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February Lecture

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

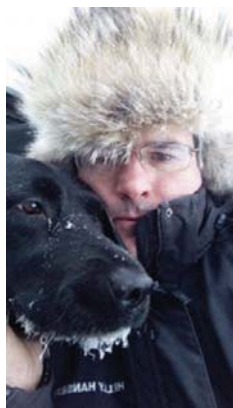
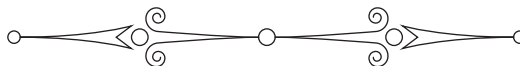
University of Calgary

ICT Building Room 121, 7:30pm

**Domesticating the Arctic: Living with Dogs and Reindeer in
the Yamal Region of Russia**

**Dr. Robert Losey Department of Anthropology, University
of Alberta**

Abstract: Dogs are reindeer and iconic domestic animals of the Eurasian North, yet little is actually known about their long-term histories with people in this vast region. This presentation will describe several ongoing projects in the Yamal region of the Russian Arctic, including studies of the advent of dog sledding, and artifact evidence for the domestication and harnessing of reindeer. The presentation will feature some of this region's most spectacular archaeological sites, which have yielded the Arctic's largest collection of dog remains, well preserved sleds and skis, and perhaps the earliest examples of reindeer harnesses.



Bio: Dr. Robert Losey is an associate professor at the University of Alberta. His primary area of interest is human-animal relationships, particularly in the north. Dr. Losey currently conducts research on dog and reindeer domestication in Siberia, where he has worked for the past 15 years. This summer he will lead an ethnoarchaeological project in the Yamal region of the Russian Arctic, focusing on the materials and practices of reindeer herding.

January Lecture Review:

Lecture Summary. *The Archaeological Evidence for Painted Feather's Pound*

In January's lecture Dr. Trevor R. Peck and Dr. Caroline Hudecek-Cuffe discussed the potential site for Painted Feather's Pound. In 2014 the potential site was discovered by local historians in the Hardisty area of Alberta. Painted Feather's Pound is mentioned in the Journal of Henry the Younger in 1809 when he left Fort Vermillion to the Blackfoot camp and pound. Painter Feather was a Blackfoot chief who invited Henry the Younger to come see the pound and the camp. Bison pounds are important for providing places like Fort Vermillion with food. In 2014 using metal detectors, a number of metal points were found at the surface which led to further excavations and test pitting. These further investigations found a number of artifacts including calcined or burned bone scraps and pottery pieces. The site had been previously plowed but an undisturbed layer remained with protohistoric remains, in the disturbed layer a number of prehistoric material was recovered as well. Using radiocarbon dating a potential date was 1809 which would put the site at the right age for Painted Feather's Pound. Using data from Henry the Younger's Journal the site is located in the potential area he could have reached when traveling on horseback from Fort Vermillion on December 20th, 1809. The site also matches the description from Henry the Younger Journal as being a large area surrounded by rolling hills. This site is a likely spot for Painted Feather's Pound but further investigations need to be done to further strengthen this point.



FORBIS AWARD - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Richard G. Forbis Award is given in memory of the late Dr. Richard Forbis, the founding president of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, Calgary Centre. The Calgary Centre instituted the Forbis Award in 2000 in memory of Dr. Richard Forbis to be given to individuals or organizations in Calgary and Southern Alberta who best epitomizes the ideals held by the late Dr. Richard Forbis through his support of Public Archaeology. If you know of an individual or organization that you feel has made a significant contribution to the furthering of archaeology in Alberta, by making archaeology more visible in the media, raising public awareness of archaeology, and providing ways for the public to participate in archaeology.



PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY MARCH 31st, 2018 to:

ASA Calgary Centre
North Hill Postal Outlet Box 65123
Calgary, AB
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or by e-mail: info@arkycalgary.com

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS!!

