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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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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the Archaeological Society of Alberta moves into its 50th year of operations, I wish to welcome all reading this newsletter to join in celebrating the success of the Society. In past years, the Society has advanced from mailed bulletins to monthly newsletters, web page posts, and real-time updates on social media. With these advances in mind, we have shifted the emphasis of the newsletter from announcements of planned events to summaries and reviews of our many activities. In this manner, the newsletter will become a living archive of the many accomplishments of the Society that members can continue to review for years to come. As we re-launch the newsletter in this new format, take a moment and ponder how future folks will view this move half a century from now. From ancient artifacts to futuristic jetpacks, the journey is wild!

Thank You, Brian Vivian



**IT'S TIME FOR
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!**

**Renew your ASA membership
for the 2024/2025 year.**

**For non-members, this is the
perfect time to join the Society!**

**Check out each Centre's
membership page to learn more!**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

49TH AGM AND CONFERENCE - APRIL 19-21, 2024

The 2024 Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Archaeological Society of Alberta marks the 49th year of the Society's operations. The annual conference provides avocational and professional archaeologists, as well as students pursuing careers in the field, the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich archaeological heritage of Alberta. This year's program covers a wide range of recent archaeological studies in Alberta and beyond, extending from ancient times to the 20th century.

A huge THANK YOU to the organizers, the honoured guests and speakers, the sponsors, the vendors, the conference centre, and you – the participants! I was part of the organizing committee and there, phew, is a lot of organizing to an event such as this, and it was so much fun! We each had our roles to play and helped and supported each other, and exchanging ideas was truly a worthwhile experience. The 2024 AGM and Conference Committee consisted of Chris Ullmann (President, ASA Red Deer Centre), Doug Shaw (Vice President, ASA Red Deer Centre), Brian Vivian (President, Archaeological Society of Alberta), Joanne Braaten (Treasurer, Archaeological Society of Alberta), Kali Wade (ASA Lethbridge Centre) with support from Colleen Hughes (ASA Provincial Coordinator). Also, a shout out to the folks who lent a helping hand before and during the conference – Aly Boulter helped with getting conference information out on social media, and Carol McCreary and Terry Quinn jumped in to help with so many things the day of – THANK YOU!



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Doug Shaw and Jayne Carlielle volunteered to record and edit videos of the conference speakers. Their son Tim Carlielle generously offered the use of his professional video equipment. The videos will be made available on the [ASA YouTube Channel](#). This is a great way to revisit the talks and give those who couldn't attend the conference a chance to listen to the informative speeches.

Gilles Allard, a Métis Culture-Bearer, opened the conference with a moving talk and prayer. The Mayor of Drumheller, Heather Colberg, followed him, welcoming us to Drumheller.

The speakers were divided into two sections, and each one provided insightful contributions to the archaeology of Alberta: the morning sessions delved into Alberta's rich history, exploring various historical sites and ongoing projects, while the afternoon sessions focused on pre-contact sites and projects. Morning presentations included "The Search for the Métis in Southern Alberta" by Dawn Wambold, "Meanwhile Back at the Ranche: Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Cochrane Ranche Site" by Sean Pickering, "Havens to Horseshoes: Highlights of Recent Field. Work at Writing-on-Stone/Áísínai'pi" by Karen Giering, "Stirring Up Memories: An examination of foodways at the Chinese Market Gardens in Calgary's Inglewood Bird Sanctuary" by Dale Boland and Laureen Bryant, "Undeniably, We Lived in Fear": The Importance of Digitally Preserving Alberta's Surviving Indian Residential School Buildings" by Peter Dawson.

The afternoon sessions included "The Evolution of Archaeological Site Data in Alberta" by Sheila MacDonald, "An Investigation into Manifestations of Food Stress Among the Blackfoot People (1790-1890)" by Larissa Lazette, "The Things We Cannot See: An Overview of Excavations at EgPo-161" by Josh Read, "Little Prickly Pear Canyon and Its Role In Obsidian Dissemination" by Patrick J. Rennie, "Archaeological Ammonites on the Northwestern Plains: Twenty Years Later" by Trevor Peck, and the keynote speaker - "Beckoning the Horn of the Ram: Perceptions of Space by an 18th Century Trader and a Siksika Chief" by Heinz Pyszczyk.



