The Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) will hold its 62nd annual conference in Polson, Montana, April 16–19, 2020 at the KwaTaqNuk Resort and Casino on the shore of Flathead Lake. KwaTaqNuk is conveniently located in Polson near numerous restaurants. Conference events at KwaTaqNuk will take place in rooms in the lower level.

Conference events will include Thursday afternoon registration and early bird events, a Friday morning workshop, committee and business meetings Friday afternoon, Friday night auction and social, Saturday presentation sessions and evening banquet/speaker, and Sunday field trip.

The Friday morning workshop, Interviewing Elders, will be led by Marty Lopez, a member of the Apsáalooke (Crow) Tribe and a Ph.D. student at the University of Montana. The workshop will include conducting an interview with Elder Stephen SmallSalmon.

This year’s Saturday evening banquet speaker is Qlispe (Pend d’Oreille) Elder Joe McDonald. His presentation will include his Qlispe heritage, Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Angus McDonald and the fur trade, and Fort Connah restoration efforts. The presentation will take place at the conclusion of the Saturday evening banquet.

The Sunday morning field trip will be led by MAS and Tribal member Tim Ryan. There will be a tour of Cultural Landscapes in the south Flathead Lake area and along the Flathead River.

LODGING INFORMATION

The KwaTaqNuk Resort and Casino is the conference lodging. Please directly call the KwaTaqNuk at (800) 882-6363 or locally (406) 883-3636 to book your reservation. All of the rooms are blocked for MAS so if you try to book through the website or a third-party website it will show full-capacity and reservations will not be accepted. Book by April 1 for best selection and value!

A number of rooms are at or below government rates for state and federal employees.

MEETING REGISTRATION & FEES

Meeting registration is $35 for members, $45 for non-members, and $10 for students. Registration for the Friday morning workshop is $20, with attendance limited to 30 participants. Banquet tickets are $30 or $35; ticket prices include dessert and gratuity. Banquet tickets must be purchased by April 1, 2020. Every effort will be made to accommodate special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.) if you provide that information with your registration form.

Meeting registration can be completed by mailing the attached form, or by registering online through our website. Online registration offers a PayPal option. Hardcopy forms and fees should be mailed to the MAS
Treasurer at PO Box 4522, Missoula, MT 59806. A limited number of vendor tables are available. Vendors should contact Weber Greiser at wgreiser@hrassoc.com or (406) 721-7034.

SUBMIT ABSTRACTS
Paper and poster abstracts will be accepted through March 15, or until the program is full, whichever occurs first. Send the title of your presentation with abstract (200-word maximum) to Weber Greiser at wgreiser@hrassoc.com. The abstract form may be found on the back page of this information sheet, with a digital copy available on the MAS website. Only registered, paid-up members of the MAS may present at the conference, so don’t forget to pay your dues when submitting your abstract and registration forms.

EVENTS

THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE
Marty Lopez will present the movie Where They Fight: A Visual Anthropology Documentary starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Johnny Arlee and Vic Charlo Theater on the Salish-Kootenai College Campus, just off Highway 93. Marty is a member of the Apsáalooke (Crow) Tribe and a Ph.D. student at the University of Montana studying visual anthropology and Indigenous filmmaking. The film explores the role that Crow rock medicine and the landscape played in a very important battle for the Crow people. Marty will hold a question and answer discussion following the movie.

THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL
Following the movie and discussion early arrivals are welcome to gather at the Polson Brewery on 10th Avenue East in Polson just off of Highway 93 North. The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will feature locally brewed beers for purchase and pizza can be ordered in.

FRIDAY MORNING WORKSHOP
The Friday morning workshop, Interviewing Elders, will be led by Marty Lopez, a member of the Apsáalooke (Crow) Tribe and a Ph.D. student at the University of Montana. The workshop will include conducting an interview with Qlispe (Pen d’Oreille) Elder Stephen Small salmon about Beaver’s Dam (Sqlew Stqeps), a traditional place. Fee for the workshop is $20.00, to be paid with registration, and is limited to 30 registrants. Meet in the Kwataqnuk lobby Friday morning the 16th at 8:00 a.m. and be ready for the outdoors for the first portion of the workshop.

