

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

FEBRUARY - 2021

February Online Event (To Be Announced)

Monday,
March 1 Officers' Meeting ~ 6:30 PM
Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood
Host: Barbara McDonough

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

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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Our originally scheduled February program, *Identifying Warfare in the Archaeological Record* with Dr. Marisa Fontana of North Central College, has been rescheduled to October 21. However, an SSAS online event is being planned for February. When the topic, date and platform are confirmed, members with email will receive an invitation through their email accounts, while those who have not given us their email addresses will be contacted by phone.

On March 18, we hope to welcome Dr. Sinclair Bell of Northern Illinois University, who will present *The Greatest Race: Chariot Racing in Imperial Rome*. We also hope to hold 2021 officer elections at that time. Please continue to look for programming updates in our monthly newsletters and on our website, *South Suburban Archaeological Society*.

Virtual Events

During the month of February, you may want to check out these online events!

The Chicago History Museum

Saturday, February 13 – 1:00 pm “Virtual Tour of Union Station” - Take a closer look at one of America’s last great railway terminals, which bustles with activity day and night! Find out why it was once called a “city within a city,” and learn the hidden stories that go unseen by thousands each day. Registration is required (\$5 for non-members). Visit *Chicago History Museum / Programs & Events / Virtual Events*.

Archaeological Institute of America, Central Illinois (Urbana) Society

Friday, February 26 – 3:00 pm “Working a Case on Looted & Smuggled Ancient Coins as an Expert Witness” - Law enforcement and federal prosecutors have sometimes been reticent to pursue antiquities trafficking cases involving looted and smuggled ancient coins because of an unfamiliarity with the material and a false assumption that there is no way to identify a country of origin. With more than a decade’s experience of working with federal law enforcement and ancient coin circulation, Dr. Nathan T. Elkins of Baylor University will outline the methodology for working cases on ancient coins and identifying their origins, and will discuss his personal experiences. For more information, contact Jane Goldberg (217)333-3292 or email jgoldber@express.cites.uiuc.edu

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Stuck at home? Here are 12 famous museums from around the world that you can visit from your couch!

- British Museum, London
- Guggenheim Museum, New York
- National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- Musee d'Orsay, Paris
- National Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art, Seoul
- Pergamon Museum, Berlin
- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam
- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam
- J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence
- Museu de Arte, Sao Paulo
- National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City

All of them offer virtual tours! Visit them online.

Travel & Leisure

Membership

If you receive a 2021 Membership Application form with this newsletter, it means that you have not yet renewed for this year.

All 2020 SSAS members will be entitled to the same level of SSAS membership in 2021 with no payment required. However, to keep receiving our monthly newsletters, please send in your application form. The IAAA will follow its regular dues structure in 2021. For any questions regarding 2021 membership, please contact SSAS Membership Chairman Milan Saric.

Business Meeting.....Our next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1 - 6:30 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood. Our host will be Barbara McDonough.

In the News!! From the Crown of Henry VIII

The Tudor crown of King Henry VIII is one of the most notable pieces of lost treasure in British history. Now, more than 400 years after its disappearance, the crown's gold centerpiece has been unearthed by a metal detectorist in Northamptonshire, England.

In September 2017, Kevin Duckett was hunting for treasure in a field at the Market Harborough Golf Club when his metal detector picked up something beneath his feet. He uncovered a 1.4-inch tall, 24-carat gold figurine that he could not immediately identify, but was eventually able to link to the reign of Henry VIII.

The gold statuette, made in the early 16th century, depicts Henry VI as a saint and was part of a set of three "saint kings" on the state crown that also included St. Edmund and Edward the Confessor.



Historians had feared that the entire crown was lost for good. When the monarchy fell in 1649, Oliver Cromwell's anti-royalist parliament melted down many royal treasures to make coins, and sold off the jewels. (The 344 gems in Henry's crown were sold off for about 1,100 pounds at the time.) But this part of the crown has survived. The artifact's authenticity will be further assessed by the British Museum and a portion of its estimated \$2.7 million value may go to Kevin Duckett and the owner of the recovery site.

Northamptonshire Telegraph / Archynewsy / Mental Floss