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Do you know of any upcoming conferences, workshops, exhibits, funding or job opportunities, calls for papers, or other events that are of interest to AAA members? Please submit news items and photographs to the editor at sfcarraher@gmail.com.

Deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is 15 December, 2016!

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President’s Letter

Bill Hedman, Association President

It’s been a busy summer field season for many of us including your Association Board Members. As the dust settles, we are happy to report progress on several fronts, particularly the Alaska Journal of Anthropology, and our budget process.

We’ve had some very productive discussions with our AJA staff and I’m very happy with all of the effort that is going into making our Association journal really classy.

On the budget side of things, the Board will be meeting soon to finalize the FY17 budget and to draft the FY18 budget. We’ve had some minor additions to the budget recently. Perhaps the most significant is a proposed expenditure of $1,500 for the services of a technical editor to assist our volunteer editorial staff.

We would like to commend the aaa’s Public Education Group for the award-winning Archaeology Month Poster. The poster has won national awards two years in a row for the Denbigh and Northern Archaic posters, with sponsorship and design from the NPS and other agencies.

The Association has been getting an unprecedented number of requests for these posters as well as the 2016 Thule poster. The posters go out to all schools in Alaska and the mailing list has increased two-fold over the past three years.

We are happy to report that our scholarship committee has been successful in recruiting new applicants. In 2016, we had a greater number of high quality applications than ever before.

Please continue to encourage students and young professionals to apply for scholarships and continue to participate in the association.

As the New Year approaches, please think about the awards the Association gives out to its members. We have had no nominations for the “Outstanding Current Contribution” and “Outstanding Service to the Association” awards for over five years, and we are always looking for worthy candidates for the “Professional Achievement” award.

As always, we are happy to hear from our membership. Board meetings are held the second week of each month. Please contact board member Kelly Eldridge at alaskaanthro2@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the meeting or see the agenda.

Sincerely,

Bill

aa Board Updates

Vice President’s Report
Julie Esdale
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Fall is fast approaching and it is almost time to renew your aaa membership for 2017! Please renew between 1 October to 31 December. Early renewals will be credited to 2016. To renew your membership, please go to www.alaskaanthropology.org. Click on “Membership” to renew.

The aaa Board is looking for new members in 2017! Contact alaskaanthrovp@gmail.com to find out more about what we do or express your interest in running for the board. We are always looking for people with social media and web skills.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the 44th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks, 27 February-2 March, 2017. The University of Alaska Fairbanks has organized a conference committee and they are doing a great job lining up the venue and attracting great speakers. More information to come!

We are currently looking for a host for the 45th aaa meeting (2018) in Anchorage. Last time the meeting was in Anchorage, the University of Alaska Anchorage hosted.

Please contact alaskaanthrovp@gmail.com if your organization is willing to host.

Publications Committee
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We are happy to announce that future Alaska Journal of Anthropology (AJA) volumes will be indexed by Ebsco! Ebsco is a popular indexing service used by many libraries and we expect indexing to increase the visibility and distribution of the journal.

In other AJA news, the journal will be moving towards a single double issue each year in 2017. Please consider submitting an abstract for volume 15 (2017).

Articles must be submitted by 31 March, 2017.

Please send your submissions to journal editor Kenneth Pratt at akpratt@gci.net.

Printing and distribution of volume 14(2) is anticipated at the end of 2016/beginning of 2017.

The deadline for submissions is always listed on the front page of the Newsletter!
International Archaeology Day 2016

Volunteers from schools, agencies wanted

Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter editor

International Archaeology Day is Saturday, 15 October this year. It will be held in Anchorage at the University Center on Old Seward Hwy; and in Fairbanks at the Museum of the North.

UAA is looking for individuals and agencies to help run booths and educational activities. And please feel free to bring your kids along! This event is always free and all-ages.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to help out with Archaeology Day activities in Anchorage, please contact Diane Hanson at dkhanson@alaska.edu.

Anchorage

Something fishy was going on in the Alaska Consortium for Zooarchaeology recently! Diane Hanson recently led a workshop titled “Don’t Fear the Fish: Identify North Pacific Marine Fish” on 17 September on the UAA campus. On 29 October, Nathan Harmston and Samantha Dunning are developing a workshop titled “Alternate Methods of Studying Animal Remains.” On 19 November, Doug Causey will lead “Identifying Sea Birds from the North Pacific”, and on 10 December, Ryan Harrod will lead “Interpreting Bone Pathology.”

This fall series of workshops is free and open to the public. For more information on the ACZ and their workshops, visit www.alaskazooarch.org. The ACZ also maintains a Facebook page, at https://www.facebook.com/alaskazooarch/.

And if you’re in town Thursday, 6 October, or Friday, 7 October between 1-3 p.m., come check out “Material Traditions: Twining Cedar” at the Anchorage Museum. Haida master weaver Delores Churchill and her daughter Holly Churchill, along with Tsimshian artists Kandi McGilton and Karla Booth, will be demonstrating how to weave cedar baskets. Cost to attend is the normal museum entry rate.

Fairbanks

The Museum of the North is gearing up to have a fun-filled October. On 10-14 October from noon-4 p.m. each day, you can bring your friends and family and come hang out with some real-life archaeologists in the museum lobby. They will have artifacts from various collections available to view, and can answer people’s questions about archaeology – maybe even regale you with a story or two. Then on Saturday, 15 October, the museum will be hosting International Archaeology Day.

Out and About 4

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@gmail.com.

