

# 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

## MARCH - 2022

This month's program will be presented one week later than our usual scheduling.

Thursday,      Dan Melone, MA ~ 7:30 PM ~ via ZOOM  
March 24      "Chicagoland Archaeology:  
                     Prehistoric & Historic Sites"

(PLEASE NOTE: Mr. Melone will NOT be appearing in person; however, we will gather in our usual meeting room at the Irwin Center to view his Zoom broadcast.)

Monday,              Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM  
April 4              Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood  
                     Host: Warren Hastings

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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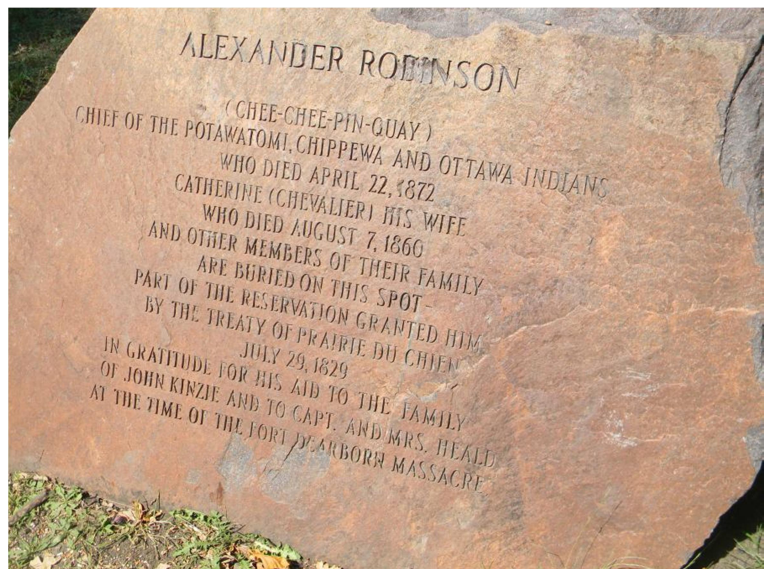


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## Thursday, March 24 -7:30 PM via ZOOM “Chicagoland Archaeology: Prehistoric & Historic Sites” with Dan Melone, MA

Join Great Lakes archaeologist Dan Melone as he discusses the Native people of pre-settlement Chicago and presents his prehistoric and historic findings from throughout the Chicagoland region.

For over twenty years, Dan Melone (MA, University of Leicester), has been conducting archaeological research within the Chicagoland area and Kenya. He has surveyed hundreds of sites and compiled a large database, recording prehistoric/historic Indigenous and historic sites within the city and surrounding suburbs. He also works with Menominee and Potawatomie descendants of Chief Alexander Robinson on the history of the Chief, his family and cemetery. Dan's research in Kenya, where he owns a coffee farm, focuses on prehistoric site surveys and ethnographic studies.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Mr. Melone will not be appearing in person at the Irwin Center but will be presenting via Zoom. Please join us in our usual meeting room at the Center, where we will gather to view Dan's broadcast, and where light refreshments will be available before the program! For those who wish to view this presentation remotely via Zoom, see our insert page.

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SSAS programming is made possible through generous contributions from our members of time, effort, and financial support, and through the valued sponsorship of our friends at  nitel

## How to Remotely View our March 24 Program:

Interested in participating through Zoom?

Send an email requesting access to [southsubarkyzoom-request@yahoo.com](mailto:southsubarkyzoom-request@yahoo.com). Those who are not SSAS members are also welcome to use Zoom, but should include enough information in the email to verify their identity.



A day or two before the program, the host will respond with an invitation to attend through Zoom. For questions about remote viewing, contact Will Kelley.

## Business Notes

### 2022 Membership

A Membership Application is again included in this newsletter for any 2021 member who has NOT yet renewed for 2022. To continue receiving our monthly *ArkyFacts* newsletter, along with programming and excursion updates, please renew! For more information or questions about your membership status, contact Membership Chairman Milan Saric.

### Officers' Meeting

Our next business meeting will be on Monday, April 4 – 6:00 PM, at Mama & Me Pizzeria in Homewood. Our host will be Warren Hastings.

