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November Lecture

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

University of Calgary

NEW LOCATION(See following page): ICT Room 121 at 7:30pm

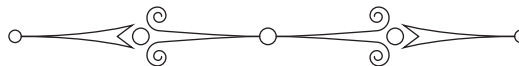
Mallows Bay, The Ghost Fleet and Beyond

Dr. Sue Langley, State Underwater Archaeologist

Maryland Historical Trust

Abstract:

On an ebb tide, nearly 100 skeletons of the WWI-era wooden steam boats seem to rise from the waters of a small embayment of the Potomac River. This presentation will explain the history of these watercraft and how they ended up in the Maryland and why they will be the focus of the first new National Marine Sanctuary in more than 20 years. While the centenary commemorations of WWI make this a timely endeavour, the area is steeped in history; much of it also represented in and around the bay.



BIOGRAPHY - Since completing her MA and PhD at The University of Calgary, Dr. Langley has been the Maryland State Underwater Archaeologist for more than 23 years directing the Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program within the Department of Planning's Maryland Historical Trust. She is an adjunct professor at several colleges and universities, where she teaches underwater archaeology and the history of piracy. She also taught maritime archaeology in Thailand for several years for the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO, part of UNESCO). She is an active PADI Master SCUBA Diver Trainer, and lectures globally on a variety of subjects

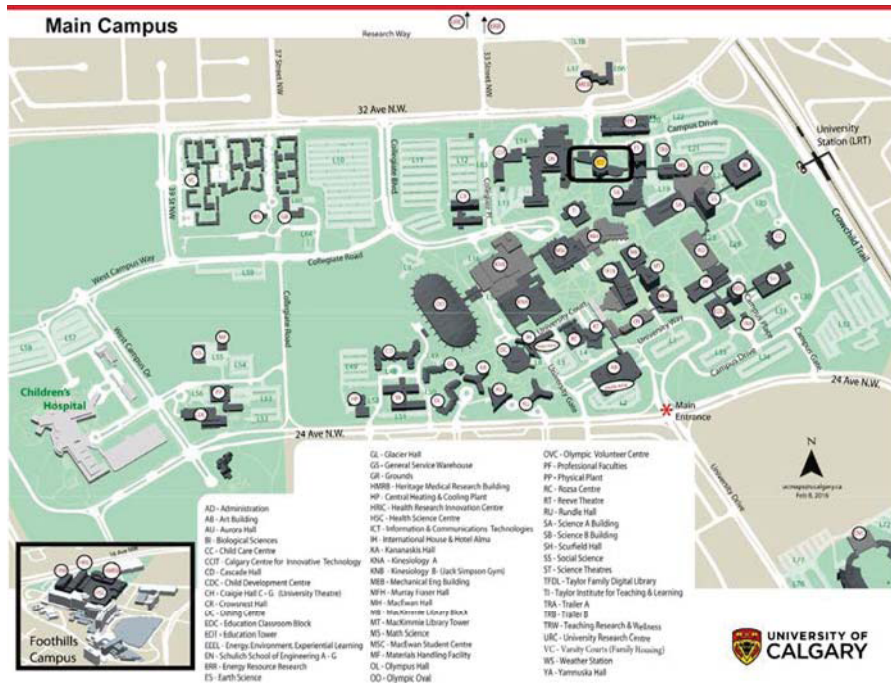
including maritime archaeology and piracy, as well as textile technology, food ways, and the archaeology of beekeeping and its current practices globally. An active beekeeper, she is also responsible for the hive at Government House.

Lecture Location Update

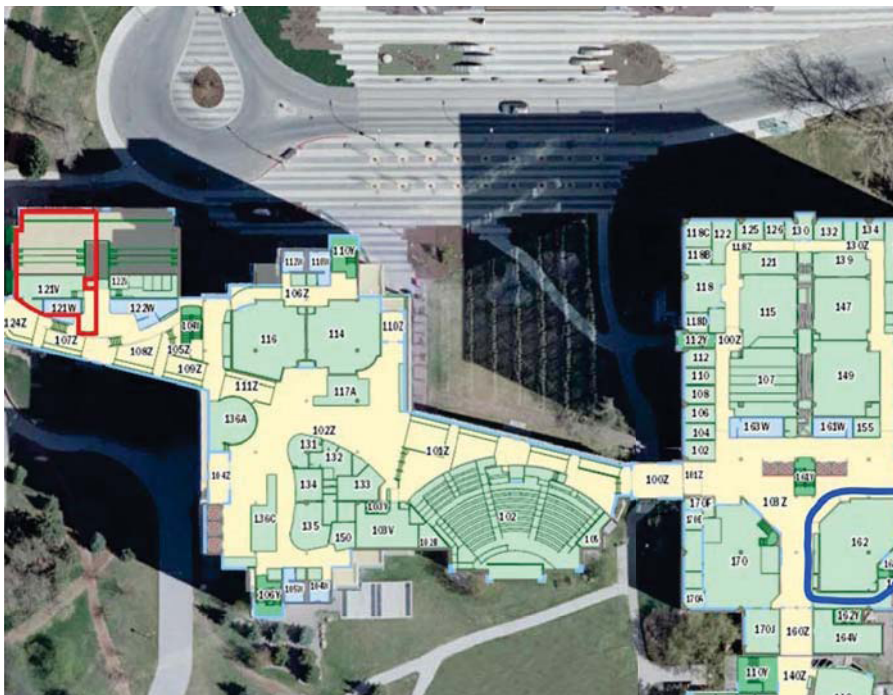
Hello ASA Calgary Center Members:

