

# CoAS Newsletter

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## FROM THE CHAIR:

Marcel Kornfeld's work getting the poster session into the SAA's schedule is the main story for the year. Please attend the **CoAS business meeting** on Thursday, April 15 from 4 to 6 pm in Landmark 6 in the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel where we will discuss our relationship with the SAA, and whether someone wants to organize a symposium for the Sacramento meeting. The newsletter editor says she has only gotten one message from our [non-officer] members for the newsletter, so at the moment our reason for being (which I believe is contact with each other) is not working.

PLEASE try to see that there is a representative of your society at the CoAS business meeting.

Hester Davis  
Chair

## COAS POSTER SESSION, THURSDAY APRIL 15

Morning Poster Session

**Avocational Archaeology, Making a Difference: Who's Done it and Who's Doing It, Part I**, organized by Marcel Kornfeld (Sponsored by the Council of Affiliated Societies)

Chair: Marcel Kornfeld; Participants: Marcel Kornfeld and Mark Miller; Paul Picha; Kevin Black; Tim Weston

Afternoon Poster Session

**Avocational Archaeology, Making a Difference: Who's Done it and Who's Doing It, Part II**

Participants: Michael B. Collins and D. Clark Wernecke; Nancy Hawkins and Reza Jones; Hester Davis and Glen Akridge; Gina Powell; Alice Berkson; Leslie Shaw; Suanna Crowley, Curtiss Hoffman, Frederica Dimmick, Mary Concannon and Eugene C. Winter, Jr.; Lisa Anselmi and William Engelbrecht

## FROM A PAST MEMBER:

### SOCIETY OF AFRICANIST ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Preserving African Cultural Heritage

by Dana Drake Rosenstein

The University Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) of Dakar, and Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire Cheikh Anta Diop (IFAN-CAD), are pleased to announce the joint organiza-

tion of the 13th PAA Congress (Panafrican Association of Prehistory and Assimilated Disciplines), and the 20th conference of the SAfA (Society of Africanist Archaeologists). This unprecedented opportunity to bring together members of these two associations dedicated to African Prehistory, on African soil, will certainly represent a turning point in the history of African Archaeology. This meeting will be held November 1-7, 2010 at the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal. Please see <http://panaf-safa2010.ucad.sn/> for further information.

## FROM THE MEMBERS:

### MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Like the Society for American Archaeology, the Missouri Archaeological Society (MAS) is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. The MAS was formed in 1935 by two professors at the University of Missouri-Columbia: Brewton Berry, a sociologist, and Jesse Wrench, a historian. Together they explored Boone County (where the university is located) where they met local amateurs and learned about local archaeology. The two received a grant from the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in 1934 to perform a statewide archaeological survey with the help of localized investigators who found and recorded sites. When that funding was gone, they decided to form an organization to continue the research. The first meeting of the MAS was on December 8, 1934 (Pool 1989:52). The goals were

to preserve the remains of the prehistoric peoples of Missouri; to study those remains scientifically; to publish information about them; to provide amateurs and professionals with opportunities to discuss their common interests; and to arouse public opinion to the appreciation of Missouri's antiquities (Chapman 1985:242).

They urged professionals to teach classes on methods, where the two professors learned alongside other interested amateurs. After WWII, they were able to expand their program at the university with the hiring of Carl H. Chapman, who was to direct the American Archaeology Section in the Sociology Department and to run the Survey. Mr. Chapman accepted the challenge and began to rebuild the MAS after the war. He started the MAS Newsletter and suggested the formation of local chapters.

## References Cited

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1985 The Amateur Archaeological Society: A Missouri Example. *American Antiquity* 50:241-248.

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Today there are 12 local chapters around the state of Missouri that hold monthly meetings and participate in local and statewide events. On March 19-21, the annual meeting of the MAS will be held in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. The guest speaker will be Dr. David Anderson from the University of Tennessee and there will be a field trip to Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site.

For more details, please visit <http://associations.missouristate.edu/mas>.

## OREGON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

“Oregon Archaeology Celebration” Exhibit on its Second Year! by Cathy Poetschat

Oregon Archaeology Celebration (OAC) is Oregon's archaeology month that is held every October with activities all over the state. Since 1994 the OAC committee has designed a unique poster every year for the celebration that features an aspect of Oregon archaeology, and provides information about how to get a calendar of events. The Oregon Archaeology Society supports OAC monetarily and by distributing posters and event calendars every year.



Figure 1. People enjoying the exhibit at Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, Portland, Oregon.

In 2008 the OAC committee created an exhibit called *Oregon Archaeology Celebrations: Invitations to the Past* to bring attention to archaeology in Oregon. The exhibit features the nicely framed annual posters (Figure 1) and describes their themes, such as preservation of ship

wrecks and shell middens, technologies through time, archaeological evidence of climate change, volunteers in archaeology, Fort Rock Cave, the Oregon Trail, and Champoeg. A new poster is added every year. The exhibits goals are to show that Oregon has a rich archaeological past worth supporting and protecting, and that the public is invited to activities celebrating Oregon archaeology every October.

