

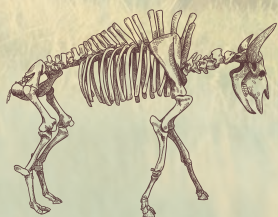


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ASA Centre *Memberships*

Now is a great time to get an ASA Membership

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Provincial Heritage Organizations (PHOs)

Did you know that Alberta has **six PHOs**? They are funded by the Alberta Government Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women. Here they are!

Alberta



Archaeological Society of Alberta



Alberta Genealogical Society



Alberta Museum Association



Archives Society of Alberta



Société historique francophone de l'Alberta (SHFA)



Historical Society of Alberta

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.

BODO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER PROGRAMMING

End Of Season Round Up From The Bodo Archaeological Site And Centre

Tamara E. Moore - Programs Manager/Project Archaeologist

It was a good summer season for us at the Bodo Centre, with nearly 500 guests welcomed from the end of May to the end of August. Which may not seem like a large number, especially in comparison to larger tourism areas or activities, but it's all about perspective; the MD of Provost (3,571.12km²) has a population of 2,071 people, so during the summer at Bodo, we hosted the equivalent of a ¼ of the population! And for an area where there isn't much else to do aside from the Bodo site, I think that's pretty good.

MAY

This season can kind of be summed up by the major activities of each month that took priority in my mind. May was the month of hiring and opening; we opened to the public on May 27 without much fanfare, which actually worked out quite well, since I hired two of three of my summer staff at the end of the previous week! To say I was stressed is an understatement, but it all worked out well in the end, which is all that counts, right?

JUNE

June was the school trip month! We hosted 9 schools and a total of 347 people (271 children and 77 adult teachers/supervisors). Most were our ½ day field trips, but two schools stayed for our overnight program, in which they got to try hand-building pottery, an expanded information package, and the surprising hit of ground survey! We walked a field near to our main excavation area in the area, the shouts of 'I found something!' ringing out for all to hear. Normally, that 'something' was just a rock, but that didn't seem to deter the energy and enthusiasm of the activity.



Hands-on teaching moments in the Tipi Room



Summer staff member Braxton showing the bison bone reference collection to a group of students from Macklin

CENTRE ACTIVITIES

At the end of June, we held a three-day adult dig, with three participants (Jenna Zee, Rosa Zee, and Wayne Richardson) in that session. Despite being rained out in the early afternoon for all but the last day, we got a good amount of work done, including finishing off the 'big block' that has been worked on for the last five years. To get that done, for the one day, we ended up putting a tarp over the area, which worked to keep the rain off of us... for a few hours. But then it had to start pouring buckets of rain down, and OF COURSE the pooled rain on the tarp didn't flow off the back like it was supposed to, but it wanted to drain down the side and right into the excavation units!! I ditched my phone, told the participants to hide under our shelter tarp, and me and my staff member Justine member got soaked to the bone as we quickly took the tarp down so that we didn't end up with a swimming pool instead of an excavation site.



Tarp over the 'big block' excavation that worked well... for a little while



Our makeshift shelter while trying to wait out the rain
(L-R Justine, Braxton (Staff), Jenna, Rosa, and Wayne (Participants))

JULY

Though technically the first adult dig session was at the end of June, I considered July the month of excavation. We hosted a week of adult dig camps, with a total of 9 participants (Wayne Richardson, Caleb Anderson, Kate Gibson, Chris & Laine Gibbie, Melissa & Madison Minks, Sheri-lynn Bourque-Makey, and Walter Makey). The weather cooperated better this time, with only one day of rain in the later afternoon, and instead we had to deal with heat! If it's not one, it's the other, right? Ah, the glamorous life of field work.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES



(Left to right top) Kenji trying to block some of the worst of the sun. Justine was not going to be caught unprepared for a rainstorm again! Sheri-lynn, Justine, and Kate working on a unit. Madison removing sod.

(Left to right middle) Caleb posing excitedly with a find. Kate cooling off in the shade of the bus. Melissa after conquering the root-filled topsoil. Chris working on a unit.

(Left to right bottom) Laine and Caleb screening. The team hard at work!

CENTRE ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

August was... a lot. I don't think there's just one solid moment or event that was the theme of that month for me; there were just too many to choose from! It was a busy month for us; we had three weekend community events/programs that we attended, did a week of artifact cataloguing with three participants (Annette & Rebecca Moore, and Lili Kolaric – who came from Nanimo!!), hosted our sponsors Strathcona Resources for a special excavation day, and held five kids day camps (total of 38 people) with our largest group (Fireflies from CFB Wainwright) playing 'bison hunt' (tag).



