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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

46th Annual Chacmool Conference

by Tiana Christiansen, Chacmool Conference Chair

The 46th annual Chacmool Conference entitled *Trading Spaces: The Archaeology of Interaction, Migration and Exchange*, was on November 7-9, 2013 at the Rozsa Centre at the University of Calgary. The conference kicked off with the very interesting plenary speeches by Dr. Patricia Sutherland (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Dr. John Hoopes (University of Kansas), Dr. James E. Snead (California State University, Northridge), and Dr. Eleanor Conlin Casella (University of Manchester, UK). After three days of very successful and well-attended

sessions, the conference wrapped up Saturday evening with the banquet speaker Dr. James Bayman (University of Hawai'i, Mānoa). A special thanks to all our CRM sponsors: Tera, Bison, Stantec, Lifeways, Golder, the CRM Group, Arrow, Delcan, SNC-Lavalin, Western, and Ghostpine. Also thank you to SSHRC, as well as to our volunteers – this conference could not have been put on without you. Thank you to everyone who attended our events and we hope to see you next year.

New Provincial Archaeologist

by Kurtis Blaikie, President, Strathcona Archaeological Society

Congratulations to Todd Kristensen on his recent permanent appointment as Archaeologist, Northern Region with the Archaeological Survey of Alberta in the Historic Resources Management Branch of Alberta Culture. In this role Todd will review and approve archaeological permit applications and Historical Resources Impact

Assessment and Mitigative excavation reports, among other responsibilities. Todd's broad experience with both academic and consulting archaeology in Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territory, Yukon Territory and Newfoundland will serve him, and the archaeology of the province, well in the coming years.

2014 ASA Awards

The ASA has established two awards that may be awarded each year to recognize the work of an individual(s). Winners of these awards are honoured during the ASA annual general meeting.

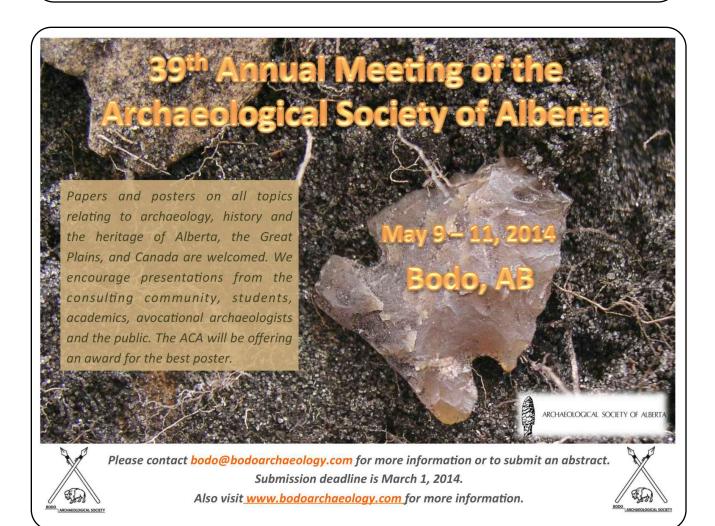
Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is granted to an individual(s) who has provided a distinguished, long-term record of services to their local centre of the Society, participated in the provincial level of the society, contributed to the discipline of archaeology in the province, increased awareness and/or education on public issues of archaeology, and contributed to the promotion of the Society.

Johan (John) Dormaar Award

The John Dormaar Award is granted to an individual who, through production of a substantive piece of written work, has significantly advanced the understanding and appreciation of Alberta archaeology and related disciplines.

For more information on either of these awards or to nominate someone, please contact Jim



Looking for the perfect gift or stocking stuffer? Check out these archaeological-themed gift ideas!





The Bodo Archaeological Society Cash Calendar fundraiser is finally here! The raffle tickets/calendars are \$50 each and will be for sale until the end of January. The first draw will take place on January 31, 2014. There will be three draws every month for the 2014 calendar year to win cash prizes of \$500, \$100 or \$50 each month (drawn names are reentered). Calendars make a great archaeology-themed Christmas gifts for friends, families, co-workers, and staff members! And when you buy a calendar for someone they have chances of winning all year long!

The Archaeological Society of Alberta, Calgary Centre annual calendars are available for 2014! Calendars feature fantastic archaeological photos from Alberta Archaeological sites. They are \$13 each (plus applicable shipping) and discounts will apply for orders of 10 or more! Calendars make great stocking stuffers for that hard-to-buy for person!

ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND RETURNS!



Mark it on your calendar, Lethbridge Centre is planning on hosting another fantastic and informative "Archaeological Weekend" on March 1 and 2, 2014 at the Gem of the West Museum, Coaldale, AB.

We will have Jack Brink and Bob Dawe from the Royal Alberta Museum in attendance to identify Native American artefacts brought in by the public and members of the Archaeological Society of Alberta. So dust off those random bones or points you've come across and find out more about them!

In addition to the artefact identification we will host some demonstrations and displays during the two day event, hope to see you all there!



*Photos courtesy of John Easton - Thanks John!

Announcement: Social Media - Alberta's Historic Places

The Historic Resources Management Branch has undertaken two new social media initiatives.

RETROactive is a blog about Alberta's historic places set up by our Historic Places Stewardship Section.

http://albertashistoricplaces.wordpress.com

These blog posts, as well as other information relevant to the Historic Resources Management Branch, can be found on Alberta's Historic Places Facebook page.

December Strathcona Archaeological Society Social

Join the SAS Thursday December 19th for some sunny summer archaeology slides and holiday baking!

The SAS is having their annual holiday social at the Royal Alberta Museum. Bring some cookies or other holiday snacks.

Vince Jankunis and Elenore Hood will be bringing a slideshow from their underwater archaeology field school in Spain this spring. If you have vacation or field photos you'd like to share, contact Kurtis (kurtis@treetime.ca) or just bring a powerpoint on a usb key.

This is also a great opportunity to bring some interesting artifacts or unusual finds you'd like to show some other archaeologists.

Date/Time: Thursday December 19th at 7:00 PM

Location: In the lecture room at the Royal Alberta Museum.

(The lecture room is entered by the old Archives door, to the left of the main museum entrance.)