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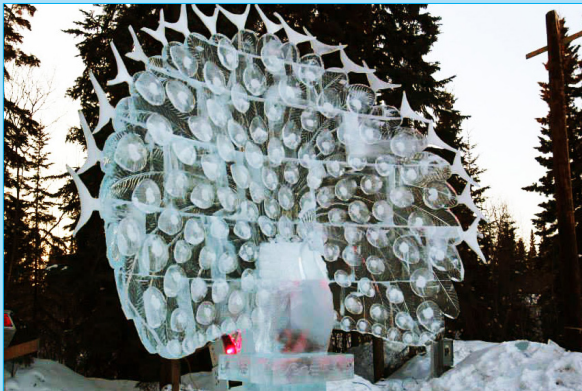
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Now seeking a host for
the 2016 Annual Meeting of the
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Conference attendees enjoyed impressive ice sculptures at the 2014 annual meeting in Fairbanks. Photo by Sally Carraher.

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 showcase 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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- The name of your institution/organization

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Deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is August 31, 2014!

Do you know of any upcoming conferences, 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 aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu

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Message from the President

Rachel Joan Dale, Association President

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 shell 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 aaconference@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 to 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

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The purpose of the Alaska Anthropological Association is to serve as a vehicle for maintaining communication among people interested in all branches of anthropology; to promote public awareness and support for anthropological activities and goals; to foster knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Alaska Native and circumpolar cultural heritage; to work in collaboration with Indigenous communities on all aspects of research and education; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats.

Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating an interest and concern for the discipline of anthropology. The Association holds its annual meeting during March or April of each year and generally publishes four newsletters each year.

The membership cycle begins each year on 1 January. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$40 for student members and \$75 for regular members. US dollar checks or money orders should be made out to the Alaska Anthropological Association. To join, send a membership form and payment to the Alaska Anthropological Association at PO Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska USA, 99524-1686.

Please e-mail submissions to the newsletter to the editor, Sally Carraher, at sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu.

Out and About: Recent Happenings in Alaska Anthropology

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

"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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Vivian Bowman, Association Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks to the members listed below who recently made donations to our Association:

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Association News and Finances

Rachel Joan Dale, Association President

Tax news

The Association's tax return has accepted by the IRS. Secretary-Treasurer Vivian Bowman spent the fall reviewing our finances and operations. On 1 January, 2014 we initiated our new accounting program following a more formal business model. The new business model will provide for easier generation of profit and loss statements, tracking donations in a systematic way in QuickBooks, allowing us to more easily write reports on donations, and other financial issues.

The Association's tax accountant Kevin Kerr suggested we need to formally indicate why the Association has an investment account and what we plan to do with the money. The first task of the Board is to develop a general resolution indicating that the monies invested in the Vanguard account are to be used to further the Association's missions. The Vanguard investment account is to be a self-sustaining fund that will be managed to continue paying for Scholarships and other Association expenses. Then our next task is to create a 5-year financial plan on how we can best reach that goal.

Copyright

With the advent of selling publications and providing downloadable documents on our website, the Board has raised the question of who owns the copyright for the Aurora series and AJA articles. The Board will be consulting with copyright lawyers to determine what course of action is appropriate.

Website and Facebook

The Board of Directors voted to accept the website update proposal submitted by Billy Finley at Couloir Graphics. The website code is no longer compatible with recent updates to web browsers that most people use. Therefore, we are having difficulty adding or modifying data on the website. We are also working to address issues with managing membership online, including partner memberships, duplicate registrations, and tracking of completed versus uncompleted transactions.

The Association's Facebook page is set up so that anyone who has "liked" the page can post to that page. We do have people monitoring the site for inappropriate posting. If you should see one, please contact Vivian at alaskaanthro@gmail.com.

