

ArkyFacts

Monthly Newsletter of the
SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Lecture meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at
The Marie Irwin Community Center
18120 S. Highland Avenue, Homewood

FEBRUARY - 2020

Thursday,
February 20 Jane Baxter, Ph.D. ~ 7:30 PM
 "The Above-Ground Archaeology of
 Chicago's Historic Cemeteries"

Monday,
March 2 Officers' Meeting ~ 7:30 PM
 Hosts: Susan & Milan Saric
 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood

Thursday,
March 19 Fred Christensen ~ 7:30 PM
 "The Archaeology of the River Thames"

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

For more information about South Suburban Archaeological Society, or if you have a special need
because of a disability, contact SSAS President Will Kelley.

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Thursday, February 20 - 7:30 PM

THE ABOVE-GROUND ARCHAEOLOGY OF CHICAGO'S HISTORIC CEMETERIES

by Jane Baxter, Ph.D.

Cook County boasts nearly 200 cemeteries, many of which are in the City of Chicago. These sites are often overlooked as people move through the city, but inside the fences and brick walls that separate the dead from the living are carefully planned landscapes and an array of grave markers that tell unique stories of the city's history.

Dr. Jane Baxter's program will take a decidedly archaeological approach to some of the city's most prominent burial grounds, and illustrate how archaeological approaches used to study sites from the deeper past can be used to shed light on more recent history. It will include an introduction to the history of cemeteries generally, a bit about the evolution of the cemeteries we see in Chicago today, and some of Dr. Baxter's work on the graves of children in Chicago's cemeteries from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Jane Baxter is Associate Professor in Anthropology at DePaul University, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Society for American Archaeology.



Our Next Business Meeting..... will be on Monday, March 2 - 7:30 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, 18219 Dixie Hwy., Homewood. Our hosts will be Susan & Milan Saric.

PLEASE REMEMBER.....Membership Applications are included in this newsletter for members who have not yet renewed for 2020, and for guests who wish to become members. If you have not already done so, please remember to submit your 2020 Membership Application. Thank you!

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SAVE THE DATES.....

CALLING ALL JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS! Saturday, February 22 – 1:00 PM Oriental Institute Museum

Let loose your inner Indiana Jones! Families (children ages 5-12) can dig into a simulated excavation while learning about the real science of archaeology at the Kipper Family Archaeology Discovery Center. This program will include an interactive guided tour of the galleries. Call 773-702-9507 (Public Education Office) for registration information and fees.

Oriental Institute Museum
155 E. 58th Street
Chicago, Illinois

THE EVOLUTIONARY ORIGINS OF MAN Monday, March 9 – 7:00 PM Orland Park Public Library

Dr. Marisa Montana, archaeologist and Associate Professor of Anthropology at North Central College in Naperville, will highlight the skeletal and cultural evidence for human evolution from the scientific perspective. This presentation will focus on how the physical body has changed over time, from our pre-human ancestors to the present. She will also discuss when in our evolution certain behavioral thresholds were met: bipedalism, creation of tools, use of fire, language, clothing and art. Skeletal and artifact reproductions will be utilized during the presentation. Free and open to the public.

Orland Park Public Library
14921 Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, Illinois (708)428-5100

BE PART OF A SUMMER DIG

Whether you want to excavate ancient temples or skeletons of extinct critters like dinosaurs and mammoths, archaeological and paleontological digs all over the world are looking for volunteers to lend a hand and get dirty!

In exchange for tuition and sweat, participants receive hands-on instruction, room and board, and the deep gratification of contributing to important scientific discoveries. Most excavations are strenuous, dirty, and physically challenging (involving walking, squatting, and sometimes tolerating rugged accommodations without electricity), but they attract many passionate people of all ages – not just college kids earning credits.

Generally taking place in the summer with a spring application deadline, projects take place in almost every nation accessible to researchers. 2020 opportunities include digs in Israel, Belize, Peru, Greece, Cambodia, Montana and North Carolina.

For more information, visit **The Matador Network**.
Search “*Archaeological Digs Around the World You Can Actually Partake in this Year.*”

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