

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

OCTOBER - 2022

Thursday, Dr. Rachel Scott ~ 7:30 PM
October 20 "Archaeological Excavations at the
Black Friary in Trim, Ireland"

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

Tuesday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM
November 1 PANERA
820 175th St., Homewood
Host: Sue Skowronek

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, October 20 – 7:30 PM
“Archaeological Excavations
at the Black Friary in Trim, Ireland”
with Rachel Scott, Ph.D.

In AD 1263, Geoffrey de Geneville, Lord of Trim, founded a Dominican friary north of the town wall. The Black Friary was a powerful institution in medieval Trim, as indicated by its extensive lands and its use for ecclesiastical and governmental meetings. Following its dissolution under Henry VIII, the friary fell into disrepair and was eventually sold as a quarry in the 1750s. The memory of the place, however, remained, and the site was never built over.

Ongoing excavations since 2010 are uncovering a complex sequence of burial and other activities dating from the 13th to the 20th centuries. During the late medieval period, the friary provided a final resting place for the Dominican friars, as well as lay individuals living around Trim. Post-dissolution, the local Catholic population continued to inter their dead within the church and cemetery. Then, after the demolition of the buildings, the site was used for both farming and the burial of unbaptized children. Dr. Scott will trace the history of the Black Friary, illuminating its long relationship with the town of Trim.

Dr. Rachel Scott is Associate Professor, Anthropology at DePaul University & DePaul National Scholarships Adviser



NOTE: Dr. Scott 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.



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Archaeologists Unearth Remains of Female "Vampire" in Poland

Tales of vampire-like creatures date back at least 4,000 years to ancient Mesopotamia, and Vampire folklore across cultures is filled with various tips on how to keep a recently deceased person from rising from the grave as an undead fiend who preys on the living.

Now, archaeologists have uncovered an unusual example of people using these tips in a 17th-century Polish cemetery near Bydgoszcz: a female skeleton buried with a sickle placed across her neck, as well as a padlock on the big toe of her left foot.



News reports specifically referencing vampires didn't appear in English until 1732, as suspected "epidemics" of vampirism caused a mass hysteria that swept across Eastern Europe. By the 19th century, most of Europe was consumed by vampire hysteria, inspiring writers like John Polidori ("The Vampyre," 1819), Sheridan LeFanu (*Carmilla*, 1872), and of course, Bram Stoker, whose *Dracula* (1897) pretty much spawned the modern vampire genre.

Jennifer Ouellette, *Ars Technica* (Excerpted)

For additional reading and photos,
visit: https://apple.news/AwVt_Fsq5T3a6Nmaf4epbuw

How to Remotely View our October 20 Program:

Interested in participating through Zoom?

Send a request to the email address shown below.
If at all possible, please send your request at least 24 hours prior to the program.



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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Membership

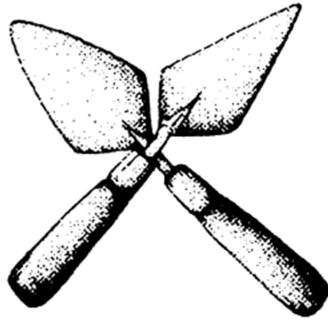
Enclosed with this month's newsletter are 2023 Membership Applications and a special note from SSAS President Will Kelley. **There will be no fee increases in 2023;** however, "additional donations" to SSAS from our members are always welcome and much appreciated. Thank you!



Officers' Meeting

Our final business meeting of 2022 will take place on **Tuesday, November 1 – 6:00 PM at Panera (820 175th St., Homewood)**. Our host will be Sue Skowronek.

South Suburban Archaeological Society



2023

Dear Member,

Now that Autumn is upon us, so is the time to complete our planning for the 2023 budget and programs. You've seen how the SSAS makes its programs available to everyone through keeping them free and open to the public. In this way we hope to share the findings of archaeology with the greatest number of persons. You've also seen how a small group of volunteers – none of whom receive any payment, other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses needed to maintain operations – dedicate a tremendous amount of time and money of their own to be able to bring these programs to you. We sincerely hope you enjoy them, or there would be no reason for the organization to exist.

Over the years membership dues have only provided about fifty percent of the annual costs of the society. In earlier decades grants were able to make up the rest. However, in the last decade granting agencies have turned their attention elsewhere, while contributions from supporters have become a larger part of the needed income. Still, as costs have risen there has been a growing gap between our annual income and the expenditures needed to sustain the programs.

At this time, as you consider renewing your membership in the SSAS, we hope you will notice the line on the application that lets you add additional money for program support. For the organization to remain healthy it is important for all our members to contribute as much as they can while remaining within your comfort zone. Please renew at the level that seems most appropriate to you, and if you can, add a little more to keep the organization financially stable.

Thank you again for being a member of the South Suburban Archaeological Society. We value each of you, since you are so distinctive, while sharing one important trait – a passion for archaeology.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions or comments.

Will Kelley
President, South Suburban Archaeological Society