The location for our upcoming lecture on November 15, 2017 has been moved from the usual location of the Tom Oliver Room in Earth Sciences to the Information and Communication Technology building (ICT) room 121. The time of the lecture is unchanged. I have included two maps showing where the building is located and where the room is in relation to the Tom Oliver room.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



NEW LOCATION



Blue is the location of the Tom Oliver Room and Red indicates ICT room 121

October Lecture Summaries

Thunderbird and Whale: The Archaeology of Nu-chah-nulth Whaling
by Dr. Allan McMillan, Simon Fraser University

Review by Susanne Goosney, U of C Archaeology Student

This was an interesting and entertaining lecture about the whaling culture of three related groups in Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Whaling was possible year-round here, and the people focused mainly on humpback whales as a resource. They used dug-out canoes for whaling and hunted under the leadership of a whaling captain, whose position was inherited. Before going on a hunt, the whaling captain would go through a ritual ceremony where his wife would take on the role of the whale. Then when he was out on the water, his wife would lie quietly in order to influence the whales to be still and calm and enable the hunter to successfully harpoon them.



Whales were important not just as a resource for food, oil and building material, but also played an important role in the mythology of the Nu-chah-nulth people. They had symbolism linked to whales, thunderbirds and serpents, which was reflected in images painted on large screens in the plank houses of chiefs and in other artwork and archaeological artifacts discovered by Dr. McMillan and his team. Many of the artifacts are what he describes as a visual pun, because the same image represents two different things.

ASA Lecture Summary: October 15, 2017

Thunderbird and Whale: The Archaeology of Nuu-chah-nulth Whaling – Dr. Alan McMillan

Dr. Alan McMillan brought the west coast of Vancouver Island, specifically the area of Barkley Sound, to those in attendance during our October lecture. He discussed the significance of whaling in the lives of the Nuu-chah-nulth people as well as the symbolism associated with this subsistence and ritualistic activity. Hunting whales required the proper skills, tools, and spiritual elements to ensure success. Whales were essential for their economy, art, homes, ceremonies and oral histories. He also stressed the importance of the relationship between Thunderbird, the whale and the lightning serpent as they are commonly depicted in Nuu-chah-nulth art and stories. Dr. McMillan clearly established that whales were truly a central theme to this coastal group.

Glenbow Town and Quarry Project Update

Archaeological Discoveries at Glenbow - 2017

by Shari Peyerl, Co-Director of the Glenbow Town and Quarry Project

It was another exciting season for volunteers working in Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park with the ASA - Calgary Centre. The centre's Glenbow Town and Quarry Project has been conducting research (including survey, mapping, and excavation) in the park since 2009. By combining historic documents, oral histories, and archaeological remains, we have learned a great deal about the people who lived and worked at Glenbow in the early 1900s.

Glenbow Quarry was active from 1907 to 1912 and provided sandstone for important public buildings in Edmonton and Calgary, including the Alberta Legislature. Our research has focussed on the residential areas associated with the quarry. Glenbow Village was surveyed in 1909 to provide a place for the families of the married quarry workers, while the managers and the single men resided just below the quarry, in the Workers' Quarters area.

This spring, we returned to the Workers' Quarters and opened excavations in search of the bunkhouse, home of the single men. While we did not uncover a cobble foundation outlining the building, such as the nearby foundation excavated in 2013/15, we did find the remains of the bunkhouse chimney. It is likely that this large building, purported to be two-stories high and 80-foot long, had a different type of foundation structure. We discovered evidence of the construction, use, and demolition phases of the bunkhouse. Interesting artifacts included a wood-handled fork with lovely metal decoration and a small fragment of newspaper.

This fall, a small crew rescued the cornerstone of the Stonecutter's Labour Hall in the Village area. This engraved stone was photographed during the initial archaeological survey of the area in 1972 and has suffered severe degradation over the years. Lichens, dirt, and damage have almost obliterated the names of the men chiseled into the sandstone block. The stone, along with all other artifacts, will be sent to the Royal Alberta Museum in order to preserve them for all Albertans.

