

Minnesota Archaeological Society

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2007

*Make your reservation now for the
MAS ANNUAL MEETING, Friday April 20
National Register Archaeologist
DAVID MATHER on Bear Rituals
See Inside!!*

COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTA ARCHAEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM HELD IN FEBRUARY

The CMA symposium was held on February 10-11, 2007, at Minnesota State University Mankato. Organized and chaired by Jeremy

Nienow and hosted by Ronald Schirmer, the symposium provided an excellent slate of presentations and was very well attended. The 19 papers illustrated the broad range of research and CRM topics being considered today. Topics ranged from traditional site reviews to discussions of broader localities, with most areas in Minnesota represented as well as Iowa and Wisconsin. Other issues discussed included partnerships for CRM, lithic material analyses, state site forms, predictive modeling/GIS, and the farmstead historic context. Special mention should be made of the presentation of preliminary findings at the Walker Hill site, which was in the media recently.

The annual meeting of the CMA followed Saturday's session; business ranged from officer and committee reports to discussion of presentations to county and other planning boards on CRM. The CMA is concerned with the practice of archaeology in Minnesota; activities include the symposium (usually every 2 years), a newsletter, a listserv, and sponsorship of Minnesota Archaeology Week and the Collaborative Stewardship Workshop. The Minnesota Archaeologist and a student Scholarship have also been supported by the CMA.

Anyone interested in the CMA should view the webpage at www.mnarchaeology.org or get in touch with the officers: Susan Mulholland (suemulholland@aol.com), Grant Goltz (ggoltz@aol.com), Amanda Gronhovd (gronhovd@10000lakes.com), Jeremy Nienow (jmnienow@msn.com), Alan Brew (abrew@bemidjistate.edu).

Elliot Park Neighborhood Archaeology returns in 2007! More information will be provided in the Summer Newsletter.

•Contact Kent Bakken at bakk0029@tc.umn.edu
or Pat Emerson at (612) 725-2410 or Patricia.emerson@mnhs.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20-22

Stateline Archaeo-Fest 2007

Beloit College

Beloit, Wisconsin and South Beloit, Illinois

The meeting will include the annual business meeting of the Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology and business meetings for the Wisconsin Archaeological Survey and Wisconsin Archeological Society. The symposium will take place the afternoon of Saturday, April 21.

Presentations should be short (10 minute) field reports on recent archaeological work.

•Hosted by the Three Rivers Archaeological Society of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society

<http://www.uwm.edu/Org/WAS/>

April 25-29

SAA 72nd Annual Meeting

Austin, Texas

<http://www.saa.org/Meetings/index.html>

May 4

Elden Johnson Memorial Lecture

University of Minnesota Campus

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May 5

Kathio Cultural Landscapes Symposium

On Saturday, May 5, Mille Lacs Kathio State Park will host the 9th annual Kathio Cultural Landscapes Symposium. Students from St. Cloud State University will present research papers from study of Mille Lacs area biology, archaeology and history, conducted over the past school year. Twenty-minute papers will begin at 10 am and continue until 12:30.

•For information contact Jim Cummings (320) 532-3523 [jcummings3954@charter.net](mailto:jcumings3954@charter.net)

May 5-13

Minnesota Archaeology Week

Planning for the 13th annual Minnesota Archaeology Week is well underway. Events have been scheduled around the state, including a number of activities at Historic Fort Snelling the opening weekend. Check out the Office of the State Archaeologist web site as information becomes available. <http://www.osa.admin.state.mn.us/>

•If you have questions contact Bruce Koenen at bruce.koenen@state.mn.us or call 612.725.2729.

May 5-6

4th Annual Minnesota Archaeology Fair

Fort Snelling History Center

Free admission to Historic Fort Snelling

Open House weekend. Fair activities will include displays; activities; demonstrations of pottery making, flintknapping, and atlatl-throwing; tours of the archaeology lab and State Archaeologist's Research Center; and canoe rides. A simulated dig for kids will take place across the river at the Sibley House Historic Site. 10 am to 5 pm Saturday May 5; Noon to 5 pm Sunday May 6.

•For information contact Pat Emerson, MHS (612) 725-2410 Patricia.emerson@mnhs.org

June 21

St. Croix Falls Wannigan Days

Osceola Landing Open House

401 Hamilton St., Osceola WI

The open house will be held at our Visitor Center in St. Croix Falls from 10-4. The event will feature historical characters and artisans demonstrating a variety of historical crafts.

•For further information contact Kevin Iverson (715) 483-2273

September 27-28

Mille Lacs Kathio Archaeology Days

Free state park admission and events

The Archaeological Society's annual Archaeology Day event at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park has been rescheduled from it's original date of the first Sunday in June, to the last weekend in September. This full day of activities, demonstrations and displays will take place on Saturday September 28, 2007. On

Friday September 27 MAS will be at Kathio focusing the tours and demonstrations on visiting school classes. The entire day is already booked, with over 250 students scheduled to learn about archaeology.

