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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last couple of months have provided a great opportunity to take in events organized by the Archaeological Society across the province as lecture series planned in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat started after the hiatus of summer.

Now, as we move from fall into the colder and darker months of winter, we might think of being in a tipi snuggling under layers of warm buffalo hides or bouncing across the frozen prairie in a Red River cart, or even riding in a one-horse sleigh.

While things do slow down in winter, not all comes to a halt, as it is in this season that work for archaeologists moves indoors; as the cataloguing and careful analysis of many summer finds is completed, final reports are prepared, and plans for the next field season are forged. Similarly, Society members are busy behind the scenes planning events for the months ahead, the Annual General Meeting and Conference to come and this next year in 2025 the 50th Anniversary of the Society. The year ahead promises to be an exciting one, wherein we can all be proud to be members of the Archaeological Society of Alberta.

Thank You, Brian Vivian



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.

ASA/ SEAAS 2025 PROVINCIAL
CONFERENCE

APRIL 25, 26 AND 27, 2025

MEDALTA POTTERIES, MEDICINE HAT, AB

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ARCHAEOLOGY

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 25: ASA WELCOME
RECEPTION

SATURDAY APRIL 26: SPEAKERS, WORKSHOPS,
AGM

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 26: KEYNOTE,
BANQUET

SUNDAY APRIL 27: TOURS OF THE SAAMIS
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AND I-XL HISTORIC
BRICK PLANT

REGISTRATION COMING SOON TO THE
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\$60/MEMBERS (\$65 NONMEMBERS) OR
\$30/STUDENT

BANQUET: \$55/MEMBERS \$35/STUDENTS

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**Congratulations SEAAS for receiving a grant from
the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta
for the Conference!**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

It's not said nearly enough!

Thank
*you are
appreciated*
you!



To ALL ASA Volunteers for the work you do to help
keep archaeology alive and well in Alberta!



ASA'S WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (WIL) PROGRAM

The 2024-2025 ASA WIL Voucher Program is now underway. If you are an employer in the heritage industry, consider hiring an Alberta post-secondary school student. The ASA WIL Voucher Program hosts a reimbursement program for half the students' wages up to \$5000.00 per placement.

This is the last year that the ASA has funding for the ASA WIL Voucher program. And in this last year, a few things have changed for employers looking to hire students through the ASA WIL Voucher Program.

- Membership to an ASA Centre is required
- The placement end-term deadline is September 30, 2025.
- Ensure that the student or recent graduate you are hiring **has not had** previous WIL funding. If you are unsure - contact the PC.
- We cannot hold placements indefinitely; once you are aware that you cannot fulfill your placement, notify the PC immediately.
- We offer payouts only through cheque or e-transfer

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If you have any questions please contact the Provincial Coordinator at arkysocietyalberta@gmail.com

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
1975-2025



SOUTH EASTERN ALBERTA
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Join us for the 50th

ASA Annual AGM and Conference

April 25th - 27th, 2025

at the Medalta Museum in Medicine Hat

Save the Date



2024 Goldbook

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ASA AWARDS AND GRANTS

DEADLINE DATES

- January 15th - Research Assistance and Special Activity Grants
- February 1 - John Dormaar Award
- September 15th - Research Assistance and Special Activity Grants
- December 31 - ASA Distinguished Service Award

Research Assistance Grant

The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) offers Research Assistance Grants of up to \$5,000 to support projects that advance archaeological understanding in Alberta. Applicants must be ASA members with confirmed ASA Centre support and may use funds for project expenses like wages for assistants, transportation, consumables, and analytical costs. However, capital equipment purchases or wages for the applicant are ineligible. Successful applicants must produce a written report suitable for publication and provide a detailed financial accounting. Applications are reviewed twice annually, with deadlines on January 15 and September 15.

Special Activity Grant

The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) offers Special Activity Grants of up to \$5,000 to support events and initiatives that promote archaeology, such as workshops, conferences, artifact identification projects, and science fair participation, etc. Applicants must be ASA members with confirmed support from their ASA Centre. Eligible expenses include speaker honoraria, travel, lodging, facility rentals, supplies, and advertising, though capital equipment purchases and applicant wages are excluded. Recipients must submit a financial report and provide an article for publication in the Alberta Archaeological Review or the ASA Newsletter. Applications are accepted twice a year, with deadlines on January 15 and September 15.