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The Bea Lovseth Award, provided by the Association of Consulting Archaeologists, is given to the best post-secondary student presentation. This year, Dawn Wambold received the \$350 award. The Association of Consulting Archaeologists also awarded Megan Bieraugle, the conference poster winner, a \$200 award.

Other events included a very active book room, a vending area, and a silent auction. On Sunday, April 21, 2024, two groups headed out in the wind for the North and South Field Trips. Mike Turney guided the North Field Trip, which included the Rumsey Cairn and Effigy. The intrepid group climbed the hill despite the strong winds to admire the stone features, which were placed to afford incredible views. Situated downhill were multiple stone circles and a couple of artifacts, which were hard to miss when in the company of archaeologists. Next, we visited Dry Island Buffalo Jump and were amazed by the breathtaking landscape. Although only a little archaeological work has been done at this site, the preliminary findings show a lot of promise for a large bison jump site. This location has a lot of potential for further exploration and discovery.

Brian Vivian hosted the South Field Trip. During the south field trip, they stopped at the community of Dorothy to view the historic structures and chat with local resident, Frank Roes, who provided much of the history of the community and information about the different structures that have been moved there. Then the group proceeded to the Dorothy Effigy located on the hilltop, which provided a commanding view of the valley confluence where the Crawling Valley joins the Red Deer River Valley. We finished the day with a visit to the Ward Effigy, which provides a great view of the Bow Valley and the surrounding region near Cluny, Alberta.



WIL PROGRAM: THE POWER OF NEURODIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

The Archaeological Society of Alberta's (ASA) Work-Integrated Learning Voucher Program (WIL) is making excellent progress. This initiative offers matching funds of up to \$5000 to Alberta employers in the heritage sector to assist with Alberta post-secondary students' wage expenses. Currently, many employers are in the recruiting process, and many students are getting ready to start their summer jobs next month - go be amazing (and safe).

This article discusses how neurodiversity can be supported in WIL placements. It also contains good information for anyone working in their field for the first time and how employers can use it to create a great work environment. Victoria Wiert, a WIL & Neurodiversity Specialist from the University of Calgary, provided this information.



The University of Calgary is a leader in the space of supporting neurodivergent students. One of these initiatives is the Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) for Neurodiverse Initiative, funded by the Sinneave Family Foundation. The initiative is looking to gain insights into the neurodivergent student experience with WIL including students who have and have not participated in WIL and who may have felt excluded from WIL opportunities. The team is looking to create different pathways for WIL and work-transition inclusion.

Through student discussions, many themes have emerged, including:

- Uncertainties around disclosure in the workplace including the best time, whom to disclose to and how to start the conversation
- What types of accommodations are possible without a formal diagnosis or disclosure
- Understanding workplace “hidden curriculum”:
 - Are all social events and gatherings mandatory?
 - How do I know if I need to arrive at work right on time or if I need to be early?
 - How do I navigate interpersonal challenges in the workplace?
 - Navigating interviews, hiring processes, paperwork, and other routine parts of entering the workforce can be confusing and overwhelming

WIL PROGRAM: THE POWER OF NEURODIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

Working through a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework, there are some practices and policies to help support everyone through the WIL process, including:

- Connecting with candidates beforehand to review interview procedures. This could look like providing details of what the room may look like, or an opportunity for the candidate to share what they need to perform best
- Providing the interview questions ahead of time, as well as providing questions in the chat or on a paper during the interview
- Before the first day, providing details for dress code and a first-day expectation
 - Ex. You will be meeting the team – there will be lots of socializing
- Providing clear explanations throughout the interview process of any accommodation requests, who those go to and how they are “evaluated”?
- This provides clarity without a student having to out themselves by asking

While we continue to learn more about the student experience, the initiative is looking to gain insights into the experiences of employers. We would love to know about your experiences with neurodiversity in the workplace, questions, and positive practices you are doing. We are looking for three things:

1. Learn about employer experiences to help inform student supports and workshops
2. Help support employers in their hiring journey
3. Build a community of support and practice



For more information, [email Victoria Wert!](#)

CENTER ACTIVITIES

ASA CALGARY CENTRE

Speaker Series

Concepts, Names, and Processes

Presented By: Duane Mistaken Chief

Date: January 17, 2024

Urbanism as a State of Mind: What was Cahokla and How Did it Shape History?