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Recent graduates in Alaska Anthropology:

Bachelors Degrees

Marilyn Bost, UAA
Walker Scott Burgett, UAA
Ashley Carson, UAA
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Kristin Scheidt, UAA
Luisa Yoter, UAA

Masters Degrees

Kevin Bartley, UAA
Fawn Carter, UAF
Cecilie Esben, UAF
Richard Galloway, UAA
Yoko Kugo, UAA
Kyle Wark, UAA

Anchorage

Congratulations to Paul White who was recently nominated for the Exemplar Undergraduate Teaching Award for the UAA Undergraduate Research and Discovery Symposium. It's no wonder, too, seeing as Paul's undergraduate students are quite successful – Petra Banks and John Hemmeter recently won awards for their field work and research, and gave presentations at the 2014 UAA Student Showcase.

It's bittersweet to say good-bye, but we want to wish two very important Alaska anthropologists a happy, and very-much deserved retirement from UAA. Dr. Stephen J. Langdon and Dr. Phyllis Fast.

Steve is keeping busy, however, with an upcoming book, several reports and articles in the works, and ongoing research commitments in Alaska.

Phyllis is very much looking forward to enjoying some milder weather and getting settled into her new home in Washington state. A big thank to you to 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. Congrats, Aron!

Fairbanks

On 13 May, Josh Reuther spread Alaska archaeology to the Deep South when he gave an invited research talk "Human Occupation and Paleoecology 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 and changes in ecology in the Tanana Valley between 16,000 and 8,000 years ago.

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 Basin, which is near Delta Junction, Alaska.

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 work-

ing 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 "Inartalicirpet 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 Kashevaroff 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.alutiqmuseum.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.

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

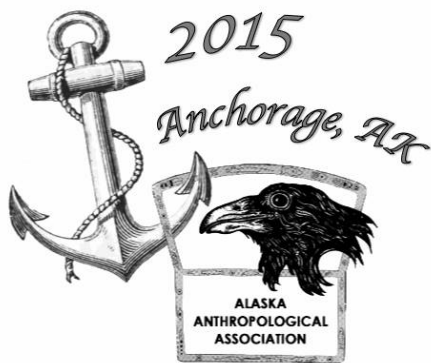
The 75th annual meeting of the **Society for Applied Anthropology** will be held **24-28 March** in Pittsburgh. The theme is "Continuity and Change." For more information, visit www.sfaa.net/annualmeeting.

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.

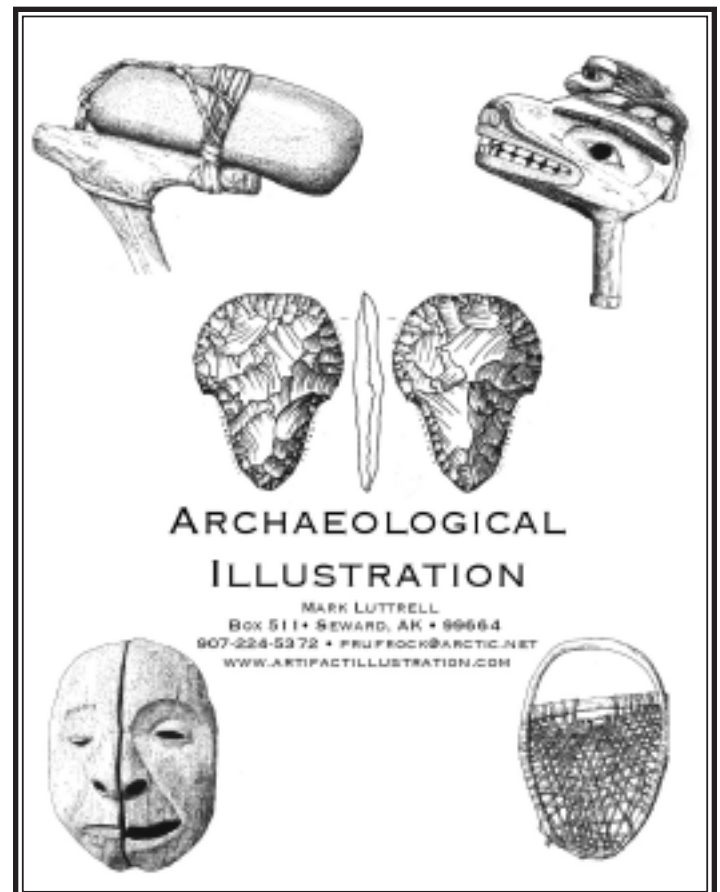
The 2015 Meeting of
the Alaska Anthropological Association
will be in Anchorage, 4-7 March.



