

# 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

## Schedule of Events

2018

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| March 15 | Paula Porubcan, M.A.<br>"Archaeological Resource Management in<br>the Forest Preserves of Cook County" |
| April 2  | Officers' Meeting  |
| April 19 | Tamira Brennan, Ph.D.<br>"Greater Cahokia Excavations at<br>East St. Louis"                            |

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

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March 15, 2018, 7:30 PM

“Archaeological Resource Management in the  
Forest Preserves of Cook County: Connecting Chicago's Past with its Present Community”  
by Paula Porubcan, M.A.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) manages 70,000 acres of publically-held lands that provide essential wildlife habitat, recreational venues, and protection for more than 620 archaeological sites. Sites range from Paleoindian campsites to large Upper Mississippian villages, and from early historic trading posts to WWII German POW camps. As a part of the 2014 *FPCC Natural & Cultural Resources Master Plan*, the Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS) helped in the development of a long-term management plan that integrates natural and cultural resource preservation. Ms. Porubcan will talk about the range of archaeological sites present in the FPCC, the history of past investigations, the nature of the current ISAS-FPCC management program, what we have learned in the first 4 years of the program, some unexpected successes, and plans for the future. Ms. Porubcan currently serves as Field Station Coordinator for ISAS's Northern Illinois Field Station.



Save these Dates for Summer Fun! 

Our annual Summer Social will again be held in June (date and location to be announced). Saturday, July 14 will find us on a tour of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, lead by SSAS friend and member Joe Wheeler. And, on Saturday, August 25, we will be visiting the historic Graue Mill & Museum in Oak Brook.

## Business Meeting Notes

Our next business meeting will be on Monday, April 2 at 7:30 PM.

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## DAY TRIPPING

### "THE BOOK OF THE DEAD --- BECOMING GOD IN ANCIENT EGYPT"

The Oriental Institute, through March 31

The ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead is a series of magical spells that promised to transform any living person into an immortal divinity in the afterlife. There is still time to visit this exhibit, which explores what the Book of the Dead was, what it was believed to do, how it worked, how it was made, and what happened to it. The show features two spectacular Books of the Dead— one 41 feet long— that are shown in their entirety for the first time in nearly a century. A recreation of a burial with a rarely exhibited mummy shows how many objects inscribed with the Book of the Dead literally surrounded the deceased; some spells are written on linen bandages, others on amulets that were placed on the mummy, and yet others on bricks that were embedded in the walls of the burial chamber.



The exhibit presents the newest research on the Book of the Dead, what it meant to the ancient Egyptians, and how, through text and elaborate imagery, the Egyptians sought to live forever as gods.

## DAY TRIPPING

### "MUMMIES" - The Field Museum, beginning March 16

See mummies as you have never seen them before in this rare, close-up look at mummies from the two places in the world with the longest and most interesting mummification traditions: ancient Egypt and ancient Peru.



Comprised entirely of objects from The Field's own collection, the exhibition includes 14 mummies, exquisitely painted coffins, stone sarcophagus fragments, ceramics, mummified animals, and mummy masks. Using non-invasive CT scanning, DNA analysis, and other cutting-edge technologies, Field scientists pare back thousands of years and reveal the people behind gilded coffins and carefully wrapped bundles.

Visitors will also be able to virtually explore the contents of never-opened Peruvian mummy bundles to discover the individuals within: children, mothers, and the objects that their families lovingly buried with them.

This Special Exhibition will run through April 21, 2019.