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MAS 2026 Annual Meeting

April 10-12 in Missoula

From the Montana Archaeological Society

Layers of Time: Explore, Educate & Engage



2025 Meeting at the Depot Center in Livingston

MAS Meeting Coming Soon!

Click [HERE](#) to see the Program

Note: When you arrive at the conference you can park in the hotel parking lot and the hotel will validate your parking.

We're Excited to see you in Missoula!

MAS Newsletter Message

First time you are hearing from MAS via email? You may have been inadvertently left off of our email list! However, we've reconciled the mailing list and archived all of our previous outreach over the last year ([LINK TO ARCHIVES](#)). A primary initiative of MAS this year has been more outreach, so we are sorry if you haven't been getting these. However, we will continue to work hard to keep you in the loop!

Call for New MAS Board Members

Hear ye, hear ye, new MAS Board members needed!

The Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) is soliciting members to serve on its Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact Carl Davis (cmdavis1134@gmail.com) or Scott Dersam (sdersam@outlook.com) prior to our Meeting, April 10-12, 2026 in Missoula.

Formed in 1958, MAS is the state's only non-profit organization solely dedicated to the investigation, preservation and interpretation of Montana's long archaeological history. Membership comprises professional archaeologists, tribal members, avocational archaeologists, educators, preservation advocates and the interested public.

The volunteer, 12-member MAS Board of Directors is responsible for implementing the mission and programs of MAS. It meets intermittently throughout the year, both in-person and virtually, to discuss routine operations, event planning, organizational needs, and historic preservation issues brought forth by officers, committee chairs and members.

Board members must be current members of MAS. Board members are elected by the MAS membership and serve a three-year terms. We value a diversity of ideas and perspectives.

Besides the camaraderie and great experience, serving on the MAS board helps shape the future of the past in Montana through collective advocacy, stewardship, preservation, education, and public engagement. Board members turn their historic preservation passion into meaningful archaeological community influence and service. We need your help and voice!

Call For MAS Auction Items & Meeting Sponsorships

We will have a Live & Silent Auction at the MAS April 10-12 MAS meeting in Missoula. **The auction will be held on Friday Evening, April 10.** This is a good opportunity to share items that you want to donate to help raise funds for MAS. Also, for businesses or community members who want to sponsor the conference, please download the Community Donation Pledge below.

Please download the forms below to donate items for the auction or to sponsor the 2026 Missoula Meeting of the Montana Archaeological Society.

[2026 Auction Donations Form](#)

[2026 Sponsorship Pledge](#)

[2026 Community Auction Donation Pledge](#)

By-Law Change

At this year's general membership meeting we will vote on changing the bylaws for the president to serve for a 2-year term. We will discuss this further at the meeting, but the suggested change can be seen below:

- a) Current: Article V – Officers: “Officers shall be elected to serve until the next annual meeting of directors.” This language clearly implies a 1-year term.
- b) Proposed: “The President shall serve a two (2) year term, commencing at the close of the annual meeting. They shall not serve consecutive terms.”

Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship

We invite individuals with interest in Northern Plains archaeology to apply for the Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship! Scholarships are open to everyone. We have awarded scholarships to individuals of middle-school age through retirement and to professionals and non-professionals alike. Awards have been used for various activities including academic research, K-12 curriculum, and travel to analyze museum collections.

Individuals may contact the Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship committee directly at ckscholarship@yahoo.com with questions.

General information about the scholarship is online at <https://www.ndarchaeology.com/scholarship>.

Please find the scholarship application [HERE](#).

Past awardees at Metcalf include Damita Engel and Andrew Reinhard.

Please forward the notice/application as appropriate.

Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026

Dear Montana Archaeological Society,

The Center for the Study of the First Americans is organizing a three-day conference on the first Indigenous people to enter the Americas during the end of the last Ice Age. The PaleoAmerican Odyssey Conference, will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from October 14–17, 2026. In 2013, we held the first Paleoamerican Odyssey conference and we had 1200 people attend which included professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, and interested members of the public.

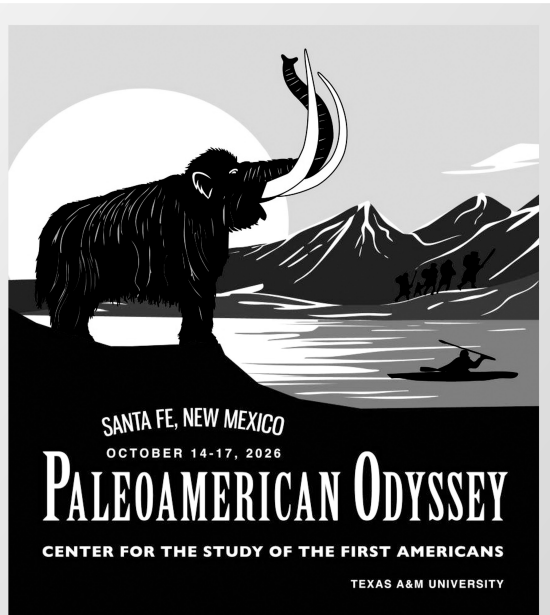
Please visit the CSFA website (www.centerfirstamericans.com) for more information on Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026!

Mark the date on your calendar!

The Center for the Study of the First Americans invites you to participate in a three-day examination of the first people to explore and settle the Americas at the end of the last Ice Age. This conference is for everyone—archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, Quaternary scientists, students, and anyone interested in archaeology.

Much new information generated about the peopling of the Americas since the 2013 Paleoamerican Odyssey conference is changing how we view the First Americans. The archaeological genetic revolution took place after 2013, with genomic analysis of human individuals and their dogs creating a biological outline of the ancestry of the First Americans and estimates for their arrival south of the Ice Sheets. New information generated about the coastal and inland corridors more clearly defines the timing of their opening and viability. The Western Stemmed Tradition of the Intermountain West now appears to be coeval with Clovis. Many new archaeological sites excavated in the Americas place the arrival of humans between 23,000 and 16,000 years ago. New dating and other studies tell us much about the timing and cause of the extinction of megafauna at the end of the Pleistocene and the role of humans in this event.

Hear 35 lectures given by preeminent scholars on all aspects of the study of the First Americans. Examine 400 poster presentations on a variety of topics and view artifact casts from important sites. Enjoy the opportunity to ask questions, meet, and discuss the First Americans with the speakers, poster presenters, and others throughout the day and during our evening meet-and-greet sessions.



Visit the CSFA website (www.centerfirstamericans.com) for more information on Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026!

We'll see you there!

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