Now seeking a host for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the 

**Alaska Anthropological Association**

Conference attendees enjoyed impressive ice sculptures at the 2014 annual meeting in Fairbanks. *Photo by Sally Carraher.*

Have you ever considered hosting the annual meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association? Do you know people who haven’t attended in the past because it’s too expensive to travel? Why not help out and host the Annual Meeting in your town? Hosting the meeting is an excellent way to show case your organization, as well as your community’s local venues and attractions.

If interested, contact Joan Dale at alaskaanthro@gmail.com. Please include:
- Your name
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Deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is August 31, 2014!

Do you know of any upcoming conferencees, workshops, exhibits, funding or job opportunities, calls for papers, or other events that may be of interest to AAA members? Please submit news items and photographs to the editor at sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu.

Stay tuned for updates on the 2015 annual meeting of the AAA, coming to Anchorage, March 4-7

To contact the organizers, email aaaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu
Dear members,

It’s summer again, and you know what that means in Alaska – a surge of bright energy across the land can be seen: solar and people energy. There’s a hubbub across the state for anthropologists and archaeologists with a number of important activities occurring at the state, regional, agency, university, and individual levels. And of course, our Association also is quite busy.

The latest volume (Volume 11, Numbers 1 and 2) of the Alaska Journal of Anthropology has been mailed. We are finally up-to-date on the AJA, so from now on you can expect one volume per year, Volume 12 (1&2) out by the end of 2014. If you have not received the latest copy, please sign into www.alaskaanthropology.org and verify your status and mailing address, prior to contacting us. If you experience any difficulties after attempting that, please let us know via e-mail at alaskaanthro@gmail.com.

A big thank you to NLURA and others for the 2014 Annual Meetings. Pre-conference activities included an excellent workshop on visual anthropology, which was a perfect way to set the stage for 2014 theme. A number of activities celebrated Art, including a participatory First Friday Art activity and the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. A number of presenters took the theme to heart, discussing throat signing, folk music, Alaska Native Arts, and the art of burlesque. Guest Speaker Mary Stiner discussed the decorative use of shells beads among the Neanderthals, while guest speaker Lenny Kamerling spoke on the history of ethnographic films in the North. Alaska Native anthropologist and artist Phyllis Fast proved that no topic is taboo in Anthropology, with her delightful exploration of the cross-cultural aesthetics of “doots” (human feces).

The 2015 Annual Meetings will be hosted by the University of Alaska Anchorage Anthropology Department. Their organizing committee is formed and can be contacted at aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu. More details will be available in the fall newsletter.

It is never too early to plan for future AAA meetings. Venue and hotel bookings can take months up to a year to secure in some towns and cities. I want to call for nominations to host the 2016 AAA meeting. If your university campus, business agency, or non-profit organization would like to host in 2016, please draft a nomination letter to the Board and send it to Vivian at alaskaanthro@gmail.com. Once approved by the Board, the 2016 hosts will be notified so they can begin securing a venue, hotel, and initiating conference plans.

Everyone, please have an adventurous, sunny, and safe summer – wherever your work and life takes you!

Joan
"Out and About" is an opportunity for our readers to hear the latest news, achievements, and other information about our colleagues and our discipline.

If you know of an Alaska or northern individual, institution, or group that deserves recognition for recent work; or a colleague who has recently won an award, scholarship, or grant; or has embarked on an exciting new career journey or field work experience; or who has achieved a professional or personal milestone in their lives, please submit that information to our editor at sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu.

First, we need to give a big shout out to those who graduated in the past year. The Alaska Anthropological Association welcomes the next generation of movers and shakers in anthropology, archaeology, and northern studies! Do us proud!

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Phyllis is very much looking forward to enjoying some milder weather and getting settled into her new home in Washington state. A big thank you to you both for your years of dedication to teaching, research, and Alaska, as well as your service to the Association!

This year at the UAA graduation ceremony, Bill and Karen Workman were awarded honorary Doctor of Letter degrees – Congratulations, you two!

Dr. Aron Crowell has been named as the 2014 recipient of the Smithsonian’s Education Achievement Award, recognizing excellence in serving the nation through his dedication to educational programming, exhibits, publications, and digital media. Congratulations, Aron!

**Fairbanks**

On 13 May, Josh Reuther spread Alaska archaeology to the Deep South when he gave an invited research talk “Human Occupation and Paleoenvironment of Late Glacial and Early Holocene Interior Alaska” at the Center for Applied Isotope Studies at the University of Georgia. Josh presented on the archaeology to the Deep South when he

Dr. Ben Potter, and his students, are once again up to their eyeballs in excavation for the 2014 summer field school at Mead Site. Mead site is a multicomponent site consisting of at least 4 components dating from 14,000 to 1,400 years ago located in the mid Tanana Valley between 16,000 and 8,000 years ago.

