



OAS Spring Meeting also on site

Archaeology Conference Set at Gilcrease in Tulsa

An ambitious Oklahoma Archaeology Conference will offer a wide range of programs and speakers March 5-7 in Tulsa.

Delivering the Keynote Address will be Rudy Reimer/Yumks, an Associate Professor at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia. Speaking at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, he will discuss "How can archaeological media serve as a path to reconciling colonial interpretations?"

A member of the Squamish Nation, Dr. Reimer/Yumks focuses on bridging western science with various forms of indigenous knowledge.

During the conference, the Oklahoma Anthropological Society (OAS) will hold its annual Spring Meeting. Set for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 7, the session will meet in a side room, OAS President Ray McAllister said.

Previous biennial conferences were held in Norman in 2016 and 2018.

The University of Tulsa coordinates the three-day conference based at Gilcrease Museum.

The 5:30 p.m. Conference Dinner is at The Vault in the Iconic Mid Century Building in Tulsa.

Among Conference events are a poster session, a session on public archaeology, and talks ranging from traditional Caddo pottery to Oklahoma rag towns and ghost towns. Also offered will be talks on settlements on Lake Texcoco in Mexico, ancient turkeys of Oklahoma, searching for graves from the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, and Native American photographs.

A special tour led by Laura Bryant, anthropology collections manager, will visit behind the scenes in the anthropology collection at Gilcrease.

Conference registration can be found at the OKPAN website <http://www.ou.edu/okpan>.

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Dennis Peterson, left, and Alven Miller don goggles and test the Virtual Reality on Spiral Symbolism program.

Board highlights

OAS Spring Meeting coincides with Tulsa statewide Conference

The OAS Annual Spring Meeting, usually held in April, has been moved to March to coincide with the statewide Archaeology Conference in Tulsa.

The regular winter meeting started at 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Oklahoma Archeology Survey office in Norman. Attended by 17 board members, the session provided an overview of OAS events and plans. Highlights of the session are:

The OAS Annual Spring Meeting will be in Tulsa March 5-7 in conjunction with the OKPAN Oklahoma Archaeology Conference.

President McAllister asked for permission to reserve a room and invite Dr. George Sabo, director of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, to present a Spiro Virtual Reality Exhibit. The Board agreed to commit up to \$2,000 to reserve the room and pay for Dr. Sabo's expenses.

Treasurer Bob Sweet's report for 2019 was approved. Totals as of Dec. 31, 2019 are: Bank Balances \$106,702.75; income \$4,648; expenses \$4,939.

Membership chair Pam Leader's report as of Jan. 25, 2020, shows 129 members have renewed for 2020. The number is down from 180 in October 2019.

Leader will send follow up reminder emails to people who haven't renewed and will promote OAS to students at OU. President McAllister suggested we need more activities like digs and meetups to encourage participation. Paul Roberts, Tulsa, suggested OAS push the online Newsletters and Bulletins to student emails for free. It was suggested we use Paypal or Vinmo for student dues payments.

Conference workshops offer selection of topics

Participants of the Oklahoma Archeology Conference in Tulsa are offered 2-5 p.m. workshops on Friday, March 6.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is suggested. Conference registration can be found at the OKPAN website <http://www.ou.edu/okpan>.

The workshops include:
Gilcrease Collections: Explore Behind-the-Scenes
Greenwood District Tour
Introduction to Flintknapping
Project Archaeology
Traditional Caddo Pottery Demonstration (pit firing if possible)
Competitive Grant Proposals
Villa Philbrook: Inside and Out

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The Communications report by Ray and Sharon McAllister showed Facebook is gaining likes and followers. A suggestion was made to add Paypal to the OAS website.

The Dig committee report by Ray McAllister said no digs are planned. However, OAS could consider a survey in the vicinity of Lee Creek in eastern Oklahoma. (See Board Page 2)



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A suggestion was made to wait until winter. It might be better with its better weather and scant vegetation. Archeologist Scott Hammerstedt plans to return to the Andrews Site in 2020. The Board approved a motion to loan the OAS dig trailer and equipment to the OU field school that Scott will direct at Spiro in the summer. OAS members are welcome and can apply to join the Spiro dig, he said.

The Publications Report, made by Ray McAllister, said the OAS Winter Bulletin is in the mail and also

available on the OAS website. However, Bulletin Editor Robert Cole has resigned and a new editor is needed. Mel Phillip's report on the Little Skin Bayou project should be ready for the Summer Bulletin. Trowel Marks Newsletter will be 2 pages instead of 4.

OAS Web report: Plans were discussed to add more OAS publications on the Web. Amanda Regnier said most of the first 30 Bulletins should be available for Web download since they are no longer in print. This would exclude the Point Guides, still in demand for sale. Some publications have joint copyright with other organizations and won't be available for free. Many OAS publications are stored at the Survey and Noble Museum and need to be moved or discarded. The Board approved Amanda disposing Bulletins with water damage. The Board agreed OAS should give away some publications.

Chapter Reports: Pam Leader said the Cleveland County Chapter is on pause for lack of volunteer leadership. Paul Roberts said the Tulsa Chapter is active with Monday night meetings. Tulsa has an active Facebook page with numerous followers. Ray McAllister said there is interest in Stigler to start a chapter. Dot Linn said the Central Chapter has 17 members and is growing. Mel Phillips said Ponca City has regular meetings.

Nominating committee:

President McAllister said a nominating committee is needed to fill the open positions of Vice President, Secretary, Dig Committee Chairman and Publications Editor. Bob Sweet agreed to continue as Treasurer, Pam Leader will stay on as Membership Chair, Jon Denton will continue as Trowel Marks Newsletter Editor. Alven Miller agreed to be an At-Large Director. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

President's Letter Ray McAllister

Hello all, I hope your holidays were great. I am pleased to inform the membership that our winter 2020 OAS bulletin has been published and sent by mail to eligible members. It is also posted online at the website so be sure to check out the articles about surface collection analysis in central-western Oklahoma by Lauren Cleeland and historic blacksmithing by Gerald Franklin.

This spring, the Society is sponsoring a Virtual Reality presentation on Spiro symbolism at the Oklahoma Archaeology Conference. The conference is at Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, March 5-7. This will be a great opportunity to experience a new perspective of Oklahoma's best known archeological site. Many other interesting talks and displays will be presented at the conference. I am sure it would be worth your while to attend.

Also, the Annual Spiro Volunteer Day is scheduled March 26 with a rain date of April 4. Please consider helping tidy up the visitor center and grounds and taking the opportunity to learn more about the history of the mounds.

The Society is also planning on surveying an interesting area in Eastern Oklahoma around Memorial Day. We will announce further details of this activity by email and on Facebook closer to



the event. Lastly, the Society will likely return once more to the Andrews site for its Fall Dig.

I hope all of you can take part in at least some of the activities the Society has planned this year. I am looking forward to another year of rediscovering the diverse and interesting history of our home state.