



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

December 2023

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.



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ASA Youtube Channel

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

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Publications

Archaeological Survey of Alberta Occasional Paper Series.
Download it [free here!](#)

Gold Series
Archaeology Society of Alberta. Get it [here!](#)

The Archaeological Society of Alberta is on [Facebook](#) & Instagram (#asaprovincial)!

CHANGES COMING TO THE ASA NEWSLETTER



Hold onto your hats because the ASA Provincial Newsletter is getting a makeover! With more and more information shifting to our website (arkyalberta.com) and social media, the newsletter will become the ultimate highlight reel of all our exciting events, stories, and speakers - coming to you three times a year.

Keep an eye out for the following editions:

Winter (January to April), **Spring and Summer** (May to August), and **Fall** (September to December), being published at the end of April, August, and December respectively.

Stay tuned and stay in the know!

APRIL

August

DECEMBER

WIL Voucher students do short write-ups for the ASA Newsletter or Archaeological Review. This month, we want to introduce you to Rebecca Plouffe, one of our ASA Work-Integrated Learning students. She'll be sharing a little bit about her experience working in her field. A warm congratulations, Rebecca!

Rebecca Plouffe

The beginning of any new job comes with stops along the learning curve; however, beginning your first field season in Alberta archaeology can be better described as jumping off a 90-degree learning cliff.

Before my first field season as an archaeologist, I was not what anyone would call an outdoorsy person. My exploration of nature consisted mostly of walking through manicured trails within the city parks, and even those were not frequent. My first shift was somewhat of a trial by fire. Not only were my days all spent in the forest attempting to keep up the many, long uphill walks, but we were also camping and without cell service. The mornings were early, the quads were terrifying, the running water was non-existent, the walks were long, the mountain was steep, and my physical fitness was lacking.

All that is to say, it was very hard, harder than I was expecting and certainly harder than I was used to. There were points that I wasn't sure I would make it through that shift, let alone the entire field season.

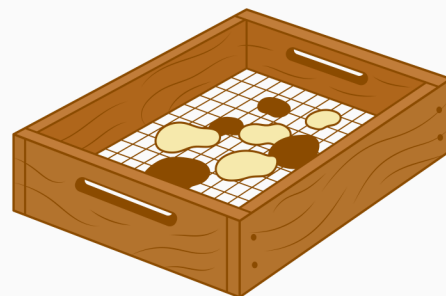
But I did. Every shift that went by, I got stronger. Not only did I become stronger physically, I became more confident in my work as well. During my first days in the forest, it appeared as a blur of trees where direction didn't exist. Whenever my coworkers would navigate through the bush, or point out a landform, or know where the best spots to put tests were, it felt like a mystical knowledge I would never possess.

But eventually, as more shifts passed, I was able to lead us out of the bush, and to distinguish nearby landforms, and know where the best spots to test were. The more I experienced and the more I learned, the more confident I became. The more I was challenged, the more I knew that I was capable. The more I learned and improved, the more excited I became to keep getting better.

My first archaeological season has had many hard moments, but it has taught me so much, not just in terms of technical knowledge and skills, but of what I am capable of.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Centres have moved from virtual formats to in-person, or hybrid formats. Please refer to each specific Centre's Facebook pages for the latest information.



BODO CENTRE

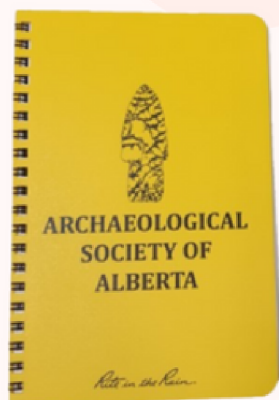
Bodo was featured! Find us on [INGON.ca](https://www.ingon.ca) and the History Check App, as well as [RumbleAlberta.com](https://www.rumblealberta.com). These are amazing resources that showcase points of interest and tourist attractions throughout Alberta!

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 [webpage](#) or email for more information! bodoarchaeology@gmail.com.

ASA Calgary

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**AGM &
CONFERENCE**



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*Archaeological Society of
Alberta - Provincial
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May 18-19, 2024

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Archaeological Society of Alberta

ONLINE



Use the QR code to reach the ASA Provincial Linktree Account and access to all our online information

If you have a smart phone, go to take a photo, point the phone at the QR code and a link should appear at the bottom. No need to take a photo.



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OCCASIONAL PAPERS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

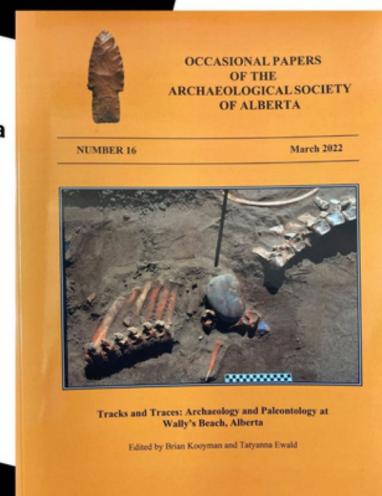
VOLUME 16

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

Written by Brian Kooyman 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.

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



Volume 16 Cost: \$65.00 plus
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SPEAKER SERIES CORNER

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.

Please check out the Archaeological Society of Alberta website for past speakers [here](#) and for Upcoming Speakers [here](#).



Center	Talk/Event	When/Where
Lethbridge	Holiday Dinner and Talk	Dec. 5, 2023 / Luigi's
Edmonton	First Peoples of the Rocky Mountain West at the La Prele Mammoth Site	Dec. 14, 2023 / Online
SEAAS	Collective Hunting and Human Society	Jan. 17, 2024 / Medicine Hat College
SEAAS	AGM and Speaker TBA	Feb. 21, 2024 / Medicine Hat College
Calgary	Please watch the website for details	Jan. 17, 2024 / Calgary Central Lib
Calgary	Urbanism as a state of Mind: What was Cahokia and How did it Shape History	Feb. 21, 2024 / Calgary Central Lib

IT'S TIME FOR 2024 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!



ARCHAEOLOGICAL WEB FINDS!

From Whyy, NPR,PBS: Penn Museum shows what ancient worlds tasted like

For more details see the [link](#).

From Sapiens: Broken Bones Could Rewrite Story of the First Americans

For more details see the [link](#).

From The Conversation: Forget 'Man the Hunter'

For more details see the [link](#).

From The Guardian: 'Giant' 300,000-year-old handaxes unearthed in Kent

For more details see the [link](#).

From Good News Network: Archaeologists Find 24 Bronze Statues 'Without Equal' Preserved in Tuscany for 2,300 Years That 'Rewrite History'

For more details see the [link](#).

From RetroActive: The Archaeological Survey in Numbers

For more details see the [link](#).

ASA MEMBERSHIPS!

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

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