage House Publishing, 2015, \$19.95

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**Opportunity to Attend the  
National Trust Conference 2015: Heritage Energized**

<https://www.heritagecanada.org/en/get-involved/conferences>

Heritage is an energy producer that consistently infuses Canadian communities with cultural and economic vitality, sparks new investment, and grounds us with a strong sense of place. The 2015 National Trust Conference will explore how heritage energy can turn places around, empower people, and create opportunities. It will also shine a spotlight on how the heritage movement itself is being transformed through its evolving relationship with property development, arts and culture, sustainable living, philanthropy, and the cultural diversity of Canada.

The Archaeological Society of Alberta is sponsoring one free Conference Registration (Opening Reception, Awards Ceremony, Closing Party), including limited expenses, to the **National Trust Conference 2015: Heritage Energized taking place in Calgary, Alberta at the Palliser Hotel on October 22-24, 2015.** If you are an ASA member in good standing and are interested in working with the Provincial Coordinator to represent the ASA at this conference, send a short letter of intent to [cgrekul@shaw.ca](mailto:cgrekul@shaw.ca). The chosen attendee will be required to collaborate on a written report and oral presentation as a followup to the conference for the ASA executive and members. Application deadline is September 1, 2015.

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## **Call for Volunteers – ASA Provincial Executive**

The Archaeological Society of Alberta is seeking nominations for the following Provincial Executive positions: Associate Editor of the Occasional Papers, Secretary, and Treasurer (or combined Secretary-Treasurer). The provincial executive is made up of members representing all six centres of the Society. The executive meets three times a year (fall, spring, and at the annual general meeting) and discusses and votes on grant applications, award nominations, provincial funding, publications and other matters concerning the Society as a whole. The provincial executive is an integral part of the operation of the ASA and offers rewarding and meaningful opportunities for interested individuals. Below are brief descriptions of the positions that are available:

**Associate Editor of the Occasional Papers** – The Occasional Papers are a publication of the Society that highlight archaeological research in our province. The Associate Editor's responsibilities include working closely with the Editor-in-Chief and Board of Directors to choose topics for the series, working with the author(s) once a manuscript, thesis or site report has been chosen and, providing information to the author (s). Time will be spent on the following tasks: collecting manuscript material, preparing copies for proofing, draft reading, initial formatting, editing, proof reading, e-mail, phone calls, packaging, mailing, delivery, meetings and book sales. Nominees must have strong computer skills.

**Secretary** - The provincial executive secretary shall attend to all administrative matters of the Society and shall maintain the Society's postal address. Daily tasks include checking e-mail and dealing with occasional telephone calls and mail. They also work with the President to schedule executive meetings (twice a year) and the Annual General Meeting, prepare meeting agendas, and send out notices and confirm attendance of executive members. The secretary is also responsible for recording the minutes at all meetings. Annually, the secretary will assist the President with obtaining and forwarding required reports and documents as requested by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF).

**Treasurer** - The treasurer will be responsible for the day to day financial affairs of the Archaeological Society of Alberta. The treasurer shall attend to all financial matters and oversee and be one (1) of the signing authorities along with at least two other Society members of the Society's bank account. All cheques issued on behalf of the Society should be signed by the treasurer and one of the other designated signors. Daily tasks include depositing funds received by the Society into the Society's bank account and paying accounts on behalf of the Society as they become due and payable. Monthly tasks include reconciling the Society's monthly bank statement, maintaining an up to date ledger of income and expenses and maintaining sub-ledgers of various accounts, if necessary. Annual duties include preparing and submitting financial statements and reports to government agencies.

Currently the Secretary-Treasurer is a combined position but it may be split, if the candidate(s) wish. For more information about any of these positions, or to nominate a candidate or express your own interest, please contact [courtney.lakevold@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.lakevold@gmail.com).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ft Whoop Knap In**

Lethbridge Black Powder Range

Sept 4-7, 2015



It will be held in conjunction with the Black Powder Rendezvous which will draw 50 plus participants. It is located in the valley close to the confluence of the Belly and Old Man Rivers, near the original site of Ft Whoop up.

Free camping will be available to preregistered knappers and a \$10 attendance fee will be charged for nonregistered knappers. Contact Barry Rogers 403 678 5041 or email [barryrogers@shaw.ca](mailto:barryrogers@shaw.ca) to register and get a map and further accommodation and activities information.





# ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

### *Glenbow Town & Quarry Project - Fall Update*

Written by Shari Peyerl, Archaeological Society of Alberta - Calgary Centre

Twenty-two volunteers contributed to the Calgary Centre's project in Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park in the 2015 field season. This September, we enjoyed gorgeous weather and autumn splendor as we continued the excavation. Wildlife sightings included deer, coyotes, osprey, and moose (plural!) and were a nice diversion from focus on our units. The park surroundings provided idyllic picnic views of the Bow River.

Excavation of the historic foundation, thought to be that of Robert Dickson's house, has progressed nicely. Robert, the quarry manager, lived there with his wife, Annabelle, and their three little girls (Ellen, Bella, and Sarah May) from 1909 to 1912. Half of the cobble foundation has been exposed, allowing extrapolation of the dimensions of the two-room shack. We have also uncovered clues to

the building's construction and demolition. Interesting finds this year include a pipe-stem, a decorated pipe-bowl fragment, tobacco tags of several forms, colourful pieces of ceramics, an old-fashioned bobby pin, and a small chisel.

We also had many members of the general public stop by to chat and find out about our project, including several hiking and golf-cart tour groups. An added bonus was when one of the cyclists confessed to being a remote descendant of a former resident of Glenbow! Thus, we found another source of information and photos for our project.

It's been another great field season at Glenbow Ranch and our thanks to all who came out and helped on this exciting project!





## 2016 ASA Awards

The ASA has established two awards that may be awarded each year to recognize the work of an individual(s). Winners of these awards are honoured during the ASA annual general meeting.

### Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is granted to an individual(s) who has provided a distinguished, long-term record of services to their local centre of the Society, participated in the provincial level of the society, contributed to the discipline of archaeology in the province, increased awareness and/or education on public issues of archaeology, and contributed to the promotion of the Society.

### Johan (John) Dormaar Award

The John Dormaar Award is granted to an individual who, through production of a substantive piece of written work, has significantly advanced the understanding and appreciation of Alberta archaeology and related disciplines. Nomination deadline is March 1, 2016.

For more information on either of these awards or to nominate someone, please contact Jim McMurchy at [jnemoc@telus.net](mailto:jnemoc@telus.net)

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## 2016 ASA Conference Sneak Peek!

### 41st Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta

April 29-30, 2016 in High River, Alberta

Mark your calendar!

The conference will focus on current archaeological research taking place in Alberta.  
Events will be held at the Highwood Golf & Country Club

More information will be posted here as it becomes available:

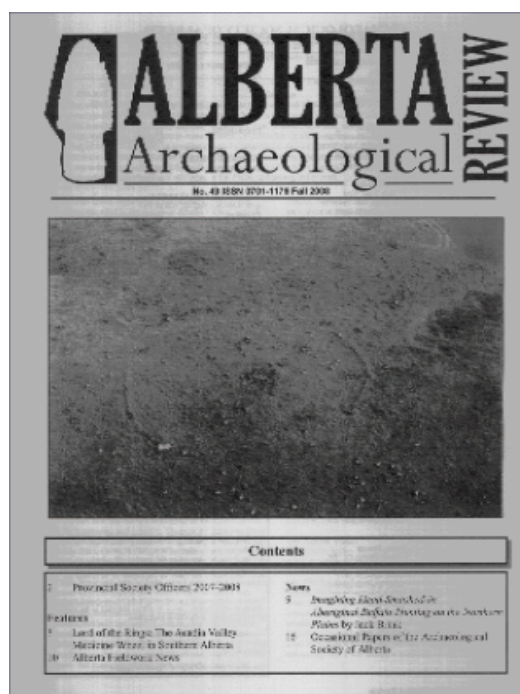
[http://www.arkyalberta.com/annual\\_conference.html](http://www.arkyalberta.com/annual_conference.html)



## The Alberta Archaeology Review

The *Alberta Archaeology Review* has published 56 volumes since its inception. The *Review's* purpose is two-fold: to convey news of the sponsoring organization's activities throughout the province, and to provide a forum for the dissemination of archaeological research in Alberta. The *Review* is a meeting ground for both amateur and professional archaeologists.

