

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

May 17	Michael M. Gregory, Ph.D. "Myths, Ulterior Motives & Pesky Data In Archaeology"
June 4	Officers' Meeting
June 21	SSAS Summer Social ~ 7:00 pm Flossmoor Station, Flossmoor IL

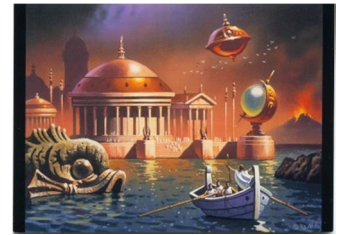
Deadline for material to be included in the next
Arkyfacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.

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May 17, 2018 6 7:30 PM

MYTHS, ULTERIOR MOTIVES & PESKY DATA IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Atlantis, The Mound Builders & Stonehenge

by Michael M. Gregory, Ph.D.

Myths abound about the past and are frequently created or used to explain the seemingly "unexplainable." In the process, such explanations often rob cultures of their complexity and their achievements.

Dr. Gregory will address some of the myths surrounding Atlantis, the Mound Builders of North America, and Stonehenge, and discuss how these stories twist and even ignore facts and archaeological discoveries. Some myths may seem satisfying and persuasive on the surface; however, they actually make past human accomplishments much less interesting in terms of the technological innovations, social interactions, political practices, and belief systems that allowed groups to create architectural wonders and complex societies.

Dr. Michael M. Gregory is an archaeologist who, for the past 35 years, has worked in a variety of academic, research, and cultural resources management settings. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation, Inc., and is employed by ANC International, a forensic science consulting firm.



SUMMER SOCIAL & SUMMER EXCURSIONS (See newsletter insert.)

Our Next Business Meeting..... will be on Monday, June 4 at 7:30 PM..

Bookmarks! Find us online.....

Search: "South Suburban Archaeological Society on Weebly"

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CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS !

Center for American Archaeology
High School Field School June 10 – July 7
Kampsville, Illinois



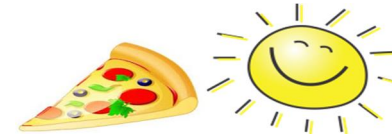
The Center for American Archaeology at Kampsville, Illinois is inviting you to be an archaeologist this summer!

Join their summer field crew and participate in real archaeological research alongside professional archaeologists. With CAA staff, you will learn how to do fieldwork and laboratory work, identify artifacts and more, as they investigate the Golden Eagle site, the only prehistoric site in the Illinois River Valley with a geometric enclosure. In 2013 and 2014, CAA archaeologists conducted large-scale remote sensing surveys across this site, revealing intact archaeological deposits, as well as geophysical evidence of the ditch-and-embankment structure enclosing the site.

Students 13-17 may enroll for one to four weeks. Weeks enrolled need not be consecutive. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** High school seniors may enroll, but graduated seniors should enroll in the Adult Field School, which runs from July 8 to August 4, and which will provide an equally wonderful experience for undergraduates, graduate students, and adults of all ages.

For more information, call (618)653-4316.

SUMMER SOCIAL - Thurs., June 21 – 7:00 pm
FLOSSMOOR STATION, 1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor



Please join us for food, fun and games at the annual SSAS Summer Social at Flossmoor Station in downtown Flossmoor!

The buffet of pizza and pasta will include pizza, six-cheese pasta with spinach and roasted red peppers in a garlic parmesan cream sauce, tossed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, garlic bread basket, and a fresh fruit tray. (Beverages are on your own.)

A sign-up sheet will be available at the reception desk during the May 17 monthly program.

Cost per person - \$ 25.00 Everyone welcome!!

JULY & AUGUST SUMMER EXCURSIONS
(All SSAS Members and their Guests)

Saturday, July 14 - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
Saturday, August 25 – Historic Graue Mill / York Tavern

Additional details will be posted soon!

Sign-up sheets will be available at the May 17 program.