Along with Broken Mammoth and Swan Point, Mead Site is one of the oldest sites in North America. Although this site has received little investigation outside of Potter’s work, it is important for understanding the early prehistory of northwest North America, as initial excavations have yielded lithic and organic tools, and faunal remains.

The 2014 excavation and field school at Mead Site aims to better characterize site function and delineate site formation and activity areas. Specifically, they are working on areas of the site where numerous faunal remains (bison, waterfowl, small game, and fish) dating to ~12,500 cal BP were previously recovered, and which may represent an ancient house floor. Can’t wait to hear what you guys learn from the field this year!

The Museum of the North has some great events going on recently, as well. In you’re in Fairbanks, head on down to see their new Special Exhibit titled “Odyssey: Voyages of the R/V Sikuliaq” – a ship that aids Arctic oceanographers in conducting their research.

The Museum of the North is also helping to open the world of archaeology to local students through their ASRA 2014 Archaeology Course, which involves field as well as laboratory based activities focusing on Historic Chena town and the prehistoric Simpson Site, both located along the Tanana River.

**Kodiak**

There’s always a lot going on at the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak! This summer’s bill includes the “Inartalicipet Our Weaving Ways” exhibit, which features a group of traditional weavers from St. Petersburg, Russia and a display of woven works by local artists.

The Alutiiq Museum is also hosting a Community Archaeology event at Kasevaroff Site. It begins with the Women’s Bay Orientation Meeting on 17 July, at 7 p.m., and includes community-archaeological field work from 21 July to 8 August, with lab work following from 11-15 August. This event is free and open to the public, aged 14 and older. For more information, or to register to participate, call 907-486-7004.

And if you’re in Kodiak and looking for something to do on Tuesday nights, head to the Alutiiq Museum Gallery from 6-8 p.m. for Community Language Night. Language learners of all levels are welcome. For more information, call Marva Halvorsen at 907-486-7004.

The museum also offers free noon Alutiiq Language learning at the Sun’aq Tribal Building, hosted by the local Alutiiq Language Club.
Meetings of Interest  
Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor  
If you know of any upcoming meetings or workshops that would be of interest to our readers, please submit that information to our editor at sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu.

October  
The 2014 annual meeting of Museums Alaska will be held 1-4 October in Seward, Alaska. This year’s meeting, “Milestones: Interpreting Events that Change the Course of Communities” will focus on interpreting history and social change, and highlight our recent 50th anniversary of the Good Friday Earthquake and the 25th anniversary of the EXXON-Valdez oil spill. For more information, contact Amy Steffian at 907-486-7004 or visit www.alutiiqmuseum.org.

At the same time in Seward, the Alaska Historical Society will hold their annual conference 1-4 October. The theme this year is “Gateways: Past, Present, and Future.” For more information, contact Rachel Mason at rachel_mason@nps.gov.

December  
The 113th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association will be held 3-7 December in Washington D.C. This year’s conference theme is “Producing Anthropology”. For more information, visit www.aaanet.org or email aaameetings@aaanet.org.

The 2015 Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be in Anchorage, 4-7 March.

For all conference-related business and questions, please email the organizers directly at aaaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu

If you have a proposal, an idea, or a suggestion for the 2015 meetings, we’d be happy to start collecting them now

Stay tuned for more updates in the next newsletter, and at www.alaskaanthropology.org

2015  
January  
This year, the Archaeological Institute of American and the American Philological Association are holding a joint meeting in the French Quarter, New Orleans, on 8-11 January. They are accepting abstracts now through their CFP online system. Deadline for workshops, colloquia, and undergraduate submissions is 9 March. Deadline for paper and poster abstracts is 17 August. For more information, visit www.aia.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10455.

March  
The 75th annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology will be held 24-28 March in Pittsburgh. The theme is “Continuity and Change.” For more information, visit www.sfaa.net/annualmeeting.

The 84th annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists will be held 25-29 March in St. Louis. Deadline to submit abstracts is 15 September, 2014. For more information, visit www.physanth.org.

April  
The 80th annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology will be held 15-19 April in San Francisco. Deadline to submit abstracts is 11 September, at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For more information, visit www.saa.org.
The purpose of this column is to bring recent publications in the field of Alaska anthropology to the attention of Newsletter readers. Alaska anthropology is defined broadly to include the traditional four-field approach of anthropology subject matter. The Alaska region is similarly broadly defined to include Alaska, neighboring Canada, the Northwest Coast, Siberia, and more generally, the circumpolar North. Publications include published books, journal articles, web pages, unpublished reports (“grey literature”), or other information which may be of interest. Readers are encouraged to share publications which come to their attention with this column.

Please submit information about recent publications to DStern8107@aol.com.


Atalay, Sonya 2012 Community-Based Archaeology: Research with, by and for Indigenous and Local Communities. University of California Press, Berkeley.


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