The workshop participants will be involved with conducting an interview with Elder Stephen Small salmon on Beaver’s Dam (Polson Hill) a few miles east of the Kwataqnuk Hotel on Hwy 93. Marty Lopez is an Apsáalooke (Crow) Indigenous Filmmaker, who along with MAS and Tribal member Tim Ryan, will demonstrate the use of affordable means of recording interviews with a cell phone and creating edited video clips for easy use on other applications. The participants can help shoot video and edit media clips that will be then assembled for viewing during the conference in the hallways of the meeting rooms. The workshop would be helpful for small historical societies and interpretive centers that have expressed the desire to produce affordable but effective media to show to the interested public and to promote their organization.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MAS BOARD MEETING
The MAS Education Committee will hold their annual meeting Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Kwataqnuk in the Michel and Victor Room and the MAS Conservation Committee will meet nearby in the Alexander Room. The MAS Board Meeting follows at 3:00 p.m. in the Alexander Room.

MAS members not on committees or the board can visit the People’s Center along Hwy 93 in Pablo. Mention MAS for a discounted entry fee.
FRIDAY EVENING AUCTION and SOCIAL
The always entertaining MAS auction occurs Friday evening, April 17, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Michel/Victor/Alexander Rooms. 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. (Donated books and posters are welcome and they are offered in a silent auction - we ask that book donors assign a recommended minimum bid.) Donated items should be brought to the Michel/Victor/Alexander Rooms no later than 6:30 p.m. The event features a cash bar and complimentary hors d’oeuvres and dips.

SATURDAY SESSIONS
Papers will be presented Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Michel/Victor/Alexander Rooms. Break refreshments will be available at the sessions, with attendees on their own for lunch. Papers will address Indigenous and non-Indigenous Montana archaeology and are limited to 15 to 20 minutes in length. Posters will be presented in the nearby Charlo Room.

The annual MAS general member meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Charlo Room.

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET & KEYNOTE SPEAKER
The banquet is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 in the Michel/Victor/Alexander Rooms. The banquet includes a choice of the deluxe dinner buffet with either cedar planked salmon or New York strip steak for $30.00 per person or the royal buffet with both entrees for $35.00 per person. There will be several side dishes, salad, rolls, and cake. Vegetarian pasta is also available for those who prefer, for $30.00 per person. Gratuity is included in the dinner costs. Reserve your banquet ticket by April 1, 2020.

Qlispe (Pend d’Oreille) Elder Joe McDonald will be the keynote speaker. Mr. McDonald is co-founder and past president of the Salish Kootenai College and the Fort Connah Restoration Society located on the Flathead Reservation. He is a great-great-grandson of Scotsman Angus McDonald who constructed and operated Fort Connah, a Hudson Bay trading post, from 1847 to 1871, which is considered the oldest standing building in Montana. The Fort Connah Restoration Society has been busy over the years with restoration of the cabin and reconstruction of the trading post compound, locate at Post Creek on US Highway 93, seven miles north of St. Ignatius. Mr. McDonald will be speaking about his Qlispe heritage, the fur trade, Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, and Fort Connah restoration efforts.

SUNDAY MORNING FIELD TRIP
Cultural Landscape Tour with Tim Ryan
The Sunday morning field trip will start at 8:30 am from the KwaTaqNuk and is approximately 4 hours. Tim Ryan, archaeologist, artist and educator, will take you on a Cultural Landscape tour highlighting the place names, historic properties and indigenous perspectives of the southern portion of Flathead Lake (the major occupation areas of the Qlispe [Pend d’Oreille Tribe]), Glacial Lake Missoula features, and the Seli’š Ksanka Qlispe’ Dam, formerly Kerr Dam and now the first major hydro facility to be owned by a Tribe in the United States. The tour will wrap up by or before 12:30 p.m.

FOR UP-TO-DATE MEETING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONSULT OUR WEBSITE:
http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org
2020 MAS PRESENTATION ABSTRACT

NAME(S) OF PRESENTER(S):

PRESENTATION TITLE:

DESCRIPTION: Include a short statement of presenter’s background and topic. Abstract limited to 200 words. If accepted, it will be included in the conference program. Forward completed form to Weber Greiser, MAS President, wgreiser@hrassoc.com.