

# 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

### NOVEMBER - 2023

Thursday, November 16	William Parkinson, PhD ~ 7:30 PM "First Kings of Europe" (In-person and via Zoom.)
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### \*\*\* WINTER BREAK \*\*\*

Tuesday, January 2 2024	Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM Hosts: Susan & Milan Saric
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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, November 16 – 7:30 PM

### “The First Kings of Europe”

Dr. William Parkinson, Field Museum of Chicago  
University of Illinois (Chicago)



“*The First Kings of Europe*” exhibit, currently running through January 28, 2024 at the Field Museum, follows the paths of ancient European kings, queens, and rulers as they rose to power. This collaboration of over two dozen museums and archaeological institutes in the Balkan Peninsula tells the story of how a small group of individuals established tremendous power. Featured in the exhibit are weapons, jewelry, tools, and archaeological finds that have never been shown in North America. William Parkinson, PhD will explain how this exhibit was assembled, revealing a gradual rise of social complexity, hierarchical authority, and dazzling kingdoms.

*Dr. William Parkinson is Curator & Associate Director of Anthropology, Negaunee Integrative Research Center at the Field Museum and Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois (Chicago). He is a specialist in European and eastern Mediterranean prehistory.*

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



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South Suburban Chapter on Facebook:  
<http://www.facebook.com/SouthSuburbanChapter2015>



Sunday, November 5, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Lock 16 Café  
754 First Street, LaSalle, Illinois

## “Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History”

The I & M Canal Corridor Association will host a **free** Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau presentation entitled “Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History” with Kim Sigafus.

Dressed in her native regalia, Kim will be giving a history of the natives in Illinois with a focus on native women, or what was considered “The Hidden Half.” Her primary focus will be women such as Singing Bird (Blackhawk’s wife), and Hononegah. Kim will bring the audience into these women’s day-to-day lives, including courting, marriage, and child-rearing. She will also talk about their role in their husbands’ lives, and how those lives affected the history of Illinois.

Kim will bring native items that women would have used in their daily lives, as she discusses the role women played within the family unit. The audience will be able to pick up and view the items, learn native language and music, and get the chance to play the drum in this interactive experience.

Kim Sigafus is an award-winning Ojibwa author who writes Native American fiction, non-fiction, children’s and young adult books. She has presented on native history, food, and music, and has traveled all over the Midwest in her native regalia, bringing native culture to life. Kim’s family is from White Earth Reservation, located in the northwest corner of Minnesota. She sings and drums, as well as crafts dream catchers and Talking Feathers.

**For registration and further information, call (815) 220-1848.**

## How to Remotely View our November 16<sup>th</sup> Program:

Interested in participating via Zoom?

- 2023 SSAS members for whom we have an email contact address will automatically be sent the program’s Zoom access information.



- For all other Zoom inquiries, send a request to the email link shown below. **Please submit your request as soon as possible.** Include enough information in the email to verify your identity.

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

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.



## Programming

This month’s November 16<sup>th</sup> program will mark our final presentation of 2023. We have a wonderful speaker and program lineup planned for 2024, so please remember to remit your 2024 Membership Application and fees!

No events are scheduled for the month of December during our Winter Break.

## Business Notes

Election of 2024 Officers will be held at the November 16<sup>th</sup> program.

Our first business meeting of 2024 will take place on **Tuesday, January 2 – 6:00 PM** at the home of Lisa Nicholson. Our hosts will be Susan and Milan Saric.

**Thursday, November 9, 6:00-7:00 PM**  
**The Art Institute of Chicago, Fullerton Hall**

**“Pliny, Pigments and Painters in the Ancient World”**



Join Hilary Becker, a renowned authority on ancient pigments, as she discusses her research on Pliny the Elder's *Naturalis Historia* or *Natural History* (77 CE). Becker studied the ancient Roman text seeking insight into artisanal materials commonly used by artists of the time, like gold foil, Egyptian blue, and shellfish purple. In her discussion of this research, Becker shares what Pliny can tell us about the marketing and use of pigments during this period of Roman history before sitting down with Art Institute conservation scientist Giovanni Verri and curator Katharine Raff to search the museum's collection for traces of ancient color.

This examination is particularly opportune as we celebrate the 2000th anniversary of Pliny's birth, and as the Art Institute, like many institutions, engages in ongoing research on ancient painting techniques.

**To register for this free, in-person event, visit the Art Institute website or call (312)443-3600.**

## LIBRARY "HISTORY" EVENTS

**Orland Park Library, 14921 Ravinia Ave., Orland Park IL**  
**Tuesday, November 14 – 2:00 PM**

**and**

**Crete Public Library, 1177 Main St., Crete IL**  
**Tuesday, November 14 - 6:30 PM**

***“Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered”***

Join Cheryl Brown as she presents a lecture on the history of Chicago's bakeries. Learn the story of the oldest-running local bakery, as well as the history of some of the national baking companies that got their start in Chicago such as Maurice Lenell, Keebler, Heinemann's, Burny Bros, Sara Lee, and National Biscuit Company (Na-Bis-Co) to name a few. Local bakeries to be discussed include Gladstone, Dinkel (since 1909), Lutz, Weber's, Jarosch, Roeser's (Bozo), and more. There will be samples!

For Orland Park Library information/registration, visit the library website or call (708)428-5100.

For Crete Library information/registration, visit the library website or call Sarah Wegley at (708)672-8017 or [swegley@cretelibrary.org](mailto:swegley@cretelibrary.org)



**Homewood Public Library, 17917 Dixie Hwy., Homewood IL**  
**Saturday, November 4, 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

***“Chicago: The First Hollywood”***

Before the film industry moved West, it was firmly rooted in Chicago. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a presentation on the film industry's early days in Chicago as she discusses former silent film studios in Chicago, film stars who worked in Chicago, and the legacies of these studios and stars today. The program will include a multimedia presentation of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. **No registration required.**