SAA 71st Annual Meeting

The Society for American Archaeology will hold its 71st annual meeting in San Juan Puerto Rico April 26-30th 2006.

SAA is looking for volunteers to assist with all on-site meeting services and will compensate for your help.

Registration is available on-line at their web site at www.saa.org/ along with information about hotel rates, volunteering at the meeting, and the preliminary program.

Other News

Summer Desert Institute Workshops 2006

- Archaeological Data Recording  May 18-20
- The Paleontology of the Hagerman Fossil Beds  June 2 and 3
- Desert Ecology for University Students  June 5-9
- Ethnobotany: An Introduction to Edible, Medicinal, and Useful Plants  June 9 and 10
- Historical Geography of the Snake River Plain  June 13 and 14
- Ecology of Raptors in the Snake River Birds of Prey Area  June 14 and 15
- Archaeology of the Snake River Plain  June 23 and 24
- Fish of the Snake and Columbia Rivers  July 3 and 6
- Speaking Through the Aspens  July 18-21

More information can be found at http://anthro.boisestate.edu/ under Course Information

ASA Members Had a Busy Year

As I put the finishing touches on this issue I reflected on the objectives of the ASA to integrate student members with professionals working in the field of Archaeology and to extend learning beyond the university classroom. This past year ASA student members were busy participating in events and lectures that accomplished these objectives.

Beginning last spring members created a mock dig at Liberty Elementary school to bring awareness of archaeology to young students. Students got a hands-on lesson in excavation while learning about preservation and interpretation of past histories.

This past fall the ASA took to the road on a field trip to the Danskin Rockshelter north of Mountain Home. With the help of Boise National Forests Archaeologist and Compliance Specialist Dana Flatter, ASA members got to do a site monitoring and work with field maps, site assessment forms, and GPS equipment.

Our fall lectures included two archaeologists, Susie Ogood from the Boise National Forest and Marc Munch from the Idaho Transportation Department and Idaho Archaeological Society. Both gave presentations about their experiences working in Cultural Resource Management. We also invited the Anthropology Department's new Physical Anthropologist, Margaret Streeter to talk about physical anthropology. Dr. Streeter also hosted the year end Christmas party and the ASA held a fundraiser at the Neurolux. The ASA definitely had a busy year.

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One of our spring lectures featured Jill Osborn, National Coordinator of Passport in Time. This program provides opportunities for volunteers to participate in anthropological and archaeological activities through the USDA Forest Service. Jill’s lecture presented details about this national program and how ASA members could get an opportunity to work with professional archaeologists and historians. PIT has a useful web site that lists it’s activities throughout the year.
The Idaho Archaeological Society

The Idaho Archaeological Society is made up of professional and amateur archaeologists, students, and interested citizens from around the region dedicated to understanding the past residents of Idaho with the hope that it will be relevant to the present and future. Their mission is to "preserve, educate, and encourage the study of Idaho's antiquities." The society consists of five chapters including our own Intermountain Chapter that meet regularly at the LSRD BLM Office on Development Avenue in Boise. Meetings consist of lectures and issues in Idaho Archaeology with a wide array of guest speakers. The IAS also sponsors an annual conference which has previously been held at BSU. Membership is open to those interested in preserving, protecting, and understanding the past lives of Idaho's earliest inhabitants.

Membership Benefits include:

- keeping informed about Idaho Archaeology through meetings, publications, etc.
- receive the Idaho Archaeologist, a journal containing professional reports and other archaeological articles, photographs, and information
- receive information on chapter meetings, seminars, films, field trips, etc.
- receive the Artifacts newsletter detailing IAS events and information on Idaho archaeology
- and help professional archaeologists with public outreach programs.

Membership for students is $10.00 and more information can be found on the Anthropology Department web site at: http://anthro.boisestate.edu/Idaho%20Archaeological%20Society/index.shtml

59th Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference

Seattle, Washington
March 29th—April 1st, 2006

Beyond Description: From Data to Understanding

Conference sessions will be held in Seattle's University District, at the University Tower Hotel and the Watertown Hotel.

All people interested in Anthropology in the Northwest are encouraged to attend this conference. Everyone who registers for this event will be able to attend all formal conference sessions including symposia, panels, and contributed paper and poster sessions. Registrants will receive a copy of the conference program and abstracts, and will be invited to a Welcoming Reception at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture. Poster and paper presentations will cover topics from all subfields of anthropology and supporting disciplines and will not be limited to the Northwest region.

Individuals need to make their own hotel arrangements in Seattle. You are encouraged to stay at one of the conference hotels, the University Tower Hotel or the Watertown, in the University District. Rooms are available at special reduced rates to NWAC-2006 conference attendees.

Formal Presentations may include:

- Wayne Suttles’ contribution to Anthropology.
- Tse-whit-zen village site, Port Angeles.
- Marketing applications of anthropological data.
- Tribal perspectives regarding discovery, recovery, and repatriation of human remains from archaeological sites.
- Archaeology in urban settings/archaeology of urban landscapes.
- Archaeology of the ephemeral: trees, dumps, wood, and rock ruins, and other single-use cultural phenomenon.

The Exhibitors Room will provide book displays, anthropological equipment for sale, and demonstrations.

For more information go to http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/NWAC/NWAC_Index.htm