

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER



ASA Youtube Channel

This channel highlights the archaeology of Alberta and provides a forum for presentations about archaeology.

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VISION STATEMENT

The Archaeological
Society of Alberta
enhances the public's
understanding of
Alberta's archaeological
resources and
instils an appreciation of
our collective past.

The Archaeological Society of Alberta advocates for the safeguarding of our non-renewable cultural heritage.

HIGHLIGHTS

Remembering Janet Blakey

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Archaeological
Survey of Alberta
Occasional Paper
Series.
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The Archaeological Society of Alberta is on Facebook & Instagram (#asaprovincial)!

REMEMBERING JANET BLAKEY

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the sudden passing of Janet Stephanie Blakey at the age of 48 years.

At Lifeways, Janet worked as Assistant Project Archaeologist in charge of the lab, artifact analysis and the administrative processing of artifact collections. She joined in archaeological and palaeontological projects across Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories. Her zeal for field studies drove her to participate in investigations at many important and named sites across Alberta, including the Everblue Springs Site, the FM site, the Junction Site, the Stampede Site, and Spitzee Post. As the head of lab analysis, Janet co-authored many technical reports, and with her expertise in computer graphics, she designed numerous award-winning conference posters and information pamphlets.



Janet was passionate about and devoted to public education in Archaeology, and her interest reached beyond professional obligations when she joined the Archaeological Society of Alberta. She served as Director, three years as Vice President and six years as President of the Calgary Centre before stepping down to Past-President. Janet was a force who provided insight, energy and guidance to the operations of the Archaeological Society.

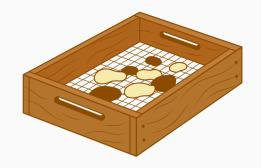
While her professional accomplishments, passions and accolades are many, it is who she was and how she loved that will stay with us all the most, embedded in our memories. Over and over since she has passed, Janet has been described as a treasure. Meeting Janet meant that you almost instantly became her friend, and she quickly and wholeheartedly welcomed you into her circle, where you would always remain and feel a close bond with her.

Everyone who was lucky enough to know Janet had a unique and special relationship with her. But what is true for all those who knew her is that her absence will leave a giant hole.

Please see her full obituary at the Calgary Herald.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Centre's have moved from virtual formats to in-person, or hybrid formats. Please refer to each specific Centre for updates.



BODO CENTRE

Bodo was featured! Find us on <u>INGON.ca</u> and the History Check App, as well as <u>RumbleAlberta.com</u>. These are amazing resources that showcase points of interest and tourist attractions throughout Alberta!

Don't forget to enter the Cash Calendar Raffle that takes place on the last business day of each month!

Tickets are \$50/each, with 3 cash prizes every month. Check out their <u>webpage</u> or email for more information! <u>bodoarchaeology@gmail.com</u>.

MULTIMEDIA

<u>UofC Public Archaeology program</u> offers FREE online lessons on a variety of topics. Interested in learning more about the lessons that are available? Contact <u>arky.engagement@ucalgary.ca</u> to access the lessons!

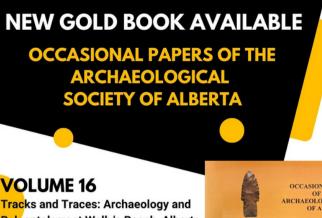
<u>Shubenacadie Indian Residential School</u> - A new video has been released that amplifies the voices of Mi'kmaw Survivors of the former Shubenacadie Indian Residential School, the only residential school that operated in the Maritimes.

<u>Moose Meat & Marmalade</u> - Brings two very chefs together to explore culture, culinary, traditions and great food!

