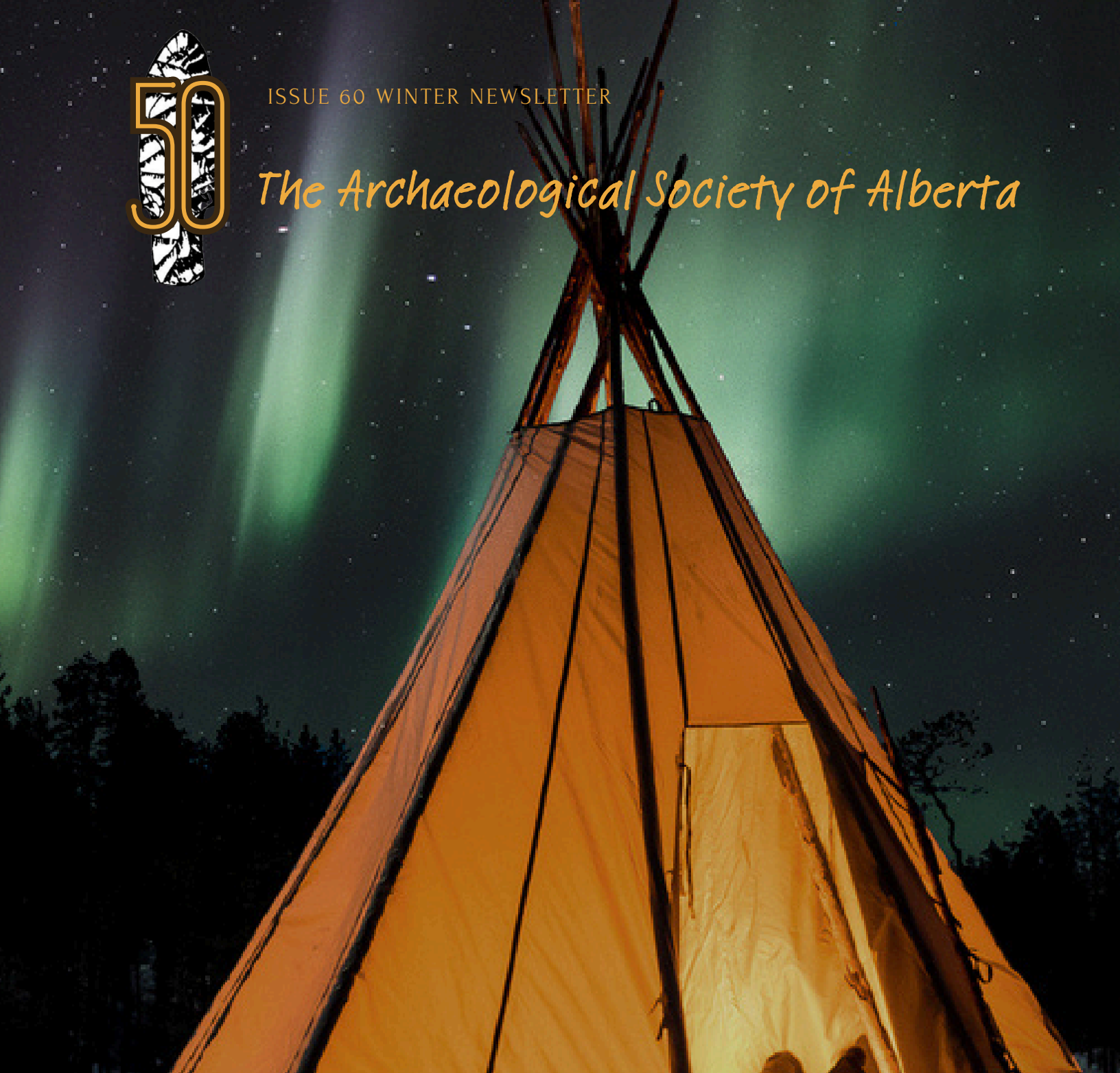




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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 21-22, 2026

ASA PROVINCIAL CASINO

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The **ASA Provincial Casino** is just around the corner! 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, or scan the QR code above to learn more!