Thank you to all the society volunteers and Park Stewards who joined our trained archaeologists this year. A special thank you to Rapid3D for providing laser scans and photogrammetry, to Lunate Consulting for conducting magnetometer surveys and GPS readings, and to Dr. Peter Dawson of the University of Calgary for using laser scans to create a three-dimensional record of the decaying General Store. We are privileged to be granted permits to work in the restricted access areas of the park and are pleased to share our knowledge of Glenbow with the public; this year we interacted with more than 320 visitors.

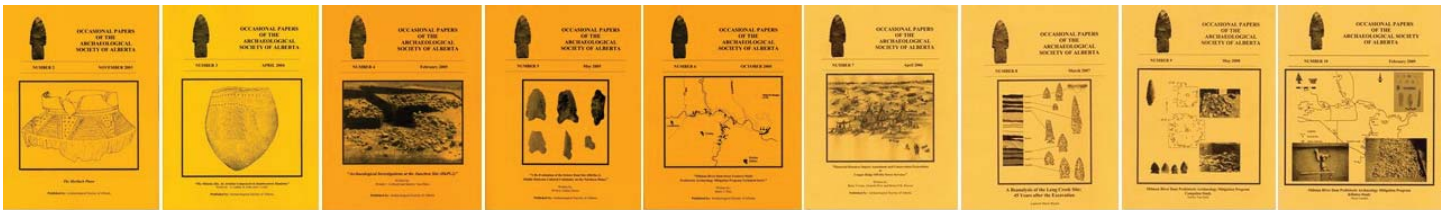
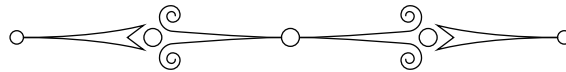
You can find out more about the former residents of Glenbow by visiting the park Interpretive Centre and viewing *The People of Glenbow Family Photo Album* on display there. Stories about our project and excavations can be found on our blog at <<https://arkycalgary.com/glenbow-project/glenbow-project-blog/>>.

Special Announcements

Membership Renewal

It is that time again! This is a reminder to all members to renew your ASA membership. This can be done many ways: Online at <http://arky Calgary.com/membership/>, in person at one of our lectures or by mailing a cheque to:

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North Hill Postal Outlet
Box 65123
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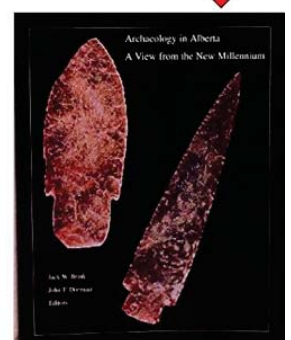
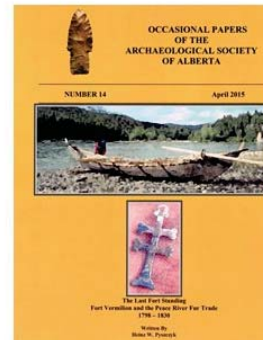
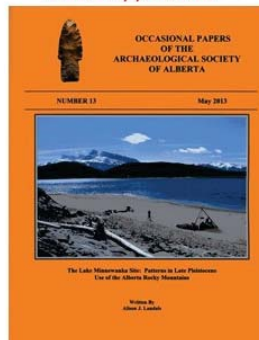
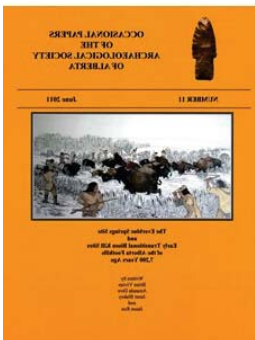
Bundle/new pricing!*

Volume 2 – 10 Bundle \$50 or \$10 each (Volume 1-SOLD OUT)

Volume 11 – 14 Bundle \$75, Volume 11 – 13 \$ 20 each and Volume 14 \$35

Purchase a bundle and receive a **complimentary** copy of *Archaeology in Alberta: A View from the New Millennium* (regular \$10)! 

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T-Shirt Contest & Where is Your Hat?

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.



WHERE'S YOUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY HAT BEEN?

Do you have one of our Archaeological Society of Alberta hats? If you do - we want to get photos of you wearing it in the field or at an archaeological site!! For example - September's speaker Dr. Craig Lee and Janet Blakey (Calgary Centre President) at Grassi Lakes both wearing our hats!



We will do a feature in a newsletter and on our website in the spring. If you want to get one of our hats you can purchase one at our regular lectures or at our information table at the Chacmool Conference (November 10 & 11). Please e-mail your photos to info@arkycalgary.com.

Upcoming Events, Lectures and Conferences:

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!

Website: <https://antharky.ucalgary.ca/chacmool2017/>

Email: chacmoolconference@ucalgary.ca

Speaking of the Past – Heritage Park

Sacred Spaces: **Evolution of the Fur Trade**

Thursday, November 23, 2017 - 2:00 PM

Historian and interpreter Greg Ingram illustrates the evolution of the fur trade in Canada. He will place particular focus on the nature of commercial transactions and the use and meaning of tokens and counters.