We are looking for new executive members for the Calgary Centre of Archaeological Society of Alberta. If you have anyone you'd like to nominate please contact the nominations committee by March 31, 2018 either by e-mail (info@arkycalgary.com) or by mail:

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Cody Travel Award - \$200

The Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary Centre is pleased to announce the "Cody Travel Award" in honour of one of our long standing members, Mrs. Jeanne Cody. Jeanne was appointed Treasurer of the Calgary "Branch" of the Archaeological Society in 1962. She was then appointed to Secretary for a two year term in 1963. In 1966, Jeanne began a one year term as President. In 1969 she returned to the Executive and became a Director. Jeanne became an Honorary Lifetime Director of the Calgary Centre in 2000. Jeanne also served on the Provincial Executive of the Archaeological Society of Alberta beginning in 1964. Then in 1966 Jeanne took on the position of the Secretary/Treasurer so that the position would not change every year. She filled the position for 25 years.

Applicants must be a member in **good standing of the Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary Centre**. An applicant may apply for the award only if they have not received any portion in the last three (3) years. To apply for the award simply fill out the form below and either mail to the address above (North Hill Postal Outlet) or send by e-mail to info@arkycalgary.com

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS MARCH 31, 2018

Name: _____

Purpose of Award (ie museum visit, conference travel/expenses, fieldwork): _____

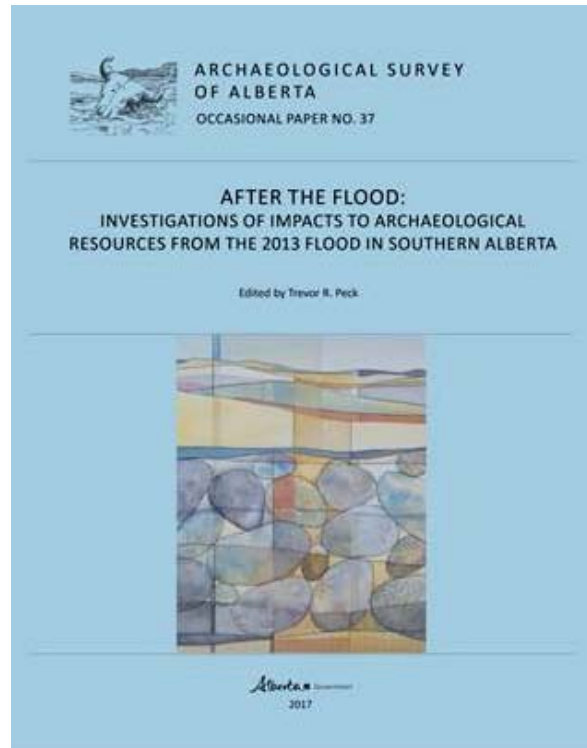
Archaeological Survey Occasional Papers

The Archaeological Survey of Alberta is proud to release Occasional Paper Series No. 37, which is dedicated to historic resources encountered and documented during a series of field programs that addressed the impacts of the 2013 flood on archaeological and palaeoenvironmental resources. The volume contains 18 articles that showcase methods, techniques and approaches to document historic resources while sharing some of the exciting new discoveries encountered during surveys and excavations conducted under the Southern Alberta Flood Investigation Program.

Current and past volumes can be accessed for free.

Please visit:

<http://www.culturetourism.alberta.ca/heritage-and-museums/programs-and-services/archaeological-survey/publications/occasional-papers/>



INTRODUCTION TO FLINTKNAPPING AND STONE TOOLS WORKSHOP 2018

Back for the seventh consecutive year, we are offering the workshop over two days at the **Nose Creek Valley Museum in Airdrie**.

On Saturday **April 14th** we will be offering an **Introduction to Flintknapping**. This course will be beneficial to those new to making stone tools, as well as those just looking for a little extra practice and a few pointers. A basic introduction to techniques involved in the production of chipped stone tools will include: platform preparation, hard hammer and soft hammer percussion and pressure flaking. **The course runs 9 am to 3 pm, at the Nose Creek Valley Museum in Airdrie.**

On Sunday **April 15th**, we will be holding a full day **Knap-In**. This course is aimed at those with a strong desire to improve their existing flintknapping and prehistoric technology skills. The workshop will take the form of instructor led discussion and demonstration on platform preparation and thinning, followed by the numerous techniques utilized in the hafting of arrowheads and spear points to tool shafts (notching, raw hide, sinew, hide glue etc..) As in previous Knap-Ins, we encourage participants to bring their own projects to share experience, skills, and techniques with others. Projects in the past have included slate knives, multi component tools, fluting and the fletching of arrows. **The course runs 9 am to 3 pm at the Nose Creek Valley Museum in Airdrie.** Please note, that in order to take the second day, you must have taken the first day or an equivalent course (experience with flintknapping is required).