January 21-22, 2026
Cowboys Casino

421 12 Ave SE,
Calgary, AB T2G 1A5

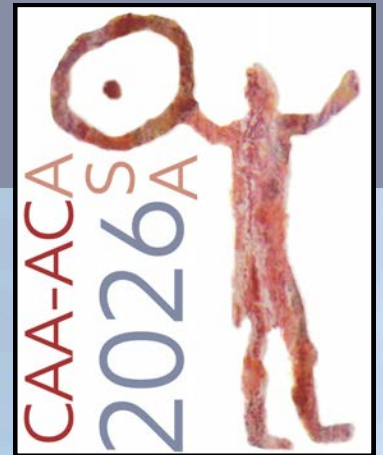
CAA/ASA CONFERENCE

CAA-ACA/ASA 2026 Conference

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.

Call for Sessions: Learn more about how to make a session submission here - <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting/call-for-sessions>

Book a room at the Conference Hotel: <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting/accommodations>



May 6-10 Canmore, Alberta



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ASA Centre

Memberships

Now is a great time to get an ASA Membership

Bodo Centre

Calgary Centre

Edmonton Centre

Lethbridge Centre

Red Deer Centre

SEEAS Centre



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



CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE


LESS THAN 10 TICKETS REMAINING

THREE WINNERS EVERY MONTH IN 2026


1ST: \$500
2ND: \$100
3RD: \$50

WIN AND YOUR NAME GETS RE-ENTERED!

**CONTACT TAMARA AT
BODOARCHAEOLOGY@GMAIL.COM**






The Archaeological Society of Alberta
Red Deer Centre



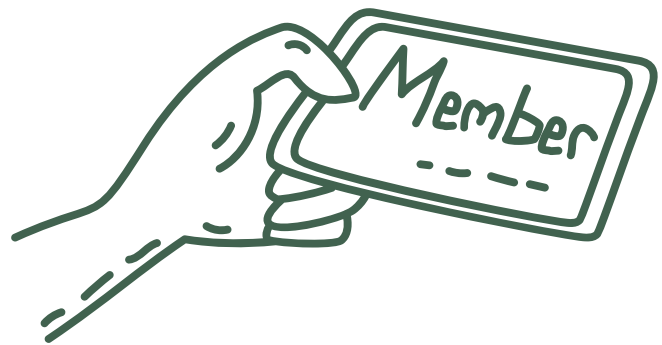
Become a member of the Archaeological Society of Alberta Red Deer Centre.

Benefits include:	Your membership helps to support:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free or discounted prices:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Speaking events on archaeologyWorkshopsField tripsActivitiesSubscription to the Alberta Archaeological Review featuring reports on archaeology in Alberta.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learning programs for schools and the communityCommunity-focused research and publishingDemonstrating community support to granting agencies and donors

Follow the QR code below or visit
<https://arkyalberta.com/centres/red-deer/membership> to join today



ASA RED DEER CENTRE

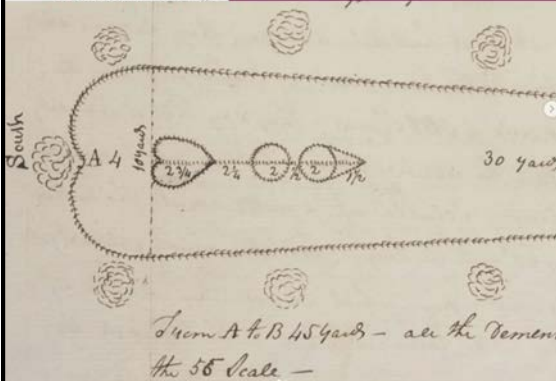


Click the membership card to reach the sign-up sheet

ASA CALGARY CENTRE

ASA CALGARY CENTRE
Lecture Series
Partnered with CPL

Dr. Gabriel Yanicki:
Old Man's Playing Ground and beyond: A history of Indigenous gambling games
WED SEPT 17th @ 7pm. Central Library: Room 3-16B



From A to B 45 yards - all the Verment the 56 scale -

Old Man's Playing Ground and Beyond: A History of Indigenous Gambling Games


Presented by: Dr. Gabriel Yanicki
Date: September 17, 2025

Big Questions, Disappearing Data: The Late Maritime Woodland and the Impact of Erosion in the Wabanaki Homeland

