This issue will be a bit different. There will be loads of links to activities and stories about archaeology and museums from around the world. There are some archaeology activity pages for children and the young at heart to keep themselves busy. And a couple of great articles from two centres. Also, don’t forget to check out the Archaeological Society of Alberta’s publications.

NOTE:
- The joint conference between the Archaeological Society of Alberta and the Canadian Archaeological Association has been postponed until 2021.
- All centres have postponed their speaker series until further notice. Please don’t hesitate to check out their facebook pages though.

All of the Archaeological Society of Alberta Centres have an active Facebook presence. Check them out for the latest information on activities and speakers or contact the Centres directly.

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- Archaeological Society of Alberta - Red Deer Centre
- Southeastern Archaeological Society of Alberta
Just before Christmas, the Red Deer Center received a donation of knapping tools, equipment and supplies from Roy Jaap, of Ponoka, Alberta.

I spent about an hour with Roy, learning about his experiences and how Roy got into the hobby of making stone tools. Roy’s passion for history and his personal creativity was very noticeable and our discussion drifted from his hand made airplane models (including a replica of The Red Barron’s Albatross D.11), his love of the outdoors to the finer points of flint knapping.

Roy grew up in Sherwood Park and it was his dad that got him interested in making things early on in his life. Before RC cars were a thing, Roy built his own slot cars and raced them on 82 Ave in Edmonton. Later on he built cedar strip boats and canoes, model planes and of course – bows and arrows. He started archery hunting in 1967, using flat bows which he built himself. When he was about 38 or 40, Roy also decided he should make his own arrows with stone points for deer hunting. After a few successful hunts he put the knapping hobby aside, only to pick it up again a few years ago.

Roy gave me a brief tutorial of the materials he was passing on to our association. He talked about how to abrade the surface of your stone to create a platform from which to strike off a flake without creating a fracture.

He also talked about the importance of consistency in your strikes, and that if you wish to strike harder you should use a bigger hammer, rather than changing your motions.

For people who want to start out knapping there are many resources today that were not available when Roy started. Roy started with a book by D.C Waldorf: The art of flint knapping. However today there are videos, on-line forums, and workshops that can help you get started.

Roy says it does not have to be expensive – you can make your own tools and start out making points out of beer bottles!

The Red Deer Center would like to thank Roy for his kind donation, which we will put to good use, helping others to get started.

Please like and follow our Facebook page for updates on our speaker series. The presentation by Dale Norman titled “The House of the Rising Sun” is tentatively rescheduled for April 8. However, with the current COVID-19 restrictions we may have to postpone this meeting again. If you are not on FB and wish to be on a presentation email list, please contact me at chris.ullmann.p.ag@gmail.com.

~you can make your own tools and start out making points out of beer bottles!~
The Bodo Archaeological Society (BAS) is the “newest” centre of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, having joined the provincial group shortly after being established in 2003. The BAS was incorporated as a non-profit with the goal of providing for the advancement of public education and site conservation through the promotion, undertaking, and making public the historical research and archeological investigations of the Bodo Archaeological Locality. Of equal importance was to support the development of new tourism opportunities in east-central Alberta that would contribute to diversifying local economic growth.

The Bodo Archaeological Sites were first discovered in 1995 during oilfield construction in the area. Private cultural resource management companies excavated portions of some of the sites but when it was discovered how big and how significant the sites were, it drew more attention to the area as one that could provide great potential for education and preservation of Alberta’s archaeology. The earliest public programs at Bodo began with public outreach in conjunction with the University of Alberta archaeological field schools. The University of Alberta became involved in 2002 and carried out field schools at the site from 2002 to 2008. The field school resulted in well over 100 university students gaining valuable archaeological training and several graduate-level research projects were conducted at the site. After the last field school in 2008, the public programs as we know them today were established and first offered in 2010. This includes our school tours that were developed in conjunction with the Alberta Curriculum, Kids camps, the Adult Dig Camp and the Family Lifeways camp. Ten years later, these public programs have grown and evolved and are still offered as we go into our 2020 summer season.

Our public programs are something for
the BAS to be proud of. Since the establishment of the Society, thousands of people have come to the Bodo Archaeological Site and Centre and learned about the discipline of archaeology and Plains bison-hunting culture in Alberta and beyond. Our visitors are guided by staff members that are passionate about archaeology and Bodo, they participate in hands-on activities, and some even excavate with us. The time spent at Bodo leaves people with a much better understanding of archaeology and the history of our province, and an appreciation for what archaeology can tell us.

