

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 - 2023

Thursday, Catherine Witt, University of Chicago ~ 7:30 PM
September 21 "Sleep Like an Egyptian"
 (In-person and via Zoom.)

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM
October 2 1453 Linden Rd., Homewood
 Hosts: Susan & Milan Saric

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, September 21 ~ 7:30 PM

“Sleep Like an Egyptian:

Ancient Egyptian Headrests in Context”

Catherine Witt, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures &
PhD Candidate, University of Chicago

The ancient Egyptians believed that sleep and death were closely related, and so similar objects were needed by both the living and the dead. Join Catherine Witt, PhD candidate in Egyptology at the University of Chicago, for a discussion of the Institute for the Study of Ancient Culture’s ancient Egyptian headrests and related objects such as beds and figurines to learn how to sleep like an Egyptian. We will explore daily life and death in ancient Egypt and how these fascinating objects would have supported their owners in this world and the next. We will also wrap in a discussion of the magical powers of headrest imagery and amulets for raising the deceased in the afterlife, to provide a well-rounded and engaging study of the symbolic significance of headrests to the ancient Egyptians.



Catherine (Catie) Witt is an Egyptology PhD candidate at the University of Chicago. She obtained her M.A. in Ancient Middle Eastern Studies from The University of Chicago's Center for Middle Eastern Studies (2018) and her B.A. from the University of Evansville (2015), majoring in Archaeology, minoring in Theological Studies, and completing the IBASE business certification for humanities students. Her dissertation is titled “All the Queens’ Land: Estates and the Economic Influence of New Kingdom Royal Women,” and her current and past research centers on women in ancient Egypt, the God’s Wives of Amun, as well as ancient Egyptian material culture, particularly headrests and headrest amulets.



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

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PULLMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
1141 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

"Pullman's Alleys: History from an Unusual Perspective"
Sunday, September 10, 1:30 – 3:00 PM

This tour explores how alleys and the refuse that filled them shaped the City of Chicago. Alleys throughout the city fundamentally impacted the structural and architectural history of Chicago as well as the public health of its inhabitants.

From the beginning of Pullman, alleys were an important aspect of the community. By walking the alleys we can view Pullman's architecture from a new perspective, and discover the rich history of this community.

"Historic Pullman Labor History Tour"
Sunday, September 17, 1:30-3:00 PM

Co-sponsored by the Illinois Labor History Society and the Historic Pullman Foundation, this tour explores the relationships between George Pullman, his company town, and the men and women who worked at his factory. It brings to life a period of conflict and struggle that reflects many contemporary issues.

"Early Preservation in Chicago: Challenges & Opportunities"
Sunday, September 24, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

William Tyre, Executive Director and Curator of the Glessner House in Chicago, will explore the early preservation movement in Chicago, focusing on issues with connections to the Pullman legacy.

For additional event information and to purchase tickets, call the Historic Pullman Foundation at (773)785-8901 or visit <https://www.pullmanil.org>

How to Remotely View our September 21 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

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.



Membership

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a new SSAS member, they can sign up for 2023 membership starting this month through December 31 and also receive 2024 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

Our next business meeting will take place on **Monday, October 2 – 6:00 PM** at the home of Lisa Nicholson (1453 Linden Rd., Homewood). Hosts: Susan & Milan Saric.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MUSEUMS

Chicago History Museum

“Historic Prairie Avenue”
Saturday, September 16, 10:00 AM

During the Gilded Age, Chicago’s Prairie Avenue was regarded as “Millionaire’s Row.” The wealthy flocked to the area after the Civil War because it was close to the Loop, and it did not require its residents to cross the Chicago River.



On this new walking tour with guide and researcher **Tony Szabelski**, you will stroll through the neighborhood that once boasted Second Empire, Queen Anne, and Richardson Romanesque-style homes. Learn about its rise to prominence, decline in the mid twentieth century, and the preservation efforts that led to the Prairie Avenue District’s inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Hear tales of famous specters that supposedly still linger in remaining structures, such as the William W. Kimball House and Marshall Field Jr. Mansion.

Tour runs approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, meets at Glessner House at 1800 S. Prairie Ave., and ends at The Second Presbyterian Church at 1936 S. Michigan Ave. Cost: \$25.00 / \$22.50 CHM members. Masks are optional for outdoor walking tours.

For more information or to register, call (312)642-4600 or visit <https://www.chicagohistory.org>

Joliet Area Historical Museum 204 Ottawa St., Joliet IL

“The mission of the Joliet Area Historical Museum is to promote awareness, understanding, and preservation of the Joliet area's diverse history.”

The Joliet Area Historical Museum occupies the space formerly known as the Ottawa Street Methodist Church at the intersection of Cass and Ottawa Streets in downtown Joliet. Since its opening in the fall of 2002, the museum's main exhibition gallery serves as an introduction to the many stories of the Joliet area and its people.

In addition to special temporary exhibits, the museum’s permanent exhibits also showcase space exploration, the Apollo missions, and “The Soaring Achievements of Dr .John C. Houbolt,” a former Joliet resident and key proponent of the lunar orbit rendezvous concept. Also featured is a gallery dedicated to the accomplishments of the Joliet Township High School Band, which was initially organized on an informal basis but went on to play a significant role in the development of instrumental music education in the United States.

There are tours available to visit the Old Joliet Prison, first “established” in 1858 when 53 prisoners arrived at a small structure, which still stands today, to begin the work of constructing a large prison around themselves. This work included the quarrying of limestone from the vein which runs through Will County just a few hundred feet from the prison.



For further information and museum visiting hours, call 1(815)723-5201 or visit <https://www.jolietmuseum.org/>