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MARCH LECTURE

Wednesday March 21, 2018

University of Calgary

ICT Building Rm 121, 7:30PM

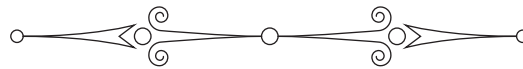
Inuvialuit Architecture: The Archaeology of Cruciform Houses in the Mackenzie Delta

Dr. Max Friesen, Department of Anthropology, University of
Toronto

Abstract: Within the great range of house types occupied by Northern peoples in the 19th century, a few stand out due to their size, complexity, or unusual form. One of the most spectacular is the cruciform semi-subterranean house occupied by Inuvialuit in the Mackenzie Delta region, Northwest Territories. These are known through traditional knowledge and ethnohistoric sources as very large, carefully constructed driftwood-framed houses with three alcoves bordering a central floor area. Over the past 60 years, several archaeologists have excavated portions of cruciform houses, leading to gradually increasing knowledge about them. However, due to their great size, deep burial, and problems with permafrost, it has been difficult to excavate one fully. In this paper, I report on the recent excavation of two large cruciform houses at the site of Kuukpak on the East Channel of the Mackenzie River. Following a brief overview of the ethnohistoric record, I will interpret aspects of the houses' architectural form, construction techniques, episodes of rebuilding, and change over time.



Photo Credit: Dr. Max Friesen



Bio: Dr. Max Friesen is an archaeologist who has been working in the Arctic since 1986. He has worked in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Alaska. His interests revolve around the intersection of social organization, ideology, economy, and environment over long time spans. His most recent project sought to understand climate-change-related destruction of archaeological sites in the Mackenzie Delta, and to excavate threatened sites. His next project, currently under development, will link traditional knowledge with archaeology in the Cambridge Bay region of Nunavut. He is the senior co-editor of *The Oxford Handbook of the Prehistoric Arctic*, and co-author of the forthcoming monograph *Out of the Cold: Archaeology on the Arctic Rim of North America*, to be published by the Society for American Archaeology in April.

February Lecture Review:

Domesticating the Arctic: Living with Dogs and Reindeer in the Yamal Region of Russia
Dr. Robert Losey, University of Alberta

February's lecture featured Dr. Robert Losey from the University of Alberta to discuss domesticated dogs and reindeer in the Yamal Region of Russia. Dr. Losey illustrated the polar extremes of domesticated and non-domesticated dogs and reindeer. The idea of what does domestication entail and look like is a highly debated topic within the archaeological literature. The domestication of dogs is often debated topic but it's the domestication of reindeer that seems to be poorly understood. The presentation featured pictures of artifact evidence for the domestication and earliest harnessing of reindeer as well as preserved sleds and skis. Dr. Losey also described some of his ongoing work in the Yamal region and is looking forward to contributing more to this area of research!



T-Shirt Contest:

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. Winner will receive a free ASA membership next year. Please email submissions to: info@arkycalgary.com.



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

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.

ACA Graduate Student Award Application:



Association of Consulting Archaeologists Graduate Student Award - Spring 2018

The goal of the Award is to provide funding for graduate students in Alberta, and worthy candidates from elsewhere, to conduct research using data developed by Alberta consulting archaeologists. **One or more awards in the amount of \$500 will be issued.** This award is targeted towards students, at the Masters or Doctoral level, enrolled in graduate studies in an archaeology, anthropology, or related department at an accredited Alberta post-secondary institution. Consideration will also be granted to graduate students in similarly accredited programs elsewhere who have worked on archaeological consulting projects within Alberta and who have a letter of reference from a qualified permit holder in Alberta. A potential recipient must be in the process of writing a Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation that includes consideration of data gathered by consulting archaeologists on projects sanctioned under the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*. This data may include any of the following: an examination of artifacts collected under a Historic Resource Impact Assessment (HRIA) or Historic Resource Impact Mitigation (HRIM); a review of HRIA survey data; review or criticism of HRIA/HRIM methodologies; review or criticism of HRIA/HRIM conclusions; or any other data deemed appropriate by the committee charged with determining the recipient. Acceptable expenses include tangible costs related to Thesis or Dissertation research. Examples of these costs include (but are not limited to): travel costs, accommodations, field or laboratory equipment, archaeometric testing, and hourly salaries for qualified basic-level field and laboratory assistants at an appropriate consulting rate. The award value cannot be used to cover the salary of the qualified recipient or to cover any basic day-to-day expenses of the qualified recipient.

Applications

Required:

- 1) a research design of at least one page (excluding references and figures) detailing the purpose of the research and the proposed purpose for the award;
- 2) a one-page budget detailing the expenses of the proposed research;
- 3) a professional CV, totaling no more than 3 pages, detailing their academic and professional qualifications. In particular the applicant should focus on their professional consulting experience.

Optional: Applicants will also have the option to submit letters of reference (maximum of two) from qualified professors who have worked with them on their graduate research or ACA members who employed them.

All applications should be emailed to: admin@consultingarchaeologists.org and president@consultingarchaeologists.org by **April 1, 2018**, for award by May 15. A one-page email detailing how the award money was used is required from the successful applicant by December 31 of the year the award was granted. For further detail please contact admin@consultingarchaeologists.org

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
T2N 4T6
or by e-mail: info@arkycalgary.com

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):

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/>

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



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

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>