

# 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

## JUNE - 2023

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| Thursday,<br>June 15 | Peter Geraci ~ 7:30 PM<br>"Winfield Mounds & Village"<br>(In-person and via Zoom.)                          |
| Monday,<br>June 26   | Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM<br>PANERA BREAD<br>820 175 <sup>th</sup> St., Homewood<br>Host: Warren Hastings |
| Saturday,<br>July 15 | SSAS Members' Excursion<br>Tippecanoe Battlefield & Museum  |

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



Thursday, June 15 ~ 7:30 PM

“Winfield Mounds & Village:

A Middle to Late Woodland Archaeological Site in Northeastern Illinois”

with Peter Geraci, MS

Despite over a century of archaeological research in the western Great Lakes, there remain gaps in our understanding of the origins of the Havana-Hopewell tradition and what happened after its decline. This problem is acute in areas such as northeastern Illinois due to a lack of evidence and synthesis.

Peter Geraci’s work addresses the problem through a detailed examination of the multi-component Winfield Mounds and Village Site (11DU33) located in DuPage County, Illinois. A descriptive analysis of the material assemblage provides much needed data regarding Woodland subsistence strategies and cultural processes. A literature review and landscape analysis provide critical context for understanding why people chose this location to inhabit and eventually memorialize their deceased.

Based on the evidence collected, it is argued that 1) During the Middle Woodland period, the people living at the site were one of many smaller residential communities occupying the tributaries of the Upper Illinois River at the time. These communities were likely established during the Late Archaic or Early Woodland periods and participated in exchange and ritual activities at regional mound centers such as Utica and Adler throughout the Middle Woodland period 2) As population increased during the Late Woodland period, the need to delineate smaller portions of the landscape led to smaller and more frequent mound building events in secondary tributaries such as the Fox and DuPage Rivers 3) Winfield’s location may have been chosen for mound building because it was identified as an ancestral village and through ritual actions the people physically and spiritually tied their dead and perhaps themselves to those who came before them.



*Peter Geraci is an Affiliated Researcher in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. He received training in lithic analysis and other archaeological methods during his undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois (Chicago). After graduation Pete worked as an archaeologist at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey’s Northern Illinois Field Station. His recent research focuses on documenting and interpreting contemporaneous Woodland sites in northeastern Illinois such as the Winfield Mounds and Village Site using complementary material and landscape analyses.*

Please join us for light refreshments before the program! (For remote viewing, see our insert page.)

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## SSAS JULY MEMBERS' EXCURSION

**Tippecanoe Battlefield & Museum  
Battle Ground, Indiana  
Saturday, July 15, 11:00 AM Eastern Time**

We invite all 2023 SSAS members and their guests to join us on Saturday, July 15 (11:00 Eastern/10:00 Central) for a fascinating day at the Tippecanoe Battlefield & Museum in Battle Ground, Indiana.

We will enjoy a guided tour given by museum staff, "Conflict of Cultures," which takes visitors around the battlefield, showing them where key events took place. This tour provides some of the historical background leading up to the Battle of Tippecanoe, but focuses primarily on the events of the battle.

**The price for this tour is \$9 per person (payable at the door), which includes full access to the museum.**

Additional details will be posted in our July *ArkyFacts*. To get on the trip roster, please contact Will Kelley.



### How to Remotely View our June 15th Program:

Interested in participating via Zoom?

•SSAS members who have renewed their membership for 2023, and for whom we have an email contact address, will automatically be sent the program's Zoom access information.



•SSAS members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2023 should send a request to the email link shown below. **Please submit your request as soon as possible.** (Those who are not SSAS members are also welcome to use Zoom, but should include enough information in the email to verify identity.)

1-2 days before the event, the host will respond with an invitation to attend through Zoom. For questions about remote viewing, contact Will Kelley.

[southsubarkyzoom-request@yahoo.com](mailto:southsubarkyzoom-request@yahoo.com)



## SSAS August Members' Excursion

We are developing plans to attend the Field Museum exhibit ***First Kings of Europe*** in August. Further information and details will be announced soon!

### Officers' Meeting

Our next business meeting will take place on **Monday, June 26 – 6:00 PM at Panera Bread (820 175<sup>th</sup> St., Homewood)**. Our host will be Warren Hastings.

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY

## MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY



The new IU (Bloomington) Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology's keystone exhibit "Angel Mounds" will focus on the large Angel Mounds Mississippian period center (AD 1050-1425) that connected diverse cultures and grew to monumental size. Located in southwestern Indiana near the Ohio River, Angel Mounds as a regional center included numerous mounds, palisades that surrounded portions of the site, and hundreds of individual structures.

The site was eventually abandoned after about 300 years of occupation. The reasons are not well-understood, although it is commonly believed to be due to exhaustion of local resources, climate change, and/or internal social stress.

The museum is set to open in October, but there may be special opportunities this summer for visitors to preview the building and exhibits.

For additional information on the museum or Angel Mounds, call (812)855-6873 or visit <https://iumaa.iu.edu>

Excerpted from IU Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

Additional excerpts from *American Archaeology* / Spring 2023

# MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

## "Pompeii: The Exhibition"

Pompeii, a Roman city destroyed by nature more than 1,900 years ago, was preserved in a volcanic time capsule after the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The city, fixed in time, provides a glimpse into what life was like in ancient Rome.

***Pompeii: The Exhibition*** brings you to the bustling commercial port and trading center that once was Pompeii. Explore the treasures, marble and bronze sculptures, jewelry, gladiator armor, weapons, ancient Roman coins, and full body casts of the volcano's victims. Immersive multimedia experiences take you to Pompeii's amphitheater floor for a holographic gladiator display or to Mount Vesuvius for a 4D eruption simulation. Archaeological details present a unique record of Pompeii's industrial life. Marvel at more than 150 precious artifacts that bring to life how people in this ancient city lived, loved, worked, worshipped and found entertainment.

***Pompeii: The Exhibition* is open through September 4, 2023.** For more information, visit the website of the Museum of Science & Industry.