Co-sponsored by Mille Lacs Kathio State Park & the Minnesota Archaeological Society

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October 4–7, 2007

2007 Midwest Archaeological Conference

University of Notre Dame

<http://www.midwestarchaeology.org/>

October 10-13, 2007

65th Annual Plains Anthropology

Conference

Rapid City SD

<http://www.plainsanth2007.org/>

CLASSES

May 21-June 22

Summer Archeological Field School

Minnesota State University, Mankato

This summer we will return to the **Silvernale site**, a major late precontact Native

American village dating to between 1170 and

1250AD. So far, three distinct occupations

have been documented, and this summer's research

focus is on carefully excavating a

large area where all three occupations exist. The

primary targets for excavation include a

living surface possibly associated with a house

structure and a series of pit features that

stratigraphically superimpose each other underneath

the floor. This will be challenging

and rewarding excavation training!

Students will learn sketch mapping, site mapping,

shovel testing, shovel and trowel excavation, soil

description, record keeping, and initial artifact

processing (cleaning, sorting, and cataloguing).

Additional field skills such as surface survey and test excavations may also be included.

This is an intensive 6-credit field course. All field school participants will be camping on site during the week and returning home on the weekends. Additional details about camping, and a list of required field equipment are available from the instructor.

To apply, send a brief statement of interest and your background in archeology to the course instructor via email. You will be promptly answered and given further details about registration. The application deadline is May 14, 2007.

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August 9

What Lies Beneath Us: Archaeology in the Twin Cities

University of Minnesota "Curiosity Camp"

Kent Bakken, John Soderberg, and Pat Emerson will be teaching a day-long class tied to the Elliot Park project for the Continuing Education Department at UMN.

•Info is available at

<http://www.cce.umn.edu/curiosity>

NEWS & NOTES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY AT ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY SPONSORS NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

To provide students with an in-depth understanding of the role archaeology plays in modern CRM, the new graduate program is founded on a broad, four-field anthropology education that instills a respect and appreciation for the diversity of human culture and that prepares students with the theoretical

knowledge, legal and ethical background, field and lab skills, and practical experience necessary to be successful professionals or continue on for a doctoral degree. Applications are now open for Fall 2007 enrollment.

Cultural Resource Management Archaeology
<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/anthropology/CRMMastersProgram.asp>

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The new annual report for the Office of the State Archaeologist and a good summary of the state of archaeology in Minnesota can be found at
<http://www.osa.admin.state.mn.us/documents/06AnnualFinal.pdf>

BACK ISSUES. Do you have a favorite county archaeological or historical society? This is your opportunity to gift your favorite organization with a complete set of available back issues of *The*

Minnesota Archaeologist (about 40 issues) at a **minimal** cost which is tax deductible of course.

Contact Anna at (612) 922-7006 or
anmorrow@earthlink.com

Check the label on this newsletter! It indicates the most recent year for which you've paid your dues. If it does not say "07," please consider updating your membership. If you have received the 2006 *Minnesota Archaeologist* you know that being a member of MAS has its advantages. If you receive the newsletter via e-mail you may not know your current membership status. Contact Anna Morrow at anmorrow@earthlink.com and she can check the records for you.

Individuals: \$25.00

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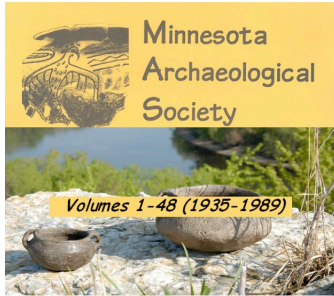
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Remembrance: Charles W. Nelson

*Nelson, Charles W. age 61, of Mpls. Preceded in death by parents, Edith & Fred Nelson. Survived by loving wife of 38 years, Angie; pet cats, Kes and Tasha; many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and their families; and a multitude of friends. He is a Past Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar; and retired State Historical Architect. He had a life-long passion for family, history, architecture, community and Masonic Fraternity. Memorials preferred to Old Highland Neighborhood Assn., MN Masonic Historical Society Museum, or Charlie Nelson Fund/Historic Preservation at MN Historical Society.
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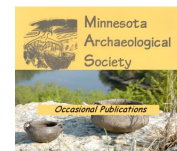
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MAS ANNUAL MEETING



The Minnesota Archaeological Society will hold its 2007 Annual Meeting on Friday, April 20, again at Sorin Hall on the campus of Hamline University. This year's honored speaker, **National Register Archaeologist David Mather**, is the author of numerous papers on faunal analysis of Upper Midwest sites and a leading researcher of bear remains in archaeological contexts and what they tell us about associated peoples. Cost to members for an entire evening of Hamline chef Lyle Kohlhepp's excellent dinner preparations as well as this fascinating lecture is \$15.50 per reservation, which can be made by mailing your check, along with the form below, by April 14 to:

*The Minnesota Archaeological Society
Historic Fort Snelling
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111*

6:30 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Meeting

8:00 p.m. Lecture

MENU

- *Thai Chicken Kabobs*
- *Spring Mix Asian Salad*
 - *Oriental Stir Fry*
- *Curry Rice/White Rice*
 - *Fresh Fruit Plate*
 - *Dessert Bars*
 - *Coffee or Ice Tea*

Minnesota Archaeological Society Annual Meeting

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the MAS Annual Dinner and Lecture 2007:

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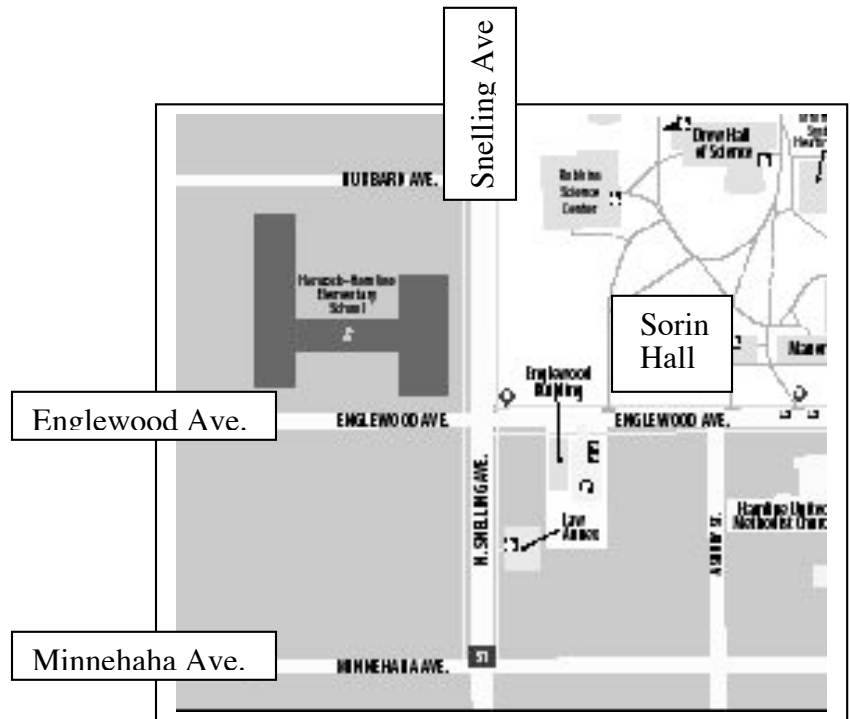
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From I-94 take the Snelling Avenue exit, turn north onto Snelling. From Como Avenue, turn south on Snelling. Proceed to Englewood Avenue: turn east to 1535 Englewood. The nearest parking lot is behind Hamline Methodist Church: parking is free in all Hamline lots after 5:00 P.M. (street parking also available).

Enter Sorin Hall's main doors and turn left, follow the signs to the Banquet Room.

For questions and further information regarding the MAS Annual Meeting call Liz Ooten at (651) 644-1386.



Archaeologist and bear specialist David Mather



will discuss archaeological evidence for bears and bear ceremonies and how these sites and artifacts also inform the study of modern bear populations. Reverence for the bear is an ancient and widespread belief in human heritage. Archaeological examples of bear ceremonialism will be presented from Minnesota, New York, Sweden, Japan, and elsewhere and will include his analysis of a bear claw necklace from the Lewis & Clark expedition. These finds will be discussed in their cultural context, as well as their contribution to the biology and conservation of present day bear species around the world.

Volunteer Opportunities

MAS members who would like to put in some hands-on time have several opportunities this year. To get more information about these current projects, please contact the individuals listed.

Archaeology Lab Night: Every Thursday evening, volunteers gather at the MHS Archaeology Lab, located at Fort Snelling History Center, to process and analyze artifacts excavated from archaeological sites around the state. No specific time commitment is required; you can tailor your participation to your schedule. For more information, please contact Volunteer Services at the Minnesota Historical Society: **651-297-2605** or volunteerservices@mnhs.org.

MAS Newsletter Editor: The Society is looking for someone who would enjoy putting together our quarterly newsletter and sending it to our membership, electronic and print. Costs are covered by the Society. The newsletter conveys important news and upcoming events to the archaeological community and maintains a prominent spot in the Upper Midwest as a venue for communication among interested persons and institutions. Please contact Debbie Schoenholz at schoe030@tc.umn.edu or **612-374-5886** if you are interested in this fun and rewarding position.



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