

Greetings!

It is that time of the year again--time to start thinking about the Montana Archaeology Month for next April, 2017. Last year we had several fabulous events across the state, but we definitely were not reaching as many communities with educational events as we are capable of doing. So this year, we are asking for everyone to consider hosting an event in your community. Even if you can't host an event in April, we would like to publicize any event you can arrange for 2017.

To help you start thinking about possible topics, I have attached last year's events and below are some more ideas as suggestions:

- ~ Give an archaeological presentation at a local school.
- ~ Present a past or recent archaeological project or paper
- ~ Arrange a presentation as a public forum
- ~ Create an archaeology display or exhibit at a local library, school, or museum
- ~ Write an article for a local paper
- ~ Organize an "Archaeology Day" at a local museum or library
- ~ Lead a walking tour at a local heritage site
- ~ Arrange an "Artifact Road Show" in your local community, asking community members to bring pre-contact or historic artifacts for identification by professional archaeologists
- ~ Host a book discussion (with an archaeology focus) at a local library, school, or bookstore

In order to increase our public presence in Montana, please consider presenting an event more than once--even if it is the same topic-- in one or more communities or venues within a community. Some past community attendees have complained that they were unable to see a specific presentation because of a time conflict. Offering more opportunities for people to attend the same talks will help increase our public outreach.

Please let me know what you would like to do in your local community by **February 15, 2017**. You are responsible for organizing your event, including a presentation topic and venue location.

We will list the events on the MAS brochure, which is sent to museums, schools, and MAS members throughout Montana. The events will also be posted on the MAS website:

(<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/>)

and MAS Facebook page:

(<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Montana-Archaeological-Society/217539208261861>).

If you have any questions, please contact me at shvlace@hotmail.com or 406-580-4667.

Sincerely,
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