Presented by: Dr. Ken Holyoke
Date: October 15, 2025


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Dr. Kris Grzymiski:
Excavating Meroe (Sudan): or Calgarians on the Nile
WED NOV 19th @ 7pm. Central Library: Room 3-16B



Excavating Meroe (Sudan): or Calgarians on the Nile

Presented by: Dr. Kris Grzymiski
Date: November 19, 2025

ASA EDMONTON CENTRE

Talking Archaeology



A Quantitative Analysis of Promontory Cave 1

Presented by: Jennifer Hallson

Date: October 16, 2025



**Agricultural Decision Making in the Late Roman Period:
A Case Study from Goksu Valley**

Presented by: Amandah van Merlin

Date: November 20, 2025



**The Humayma Excavation Project: The U of A's New
Archaeological Project and Field School**

Presented by: Dr. Craig Harvey

Date: December 11, 2025

Event

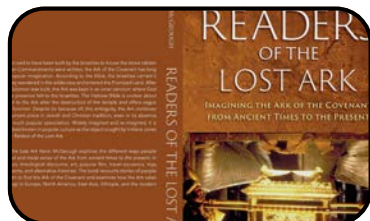
ASA Walking Tour on Archaeology Day

Presented by: ASA Edmonton Centre

Date: October 18, 2025



ASA LETHBRIDGE CENTRE



Nov. Book Launch & Lecture: “Readers of the Lost Ark”

Presented by: Dr. Kevin McGeough

Date: November 4, 2025



Shell Stories: What Freshwater Turtles Reveal About the Ancient Maya

Presented by: Dr. Arianne Boileau

Date: October 7, 2025

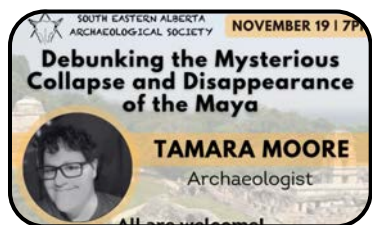


On Being “A Nuisance”: Mapping Chinese Laudries in Historic Downtown Lethbridge

Presented by: Andrew Gryba

Date: September 9, 2025

SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Debunking the Mysterious Collapse and Disappearance of the Maya

Presented by: Tamara Moore

Date: November 19, 2025



What was for Dinner 1,000 Years Ago? Recreating Past Plains Recipes via Pottery and Bones

Presented by: Dr. Andrew Lints

Date: September 17, 2025

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, SOCIALS AND PUBLICATIONS!

We're always sharing fun events and updates on our website and social media channels. Keep up with our website to stay in the loop, and find opportunities to get published!



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Add our social media channels to catch our updates!

Alberta Archaeological Review



Do you have something you'd like published but a bit shy about doing so?

This is a fantastic opportunity for students, early-career archaeologists, and avocational enthusiasts to dip their toes into the world of publishing. If you've been thinking about sharing your research, reflections, or fieldwork experiences, this is a great place to get started!

<https://arkyalberta.com/publications/alberta-archaeological-review>

DONATION PAGE



The image shows a screenshot of the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) website. At the top, there is a dark green header with the ASA logo (a stylized arrowhead) and the text "Archaeological Society of Alberta". To the right of the header are buttons for "ONLINE STORE", "DONATE", and a shopping cart icon with "0 items". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "HOME", "ABOUT", "MEMBERSHIP", "CENTRES", "EDUCATION & OUTREACH", "PUBLICATIONS", and "CONFERENCES". A white arrow points from the "DONATE" button to a large, semi-transparent speech bubble that contains the following text:

Did you know the Archaeological Society of Alberta has a Donation Page?

Your support helps us inspire wonder, spark curiosity, and connect Albertans to the people who walked this land before us.

At the bottom right of the speech bubble is the website address: **arkyalberta.com**

NORTHERN LIGHTS



The Northern Lights are often visible across Alberta. They are most visible in areas with low light pollution, and sometimes mistaken for clouds to the naked eye. To check, try taking a photo with your phone utilizing "night mode". To find days of probable visibility, you may download apps such as "Aurora Forecast", which shows both when, and where to look for them. Another possible resource is the Aurora heat map available on www.swpc.noaa.gov/.

In many Indigenous cultures, such as the Cree and Blackfoot Nations, the Northern Lights are believed to be their ancestors dancing. Inuit tribes further North believe the lights to show spirits of passed loved ones playing games (such as, with a walrus skull).

