

COUNCIL OF
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SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Meet the Council's New Leadership Team!

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A Letter from the Chair:

Dear Council of Allied Societies Members and Friends,

It is my sincere hope that this communication finds you all safe and healthy. While the events around us seem larger than archaeology, thinking about and doing archaeology is my comfort food and I am fortunate to be able to return to it each day, and even more fortunate to have someone pay me for practicing it each day. While I am a so called "professional" archaeologist, ever since meeting Pat Gilman, the former COAS Chair, I have wanted to work together with the avocational archaeological community because of our love of archaeology, in whatever shape and form it exists. I feel that continuing to forge connections between our communities will grow even more the number of people who are passionate students of our past, our story.

While it is this vision that excites me about being part of a dynamic team with Jaye and Andrew, it is the details of the countless ways in which we envision linking the membership of the SAA and the hundreds of avocational groups across the country to each other, that makes me very hopeful that we will be in a much better place in the years to come, than we are today. We are currently working on ways to achieve these goals and will be reaching out to you all to seek input and become relevant along the collaborative road forward. Please join us

to work in partnership for a broader community of archaeologists.

CoAS is composed of representatives of allied member-based archaeological and historical societies. The goals of CoAS are to establish a forum for the exchange of information and to develop open discussion, communication and collaboration between the Member Societies, CoAS, and the Society for American Archaeology.

We are looking forward to communicating with you on a regular basis as we format a working plan to make the aforementioned goals a reality.

Cordially,

Steve Tomka

Editor's Note:

Friends and colleagues,

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the Council's newsletter editor over these past four years; seeing the fantastic effort that groups like yours are putting in all over continent inspires immense hope in me for the future of Archaeology. The time has come however, for me to move on to new pursuits. I want to thank all of you for your contributions and readership during my tenure here, and encourage you to keep sharing your stories moving forward. I would also like to thank the Council for affording me the creative freedom to make the newsletter into what it is today. I am certain that I am leaving both the newsletter and the Council in good hands with Steve, Jaye, and Andrew at the helm.

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you are interested in becoming the next editor of the CoAS Newsletter, please reach out to Jaye.

2021 SAA Crabtree Award Submission Deadline January 8, 2021

The SAA presents the Crabtree Award annually to an outstanding avocational archaeologist in remembrance of the singular contributions of Don Crabtree. Nominees should have made significant contributions to advance understandings of local, regional, or national archaeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collections preservation, collaboration with the professional community, and/or public outreach. For more information and submission guidelines, visit [Crabtree Award](#)

Marilyn Markel Awarded the 2020 Crabtree Award

From the awards committee:
"Marilyn Markel has a deep passion for archaeology and has spearheaded efforts in the Mimbres Valley, New Mexico, to preserve archaeological sites and educate young people of all ages on the value of the archaeological past. She has made significant contributions to our understanding and preservation of Mimbres sites in New Mexico, through over 20 years of volunteer work on university field school excavations, promotion of site protection through stewardship, transforming the local artifact-collecting community into an avocational/professional archaeological society, and educating schoolchildren about the value of archaeological heritage. Ms. Markel has assisted archaeological field schools, preserved sites, published children's books on archaeology, and created a center devoted to the preservation and interpretation of Mimbres archaeology through educational outreach. Marilyn Markel is highly deserving of the Crabtree Award for her exemplary service to enhancing the preservation and public appreciation of New Mexico's archaeological past."

Congratulations Marilyn!

SAA 2021 State Archaeology Celebration Poster Award

Nomination/Submission Deadline: March 31, 2021

The State Archaeology Celebration Poster Award is sponsored by the Public Education Committee and the Council of Allied Societies. The contest is possible through the support of members and the Public Education Endowment Fund.

Award Guidelines

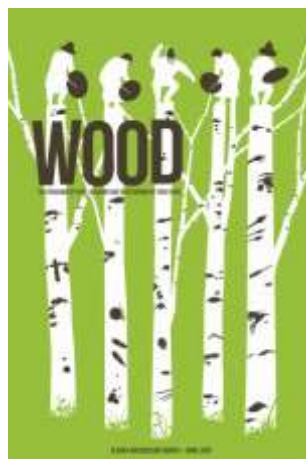
This award is presented to the state or community whose poster in honor of Archaeology Week or Month best exemplifies the vibrant role played by archaeology, heritage, and preservation within the community. The contest is usually held at the SAA Annual Meeting, where attendees vote for first, second, and third-place winners.

Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award

Any State Archaeology Celebration poster dating between March 2020 and March 2021 will be considered.

Nomination/Submission Materials Required

Email a digital image file of the poster to Beth Pruitt at elizabeth_pruitt@saa.org. Please provide, either in the body of the email or as an attachment, written permission to display poster images on the SAA website, social media, and in the Council of Allied Societies newsletter.



Visit Previous Contest winners [here](#).
Pictured: 2020 First Place Winner – Alaska

SAA 86th Annual Meeting Goes Virtual

Due to the continued impacts of COVID-19, the SAA Board of Directors has voted to conduct the 2021 Annual Meeting in an all-virtual format. To further accessibility and recognize the difficult circumstances of the pandemic, *advance meeting registration rates are discounted 50%*. To take advantage of this special offer, please visit the [SAA Annual Meeting page](#).

We look forward to sharing more exciting information with you as SAA finalizes the details for the 2021 Annual Meeting. We hope to see you online in April!

2021 - SAA 86th Annual Meeting CoAS Digital Exhibitor Booth

CoAS will have a Digital Exhibitor Booth during the 2021 SAA 86th Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity for CoAS members to highlight your society through flyers and brochures. More information will be forthcoming by email and on our [Facebook page](#) after January 6, so be sure to watch for it.

CoAS e-Community Revised

Please check out the newly renovated [e-Community!](#)

We hope that our members will use this platform to share your upcoming events, lecture videos, photos, and newsletters. The community also hosts discussion threads where professional and avocational archaeologists can discuss current issues. To suggest a new thread or are interested in contributing a regular blog post, please contact [Jaye Smith](#).

This is also a call for professional members of the

SAA to engage our Allied Societies in ways that will encourage continued collaborative and collegial relationships.

Keep the conversations going! To receive email notifications when a new item is posted to the CoAS e-Community, be sure to click the "Follow Community" button just under the CoAS logo.

Find Us On Facebook

CoAS' [Facebook group](#) page's purpose is to provide a centralized bulletin board for Allied Societies' activities, speakers, and events for the benefit of our member societies. Our hope is that the page will also serve as a place to where our members can post volunteer opportunities and links to lectures recorded at your meetings.

Interested in joining SAA as an Individual Member?

[Download the SAA Membership Brochure](#)

[2021 Membership Application Fillable PDF](#)

Join the Society for American Archaeology as an individual member and lend your voice and your numbers to our efforts to ensure the archaeological record will exist for future generations. Member dues support our advocacy efforts to protect archaeological sites like Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, ongoing enforcement of the National Historic Preservation Act, and our letter writing campaign to defend the work of archaeologists.

Reminder

The deadline for 2021 membership dues is coming up! Don't forget to renew! Visit the [CoAS webpage](#) for new member benefits and enhancements.



COUNCIL OF ALLIED SOCIETIES
APPLICATION FOR ALLIED STATUS



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

The SAA Council of Allied Societies' mission is to mutually benefit all avocational and professional archaeologists; for the advancement of archaeology; and to further the objectives of the Society of American Archaeology.

Name of Society: _____

Principal Contact/Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(Address for receiving SAA publications)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

(For receiving communications from SAA)

Society Secretary Contact info: _____

(If different from Principal Contact - Name, telephone, email)

Society Website/Facebook Page: _____

Society is (check one): Local Regional State/Provincial

Total Society membership at the end of previous calendar year _____

Purpose and/or Mission Statement of your Society: _____

Does your Society have legal recognition as a not-for-profit organization? Yes No

If yes, please select one: 501(c)3 501(c)4 Other (please explain): _____

Signature of Principal Contact:

I certify I have reviewed with our membership SAA objectives and bylaws (<https://www.saa.org/quick-nav/about-saa/mission-goals>; <https://www.saa.org/quick-nav/about-saa/society-bylaws>.) I certify that our Society's objectives and bylaws are in agreement with those of the Society of American Archaeology.

(Signature) (Printed Name and Title) (Date)

Please include your check for \$35.00 with application (Annual Membership dues; membership duration calendar year January 1 - December 31). To pay annual dues by credit/debit card, please contact Carla Fernandez-French at carla_fernandez@saa.org.