

ArkyFacts

Monthly Newsletter of the
SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Lecture meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at
The Marie Irwin Community Center
18120 S. Highland Avenue, Homewood

OCTOBER - 2020

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:30 PM
November 2 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood
Host: Barbara McDonough

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:30 PM
November 30 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood

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

For more information about South Suburban Archaeological Society, or if you have a special need
because of a disability, contact SSAS President Will Kelley

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INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Saturday, October 17, 2020

International Archaeology Day (IAD) is a celebration of archaeology and its contributions to society. Every October the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) and archaeological organizations around the world present programs and activities for people of all ages and interests. Whether it's a family-friendly archaeology fair, a guided tour of a local archaeological site, a simulated dig, or a presentation from a visiting archaeologist, the interactive hands-on IAD programs provide a chance to uncover the past and experience the thrill of discovery!

There are events scheduled throughout the month of October. Please visit *Archaeological Institute of America* online to find out more, or click the following link to view the International Archaeology Day calendar: <https://www.archaeological.org/events/category/international-archaeology-day/list/>

2021 SSAS Officer Nominations

We will be accepting 2021 officer nominations throughout the month of October. Please contact Will Kelley at to put forth a nomination. Official voting will be held in November.

Our current slate of 2020 officers is as follows: President-Will Kelley; Vice-President & Treasurer-Warren Hastings; Corresponding Secretary-Barbara McDonough; Recording Secretary-Susan Saric; Trustees(3)-Dave Swanson, Suzanne Skowronek. Our third Trustee, Wayne McKee, will be unable to serve in 2021.

IAAA Membership News

The IAAA Board will meet this month to establish guidelines for 2021 membership. SSAS members who are also members of IAAA will be notified soon regarding 2021 policy.

Business Meetings..... Our next business meeting will be on Monday, November 2 - 6:30 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood. Our host will be Barbara McDonough.

Bookmarks! Find us online.....


Search: "South Suburban Archaeological Society"

OR: <http://southsuburbanarchsociety.weebly.com/>

OR: <http://southsuburbanchapter.tumblr.com>

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OCTOBER LIBRARY EVENTS

Friday, October 9, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Orland Park Public Library – ZOOM Event



“Evolution of the Modern Zombie”

Join best-selling author Scott Kenemore on a rollicking tour of the zombie’s origins in Haitian mysticism, through its evolutions in pop culture to the ravenous creatures of today.

Fun (and appropriate for all ages), Kenemore has presented at numerous colleges, universities and conventions. To learn more about this ZOOM webinar, please visit the link below:

<https://www.orlandparklibrary.org/event/evolution-of-the-modern-zombie/>

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Tinley Park Public Library – ZOOM Event

“The History of Bachelor’s Grove”

Delve into the early history of settlement in our area, including the Bachelor’s Grove site and the remnants that still exist today. Our speaker will be Brad Bettenhausen, Historian/President Emeritus, Tinley Park Historical Society. Register at:

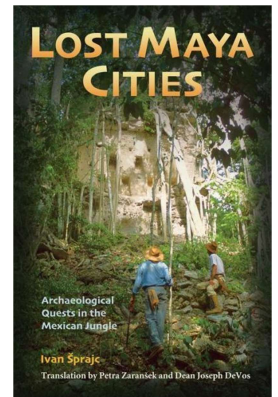
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NEW READING IN 2020

“Lost Maya Cities: Archaeological Quests in the Mexican Jungle” by Ivan Sprajc, Texas A&M Press, 2020

Between 1996 and 2014, Slovenian archaeologist Ivan Sprajc led a project to explore a large part of southern Campeche state, covering some 2,800 square miles, for the National Institute for Archaeology & History, which oversees all archaeology in Mexico. The great Maya site of Calakmul, perhaps the largest of all the Maya cities, is in the center. Largely unexplored by archaeologists, it is a huge area with many ruins set in a tropical forest, but with very few primitive roads and almost no people. Sprajc’s mission was to explore, map and document the Maya ruins in the preserve. This volume is the story of his amazing adventure – full of danger, frustration and satisfaction.



In addition to being an adventure thriller (encounters with poisonous snakes and plants, looters, hostile locals and wary local law enforcement), this volume is a chronicle of Maya archaeology as seen in unexcavated and unknown ruins. Not since Stephens and Catherwood explored Maya ruins in the Yucatan in the 1840’s has there been such a mesmerizing narrative of Maya exploration. It is told for the lay person in a personal and engaging style that often reads like an Indiana Jones novel. Richly illustrated with 110 color photos, it is fun and easy to read, while still being packed with information.

American Archaeology Magazine/The Archaeological Conservancy