Mythology of the Northern Lights. The Aurora Zone. (2002).

WHAT'S HERE AND COMING

Infinity Experiences – CF Chinook Centre, Calgary **At CF Chinook Centre (Calgary)**

Horizon of Khufu

Step inside the Great Pyramid of Giza and journey back 4,500 years to ancient Egypt. Explore its hidden chambers, walk among builders and gods, and uncover one of the greatest archaeological mysteries of all time.

The Last Stronghold

Travel to medieval Carcassonne in the year 1304 and take part in a thrilling virtual adventure where history, architecture, and legend collide. Experience daily life within the fortified city and discover the spirit of the Middle Ages.

Enjoy 15% off all experiences with promo code: **ARCHEO15**

Infinity Experiences – West Edmonton Mall (WEM), Edmonton **At West Edmonton Mall (Edmonton)**

Horizon of Khufu

Enter the Great Pyramid in an awe-inspiring virtual reality expedition. Guided by ancient voices, witness the scale, precision, and mystery of Egypt's most iconic monument.

Life Chronicles

Travel through 3.5 billion years of evolution, from the first cell to the dawn of humankind, in this breathtaking scientific and poetic journey through time.

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OPERATION ARTIFACT

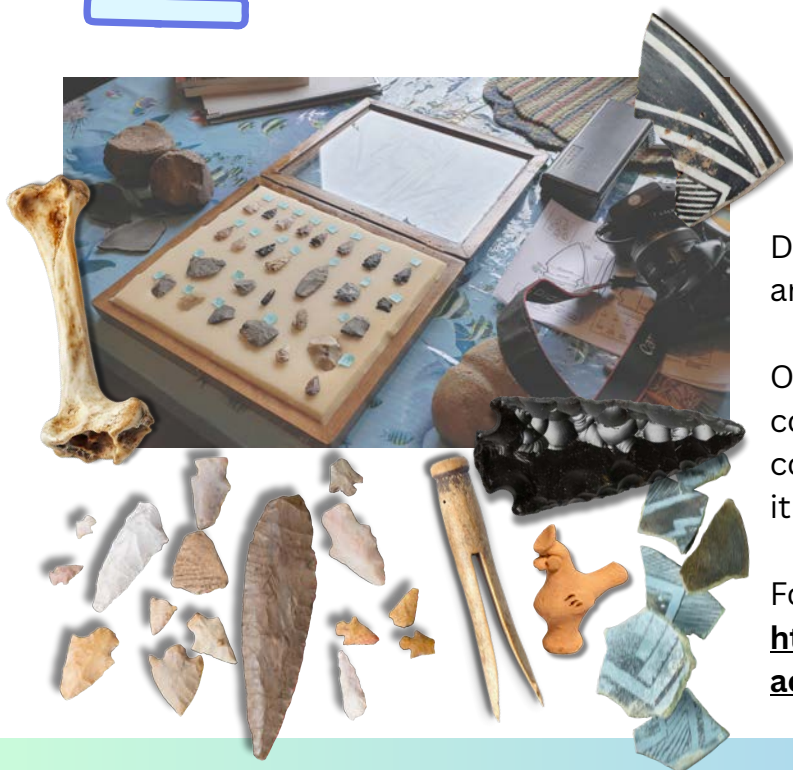
Looking for Collections

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.

For more information please check out:

<https://arkyalberta.com/centres/lethbridge/events-activities>



2024 Goldbook

Occasional Papers of the Archaeological Society of Alberta
Volume Number 17 (2 books)

Revisiting the Ancients: A Natural and Cultural History of the MacHaffie Archaeological Site (24JF4)

Patrick J. Rennie, Edwin Mohler, John P. Albanese, Jr., Synctiay Riley Auge, Linda Scott-Cummings, Leslie B. Davis, James K. Feathers, and T. Weber Greiser

with contributions by:

Melvin Beattie, John Byrd, John (Jack) Fisher, Jr., Richard E. Hughes, James Krakker, Sean McQueen, and Richard Pettersen

