

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

SEPTEMBER - 2022

Thursday, Dr. Clare Tolmie ~ 7:30 PM
Sept. 15 "People, Places and Prehistory:
 The Environment(s) of Prehistoric Northern Illinois"
(This will be an in-person presentation AND also available via Zoom.)

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM
October 3 Aurelio's Pizza, Homewood
 Host: Warren Hastings

Deadline for material to be included in the next
ArkyFacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.
Contact Susan Saric (milansaric@aol.com)

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, September 15 ~ 7:30 PM

“People, Places and Prehistory:
The Environment(s) of Prehistoric Northern Illinois”
with Clare Tolmie, Ph.D.

People interact with their environment in multiple ways. By reconstructing the environment over time, archaeologists can better understand site patterns and how humans interacted with and exploited the resources around them.



Dr. Clare Tolmie will present an outline of the datasets used by archaeologists to reconstruct past environments. She will also discuss how the landscape has changed over time in northeastern Illinois and how people occupied the landscape at different time periods.

Dr. Tolmie is Senior Research Archaeologist at ISAS (Illinois State Archaeological Survey).

NOTE: Dr. Tolmie 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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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MUSEUMS

Will County Historical Museum & Research Center

803 S. State Street, Lockport IL

The Will County Historical Museum and Research Center in downtown Lockport offers glimpses into the rich history of Will County, Illinois.

Exhibits include:

- *Weird of Will County* – unusual history to amaze and astound!
- *Dr. Dougall's Office* – an Edwardian-era doctor's office
- *Pre-1850 Early Will County*
- *Fiber Arts & Crafts*
- *Tools & Implements*
- *Office Machinery*
- *Wedding Dresses*
- *Immigrant Workers of the I & M Canal*

There is also a Heritage Village (249 West 2nd St., Lockport), which includes a Visitors' Center, "Calaboose," One-Room Schoolhouse, Log Cabin, Smokehouse, Privy, the Greenho Farmhouse and the Wabash Railroad Depot. In addition, you will find a Native American Medicine Wheel Garden, which contains mainly sage and is divided into 4 sections. (The number 4 is a powerful and sacred number in Native American cultures, as it represents many aspects of the world: the seasons, winds, directions and much more.)

There is an extensive and varied collection of approximately 70,000 archival documents and artifacts that describe the history, places and people of Will County and the Illinois & Michigan Canal. In addition, there is a Research and Genealogical Room which is open to the public.

For hours and additional information call 1(815)838-5080 or visit the museum's website at <https://willhistory.org>

How to Remotely View our September 15 Program:

Interested in participating through Zoom?

Send an email requesting access to **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.



Membership

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a new SSAS member, they can sign up for 2022 membership starting this month and also receive 2023 membership at no additional charge! A printable membership form can be found on our website (*South Suburban Archaeological Society*) on the "JOIN US" page, or pick up a form at our reception desk during the next program at the Irwin Center. To be mailed a form, contact Membership Chair Milan Saric.

Officers' Meeting ~ New Location

After years of graciously accommodating SSAS Board Meetings, we are sad to report that Mama & Me Pizzeria has closed. We thank them for their outstanding, friendly service and great pizza. Best of luck in the future to everyone at Mama & Me!

Our next business meeting will take place on Monday, October 3 – 6:00 PM at **Aurelio's Pizza** (18162 Harwood Ave., Homewood). Our host will be Warren Hastings.

New Books

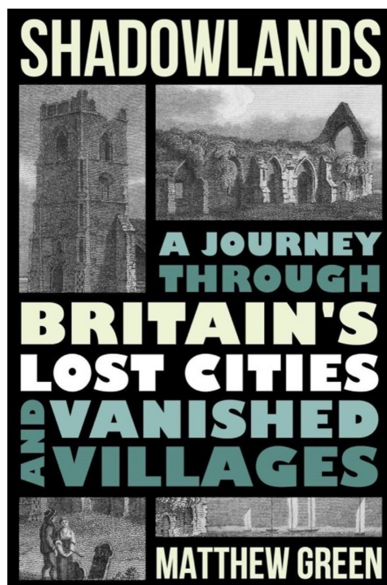
“Shadowlands: A Journey through Britain’s Lost Cities and Vanished Villages” by Matthew Green

(W. W. Norton & Co., July 2022)

A “brilliant London historian” (BBC Radio) tells the story of Britain as never before—through its abandoned villages and towns.

“This is the extraordinary tale of Britain’s eerie and remarkable ghost towns and villages; “shadowlands” that once hummed with life. Peering through the cracks of history, we find Dunwich, a medieval city plunged off a cliff by sea storms; the abandoned village of Wharram Percy, wiped out by the Black Death; the lost city of Trellech unearthed by moles in 2002; and a Norfolk village zombified by the military and turned into a Nazi, Soviet, and Afghan village for training.

Matthew Green, a British historian and broadcaster, tells the astonishing tales of the rise and demise of these places, animating the people who lived, worked, dreamed, and died there. Traveling across Britain to explore their haunting and often-beautiful remains, Green transports the reader to these lost towns and cities as they teeter on the brink of oblivion, vividly capturing the sounds of the sea clawing away row upon row of houses, the taste of medieval wine, or the sights of puffin hunting on the tallest cliffs in the country. We experience them in their prime, look on at their destruction, and revisit their lingering remains as they are mourned by evictees and reimaged by artists, writers, and mavericks.”



Amazon Book Reviews

Oldest Mound in the Americas ?

A team of scientists has determined that a large mound on the campus of Louisiana State University is the oldest known human-made structure in the Americas, according to a paper published in the American Journal of Science (June 2022).

The scientists behind the recent work radiocarbon dated two mounds—both roughly 20 feet tall—on LSU campus. One of the mounds (“Mound B”) began around 11,000 years ago, when people started taking soil from the surrounding areas and piling it on one site. If the scientists are correct, that age would make Mound B the oldest known human-made structure in North or South America.



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