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Monthly Newsletter of the
South Suburban Archaeological Society
Summer Schedule of Events
(no Irwin Center lectures)

2017

Saturday, August 5 ⚡ Aztalan, WI excursion
Aztalan State Park & Museum—SSAS excursion

Tuesday, Aug. 28 Officers Meeting

September 21 ⚡ Robert McCullough
Late Prehistoric Societies in Central Indiana

Deadline for material to be included in the next
Arkyfacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.

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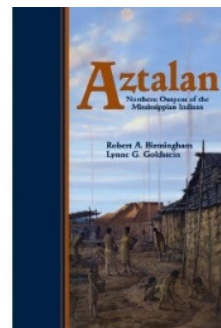
August 2017



On **Saturday, August 5**, SSAS members and their guests will tour Aztalan State Park in Aztalan, WI. *Transportation is on your own.* Aztalan, the northernmost outpost of Mississippian civilization, was first settled around 900 and flourished during the 10th to 13th centuries.



Robert Birmingham, the world's leading expert on Aztalan, will be our guide. He is the co-author, with Lynne Goldstein, of "Aztalan, Mysteries of an Ancient Indian Town," and "Indian Mounds of Wisconsin," as well as other research publications. We are very fortunate indeed that he has agreed to be our tour guide, and that Mike Ruggeri has coordinated this excursion for SSAS and Chicago Archaeological Society.



PLEASE NOTE: Allow plenty of time to travel to Aztalan for a **10:30** start. When you arrive at the site, you must stop briefly at the entrance fee deposit box (\$11.00 per vehicle for cars with out-of-state plates). Once the fee is placed in the box, you must fill out a visitor's form. (Bring a pen!) Place one copy on your car windshield and keep one copy. Proceed down the road to the LAST PARKING LOT, which is where we will congregate before our tour.

You can also visit the Wisconsin State Park System website for Aztalan to get details about directions and fees: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/aztalan/>. Keep in mind that most everything is outdoors, so dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Bring water and snacks for yourself, too, if you so desire. The excursion will conclude about 3:00/3:30.

SSAS Excursion: <http://southsuburbanarchsociety.weebly.com/excursions-2017.html>

Business Meeting Notes

The next business meeting will be at 7:30, **Tuesday, August 29**.

Bookmarks!

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See also <http://southsuburbanchapter.tumblr.com>

South Suburban Chapter Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SouthSuburbanChapter2015>



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I & M Canal National Heritage

Mazon Creek Fossil Tour

Explore the Mazon Creek and discover fossils from the Carboniferous Period of the Paleozoic era!



Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the environment, ecosystems, and climate of Northern Illinois as it was 300 million years ago by collecting fossil specimens at the Mazon Fossil Beds. The adventure begins with a hayride to the original site of the discoveries along the Mazon Creek as it was in the mid-1800s and the opportunity to collect the unique concretions such as ferns and horsetails. Bring a bucket, rock hammer, shoes to wear in the creek, and casual clothing.

Everyone will have fossils to take home to remember the day. Cocktail hour and an al fresco dinner & cocktails are included. The cost is \$150 per person per day. All proceeds will go to the Canal Corridor Association to help preserve I & M Canal history, protect its environment, and create tourism.

Saturday, August 26, 2017, 1:00 – 7:00 pm
or Sunday, August 27, 2017, 1:00 – 7:00 pm

Book now, limited availability.

Call 815-220-1848 for reservations and more information; ticket purchase at: <https://fareharbor.com/lasallecanalboat/items/51328/>.
Canal Corridor Association: <https://iandmcanal.org/>

The Village of Thornton Historical Society presents:



A Summary of the Archaeological Excavations at the Hoxie Farm Site

By: Douglas K. Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana
August 28, 7:00 p.m.

Before it was known as Hoxie Farm or Wampum Lake, this site in Thornton was home to a fortified village settlement of late prehistoric Native Americans. Hoxie Farm has been a well-known site for over a century and it has been excavated many times over the decades. The most recent and most extensive excavation was conducted from 2000 to 2003 by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.

The settlement of hundreds of houses was surrounded by a palisade and defensive ditches. It is the first such village of this kind in northeastern Illinois. This settlement and surrounding area were occupied from the 1300's to about 1550 by two cultural groups.



All are welcome; free admission; refreshments served. You are also welcome to view the display in our museum of Native American artifacts many of which were found on the Hoxie Farm site.

The museum is located at 114 North Hunter Street in Thornton, IL (1/2 block north of the Village Hall on Margaret Street [Ridge Road]).