Presented By: Dr. Timothy R. Pauketat

Date: February 21, 2024

Utilizing Tooth Enamel from Extinct Megafauna to Date the Earliest Occupations at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter, Harney County, Oregon

Presented By: Dr. Patrick O'Grady

Date: March 20, 2024

Archaeogenetics and the African Past

Presented By: Dr. Scott MacEachern

Date: April 17, 2024

Events

Flintknapping and Stone Tools Workshop at Mount Royal University

Date: March 23-24, 2024

Event with the Alberta Palaeontological Society at MRU's Paleo-Symposium

Date: March 16, 2024

Casino Fundraiser at Cowboys Casino

Date: April 18 - 19th, 2024



CENTER ACTIVITIES

ASA EDMONTON CENTRE

Speaker Series

Talking Arky: Organizing Archaeology Worker Unions

Presented By: Michael Lucas & Freedman Stevenson

Date: January 18, 2024

Talking Arky: From Here, There, and Everywhere: The Perishable Technologies of Promontory Caves

Presented By: Elizabeth (Libby) Goldberg

Date: April 18, 2024

Events

University of Alberta Anthropology Undergraduate Association Event with ASA Edmonton Centre & Royal Alberta Museum

Date: March 16, 2024

Annual General Meeting and Mixer

Date: March 21, 2024

Leduc Heritage Grain Elevator Stones & Bones

Date: April 6, 2024

ASA RED DEER CENTRE

Events

Stones & Bones at Michener House Museum Heritage Garden

Date: July 17, 2023



CENTER ACTIVITIES

SEAAS CENTRE

Speaker Series

The Role of Women's Hunting in Human Evolution

Presented By: Dr. Vivek Venkataraman

Date: January 17, 2024

Visualizing 50 Years of Tipi Ring Research

Presented By: Todd Kristensen

Date: February 14, 2024

Archaeology of Dogs from Alberta to the Arctic

Presented By: Dr. Robert Losey

Date: March 20, 2024

Reconstructing Palaeoenvironments from Ice Features in Alberta

Presented By: Diana Tirlea

Date: April 17, 2024



SEAS PRESENTS

FEB 14 | 8PM

VISUALIZING 50 YEARS OF TIPI RING RESEARCH

Regional Archaeologist
Todd Kristensen
Archaeological Survey of Alberta

All are welcome! Contact Bruce Shepard for access to the free presentation

The poster features a photograph of Todd Kristensen in a canoe on a lake. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a red and white color scheme.

ASA LETHBRIDGE CENTRE

Speaker Series

Not a Villa, Nor of Titus: Excavations at the Villa of Titus

Presented By: Sara Hutchinson

Date: February 6, 2024

The Awful Truth About Medicine Wheels

Presented By: Trevor R. Peck

Date: March 5, 2024



Aerial Thermography and Photogrammetry for the Detection of Archaeological Sites

Presented By: Tammi Mills

Date: April 2, 2024

CENTER ACTIVITIES

BODO SOCIETY & CENTER

Events

Endless Skies Teachers Convention - ASA Booth

Edmonton Convention Centre

Date: February 15-16, 2024

January 2024 Cash Calendar Award Winners

Robert Hahn, Angela Sutherland, Stacey Parsons



February 2024 Cash Calendar Award Winners

Geraldine Cartier, Dave Johnstone, Bailey Allen



March 2024 Cash Calendar Award Winners

Anne-Marie DeWeert, Robert Scheck, Mel Stephens



Many of the ASA's public talks are posted on our [YouTube Channel](#)! Check them out.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ASA Provincial's **CASINO**

We are looking for volunteers! Join us at Cowboys Casino May 18th and 19th



Sign up and find more information [here](#).

Stones and Bones Day
Fort Edmonton Park, Edmonton, AB

August 17, 2024

Find more info [here](#).



Hi, I'm Tom!

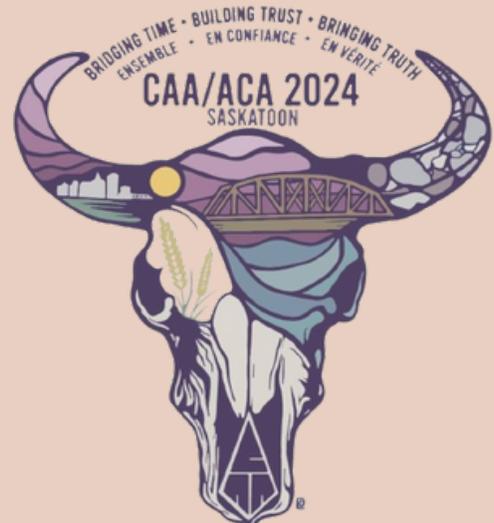


81st Plains Conference
Lethbridge, Alberta

October 16-20, 2024

Find more info [here](#).