For all conference-related business and questions, please email the organizers directly at aaaconference@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



Recent Publications

Richard Stern, Association member

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.

Abbott, Ryan

2014 Documenting Traditional Medical Knowledge, pp. 52. http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/resources/pdf/medical_tk.pdf, WIPO-World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

Arendt, Beatrix

2013 The Return to Hopedale: Excavations at Anniowaktook Island, Hopedale, Labrador. *Canadian Journal of Archaeology* 37(2):302-330.

Atalay, Sonya

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

Bergman, Ingela, Olle Zackrisson and Lars Liedgren

2013 From Hunting to Herding: Land Use, Ecosystem Processes, and Social Transformation among Sami AD 800-1500. *Arctic Anthropology* 50(2):25-39.

Guindon, Francois

2013 Mourning the Land: Archaeology and the Campsites of an Iiyiyuu-linuu (Cree) Family, Northern Quebec. *Arctic Anthropology* 50(2):52-73.

Holly, Donald H., Jr.

2013 History in the Making: The Archaeology of the Eastern Subarctic. *Issues in Eastern Woodlands Archaeology*. AltaMira Press, A Division of Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD.

Lyon, Robert (editor)

2013 Meyer Building and YMCA Gymnasium Historic Structure Reports. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Skagway, Alaska.

Merrill, Stephen A. and William J. Raduchel (editors)

2013 Copyright in the Digital Era: Building Evidence for Policy. National Academies Press, Washington, D.C.

Available online from National Academy of Sciences website.

Mills, Robin O., Robert Sattler and Nancy H. Bigelow

2014 Limestone Gulch, White Mountains National Recreation Area: Natural, Cultural, and Biological Karst Reconnaissance, 2002-2005. BLM Alaska Open File Report 126 BLM/AK/ST-14/004+6710+F0210. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern Interior Field Office, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Moody, John F. and Lisa M. Hodgetts

2013 Subsistence Practices of Pioneering Thule-Inuit: A Faunal Analysis of Tiktaalik. *Arctic Anthropology* 50(2):4-24.

Nyssonen, Jukka and Anna-Kaisa Salmi

2013 Towards a Multiangled study of Reindeer Agency, Overlapping Environments, and Human-Animal Relationships. *Arctic Anthropology* 50(2):40-51.

Pinart, Alphonse Louis and Introduction and Translation by Richard L. Bland

2013 Alphonse Louis Pinart in Alaska. *Arctic Anthropology* 50(2):74-89.

National Park Service, Cultural Landscapes Program, Alaska

2011 The Chilkoot Trail: Cultural Landscape Report for the Chilkoot Trail Historic Corridor. Part 1: History, Existing Conditions, and Analysis. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office and Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Anchorage, Alaska.

Sorensen, Mikkel

2012 Technology and Tradition in the Eastern Arctic, 2500 BC-AD 1200: A Dynamic Technological Investigation of Lithic Assemblages from the Palaeo-Eskimo Traditions of Greenland. Museum Tusulanum Press, Copenhagen, DK.

Tennessen, David C.

2014 K'etniyi - Settlement Patterns and Prehistory in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. An Archaeological Overview and Assessment. Research/Resource - Management Report NPS/AR/CRR/2013-78. USDO, National Park Service, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, Anchorage, Alaska.

Walls, Matthew

2009 Caribou Inuit Traders of the Kivalliq Nunavut, Canada. BAR International Series 1895. Archaeopress, Oxford.

White, Devin A. and Sarah L. Surface-Evans (editors)

2012 Least Cost Analysis of Social Landscapes: Archaeological Case Studies. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Whitecloud, Simone S. and Lenore A. Grenoble

2014 An Interdisciplinary Approach to Documenting Knowledge: Plants and Their Uses in Southern Greenland. *Arctic* 67(1):57-70.

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