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Monthly Newsletter of the
South Suburban Archaeological Society
Lecture meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at
The Irwin Center
18120 S. Highland Avenue, Homewood

Schedule of Events

2018

July 14 SSAS Summer Excursion ~ 11:00 AM
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

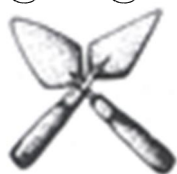
July 30 Officers' Meeting - 7:30 PM

August 25 SSAS Summer Excursion
Graue Mill & York Tavern

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

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Saturday, July 14 – 11:00 AM
SSAS SUMMER EXCURSION
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
Wilmington, Illinois
(815) 423-6370

After two centuries of sustained agricultural, industrial and residential development, only fragments of the original tallgrass prairie remain in Illinois. Less than one percent of the Prairie State is, in fact, native prairie. Efforts underway at Midewin are striving for a return to tallgrass prairie that would bring full circle a pattern of land use that traces the arc of Illinois history. From virgin prairie, the land went to agriculture (some of the most productive soil on Earth), and then into intensive industrial development as the nation prepared for world war and global leadership. For 50 years the place hummed as a literal arsenal of democracy. With the end of the Cold War, Midewin underwent another transformation-its shuttered factories and vacant roads a symbol of a new post-industrial age. Now, with help, the door is open for the native prairie to return.

ALL SSAS MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS are invited to join Joe Wheeler, Midewin Heritage Program Manager & Tribal Liaison, for a tour of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

In addition to learning about the overall terrain, we will visit archaeological zones and more recent historic sites. And keep your eyes open for the bison!

Meet at the Midewin Welcome Center at 11:00 AM. On this tour we will use our cars (attendees can group into carpools if they wish) and follow Joe. The excursion will take a little under TWO HOURS. Directions to Midewin are provided in the newsletter insert, and additional information on Midewin can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/midewin

Please dress for the weather! Comfortable clothing, walking shoes, hats and water bottles are highly recommended!

Our Next Business Meeting..... will be on Monday, July 30 at 7:30 PM.

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SSAS JULY EXCURSION

MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

The Midewin Welcome Center is located two miles north of Wilmington, Illinois on State Route 53.

From I-55: Look for exit 241, Wilmington. At the top of the ramp (both northbound and southbound), turn left (east). Travel 3.5 miles on New River Road to the intersection at State Route 53. Turn left (north). Follow Route 53 for one mile to the Midewin Welcome Center, on the right (east) side of the highway. OR: Take I-55 to I-80. Head east toward Toledo. Follow the directions below for I-80.

From I-80: Look for exit 132, State Route 53 and Chicago Street. At the end of the ramp (both eastbound and westbound), turn right (south). Continue south on State Route 53, also known as Historic Route 66, for approximately 15 miles-past the race tracks, the town of Elwood, and the Prairie Creek Grain Company. The Welcome Center is on the left (east) side of the highway.

From I-57: Look for exit 327, Peotone. From the northbound ramp, turn left (west). From the southbound ramp, turn right (west). Travel approximately 15 miles on the Wilmington-Peotone Road to the lighted intersection at State Route 53. Turn right (north), and travel approximately 1.5 miles. The Welcome Center is on the right (east) side of the highway.

Phone Number at Midewin: (815) 423-6370