John Dormaar Award

The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) established the John Dormaar Award to honor Johan (John) Dormaar's legacy (1930–2011) and his contributions to Alberta archaeology and related disciplines. This award recognizes individuals who have significantly advanced understanding and appreciation in these fields through a substantive written work, whether for professional or general audiences. Eligible submissions include publications in journals, books, or magazines, as well as manuscripts, presentations, or visual arts. Nominees must be ASA members in good standing, with a focus on multi-disciplinary research, particularly in Northwestern North America. The recipient, announced at the ASA Annual General Meeting, receives \$1,000 and an inscribed parchment. The nomination deadline is February 1 annually.

ASA Distinguished Service Award

The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) presents the Distinguished Service Award annually to recognize members who have made long-term, outstanding contributions to the Society and the field of archaeology in Alberta. Eligible nominees must be ASA members in good standing and have demonstrated exceptional service at both local and provincial levels, enhanced public awareness and education about Alberta archaeology, and promoted the Society's mission. The award is announced at the Annual General Meeting, with the recipient receiving a framed scroll certificate signed by the provincial President and Secretary. Nominations, including a letter of support, are due by the end of the calendar year.

PROVINCIAL HERITAGE ORGANIZATIONS

Say HI! to the Provincial Heritage Organizations (also known as 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!



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CENTER ACTIVITIES

ASA CALGARY CENTRE SPEAKER SERIES

Slowing Down the Archaeological Process in Dolores, Guatemala

Presented By: Maxime Lamoureux-St-Hilaire and Rubén Morales Forte

Date: September 18, 2024

ASA CALGARY CENTRE
Lecture Series

Dr. Maxime Lamoureux-St-Hilaire:
Slowing Down the Archaeological Process in Dolores, Guatemala
WED SEPT 18th @ 7pm, Central Library:
Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall



Abstract

For generations, Latin American heritage communities have provided labor for field projects led by Global North academic archaeologists. This labor force remains instrumental to our field yet these professionals are excluded from initial research design and later phases—profoundly limiting their contribution to the production of archaeological knowledge. The Dolores Slow Archaeology Program (DSAP) challenges this postcolonial situation by developing a sustainable archaeological program in concert with a Guatemalan heritage community. DSAP is harnessing semi-structured interviews and focus groups to study this heritage community and to decolonize archaeological practices by co-designing a local archaeological program with Doloreños.



“War is Their Sole Delight”: New Discoveries at DgOw-32, Verdigris Coulee, Milk River, Southern Alberta

Presented By: Dr. James Keyser

Date: October 16, 2024

ASA CALGARY CENTRE

Lecture Series

Dr. James Keyser
“War is Their Sole Delight”: New Discoveries at DgOw-32, Verdigris Coulee, Milk River, Southern Alberta

WED OCT 16th @ 7pm, Central Library:
ROOM 3-148 *Please note the room change*



Abstract

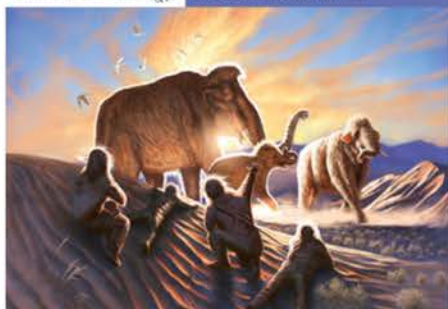
DgOw-32 has a long and checkered research history, from its initial recording by Selwyn Dewdney in 1962 to later work by Keyser in 1976 and Klassen (who rappelled down to the main panel) in 1993. No one, however, had ever seen or recorded all the images scattered across three major panels at the site until our work when we used a drone to record the complete extent of DgOw-32 in October of 2019. Our project, conducted under permit from Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park and monitored by Bob Dawe, located three major rock art loci (corresponding to—but greatly expanding on—the three panels designated by previous researchers) containing more than 350 rock art elements. More than half of these had not been previously recognized or published in the Plains rock art literature. The site itself is the key Northwestern Plains example for establishing the chronology of Plains Biographic rock art, given the presence of several scenes involving boat-form horses, horse armor, shield-bearing warriors, Y-neck humans, and guns. Our research helps refine that chronology and supports earlier interpretations made from previous recordings. It also adds numerous images to the Plains Biographic art lexicon, and provides some of the best action scenes known for early Blackfoot biographic art.

