

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

JULY - 2022

Saturday, MEMBERS' EXCURSION
July 16 Oliver Mansion, South Bend History Museum,
 & Studebaker Museum - South Bend, Indiana
 10:00 AM (Central Time) / 11:00 AM (Eastern Time)

Monday, Officers' Meeting - 6:00 PM
August 1 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood
 Host: Lisa Nicholson

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



Saturday, July 16

10:00 AM (CT) / 11:00 AM (ET)

July Members' Excursion to the Oliver Mansion,
South Bend History Museum & Studebaker National Museum
South Bend, Indiana

It was over 100 years ago that 19th century industrialist J.D. Oliver, his wife, Anna, and their four children moved into their new home at 808 West Washington Street-Copshaholm as they would later name it. Built in 1895-1896, Copshaholm is a 38-room Romanesque Queen Anne house designed by New York architect Charles Alonzo Rich. The furnishings on all three floors are original, giving visitors a remarkable glimpse of how the mansion appeared during the 72 years the Oliver family lived there. (J.D. Oliver was president of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, located in South Bend. The company was founded by J.D.'s father, James, inventor of the chilled plow.)

Surrounding the Oliver Mansion are 2.5 acres of landscaped Italianate gardens, including a teahouse, rose garden, pergola, tennis lawn, and fountain. Located just a short walk from Copshaholm, and in sharp contrast to the elegant Oliver mansion, is the Worker's Home - a modest residence that might have been home to a factory worker at the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, and furnished to reflect life as it may have been lived by a Polish working-class family of the 1930s. The Oliver Mansion and its gardens are listed on the National Record of Historic Places. It is registered as an "American Treasure."

The Oliver Mansion, which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year, is part of the South Bend History Museum, which was established to showcase and help preserve the history of the St. Joseph River Valley.

The nearby Studebaker National Museum is devoted to sharing the story of the automotive and industrial history of South Bend and the greater region through the display and interpretation of Studebaker vehicles, along with related industrial artifacts. The collection also includes seven objects designated as "National Treasures," including the carriage Abraham Lincoln rode to Ford's Theatre the night of his assassination, and a carriage used by the Marquis de Lafayette during his farewell tour of the United States in 1824.

For further details and information, along with driving directions, see our insert page.

(If you have not yet registered for this tour, please contact Will Kelley.

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JULY 16 - EXCURSION TO SOUTH BEND

PLEASE NOTE: South Bend, Indiana is in the Eastern Time Zone.

We will gather at the museum campus in South Bend at 10:00 AM Central Time (CT), which is 11:00 AM Eastern Time (ET).



If you are using a navigation device, enter the following address for the museum's parking lot and main entrance:

897 W. Thomas Street, South Bend, IN 46601

To ensure your arrival by 10:00 AM Central Time (11:00 AM Eastern Time), expect a travel time of up to 2 hours. This can vary greatly depending on roadwork, weather, and traffic.

The shortest and simplest route is below.

1. From your home, take I-80/294/94 east out of Illinois
2. Stay on I-94 until it intersects US 20, just east of Michigan City, Indiana.
3. Take Exit 40 A, US 20 East. Just past Rolling Prairie, it changes to Indiana State Road 2 / Western Ave. This leg runs about 28 miles.
4. Turn left (north) onto Chapin Street.
5. Turn left in two blocks onto Thomas Street.
6. Turn right in 100 feet into the parking lot.

(For those who want to explore alternative routes, use 897 Thomas St., South Bend, IN as your destination.)

Meet at the museum main entrance, which is on the south side of the museum campus, just north of Thomas Street, between Laurel and Chapin. **At that time, we will collect your \$10 entry fee for the day's events.**

After our tour of the Oliver Mansion, we will break for lunch. (Please remember, all meals, snacks, etc. are "on your own," and are not included in your entry fee.)

After lunch, the History Museum and Studebaker Museum will be available for you to freely explore until closing time: 4:00 PM (CT) / 5:00 PM (ET)

If there are any changes to this itinerary, we will stay in touch with our participants. SSAS Summer Excursions are open to all 2022 members and their guests. We hope to have a wonderful day! For questions, please contact Will Kelley.

Business Notes

ArkyFacts Newsletters – Special Request

ArkyFacts newsletters are sent out to our members **eleven** times per year. The printing costs for hard copy newsletters have risen significantly, along with the cost of mailing supplies, and postage rates continue to climb.

For these reasons, we are requesting that any hard copy newsletter recipients **who are able to do so**, please consider switching over to the email versions of our newsletters. (Email newsletters are in color and never get damaged in transit!)

We understand that some members need to receive their newsletters through the mail, and we are happy to accommodate; however, if you are able and willing to switch from hard copy newsletters to our email versions, please contact Membership Chair Milan Saric.

Thank you so very much for your help in keeping costs down!



Officers' Meeting

Our next business meeting will take place on Monday, August 1 – 6:00 PM, at Mama & Me Pizzeria in Homewood. Our host will be Lisa Nicholson.

MEMBERS' EXCURSION - AUGUST SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie



On **Saturday, August 20 at 10:00 AM** (rain date-August 27) Jamie Countryman, Ph.D. candidate - University of Chicago, and SSAS member and Midewin archaeologist Joe Wheeler will show us why Native Americans preferred a particular portion of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Wilmington, Illinois) over other possible settlement sites, even though their modes of living changed over the course of several millennia. Jamie and Joe have worked out a suitable half-mile walking tour on the shaded section of a flat, gravel-paved path. Our tour will allow you to take in some of the natural beauty of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, and of course, there are the bison!

After the main part of the tour, we can break for lunch, then return later in the day to visit other parts of Midewin as we please. **There is no fee for this excursion; however, all purchases of meals, snacks, etc. will be “on your own.”**

If you haven't already, please contact Will Kelley with the following information:

- (1) Do you plan to come on the tour?
- (2) Would you like to participate in carpooling with your fellow members?

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