

# ArkyFacts

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

## JULY - 2019

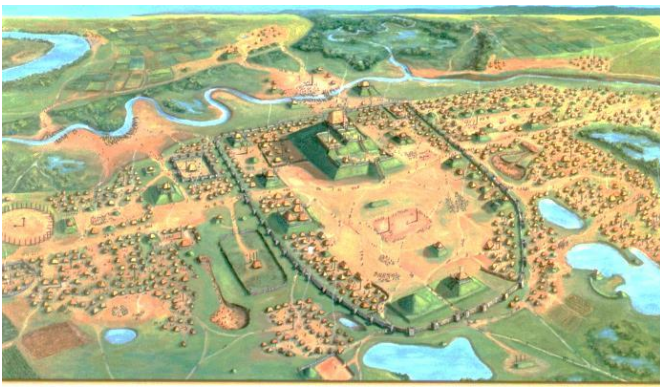
Saturday, July 20	SSAS Members' Tour ~ 10:00 AM Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
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Monday, July 29	Officers' Meeting ~ 7:30 PM Host: Will Kelley (773)268-6703 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood
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**Cahokia Mounds**  
STATE HISTORIC SITE • COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

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July 2019

Saturday, July 20 ~ 10:00 AM

## SSAS MEMBERS' TOUR OF CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

**SSAS Members' Tour of Cahokia (Saturday, July 20)....**Please join us on this special tour for SSAS members and their guests! Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is located directly across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, between East St. Louis and Collinsville, Illinois. Meet by 10:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center. Depending upon the number of participants, we will either take a private tour of Cahokia with a docent, or join the 1-hour 10:30 AM public tour. After our group tour, you might choose to further explore the museum or take additional self-guided tours of the site. Visit Cahokia's website at <https://cahokiamounds.org>, **Plan Your Visit, Guided Tours.** We may also gather for dinner later in the day.

If you decide to stay overnight in Collinsville on Friday, July 19 and/or Saturday, July 20, please note that Collinsville hotels are booking up quickly for the summer. As of this writing, the following hotels may still have availability for that weekend: Drury Inn, Fairfield Inn, Comfort Inn, La Quinta Inn, and Days Inn. Hotel reservations should be made "on your own." Please contact Will Kelley to get on the tour roster, and with your hotel booking information (so that we know where everyone is staying). Also, please let Will know if you will need to carpool (See the insert page for maps and directions.)

The 2019 Mississippian Conference will be held at the Dickson Mounds Museum (309)547-3721 in Lewiston, Illinois on Saturday, July 27 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Presentations will be given, 15-minutes in length, on any topic relevant to Mississippian archaeology or related research. This conference is open to the public. Register between 8:30-9:00 AM - \$5.00 at the door (cash or check).

**REMINDER.....**Our SSAS Members' Tour of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site will be on Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 AM. (See newsletter insert for more information.)

**Our Next Business Meeting.....** will be on Monday, July 29 - 7:30 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, 18219 Dixie Hwy., Homewood. Our host will be Will Kelley.

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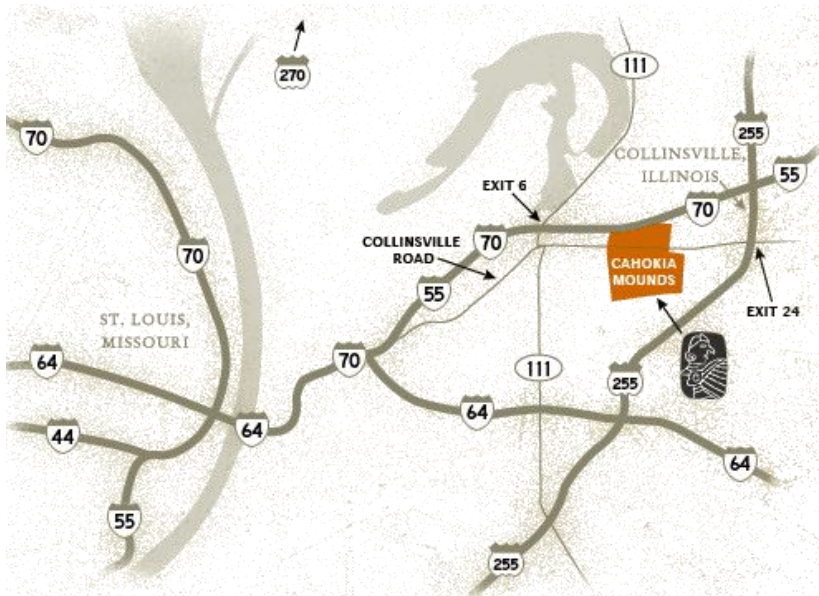
SSAS programming is made possible through generous contributions from our members of time, effort, and financial support, and through the valued sponsorship of our friends at NITEL .

