

South Suburban Archaeological Society



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

2017

October 19 ⌘ Josh Cannon, PhD candidate
Vessels of Information: Thinking through Pottery in 2nd
Millennium Anatolia
And, *Nomination of Officers*

October 30 Officers Meeting

November 16 ⌘ Brian Adams
Widows, Millers & Miscreants of Eastern Illinois
And, *Election of Officers*

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

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Vessels of Information: Thinking through Pottery in 2nd Millennium Anatolia

By Josh Warren Cannon, PhD candidate

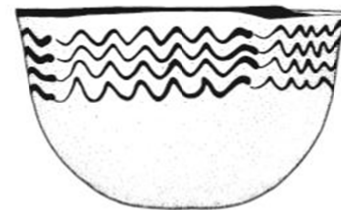
Archaeologists (usually) find pottery more than any other artifact during excavation. My talk will present some of the ways we can think about these ceramic vessels and explore how they help us understand the lives of the ancient people who made and used them. I will talk specifically about the people of 2nd Millennium BC Anatolia (Turkey), with an emphasis on urban and rural dynamics and the development of pottery as an essential tool for ritual activities.

Josh Cannon is in the last year of his PhD program at the University of Chicago and is writing

a dissertation that discusses the pottery of 2nd Millennium

BC Anatolia and how its use and geographic distribution can inform

us on different communities (along the urban/rural divide and along ethnic boundaries). His interest in the Middle East developed while he was stationed in Iraq as a US Marine from 2003-2005. He graduated with a BA from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010 and started at the University of Chicago that same year.



Business Meeting Notes

The next business meeting will be at 7:30 on Monday, October 30.

2018 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Officer and committee chair nominations will be heard at the October program, with elections at the November program.

When trying to access the SSAS website, if you don't want to take the time to type in the long version of the website address, you can just type in any search box (AOL, Bing, Google, etc.). **South Suburban Archaeological Society on Weebly**, and our website will be the FIRST entry to show up. THEN, bookmark the site or add it to your favorites once you are at the home page.

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Glacier Revelations

It seems that we are hearing more often about a discovery made possible by glacier melts.

The Swiss website Swissinfo.ch published a report on October 3 about tools found at the Lötschen pass in the Alps revealed by the thawing of the glacier. *Crossing the Alps in the Neolithic age*, reports that a “trove of equipment was pulled from a glacier, including fragments of bows and tips of arrows, a wooden box containing flour, small pieces of lather, and a container made from cow-horn.” The items date to 2,000 and 1,800 BC.

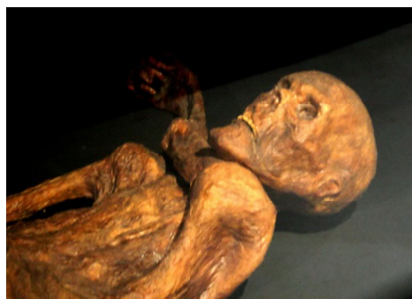
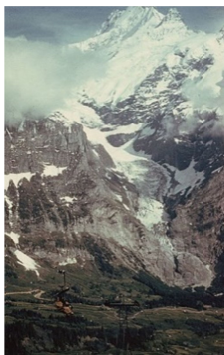
http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/snow-and-arrow_crossing-the-alps-in-the-neolithic-age/43567592

CBS News reported August 25 that the “remains of two or three hikers on a glacier on Mount Blanc’s southern face” might be those of missing hikers from the 1980s and 1990s. Even more astonishing was the find in Switzerland of the remains found of a couple that went missing in 1942.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/glacier-bodies-switzerland-tsanfleuron-dumoulin-swiss-alps-buried/>

Last, but not least, there is Ötzi, also known as Iceman, who was found in 1991. “Over 5,300 years deep-frozen in ice and snow have preserved not only Ötzi’s body, but his accoutrements and clothing as well.” Scientific testing and sociological surmising have been conducted to recreate the human that Ötzi was, where he lived, and how he died.. His body, clothing, and tools are on exhibit at the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy.

<http://www.iceman.it/en/the-mummy/>



International Archaeology Day

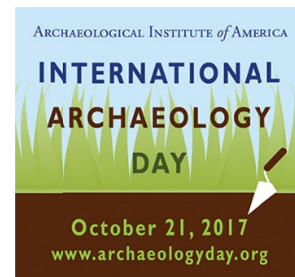
International Archaeology Day is held each year on the third Saturday of October. This year, that day is October 21.

“International Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Every October the AIA and archaeological organizations across the United States, Canada, and abroad present archaeological programs and activities for people of all ages and interests. Whether it is a family-friendly archaeology fair, a guided tour of a local archaeological site, a simulated dig, a lecture or a classroom visit from an archaeologist, the interactive, hands-on International Archaeology Day programs provide the chance to indulge your inner Indiana Jones.”

Events are planned throughout the world in the coming days and months. In Illinois there is a lecture sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) at the Burpee Museum of Natural History on Tuesday, October 24. *Visualizing the Past: The Athienous-Malloura Sanctuary and New Ways of Investigating Votive Religion in Ancient Cyprus* will be presented at 7:30 p.m. The address of the museum is 737 N Main Street, Rockford.

Another lecture sponsored by AIA will be at Loyola University on November 29, at 7:00 p.m. *Antioch the Great. An Elusive Metropolis?* is the name of the presentation. It will be held in the Sr. Jean MPR North Room at the Damen Student Center, 6511 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago.

<https://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday>



Antioch ramparts