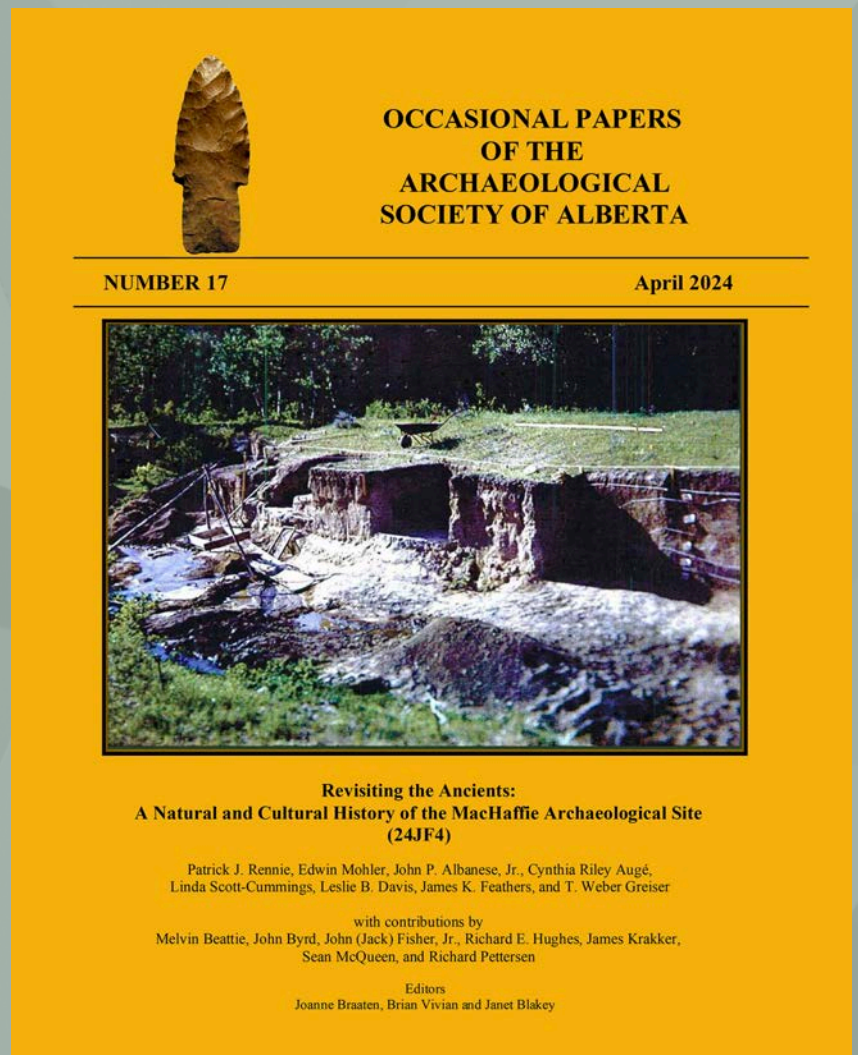
edited by:

Joanne Braaten, Brian Vivian, and Janet Blakey

Book 1: \$75.00 plus shipping

Book 2: complimentary PDF available on the [ASA Website](http://www.asa.ab.ca)

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ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNEARTHED MYSTERIOUS PREHISTORIC SPHERES IN THE AMAZON - INSIDE WERE BONES THAT SHOULDN'T BE TOGETHER

Source: Daily Galaxy



SHIPWRECKED CARGO OF ROMAN LEAD BARS PROVIDES A CHANCE TO OBSERVE DARK MATTER ON EARTH

Source: Good News Network



ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER LONG-LOST 2,000-YEAR-OLD CROP IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

Source: SciTechDaily



ANCIENT DNA REVEALS MYSTERIOUS INDIGENOUS LINEAGE THAT LIVED IN ARGENTINA FOR NEARLY 8,500 YEARS - BUT RARELY INTERACTED WITH OTHERS

Source: LiveScience



STONE TOOLS TRACE PALEOLITHIC PACIFIC MIGRATION INTO NORTH AMERICA

Source: Phys.Org



MYSTERY OF ARMENIA'S "DRAGON STONES" DISCOVERED: AN ANCESTRAL WATER CULT IN THE HIGHLANDS

Source: LBV Magazine



HEAR WHAT THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY OUR ANCESTORS 6,000 YEARS AGO MIGHT HAVE SOUNDED LIKE

Source: Open Culture



RARE THRIFT STONE FINDS DONATED TO SFU FOR STUDY

Source: Miss604