\$35.00 for one day / \$50.00 for both days

*Special one day discount rate for students (\$30.00)

Includes instructions, material and lunch. Space is limited!

Priority will be given to Archaeological Society Members.

Please contact Brent Murphy for more information or to register at info@arkycalgary.com

ASA Annual General Meeting:

2018 Archaeological Society of Alberta Annual General Meeting

Hosted by the Archaeological Society of Alberta: Edmonton Centre

April 26-29, 2018

The Lodge Snow Valley, Edmonton, Alberta

Preliminary Conference Schedule:

Thursday:

Afternoon: Tour of Royal Alberta Museum Acheson warehouse

Evening: Meet and Greet and registration (location TBA)

Friday:

Day of talks (open call) at The Lodge Snow Valley; poster sessions

Public Lecture at Edmonton Public Library Whitemud: Todd Kristensen

Saturday:

Invited speakers: Edmonton from Time Immemorial; poster sessions

Banquet at The Lodge Snow Valley

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Sunday:

Field Trips: walking tour of
Downtown Edmonton, more TBA



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Please submit poster and paper abstracts to asa.agm.2018@gmail.com
and go to sites.google.com/view/2018asaconference for more information!

Upcoming Events, Lectures and Conferences:

Alberta Palaeontological Society 22nd Annual Symposium Saturday, March 17 2018, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM and workshops on Sunday March 18, 2018, 9:00AM - 4:00PM (in conjunction with the Mount Royal University Earth and Environmental Sciences and CSPG Palaeontological Division)

This symposium will contain presentations from a mix of amateur and professional palaeontologists. The aim is to showcase palaeontology to the general public and to provide an opportunity for contact between the Alberta Palaeontological Society, industry, government and educational facilities. The event is free and all are welcome to attend. Families are encouraged to bring fossils to our identification booth where APS members will do their best to provide you with information.

We are calling for Posters for this event. Deadline for submission of abstracts for publication is February 15, 2018

For more information please visit: <http://www.albertapaleo.org/>

51st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association: Winnipeg, Manitoba May 2–6, 2018


The theme for the 2018 CAA annual meeting is "**Where the Spirit Resides**", an English expression of the Anishinaabe word "Manitoba." This theme reflects the collaborative spirit of archaeology as well as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The theme can be taken in many directions, such as, the Indigenous perspective for objects and places having spirits, the broader picture of the past by applying Indigenous ways of knowing to archaeological interpretations (and vice-versa), and the inter-cultural connections between Indigenous and migrant populations. This theme also highlights the diversity that exists within our discipline and celebrates community partnerships and projects.

While the 2018 Conference Committee encourages participants to think about the theme when planning their sessions and papers, we welcome all abstracts related to archaeology in Canada or by Canadian archaeologists abroad, regardless of the theme.

For more information please visit: <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting>

STONES and BONES WEEKEND

The Archaeological Society of Alberta - Calgary Centre
is hosting an **artifact and fossil identification** weekend at the



Nose Creek Valley Museum
1701 Main St S.W., Airdrie, AB

Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday, April 15, 2018 - 10 am to 3 pm

**This Family Fun Event is
FREE of CHARGE**

Bring your **arrowheads** and **other artifacts**, as well as any **fossils or bones** you may have for identification. Archaeologists and a Paleontologist from the **Royal Alberta Museum** will be available to discuss your discoveries.

www.arkycalgary.com
www.nosecreekvalleymuseum.com

Partial funding for this event has been provided through the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.