Ted Talks: Living a Circular Life

The Compass: The Student Anthropology Journal of Alberta



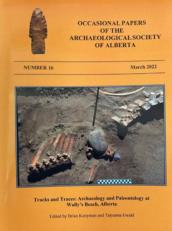


Tracks and Traces: Archaeology and Paleontology at Wally's Beach, Alberta

Written by Brian Kooymann and Tatyanna Ewald with contributions from Christina Barron-Ortiz, Bob Dawe, Kris Fedyniak, Karen Giering, Len Hills, Chris Jass, Paul McNeil, Shayne Tolman, Wendy Unfreed, William Wadsworth, and Gabriel Yanicki.

This volume sheds light on the remarkable archaeological and paleontological discoveries made at the Wally's Beach site in southern Alberta. It brings together information published in various journals and presents new research. Readers will gain a sense of the excitement this site garnered and its significance.

Soft Cover 322 pages, 2022. ISBN 978-1-9990862-0-6



Volume 16 Cost: \$65.00 plus postage and handling each.

This volume and others can be purchased through the order form found here http://arkyalberta.com/files/Papers_Order_Form.pdf

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IT'S TIME FOR 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

For non-members, this is the perfect time to join the Society! Memberships help support programming.

Additionally, workshop discounts are offered and copies of the Alberta Archaeological Review are included.

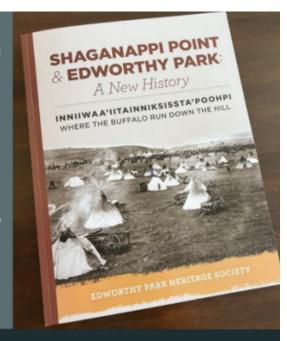
Check out each Centre's Membership Page to learn more!

Edworthy Park Heritage Society has published a "new history" of Shaganappi Point and Edworthy Park discussing the period from 1870 to 1915

Part I considers First Nations history in this area and discovers three Blackfoot names and how they may relate to the area. The book is enriched by contributions by Blackfoot, Tsuut'ina and Îyârhe (Stoney) Nakoda elders. The book also considers Métis history in Calgary and at Shaganappi Point.

Part Two focuses on the eleven sandstone quarries along the Shaganappi escarpment from Crowchild Trail to Sarcee Trail, and the story of the four brick plants in the area.

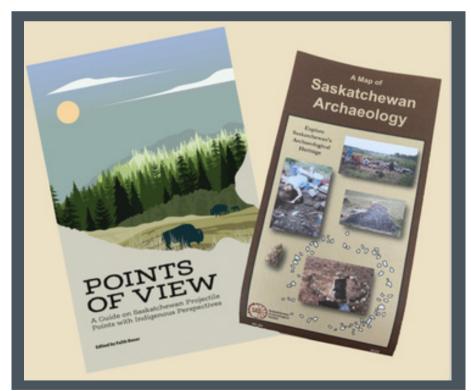
Rich in details and many photographs including a previouslyunpublished photograph of the main Edworthy quarry, the book is a handsome addition to the local history of Calgary



COST: \$40

EMAIL: info@arkycalgary.com or eparkhs@gmail.com to order your copy!

You can find this book at the next lecture or at a few select stores: Angel's Cafe (north side of the Bow River by Bootman footbridge), Owl's Nest bookstore, Lougheed House Gift Store and Signal Hill Indigo.



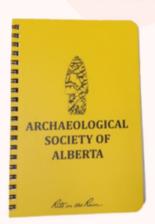
Book: \$30 + Map: \$5

Email info@arkycalgary.com to order or find this book at the next lecture.



ASA Calgary

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CHOCOLATE POINTS (MILK AND DARK, CLOVIS OR ALBERTA)





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The Archaeological Society of Alberta Provincial now has both a Facebook page and an Instagram Account (#asaprovincial)! If one of the Centres has a speaker coming up, it will show up on our socials.



