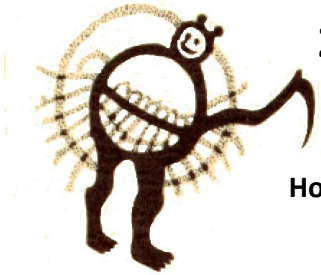


MONTANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 13-16th

Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown – Missoula, MT

EVENTS

THURSDAY EVENING EARLY BIRD SOCIAL - 8 to 10pm

Early arrivals are welcome to gather in the Big Sky Atrium for socializing over beer, wine and light appetizers. Other beverages are available from the hotel bar. The event will be held from 8 to 10p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING WORKSHOP - 9a.m. to Noon

Friday's workshop, "Beyond the Shelf: A Discussion of Assemblages, Their Access and Use," will be led by Dr. Riley Auge, Curator, University of Montana Anthropological Curation Facility. The workshop will focus on the importance of increasing both public and researchers' awareness, access and use of archaeological collections maintained by institutions and agencies in Montana. The workshop runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Friday in Garden City Parlors C/D at the Holiday Inn. If time allows, Dr. Auge will offer participants a tour of the UM curation facility. Fee for the workshop is \$20.00, and is limited to 30 registrants.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS - 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Committee meetings for the Education and Conservation committees will be held in Garden City Parlor C/D from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The MAS Board meeting takes place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Montana Boardroom.

FRIDAY EVENING AUCTION - 7pm to 9pm

The always-fun MAS auction occurs Friday evening, April 14, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in Garden City Parlors C/D. Money raised by this important event helps fund the *Archaeology In Montana* journal, committee work, and scholarships. Donated auction items run the gamut from highly crafted artifact reproductions and fine art to thankfully-one-of-a-kind white elephants, gags and whatnots. (Depending on the number of donated books, they may be offered in a silent auction, and we ask that book donors assign a recommended minimum bid.) Donated items should be brought to the Garden City Parlors C/D no later than 6 p.m. The event features a cash bar and complimentary light appetizers.

SATURDAY SESSIONS - 8:30 to Noon, and 1:30-4:20

Saturday features a day of presentations in Garden City Parlors C/D. Break refreshments will be available at the sessions, with attendees on their own for lunch. Presentations/papers addressing all aspects of Montana archaeology and related topics are limited to 15 to 20 minutes in length, depending on the number of presenters in each session. The annual MAS business meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. in Garden City Parlor D.

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET - 7 to 9pm

The banquet runs from 7 to 9:30p.m. on Saturday, April 15 in Garden City Parlors C/D. For \$35, diners may register for either steak or salmon entrees. The vegetarian option is \$24. Ticket prices include gratuity (and dessert!) Every effort will be made to accommodate special dietary needs (gluten-free, etc.) if you provide that information with your registration form. A cash bar will be available. The after-banquet program will be presented by Dr. Kelly Dixon, Professor at the University of Montana's (Missoula) Department of Anthropology. Dr. Dixon has worked as an archaeologist in the North American West for over 20 years, investigating archaeologies of adaptation, colonization, colonialism, landscape transformations, and extractive industries. She will present her MAS audience with an overview of recent archaeological ventures that have relevance to topics such as sustainability and resilience, with the aim of engaging the audience in discussions about navigating the increasingly complex milieu of resource protection in the modern world.

SUNDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS

This year conference participants can choose one of two field trip options:

- 1) Travelers' Rest State Park: a tour and discussion of the archaeological work confirming the Lewis & Clark camp location (24MO0176) near Lolo, MT (11 miles south of Missoula via US 93 to US 12). Tours will be led by State Park staff knowledgeable about the site and its archaeology. (This field trip includes both indoor and outdoor components and will take place regardless of weather conditions. The walking tour is ¾ mile over relatively level ground.)
- 2) Gold Creek: a tour of the WA Clark hydraulic placer site, Kohrs' ditch and possibly the Pioneer townsite, located near Gold Creek, Montana (65 miles east of Missoula off I-90 at Exit 166). The trip will be led by retired BLM archaeologist Terri Wolfgram. **NOTE: THIS FIELD TRIP IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN APRIL.**