ASA CALGARY CENTRE
Lecture Series

Partnered with CPL

Dr. Matthew Wooller:
Hunting Mammoths in Alaska

WED NOV 20th @ 7pm, Central Library:
Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall



Abstract

The extinction of woolly mammoths is still a subject of debate while ongoing efforts are devoted to de-extinct this iconic Ice Age creature. The recent discovery of ancient DNA from mammoths found in frozen ground in Siberia and Canada indicates the existence of mainland mammoths less than 10,000 years ago. This evidence extends the temporal gap between human arrival and mammoth extinction. This talk will explore several case studies investigating mammoths in Alaska, all aiming to shed light on the timing and potential causes of their extinction. We will finish with the “Adopt a Mammoth” project, initiated in 2022, which is actively searching for the last mammoth on mainland Alaska. Supported by public donations, Colossal Biosciences, and a new NSF project, this study is systematically radiocarbon dating and analyzing the ancient DNA of nearly 1,500 mammoth specimens at the University of Alaska Museum of the North. Exciting new findings from this project will be shared. The talk will conclude with a free raffle that will award three attendees present in person the adoption of their very own mammoth, bringing the past alive. Join us on this journey through time as we uncover some of the mysteries of mammoth extinction and their history in Alaska.

Hunting Mammoths in Alaska

Presented By: Dr. Matthew Wooller

Date: November 20, 2024

CENTER ACTIVITIES

ASA EDMONTON CENTRE SPEAKER SERIES

Talking Archaeology: Public Archaeology and Education

Presented by: Taydem LaRocque

Date: September 19, 2024



Talking Archaeology: Power and Paleontology: Encountering Fossils in the Burgess Shale

Presented by: Chris Chang-Yen Phillips

Date: October 17, 2024



Talking Archaeology: Winter Games at the Lake Midden in Saskatchewan

Presented by: Robert Losey

Date: November 21, 2024



Talking Archaeology: Arctic Foxes Moose Jumps and Dinosaurs: Archaeology as an Educational Tool

Presented by: Grzegorz Kwiecien

Date: December 12, 2024



Events

Young Explorers: Digging up the Past. A family program offered by ASAEC and Edmonton Public Library.

Date: November 26, 2024 and December 17, 2024

CENTER ACTIVITIES

SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SPEAKER SERIES

Rock Alignments and Coulee Kill Sites in the Lower Red Deer/South Saskatchewan Rivers Area

Presented by: Margaret Kennedy

Date: September 18, 2024



Promontory Caves, Utah

Presented by: Jack Ives

Date: October 15, 2024



Birch Bark Scrolls

Presented by: David Meyer

Date: November 20, 2024



ASA LETHBRIDGE CENTRE *Speaker Series*

Tales from the Big Empty: Interpretive Development in Plains Archaeology

Presented by: Ernest G. Walker

Date: October 18, 2024



Intermediate Period Investigations at FjCa-51

Presented by: Ashley Cameron

Date: November 5, 2024



A Prehistoric Safari in Alberta & Archaeology Jeopardy

Presented by: Matthew Sawchuck & Samantha Kondor

Date: December 10, 2024

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2025 Bodo Archaeological Society Cash Calendar Raffle



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1st: \$500

2nd: \$100

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Early bird draw on Dec. 13, 2024 - \$500

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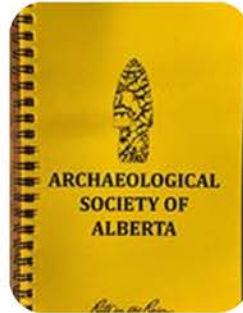
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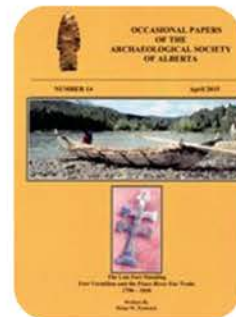
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Source: Good News Network



ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER KEY TOOL THAT HELPED EARLY AMERICANS SURVIVE THE ICE AGE

Source: CNN Science



BRITISH COLUMBIA HAZELNUT FORESTS WERE FOREST FARMS CULTIVATED BY FIRST NATIONS 7,000 YEARS AGO

Source: Good News Network



COOKING STONES: STONE APPETIT!

Source: Rock & Gem



MYSTERIOUS BAMBOO WAGON FOUND IN MELTED GLACIAL PATH

Source: Heritage Daily



OLDEST KNOWN ALPHABET UNEARTHED IN ANCIENT SYRIAN CITY

Source: Phys.org



PREHISTORIC HUNTER-GATHERERS HEARD THE ELKS PAINTED ON ROCKS TALKING

Source: University of Helsinki

Hear the acoustics.



STAR ARCHAEOLOGIST 'FALSIFIED' FINDS AS PREHISTORIC

Source: The Telegraph



'WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED': FROM ALBERTA TO MONTANA, BLACKFEET GUARDIANS HOPE TO BRING BACK THE BUFFALO JUMP

Source: The Narwhal