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Soldotna

History buffs on the Kenai Peninsula are organizing an event for next year’s sesquicentennial observances. Titled “150 Years: Kenai Peninsula History Conference,” it is tentatively scheduled for 21-22 April, 2017, at the Kenai Peninsula College campus in Soldotna. For more information, see the call for papers, sessions in “Opportunities” on page 7.
In Memory: Kay Branch

1954-2016

Reprinted from Alaska Dispatch News (July 15, 2016)

Kay Branch, age 61, passed away on July 9, 2016, from metastatic cancer, surrounded by her family including true love and husband, Bill Herman; daughter, Laur- ra Herman; father, Her- man Winstead; sister, Sue Wilson; goddaugh- ter, Su Ling Caballe- ro; and friends, Teresa Nelson, Julie Holden, Debbie Aningleton and Pat Miles. Her cancer was sneaky, cruel and unrelenting.

We are devastated and miss her dearly, yet we relish knowing that she is no longer suffering. Kay grew up in Lakeland, Fla., and moved to Alaska in 1984, remaining there for the rest of her life. She lived in Dillingham for four years, managing the BBNA Eld- er Care program, the beginning of her beloved life’s work.

Moving to Anchorage, she did important statewide plan- ning to improve elder care. Out of gratitude, tribal elder care leaders successfully advocated for Kay to receive the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2012 Community Health Leader Award. She was also a prominent national leader in the Native elder care field. Although diminutive in height, Kay was a powerhouse, beaming astounding love and light that deeply touched all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Because she was so loved by elders, she was given an honorary Yup’ik name: Armayagaq (Little Woman).

Kay also loved all aspects of nature and energetically backpacked and kayaked throughout Alaska with her lov- ing husband, Bill. She was very active in the Religious So- ciety of Friends (Quakers). [A] celebration of her life [was held] on July 27, 2016, at...the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Elder Health Fund of the Healthy Alaska Natives Founda- tion at http://inspirngoodhealth.org/help-us-care-for-our-elders/.

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 anthro- pology is defined broadly to include the traditional four-field approach of anthropology subject matter. The Alaska region is similarly broadly defined to include Alaska, neighbor- ing Canada, the Northwest Coast, Siberia, and more generally the circumpolar North. Publications include published books, journal articles, web pages, unpublished reports (“grey lit- erature”), or other information which may be of interest. Readers are en-couraged to share publications which come to their attention with this col- umn.

Please submit any recent publica- tions you know of that may be of in- terest to our members to Richard at rose@northernlanduse.com.


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Opportunities
Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

“Opportunities” is a column used to alert our membership to upcoming jobs, scholarships, field schools, internships, workshops, and other professional opportunities. If you or your institution are looking to recruit qualified applicants for any of these types of things, please submit that information to our editor at sfcaarraher@gmail.com.

Call for Papers, Sessions
ICASS 2017
The International Congress on Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS) is held every three years. ICASS IX’s theme is “People and Place.”

A focus on people and place highlights the many variances across the region in terms of climate, political systems, demography, infrastructure, history, languages, legal systems, and land and water resources.

We encourage the participation of Indigenous peoples, northern residents, decision-makers and politicians, as well as academics. IASSA is now seeking proposals for sessions. Please submit session proposals by 23 September, 2016 to Gabriella Nordin at gabriella.nordin@umu.se.

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Student Research Position
Dr. Shelby Anderson, Portland State University (PSU), welcomes applicants for a M.S. Student Research Assistant Position as part of the collaborative Birnirk Prehistory and the Emergence of Inupiaq Culture in Northwestern Alaska, Archaeological and Anthropological Perspectives project.

The student will join an interdisciplinary and international team of researchers working at Cape Espenberg, Alaska. The overall goals of the project are to explore human interaction, settlement history, climate, and landscape dynamics in relation to the Birnirk archaeological complex, ca. AD 1000.

The student will work with Dr. Anderson on ceramic sourcing and technological analysis aimed at establishing the connections between people living at this site and those in the surrounding region.

A thesis project will be developed as a part of this work. The position includes up to two years of funding (tuition and stipend) and an opportunity to join the field team in summer 2017.

Qualifications:
• BA/BS in anthropology with a focus or specialization in archaeology
• Experience conducting ceramic analysis and/or soil geochemical analysis
• Excavation experience
• Interest in Arctic archaeology

See the PSU anthropology website for submission details at http://www.pdx.edu/anthropology/graduate-admission.

The submission deadline is 1 February, 2017. Please contact Shelby-Anderson at ashleyb@pdx.edu with any questions prior to submitting an application.

Job
Archaeologist job at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. Applications due 9 September. For more information, visit https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/View-Details/449564200/.

This posting is for federal status employees only. If they don’t fill the position from this announcement, there may be an “All US Citizens” announcement coming.

Book Sale
Richard Stern is retiring and downsizing a lifetime library of Alaskanana: archaeology, ethnography, linguistics, history, Canadian Mercury Series, and rare and out of print items.


Call/text evenings 907-242-1847 for a list and prices. For more information, e-mail DStern8107@aol.com.

Opportunities of Interest
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October
American Anthropological Association 115th annual meeting Minneapolis, Minnesota 16-20 November Web site: http://www.americananthro.org/AttendEvents/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1578

November
American Anthropological Association 77th annual meeting Santa Fe, New Mexico 28 March-1 April, 2017 Web site: https://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/


February

The 44th annual meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be 27 February -2 March, 2017 in Fairbanks

Please check the aao 2017 Facebook page for the latest updates: https://www.facebook.com/2017aao/

Upcoming conference deadlines
This list is not exhaustive. Be sure to check with the particular organization of interest for complete information on deadlines, dues, and registration requirements!

ICASS IX
Session abstracts due 7 October Call for Papers coming soon

Society for Applied Anthropology Abstracts are due 15 October

Alaska Anthropological Association Abstracts are due 31 January