Past Speakers

ASA Centre	Name	Talk / Event	Date	
CALGARY	Dr. Reese-Taylor	Urban Dev + Land-Use Strategies	Sept 20, 2023	
BODO	BODO	AGM + Artifact Show + Tell	Sept 27, 2023	

ASA WIL STUDENTS' SUBMISSIONS

This month, we want to introduce you to two more ASA Work-Integrated Learning students, Allie Bradford and Isabelle Jensen. They have both completed their placements at the University of Calgary Archaeological Field School and the Bodo Archaeological Society. ASA WIL students provide a brief overview of their time and experience working in their field. Congratulations, Allie and Isabelle!

ISABELLE JENSEN (ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY)

Working as an assistant archaeologist and interpreter for the Bodo Archaeology Centre was not my first time working at an excavation site, but it was substantially different than my first. The excavation work was not far off from what I expected it to be – days are somewhat long and hot, I would be blowing sand and dirt out of my nose every night after a dig, I got the classic archaeologist's tan (forearms, hands, and face only) despite how much sunscreen I wore, and I was sore in ways I'd almost forgotten I could be. In my case, previous experience helped me readjust to that work quickly; the silly tan lines, the dirt in my nose, and the physical toll that excavation work takes weren't new to me. What was new to me was the public side of it all.

Meeting and interacting with folks who had a wide range of experience with and existing knowledge of archaeology came with its ups and downs. Mostly, it was ups; I value the opportunity to have heard their stories about what got them interested in archaeology, what brought them to Bodo specifically, how long they've been participating in Bodo's dig camps, what they got as their most valued take-away from the experience, and what keeps some of them coming back every year. Less positive on a surface level but still valuable in its own right was sorting through paperwork and trying to make sense of field bags and level forms. As someone who believed in the value of public and community-based archaeology before this placement and who came out of it, I still believe that what started as a test of patience ultimately became a lesson in patience that I'm grateful to have learned. I wouldn't change anything about my work experience at Bodo, and despite the long days made longer by fixing bags and level forms, I look forward to my next opportunity to work in a public archaeology setting.



ALLI BRADFORD (UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY)

During the summer of 2023, I was provided the opportunity to work in the field alongside Dr. Amundsen-Meyer on the Siksika Nation. This position allowed me to build integral skills such as archaeological survey, excavation, and artifact identification.

Archaeological survey is not something that is formally taught at the University of Calgary and was a gap in my skill set. What I hadn't realized prior to our survey work on the Siksika Nation was how experiential learning is critical for understanding how to recognize and record different types of stone features in the Northwestern Plains region and identify landforms with high potential for archaeological sites. Furthermore, I was presented with the opportunity to attend a cultural resource management career fair where I networked with industry professionals and Siksika Nation members.

Many of the Siksika Nation Elders I met at the career fair would visit our crew at the excavation site and share stories with us. Through these interactions, I was able to start building relationships with Siksika Nation Elders and other community members, furthering my Indigenous engagement skills, my knowledge of the area, and Blackfoot cultural practices.

Through the many experiences gained through the summer, I have not only gained additional archaeological skills but also more transferable skills such as project management, leadership, and critical thinking. These skills and relationships will be foundational as I move into my professional and academic careers.

I am grateful that I obtained a Work Integrated Learning position, which allowed for opportunities that I would not have received in a traditional classroom setting. Ultimately, over the course of the summer, I learned many key lessons, met, and built relationships with wonderful people, and had many laughs while working with Dr. Amundsen-Meyer and the rest of the crew!



ARCHAEOLOGICAL WEB FINDS!

From National Film Board of Canada: Various Indigenous Films For more details see the link.

From SciTech Daily: Settlement and Innovation 476,000 Years Ago

For more details see the <u>link</u>

From ArkeoNews: Using 3D scanners, archaeologists have identified the person who carved Jelling Stone Runes

For more details see the link.

From <u>Omazartcollective</u>: Children of the Earth

For more details see the <u>link</u>.



ASA MEMBERSHIPS!

Check out your nearest Archaeological Society of Alberta Centre for more information on memberships and activities.

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