**If you are driving DIRECTLY to Cahokia Mounds from northeastern Illinois.....**

**Via I-55 South** - Take I-55 South to the I-255 Exit (#10), just past Collinsville. Take I-255 South (toward Memphis) to the Collinsville Road Exit (#24). Exit and turn left onto Collinsville Road at the stoplight at the end of the off-ramp. The Interpretive Center is about 1.5 miles on the left.

**Via I-57 South to I-70 West** – Take I-57 South to I-70 West. Merge onto I-255 South via Exit #10. Continue on I-255 South to the Collinsville Road Exit (#24). Exit and turn left onto Collinsville Road at the stoplight at the end of the off-ramp. The Interpretive Center is about 1.5 miles on the left.

**NOTE:** Most hotels are located off of **I-55/70 Exit #11.**



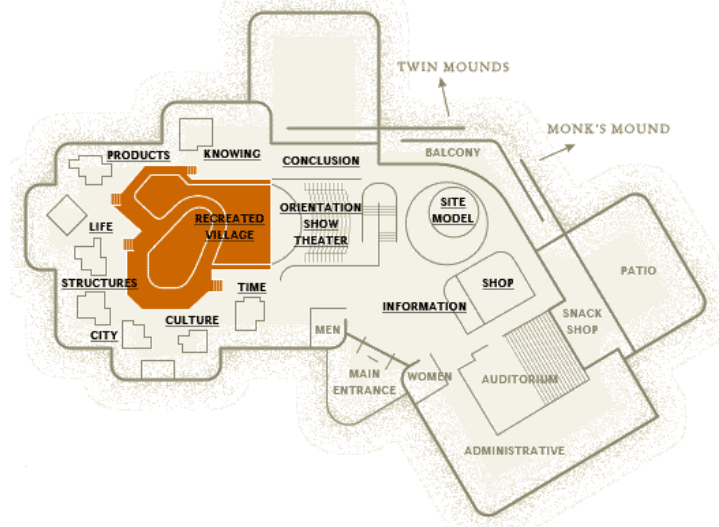
Entrance to Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is free; however, a donation of \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$2 for children and \$15 for families is suggested and much appreciated!

In addition to outdoor trails and tours (both guided and self-guided\*), Cahokia Mounds offers a world-class Interpretive Center with museum exhibit galleries, an orientation show theater, a museum shop, snack-food service, and restrooms.

To enjoy your day, please dress accordingly! Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended, as well as hats, sunscreen, bottled water and insect repellent.

The Grounds will be open from dawn to dusk. The Interpretive Center will be open from 9 AM – 5 PM.

#### CAHOKIA MOUNDS INTERPRETIVE CENTER



\*Self-guided tour trails (3):

- Twin Mounds/Grand Plaza/Mound 72
- Monks Mound & The Stockade
- TheWoodhenge



## SSAS MEMBERS' TOUR OF CHICAGO PORTAGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

**Saturday, August 10 – 10:00 AM**

A small, unremarkable ditch on the west side of Harlem Avenue just north of the Stevenson Expressway is protected by National Historic Site status in Portage Woods Forest Preserve. The short and shallow ditch is the reason a great city grew near it, and is a key link in Chicago's largely unknown birth story.

Chicago owes its very existence to the location of the Chicago Portage. The first European explorers, Jolliet and Marquette, passed through the Portage in 1673. It provided an easy connection between the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico by linking Lake Michigan with the Mississippi River.

One of only two National Historic Sites in Illinois, the Chicago Portage site is the only place where you can stand on the same ground walked upon by all the explorers, early settlers and creators of Chicago. The late Tribune columnist John Husar, after touring the site, called it "our sacred ground." It is Chicago's "Plymouth Rock."

The Chicago Portage Forest Preserve and National Historic Site is on the west side of Harlem Avenue (4800 S. Harlem), just 2 blocks north of the Stevenson Expressway (I-55). Turn west (left) into the main parking lot. (Any visitor overflow will be directed to Ottawa Trail Woods on the north side of 47<sup>th</sup> Street.) **Gather by 10:00 AM at the Marquette & Jolliet sculpture**, where our tour will begin. (Note: There is a "porto" restroom facility.)

The tour will last approximately 1½ hours, with pauses along the way, and is about ½ mile in length on a gravel path through the woods. Wear long pants and walking shoes or boots. You may also want to bring insect repellent, sunscreen and bottled water.

***The fee for this excursion is \$10.00 per person (at the site). If you have questions or need to carpool, please contact Will Kelley.***