## LECTURES & EVENTS

### Thursday, March 10, 10:30-11:30 AM / Park Forest Library *Monee History (Zoom Event)*

Speaker: Christina Holston, President-Monee Historical Society  
To view this lecture, visit the Park Forest Public Library website/  
Virtual Potpourri of Lectures Series.  
For more information, call (708)748-3731.

### Friday, March 11, 2:00-3:00 PM / Orland Park Public Library *Bloody Sunday: 1921 (Live Event-Adults)*

Speaker: Dr. Shereen Ilahi, North Central College

Dr. Ilahi will discuss key moments during the Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921. The conflict between the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and British forces, including the “Black and Tans,” came on the heels of World War I and was characterized by guerrilla warfare and reprisals against civilians.

Please register in advance by calling Arianna Simmons at (708)428-5112 or email [asimmons@orlandparklibrary.org](mailto:asimmons@orlandparklibrary.org). Seating is limited. Non-OP library card holders will be placed on a waitlist.

Orland Park Public Library  
14921 Ravinia Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708)428-5100

### Monday, March 28, 7:00 PM / Thornton Historical Society *“Watseka” by George Pat Godfrey (Live Event)*

Thornton Historical Society Meeting Hall  
114 N. Hunter St.  
Thornton, IL  
For more information, call (708)877-6569.

## IN THE NEWS - 5,000-year-old Chalk Drum

The British Museum is calling the chalk drum, pictured below alongside a chalk ball and bone pin, “the most important piece of prehistoric art to be found in Britain in the last 100 years.”



The chalk sculpture, sometimes referred to as a drum — though it is really just one solid carved piece of stone — was found in a burial site many miles north of Stonehenge, on what today is a country estate near the village of Burton Agnes in East Yorkshire.

Mark Allen, founder of Allen Archaeology, who discovered the drum, told *The Washington Post* that based on geological imaging, his team had suspected they were standing atop a circular burial mound (barrow) dug into the chalk. Within the burial site were the remains of three children, aged 3 to 12. The youngest two faced one another, nose to nose, their hands appearing to clasp. The eldest child was placed with his or her arms around them. Allen said it appeared that the three died at the same time, though more analysis is forthcoming. Using radiocarbon tracings, the archaeologists have dated the grave to the approximate time of the construction of Stonehenge, between 3005 and 2890 B.C.

The newly discovered drum will be on public display for the first time as part of the British Museum’s “The World of Stonehenge” exhibition, which opened in February.

*Apple News / The Washington Post*

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### ***Lost Cities, Ancient Tombs: 100 Discoveries that Changed the World***

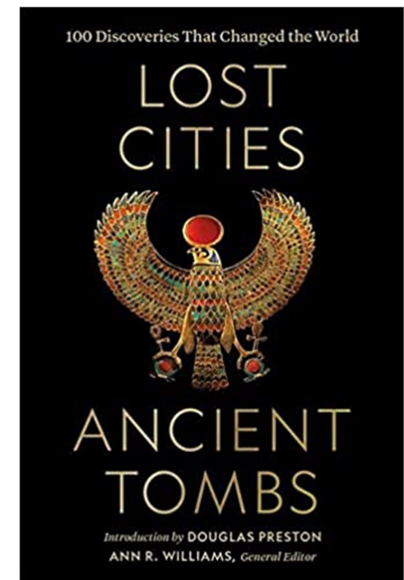
National Geographic Publications-2021

Ann Williams, Editor

Douglas Preston, Foreword

“Archaeology is the key that unlocks our deepest history. Ruined cities, golden treasures, cryptic inscriptions, and ornate tombs have been found across the world, yet these artifacts of ages past often raised more questions than answers. With the emergence of archaeology as a scientific discipline in the 19th century, everything changed.

Illustrated with dazzling photographs, this enlightening narrative tells the story of human civilization through 100 key expeditions, spanning six continents and more than three million years of history. Each account relies on firsthand reports from explorers, antiquarians, and scientists as they crack secret codes, evade looters and political suppression, fall in love, commit a litany of blunders, and uncover ancient curses.”



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