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October Lecture

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

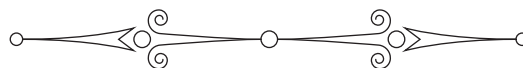
University of Calgary

Tom Oliver Room, ES 162, 7:30pm

Thunderbird and Whale: The Archaeology of Nuu-chah-nulth Whaling

Dr. Alan McMillan, Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University

Abstract: Whaling was a central theme in the lives of the Nuu-chah-nulth people of western Vancouver Island. It featured heavily in not only their traditional economy but their art, ceremonies, and oral histories. This talk presents recent archaeological research in Barkley Sound, emphasizing evidence of ancient whaling, its development, and its persistence in Nuu-chah-nulth art and traditions today.

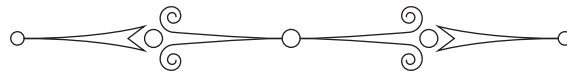


Dr. Alan McMillan Bio: Alan McMillan is an adjunct professor in the Department of Archaeology at Simon Fraser University. He has conducted extensive research on the archaeology and ethnohistory of Northwest Coast Indigenous peoples, particularly the Nuu-chah-nulth of western Vancouver Island, and has written numerous books and monographs, articles, and reports.

September Events Summaries

Craig Lee: Ice Patch Archaeology in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Lecture Series Summary September – Anne Lesack

During our September lecture Dr. Craig Lee discussed his current research in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. This ecosystem spans 24 thousand square miles extending over parts of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. Due to a changing climate the ice patches in this ecosystem are receding and subsequently revealing both paleo-biological and archaeological material. Organic artifacts such as basketry and ropage are being revealed. This organic material is important as is rarely preserved and can provide important context to the inorganic elements that make up the majority archaeological record. Dr. Lee stressed the importance of this area of archaeological inquiry as ice patches are a finite resource and the information they reveal about the sociocultural and geographical history of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is invaluable.



Glenbow Village Tour

On September 24, Shari Peyerl led a very enthusiastic group on a tour of the remnants of Glenbow Village, and the excavations being done by the Calgary Centre, in Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park. The tour was part of the 2017 Alberta Parks Volunteer Conference. Shari explained the importance of the Glenbow Quarry to our city and province and highlighted the stories of several families who lived in the associated village. She also invited tour-goers into the restricted area of this summer's excavation in order to illustrate how archaeological excavations are done, the types of materials that are found, and the interpretations that can be drawn from them. Participants asked lots of interesting questions and were truly appreciative of Calgary Centre's work.



Shari explains the organization of the quarry by comparing an historic photo with the landscape.

Special November Events

Lecture: “Digging the Trenches: The Archaeology of the Western Front”

November 2, 2017 at 7:30pm

Location: Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW

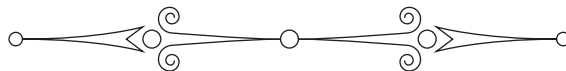
Andrew Robertshaw, BA, MA, FSA, is a self employed military historian, author and broadcaster. He was previously Curator/Manager of The Royal Logistic Corps Museum in Deepcut and before that Head of Education at The National Army Museum in London.

During his career, Andrew has lectured to international audiences on many aspects of military history including Leadership at the Staff College, Shrivenham, infantry history at the Infantry Training Centre, Catterick and military medicine for the Norwegian Army’s annual surgical course held in Oslo. An Honorary lecturer in public archaeology at University College London and Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. For the past twenty years, Andy has been conducting archaeological projects on the Western Front.

Over the past fifteen years he has regularly appeared in archaeology and military family history series such as the BBC series 'Two Men in a Trench', Channel 4's 'Time Team' and 'Blood and Bullets' for The History Channel. He is best known for the series 'Finding the Fallen' and 'The Trench Detectives'.

He is currently building a replica trench system in and restoring a Victorian house in Kent.

Sponsored by: The ASA Calgary Center, The Military Museums and Valour Canada



CALL FOR CASINO VOLUNTEERS

Where: Cowboys Casino, 421 12 Ave SE, Calgary

When: Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday November 8, day and night shifts available

What: Earning \$60-70,000 for public archaeology programming

Once again the ASA is having a charity casino event and we are looking for volunteers. If you haven't been able to participate in the past, this is a really fun event where you can help us raise money while getting to know other members of our society. The various roles at the casino are made really simple and we get a ton of support from the Casino staff. With just a few hours of your help, the Society can earn over \$70,000 to support our mandate to build public archaeology programs. Contact info@arkycalgary.com if you would like to get involved.

T-Shirt & Artifact Contest

2017 ASA T-Shirt Competition

Looking for a way to express your love for Alberta archaeology? We invite all members to submit artwork/design (including “Archaeological Society of Alberta – Calgary Centre”) for our new t-shirt. All submissions will be considered and the winner will be chosen through a vote by the membership at the Speaker Series lecture on January 18, 2018. Winner will receive a free ASA membership next year. Please email submissions to: info@arkycalgary.com.



THE “WHAT IS IT?” CONTEST:

Help out the Glenbow Town and Quarry Project by giving us more information about intriguing artifacts recovered from our past excavations. Put on your deerstalker hat and dig out your magnifying glass. Get sleuthing and dig up some clues on-line or in a book. You could win a great prize of Calgary Centre merchandise!!

This month: Identify this circular metal item, which has been folded in half and is embossed with “PRINCIPAL” inside a diamond and has the numbers “5967475” stamped below.

To Enter: Submit your answer, with documentary support (no random guesses please), and your contact information to info@arkycalgary.com by December 31, 2017.



Last Contest Winner: Thank you to Glen Phillips who informed us that the glass fragment embossed with “LEA” was “a fragment of the embossing panel of a pickle/condiment bottle from the Lea Pickling & Preserving Co., Ltd., Simcoe, Ontario, circa 1910.”

Good Luck and may your entry be our PRINCIPAL one!

Upcoming Events, Lectures and Conferences:

Speaking of the Past – Heritage Park

Sacred Spaces: The Medicine Wheels of Alberta

Thursday, October 26 2017 - 2:00 PM

Join archaeologist Don Hanna as he dispels the myth and unlocks the mystery surrounding these sacred sites. You'll also come to appreciate the meaning and history of Alberta's medicine wheels.

Chacmool at 50: The Past, Present, and Future of Archaeology

November 8-12, 2017

Special ASA Member Pricing of \$50 for the entire conference!!!

The 2017 Chacmool conference of the University of Calgary Archaeology Association will celebrate 50 years of Calgary's leadership role in Canadian archaeology. Through the years, Chacmool conferences have pushed the boundaries of archaeological method and theory, bringing together renowned international experts in an intimate conference setting with students and emerging scholars. The progressive themes of the conference have helped define the directions taken by the discipline as a whole, while the opportunities to present in an informal gathering has contributed to the launch of innumerable professional careers. Chacmool conferences are unique for the prominent role of both undergraduate and graduate students in the conceptualization and organization of the events, and for the subsequent conference volumes also edited by students.

We propose that the 2017 Chacmool conference combine both a retrospective on past conferences, as well as continuing the tradition of presenting state of the art research on current topics. A special panel will be proposed to look into the future in order to direct the course of innovations in the discipline. These and many other themes will be considered for what we hope will be the best Chacmool ever!

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