## WYOMING ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

by Marcel Kornfeld

The spring meeting of the Wyoming Archeological Society (WAS) is scheduled for April 9-11, 2010 in Casper, Wyoming, hosted by the Casper Chapter of WAS. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists (WAPA). The meeting will include a series of speakers, a silent auction, and a Saturday evening banquet. The WAS meeting will be held at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, just off I-25 at 123 West E Street. Events will take place in the Tiffany and Champaign rooms at the Parkway Plaza. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Parkway Plaza. For *Room Reservations Call*: 1-800-270-7829 or 307-235-1777. Mention you are with the *Wyoming Archeological Society* to get the special rate of: \$70.00 + tax. The room block is being held until March 19, 2010.

The Banquet Speaker will be Dr. Douglas Bamforth, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His primary research interest is human use of the Plains landscape and how it responded to long-term environmental change during the Paleoindian period. He is also interested in the archaeology of farmers on the central and northern Plains during the last 1000 years, and he is currently involved in a long-term field project that examines the archaeology of the Ceramic Period along the Pine Ridge in northwestern Nebraska. Among his publications is *The Allen Site: A Paleoindian Camp in Southwestern Nebraska*.

The meeting will begin with a welcome social on April 9 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Tiffany and Champaign rooms at the Parkway Plaza. There will be a no host cash bar. Please come and mingle with the group! The annual fund-raising silent auction provides a variety of items for your bidding pleasure. If you would like to donate to the auction, please bring items with you to the meeting. Please direct any questions to Mavis Greer at 307-473-2054 or [mavis@greerservices.com](mailto:mavis@greerservices.com).

The Casper Chapter is offering 6x6” magnetic signs of the WAS logo for sale. The signs can be placed on your vehicle, refrigerator, or any place metal adheres. These are not dated, so they can continue to display your association with the organization. Please consider ordering one with your registration to be picked up when you arrive at the meeting. They will be available for sale at the meeting,

and we may have some clear signs available also. If you are interested in selling archaeologically related items at the meeting, please check the web site for an application.

*Please check the WAS web site for information or forms: <http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org>, and come join the WAS for its annual meeting.*

WAS members will have a series of summer volunteer opportunities that are presently being organized with University of Wyoming, Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist and with private CRM companies. (abstracted and revised from: WAS web site: [http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org/images/2010\\_WAS\\_Annual\\_Meeting\\_Information\\_Form\\_1\\_.pdf](http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org/images/2010_WAS_Annual_Meeting_Information_Form_1_.pdf))

### **INVITATION TO THE 2010 SAA MEETING**

Please join us at the SAA Council of Affiliated Societies (CoAS) Annual Business Meeting and CoAS Booth

**THE CoAS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 4-6 PM, in Landmark 6 during the Annual Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Meeting at the downtown St. Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel, the headquarters hotel for the SAA meeting. We invite all CoAS member societies and prospective members to send a representative to the CoAS meeting! Email us if you know you will be coming, or just come join us!

#### **CoAS Booth in the SAA Meeting Exhibit Hall**

Thanks to the SAA Board of Directors, CoAS will again have a booth in the Exhibit Hall at the St. Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel. The booth will be visited by thousands of SAA Meeting attendees. This is a great opportunity for CoAS to highlight local and avocational participation in American archeology, distribute information and materials, and promote our member societies! Renewal for a society is only \$30 per year. Please request a renewal or application from Kevin Fahey at [kevin\\_fahey@saa.org](mailto:kevin_fahey@saa.org)

**1) You can staff the CoAS booth and share information about your society and CoAS.** This is a great opportunity to meet attendees while getting information out about CoAS and its member societies.

**2) Bring or send information about your society to be exhibited or given away.** This includes brochures, membership applications, newsletters, publication lists, a t-shirt, button, your states archaeology posters, etc. We cannot sell things and we are not able to return what you mail us for display, but you can pick up remaining items at the booth Saturday afternoon.

### **3) Bring your items to the CoAS Booth on Thursday Morning (April 15) or mail them to:**

Hester Davis, 4-14. Arriving Guest c/o Renaissance St. Louis Grand 800 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63101. Please include your name, address, phone, and email address with your society's materials. Please do not send your package to arrive earlier than April 14<sup>th</sup>, or it may not be delivered properly.

Come to the SAAs and join us at the CoAS Annual Business Meeting, and the CoAS Booth! We look forward to seeing you in St. Louis! If you have any questions about CoAS or our activities at the SAA Meeting, please contact Hester Davis or Cathy Poetschat.

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