Hi, I'm Tom, a 3rd-year Anthropology enthusiast at MRU. When I'm not buried under a mountain of textbooks or sorting artifacts at Parks Canada in Calgary, I'm out there hitting the trails or rolling some dice in a game of Dungeons & Dragons. I'm stoked to dive into the world of archaeology with this newsletter and maybe even get my hands dirty on some day trips and public digs this summer.



STONES & BONES WEEKEND

MAY 11, 2024: 10AM-4PM
MAY 12, 2024: 10 AM - 3 PM



The Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary and Lethbridge Centres are hosting an artifact and fossil identification weekend at the **Claesholm Museum**
5115 2nd Street East, Claesholm, AB



This family fun event is free of charge!

Bring your arrowheads, artifacts, or any fossils or bones you may have to learn more! Archaeologists and paleontologists from the Royal Alberta Museum will be available to discuss your discoveries. There will also be a kids colouring area, archaeological display and other family friendly activities.

For more information please contact:
The Claesholm Museum (403-625-3131)
or info@arkycalgary.com

Partial funding for this event has been provided through the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

UPCOMING EVENTS



Bodo Archaeological Centre and Site

Archaeology in Action!

SUMMER 2024



Learn about archaeology and Alberta's history while having fun! Our programs give visitors hands-on experience at a real archaeology site. Programs available for everyone!

Drop-In Tours: All ages, May 28 to August 23

Adult Dig Camp: Ages 16+, July 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 23-26

Kids Day Camps: Ages 5-15, July and August (various dates)

Artifact Cataloging: August 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16

Open House: July 1, 2024 Free admission and tours

www.bodoarchaeology.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS



July 10th
10am - 3pm
Medicine Hat - Kin Coulee

The 40th Anniversary event for the Saamis Archaeology Site will be free!

Email Bruce for more information!

May 16th - June 6th
Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm
Nose Hill Park, Calgary

UofC Public Archaeology Program

Email here to register!

Atlatl Archaeology
DIPI-1 continuing project
in the Porcupine Hills this summer.
Working to establish Northern border
of the site!

More information TBA.



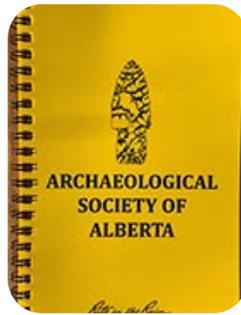
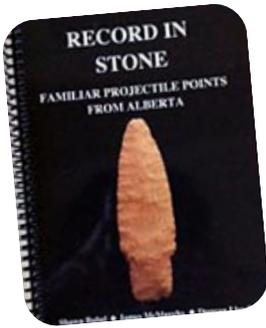
July 2nd - August 22nd

BODO Archaeological Center
Kids Day Camp

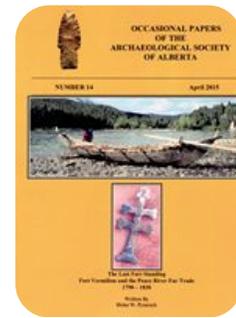
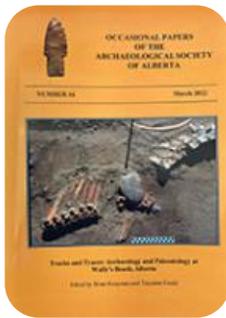
More info here.

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ALSO CHECK OUT THE GOLD BOOK SERIES



ALL STORE ITEMS CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)

WEB FINDS!

New underwater artifacts found from shipwreck sites near the coast of Nunavut
See the link [here](#).



The Dirt Archaeological Podcast:
For more details see the [link](#)



Endeavors to protect Calgary park erratic
For more details see the [link](#)



Bison Reintroduction Multimedia
See the link [here](#).



Peace River Country Projectile Point Collection Article
See the link [here](#).



Indigenous perspectives in the Archaeology
See link [here](#).



Using microbiology to determine anthropic activity
See the link [here](#).



New Indigenous Repatriation Film
See link [here](#).

