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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

SEPTEMBER - 2019

Thursday, Robert Morrissey, Ph.D. ~ 7:30 PM
September 19 "In the Middle of Everything:
 The Power of Indigenous Illinois in Early America"

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 7:30 PM
September 30 Hosts: Susan & Milan Saric
 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood

Thursday, Holly Labisky ~ 7:30 PM
October 17 "Cemetery E's ~ Exploring Archaeology, Education
 & Enjoyment in Historic Burial Grounds"

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Thursday, September 19 - 7:30 PM

IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING: THE POWER OF INDIGENOUS ILLINOIS IN EARLY AMERICA by Robert Morrissey, Ph.D.

The Native people of Illinois are not often regarded as key actors in early American history. In traditional tellings, they are frequently cast as desperate victims, beleaguered peoples whose challenges in the face of colonization were so great as to reduce them quickly to a status of dependency.



Historian Bob Morrissey will tell a new and different story about the Illinois Indians in the colonial period. He will explain how they followed a long-term trajectory of pragmatism and innovation, exploiting special opportunities made possible by their location, to build power and exercise enormous agency not just in their region, but throughout the Great Lakes and Plains, and even in the European power centers of Quebec, Louisiana and Charleston.

By foregrounding Native peoples' agency and decisions, this presentation will complicate our understanding of the early history of the state and region, challenging tired stereotypes. More importantly, it will examine why the Illinois country – and particularly the tallgrass prairie environment that the Illinois occupied in the colonial period – was such an important place in early America.

This program will also make a case that the Illinois Country and its occupants belong at the center of our understanding of several key themes in early American history. As we continue to celebrate 200 years of Illinois history, we will also revisit the Native American past of our region, as well as the often-ignored significance of the Illinois people in the pre-colonial and colonial eras.

Dr. Robert Morrissey is Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign).

Our Next Business Meeting..... will be on Monday, September 30 - 7:30 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, 18219 Dixie Hwy., Homewood. Our hosts will be Susan & Milan Saric.

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SOUTH SUBURBAN HAPPENINGS....

Blue Island Annual House Walk Tour

Sunday, September 15, Noon – 4:00 PM

Tour begins at the Albee House (13018 Maple Ave.)

The Blue Island House Walk returns for its 33rd season! You can explore the architecture, history and stories that made Blue Island and its homes so special.

For more information, call (708)371-8546 or visit the Blue Island Historical Society website at <https://www.blueislandhistoricalsociety.com/>

1950's Park Forest House Museum

227 Monee Road (inside St. Mary's Church), Park Forest

Wednesdays & Saturdays in September, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

The Museum is featuring displays on the 70th Anniversary of Park Forest. The “1950's House” represents an original rental townhome, furnished as it might have been from 1948-1953 (the first five years of the village). “America's Original GI Town,” Park Forest was the first fully-planned, post-World War II suburb, built to give preference to returning WWII veterans.

A guide will tell village history, and discuss social and fashion trends of the era. A self-guided tour script is also available.

For more information, contact Jane Nicoll (708)481-4252 or Mike Gans (708)305-3308, or visit <http://www.parkforesthistory.org/>



Native Americans lived along the east side of Thorn Creek. Artifacts dating to 1400 CE have been found at the Hoxie Site (the location of an Indian fortification). In the 1500's, this area was the site of a Miami Indian campground. The Miami were followed by the Blackhawk and Illini tribes. By 1674, these people were displaced by Potawatomi, Ottawa and Chippewa. On October 20, 1832, the Chief of the Potawatomi Tribe entered into the Tippecanoe Treaty with the U.S. Government. The tribe was then moved to Oklahoma and most of the property was ceded to white settlers.

Archaeologist Doug Jackson of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey will be a guest speaker at this dedication event, which is open to the public. Head east on Ridge Road (aka Thornton-Lansing Road/Margaret Street). Wampum Lake Forest Preserve is 1.1 miles east of the William Street traffic light in Thornton, on the north side of the road. < Thornton Historical Society (708)877-6569 >

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AT THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE !!!



Oriental Institute Centennial Public Celebration
Saturday, September 28, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Oriental Institute Museum
1155 East 58th Street, Chicago

OI Centennial programming will kick off with a free public celebration! OI faculty, curators, and other specialists will be in the galleries to talk with visitors about artifacts and displays related to the origins of writing and early writing systems of Mesopotamia and Anatolia, monumental architecture from the great palaces and audience halls of ancient Assyria and Persia, texts and magic in ancient Egypt, and the OI's century of excavations and research projects that aim to understand, reveal and protect the earliest civilizations. Family activities will also be available. In addition to the public unveiling of the gallery-wide renovations, a special Centennial exhibition will also be on display.

For further information, visit the Oriental Institute website at <https://oi.uchicago.edu/> or call (773)702-9514.

MUSIC LOVERS PLEASE NOTE: Also on Saturday, September 28, The Hyde Park Jazz Festival will be taking place at the OI's Breasted Hall from 1:30 – 4:30 PM.



FALL RAFFLE EVENT

SSAS will again be sponsoring a Fall Raffle Event, with the drawing to be held during our final program of the year (November 21, 2019).

Tickets will go on sale during the September 19 program, and will be \$1.00 (1 ticket) or \$5.00 (6 tickets). You need not be present in November to win; however, please provide a contact phone number on your ticket!

Additional details about this event will be available at the September 19 program.