Sharing our cultural resources with the public helps to ensure that our culture and heritage is protected because the public gains an appreciation and understanding of our historic resources. Local community members in the Bodo area saw the value in their local historic resources and wanted to share them with the public, near and far. The dedication of the BAS board and local community members, volunteers, partnerships with other institutions, professional archaeologists and corporate sponsors has been essential in the success of Bodo’s public archaeology programs.

Our centre operates a bit differently from the other ASA centres, but that is what makes the ASA strong – the diversity of its members, its programs, and the wonderful opportunities it offers to the public. We are proud to be part of the Archaeological Society of Alberta!

As I write this, the COVID-19 pandemic is ramping up in Canada and with schools, stores, museums, and many other public spaces closed down, we realize that this pandemic will also have an effect on Bodo and the programs we offer in 2020. We do not yet know what it will mean for us but we will keep our members and the public updated as we get closer to the summer season. Our priority, like everyone else, is to keep our members and our communities safe and healthy. Take care everyone and stay home! As the United Nations World Tourism Organization says, we will #traveltomorrow.
# Glenbow at Home - The Glenbow Museum is offering virtual tours. Type the above hashtag into your search engine and see the different tours they offer. Like the video on Rocks and Minerals Gallery: Featuring Ammonite and Petrified Wood.

from ARCHAEOCAFE: Archaeopodcast - Episode 5- A Career on The Rocks: An Interview with Todd Kristensen

from Atlas Obscura
How to Help Librarians and Archivists from Your Living Room

from The Canadian Encyclopedia: UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada Interactive Map
There are 20 World Heritage sites in Canada, six of which are in Alberta.

from CBC.ca: There’s a massive free catalogue of Indigenous films online - and we have 6 picks to get you started

from Open Culture: Download Free Colouring Books from 113 Museums
Please review as some of the colouring books contain adult themes.

From the City of Calgary: Uncovering Human History: Archaeology and Calgary Parks
Archaeological sites are discovered many different ways. Processes that occur in nature, like blowing wind, winding rivers, and animals digging in the ground can uncover ancient remains, or farmers may accidently dig up a buried site. Archaeologists check for sites before buildings are constructed, oil and gas wells are dug, and forests are cut. Archaeologists can also search for sites using old documents, metal detectors, and even photographs taken from airplanes and satellites in outer space. Talking to our First Nations and other people that live in the area is another great way to find ancient sites.

Find your way through the maze to the site.
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Activity Page

Digging Up Words
Help the archaeologists find the listed words hidden in the excavation area below. Be sure to reassemble the letters in the backdirt piles too!

ARCHAEOLOGY
ARROWHEAD
ARTIFACT
BISON
BONES
BRUSH
BUCKET
CAMPSITE
CERAMIC
DUSTPAN
EXCAVATE
FAUNAL
FILE
GLASS
GRAPH
GRID
IDENTIFY
LAYER
RECORD
SCREEN
TIPI
TROWEL
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The Archaeological Society of Alberta provides two awards: Distinguished Service Award and the Johan (John) Dormaar Award. The ASA also provides research/special activity funding through the Archaeological Society of Alberta Grant Program. Click on the award/grant title to be directed to ASA guidelines.

**Johan (John) Dormaar Award**
Nomination and application deadline: March 1st for presentation at the AGM
Nominations are accepted throughout the year. Award: $1,000.00

**Distinguished Service Award**
Nomination and application deadline: Nominations should be received by the nomination committee by the end of the calendar year prior to the Archaeological Society of Alberta’s AGM.

**Archaeological Society of Alberta Grant Program** for research assistance and special activities: Application deadlines: January 15th and September 15th annually
Research grant: up to $10,000.00
Special activity grant: up to $5,000.00

Memberships

Archaeology in Alberta is alive and well! Do you want to learn more about Alberta Archaeology or archaeology in general? There are six Archaeological Society of Alberta Centres around Alberta. Contact the nearest Centre to you for more membership information.

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Publications

Archaeological Society of Alberta publications – The ASA has a series of published books for sale on the website. Please check out the Gold Book Series, here and other publications, like the ever popular Record in Stone: Familiar Projectile Points from Alberta here.
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Barney Reeves, 1993

This proceeding publication is broken into five sections.

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