

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 - 2023

Thursday, Dr. Tamira Brennan – 7:30 PM
March 16 “Kincaid Mounds: A Major Mississippian Center
On the Lower Ohio River”

(This will be an in-person presentation AND also available via Zoom.)

Monday, Officers' Meeting – 6:00 PM
April 3 PANERA BREAD
820 175th St., 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



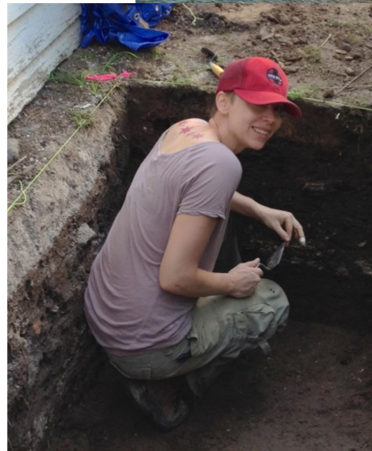
Thursday, March 16 – 7:30 PM

“Kincaid Mounds:

A Major Mississippian Center on the Lower Ohio River”

with Tamira Brennan, Ph.D.

The Kincaid site of southernmost Illinois is one of the largest Mississippian period mound centers ever built. Its native occupation spanned ~AD 1100-1450 and, although its location in what is now a very rural area makes it a lesser-known gem than Cahokia or Moundville, it occupied an important place in the social landscape of the region during the pre-contact era. It also played a major role in the history of North American archaeology, as it served as a training ground for the University of Chicago’s then-preeminent archaeological field program. Dr. Tamira Brennan will discuss the history of Kincaid, both the recent and distant past, and address its role within a network of interconnected sites that spanned the southeastern part of our continent nearly a century ago.



Dr. Brennan is currently Section Head, Curation/Ancient Technologies and Archaeological Materials at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey/Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). **She will be appearing in person at the Irwin Center.**



Please join us for light refreshments before the program! For those who wish to view this presentation remotely via Zoom, see our insert page.

Search: “South Suburban Archaeological Society” or

<http://southsuburbanarchsociety.weebly.com/>

SSAS on Tumblr: <http://southsuburbanchapter.tumblr.com>

South Suburban Chapter on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/SouthSuburbanChapter2015>



LECTURES & EXHIBITIONS

Monday, March 13, 6:30-7:30 PM
"The Settlement of Northern Illinois"
Tinley Park Public Library
7851 Timber Drive, Tinley Park

Northern Illinois was the last part of the state to be settled. Join speaker and author Pat Camilliere of the Lemont Area Historical Society as she discusses the lives of the Potawatomi who lived here at the time settlers arrived, how the land was surveyed for purchase, the first non-indigenous people to arrive, and the importance of northern Illinois to the settlement of everything west of the eastern seaboard. Registration is required.

Call 1(708)532-0160 or visit <https://www.tplibrary.org>

Thursday, March 16, 2:00-3:00 PM
"History of the Olympics"
Orland Park Public Library
14921 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park

Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the International Olympic Committee began the first International Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. Learn how history, both ancient and modern, has affected the Games' development. Registration is required.

Call 1(708)428-5100 or visit <https://www.orlandparklibrary.org>

March 31, 2023 – Jan. 28, 2024
"First Kings of Europe"
Field Museum of Chicago
1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

Follow the paths of European ancient kings, queens, and rulers as they rose to power. Chicago's Field Museum welcomes a collaboration of over two dozen museums and archaeological institutes in the Balkan Peninsula. *First Kings of Europe* tells the story of how a small group of individuals established tremendous power. Discover weapons, jewelry, tools, and archaeological finds that have never been shown in North America.

For more information, visit <https://www.fieldmuseum.org>

How to Remotely View our March 16th Program:

Interested in participating through Zoom?

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 their 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.

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Business Notes

Please remember to renew your SSAS membership for 2023.
An application form is included with the newsletter of any member whose renewal has not yet been received.



Officers' Meeting

Our next business meeting will take place on **Monday, April 3 – 6:00 PM at Panera Bread (820 175th St., Homewood).** Our host will be Lisa Nicholson.

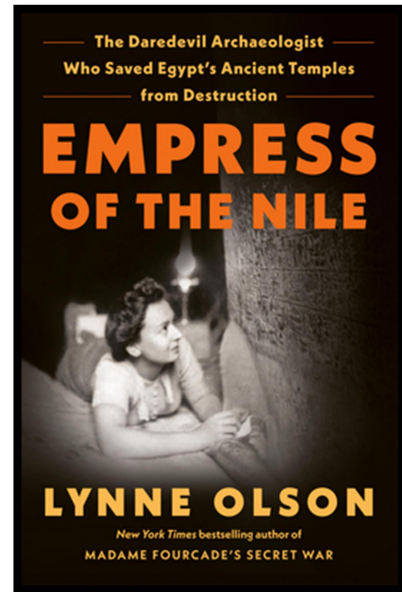
NEW BOOKS

“Empress of the Nile – The Daredevil Archaeologist who Saved Egypt’s Ancient Temples from Destruction” by Lynne Olson February 2023 / Random House

In the 1960s, the world's attention was focused on a nail-biting race against time: Fifty countries contributed nearly a billion dollars to save a dozen ancient Egyptian temples, built during the height of the pharaohs' rule, from drowning in the floodwaters of the massive new Aswan High Dam. But the extensive press coverage at the time overlooked the gutsy French archaeologist who made it all happen. Without the intervention of

Christiane Desroches-Noblecourt, the temples would now be at the bottom of a vast reservoir. It was an unimaginably large and complex project that required the fragile sandstone temples to be dismantled, stone by stone, and rebuilt on higher ground.

A willful real-life version of Indiana Jones, Desroches-Noblecourt refused to be cowed by anyone or anything. During World War II she joined the French Resistance and was held by the Nazis; in her fight to save the temples she challenged two of the postwar world's most daunting leaders, Egypt's President Nasser and France's President de Gaulle.



Desroches-Noblecourt was not the only woman who played an essential role in the historic endeavor. The other was Jacqueline Kennedy, who persuaded her husband to call on Congress to help fund the rescue effort. After years of Western plunder of Egypt's ancient monuments, Desroches-Noblecourt did the opposite. She helped preserve a crucial part of Egypt's cultural heritage, and made sure it remained in its homeland.

Goodreads (Excerpted)

IN THE NEWS

“Authentic 3,000-Year-Old Bronze Age sword put on display at Field Museum”.....Nearly 100 years ago, the Field Museum acquired a bronze sword from Europe, but it was thought to be a well-made replica. A new analysis of the sword revealed that the sword is the real deal, dating back 3,000 years to the Bronze Age!

While preparing for *First Kings of Europe*, a special exhibition opening at the Field Museum in March 2023, Hungarian archaeologists working alongside Field Museum scientists asked to see the “replica” sword that had been retrieved from the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary in the 1930s, where it may have been placed in an ancient ritual 3,000 years ago to commemorate lost loved ones or a battle.



The group of Field Museum scientists, including a chemist, and archeologists used an X-ray fluorescence detector, an instrument that looks like a ray gun. When they compared the sword’s chemical makeup to other known Bronze Age swords in Europe, their content of bronze, copper, and tin were nearly identical. The newly-authenticated sword will be installed in the Field Museum’s main hall as a preview for the upcoming exhibition, which opens on March 31.

Field Museum Press (Excerpted) / Photo: dogonews.com