Braxton explaining the rules of the 'hunt' for the 'bison herd'



Two of our travelling exhibits, Storytelling (Trex Southeast), and The Cree Language (Canadian Museum of Language)

OVERALL

Along with those highlights, the rest of the summer was great too! We had lots of other great opportunities to highlight our tagline, Archaeology in Action, with drop-in tours, our open house day on July 1, participation in the Provost Parade, hosting several traveling exhibits, and so many things that I cannot list them all. Overall, it was a wonderful summer, and I am excited to take what I learned this year to make next year just as successful, if not more!! Be on the lookout for the full report in the Alberta Archaeology Review.

A big shout out thank you to our summer staff, Braxton Fobes, Justine Nattress, and Kenji Chiang, and all the people who visited the Bodo Archaeological Site and Center in 2025!!



SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

FIELD TRIP

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY CAROL PIEA

Redcliff Field Trip-Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Twelve participants with Janice Andreas guiding this trip to sites along the top of ravine east of the Redcliff Golf Course. Numerous tepee rings run along the top which includes some of stakes put there during an archeological dig. Janice has a copy of that dig report if you would like to do further investigation. We concluded the trip with refreshments at the Piea house which included Janice's chocolate cake.



CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ASA CALGARY CENTRE

ASA Calgary is looking for a few night owls whoooo can help out at the October casino. If you can fill any of these positions, sign up here - <http://bit.ly/ASACasinoSignUp>

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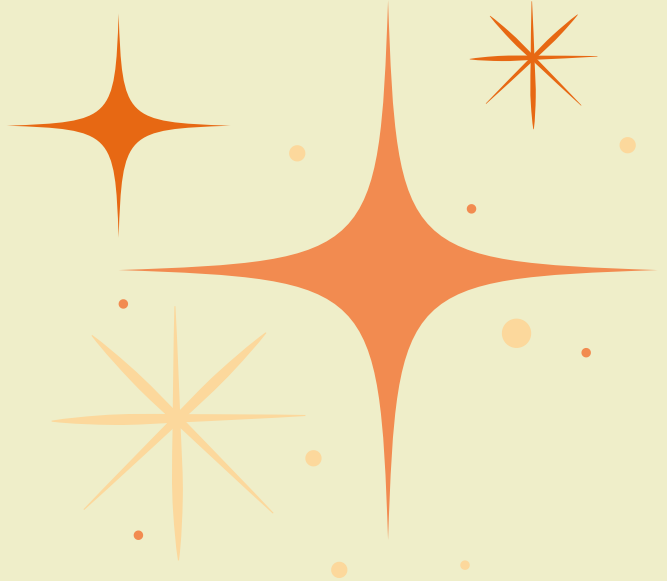


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NEW EDITOR OF THE ASA'S OCCASIONAL PAPERS



We are happy to introduce **Candace Ayres, BSc** (Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Calgary) as the new editor of the **ASA Occasional Papers**.

Candace's research interests include **forensic anthropology** and **plains archaeology**. She first supported the ASA as **Treasurer from 2006–2008**, and we're excited to welcome her back in this new role.

Early in her career, she also joined the **Baikal Archaeological Project's** inaugural field season—a collaborative venture between the University of Alberta and Irkutsk State University in Siberia—gaining valuable international fieldwork experience.

NEW ASA NEWSLETTER CO-EDITOR!



Please welcome, **Morgan Laidley** an anthropology student at Mount Royal University as the new co-editor of the **ASA Newsletter**.

She is interested in **bioarchaeology**, and **ceramic analysis**. Beyond archaeology, Morgan works as a **designer in theatre**, and builds props and sets for productions.

In her spare time she enjoys working on **creative projects** such as painting, and sewing. She has also picked up flintknapping following a workshop where she learned the techniques.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 21-22, 2026

ASA PROVINCIAL CASINO

Be sure to **save the date** for the **ASA Provincial Casino!** We're looking for **volunteers** to assist with the event — this is a great opportunity to meet fellow archaeology enthusiasts from across the province, and gain valuable experience!

Join us on **January 21-22, 2026**, at **Cowboys Casino** in Calgary. Be sure to keep up with our website www.arkyalberta.com and our social media channels for sign-up information, which will come out in **mid-October**.



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Save the Date

May 6-10

Canmore, Alberta

2026 will be an exciting year for archaeology! The **58th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association** and the **51st Annual General Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta** will be held together as a co-hosted conference event, in beautiful Canmore, AB.

This collaboration will bring archaeologists, students, and enthusiasts from across the country together for shared learning, networking, and celebration. **Stay tuned for more details!**



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Do you or know of someone who would like their artifact collection catalogued?

Operation Artifact can turn that collection into a contribution to the archaeology of the province! The collection will remain with you until you want to pass it along to the Royal Alberta Museum.

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