

Ann Johnson Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) recognizes Dr. Ann Johnson of Kalispell, Montana, for a distinguished archaeological career. Ann has been a member of the Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) since 1964 and attended her first MAS meeting in Great Falls in 1966. She was President from 2001-2002, and ably served as editor of *Archaeology in Montana* for 28 years (1990, 1995-2022). During her 58 years with the MAS she authored or co-authored 33 articles for *Archaeology in Montana*.

In addition to the previously mentioned *Archaeology in Montana* articles, from 1970 through 2022 Ann authored or co-authored numerous articles on plains archaeology in *Southwestern Lore*, *Plains Anthropologist*, *Saskatchewan Archaeological Society Newsletter*, *American Antiquity*, *Park Science*, and *South Dakota Archaeology*. She also authored or co-authored three book chapters, and a monograph as a *Special Publication of the South Dakota Archaeological Society, Number 1*.

In her youth, Ann joined the Milk River Archaeological Society (ca.1964) and is the last surviving member. The MRAS was instrumental in investigating and documenting several important sites in northern Montana including Wahkpa Chu'gn (24HL101), Timber Ridge (24BL101), Snake Butte Petroglyphs (24BL105), and Keaster (24PH401).

Ann received Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Montana (1970 and 1972) and a doctorate in Anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1977. She worked at the Office of the Colorado State Archaeologist from 1976-1978, the Bureau of Land Management-Casper District from 1978-1980, and the National Park Service from 1980-2008. Ann's time with the Park Service is probably best known from 1994-2008 when she served as Yellowstone National Park Archaeologist and later the Chief of Cultural Resources.

While Ann's regional archaeological interest and expertise is in the American Great Plains and adjacent mountain areas, she is probably best recognized as an expert in ceramics and archaeological cultures of the past 3,000 years from these regions. In recent years Ann has pursued her interest in sourceable volcanic toolstone.

Ann's contributions to archaeology exceed what is highlighted here. In addition to a lifetime of fieldwork, lecturing, instructing and drafting more than 100 cultural resource management reports, Ann served as editor of *Southwestern Lore* from 1981-1990. She was also a Board Member of the Plains Anthropological Society from 1994-1996 and was Research Associate in Archaeology and Adjunct

Curator of Archaeology and Anthropology for the Museum of the Rockies, Montana State University, Bozeman from 1991-2000. Additionally, Ann continues to provide peer review for *American Antiquity* and *Plains Anthropologist* article submissions.

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