A back-stock exists for most volumes of the *Review*. If you are interested in ordering an individual volume or a entire set, please contact the ASA Provincial Coordinator, Christie Grekul at [cgrekul@shaw.ca](mailto:cgrekul@shaw.ca). Prices per volume vary (\$1 to \$5 each) and volume discounts are available.



## ***Agriculture Life and Environmental Sciences 100th (ALES 100) Anniversary Fall Fair Event at University of Alberta Alumni Weekend***

Written by Kurtis Blaikie-Birkigt, Strathcona Archaeological Society

On September 25 & 26 the Strathcona Archaeological Society collaborated with the Edmonton & District Historical Society and the Friends of Historic Northern Alberta Society to share the full spectrum of Alberta's heritage with visitors to the Agriculture Life and Environmental Sciences 100th (ALES 100) Anniversary Fall Fair event at University of Alberta Alumni weekend. Kurtis Blaikie, Kimberly Jankunta, Angela Green and Venus DeGuzman (of the UAAU) shared their love of archaeology with approximately 350 elementary students and 100 staff, alumni and family over two days. This was also a great opportunity to build connections and share ideas with other organizations in Edmonton's Heritage Community.



### **Find the ASA on Facebook!**

Did you know that the Archaeology Society of Alberta has five individual Group Facebook Pages that you can be part of to learn more about what is going on in Alberta Archaeology? These pages have all been created within the last ten years and provide excellent information to keep you up-to-date on ASA projects and activities.

**Join all five today!**

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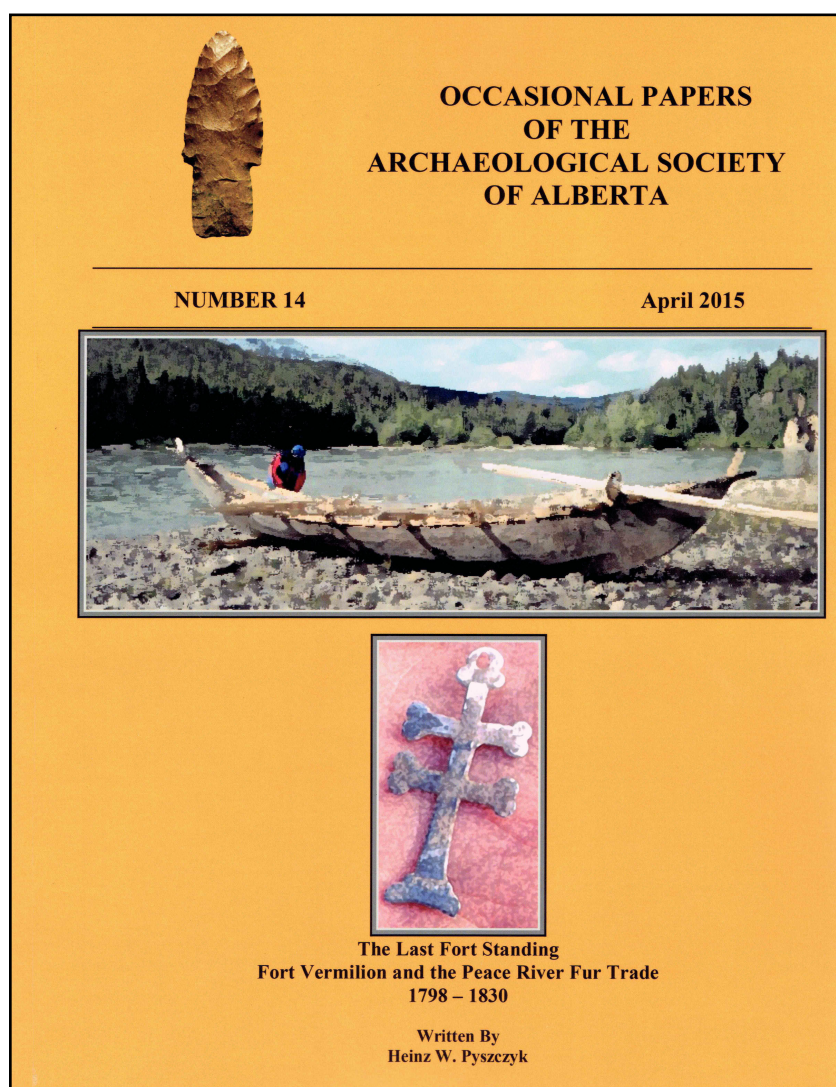
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