

# Wyoming Archaeological Society



2022 Spring Meeting

April 29–May 1, 2022

Sheridan, Wyoming



WYOMING ASSOCIATION  
OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Welcome to Sheridan!

The Sheridan/Johnson County Chapter is pleased to host the 2022 Spring Meeting of the Wyoming Archaeological Society (WAS) and the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists (WAPA).

### Conference Location and Room Reservations

The workshop, meetings, presentations, silent auction, and Saturday evening banquet will all be held at the **Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Sheridan Hotel & Convention Center** (formerly the Holiday Inn) located at 1809 Sugarland Drive. A block of rooms has been reserved at the host hotel. Mention you are with the **Wyoming Archaeological Society** to secure the special rate of \$89.00 + tax. The room block will be held until April 15<sup>th</sup>. For room reservations, please call: 1 (800) 854-9517 or (307) 672-8931.

### Registration

Registration is required to participate in all conference activities. For the early-bird rate, please mail in the completed registration form by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Upon arrival to the conference, pick up your name badge and welcome bag (provided by the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce) at the registration table located in the foyer of the Convention Center entrance. Registration will be open Friday from 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. On-site registration will also be available for the late registration price.

### Workshop

The Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is sponsoring a free workshop on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Brian Beadles, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wyoming SHPO, will present, ***Tax Credits: Learn How the Tax Incentive Program Encourages Private Investment in the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings*** and ***Completing a National Register Nomination: Criteria and Benefits for Listing Historic Properties***. Renée Bovée, Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Program Coordinator, will give a live Zoom presentation on, ***Historic Preservation Grants: What's Available and How to Apply***. A suggested donation of \$25.00 will benefit the host chapter.

### Meetings

The WAPA Meeting and WAS Business Meeting will be held in the Sibley/Diamond Rooms, the Scholarship Committee Meeting will be held in the Le Gourmet Room, and the Wyoming Archaeological Foundation (WAF) Meeting will be held in the Chaparral Room. Please refer to the *Schedule of Events* for dates and times.

### Friday Welcome Social

The Welcome Social will be held on Friday from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in the Geneva/Solitude Rooms. There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Please come and mingle with the group!

### Paper Presentations and Posters

Paper presentations will be held in the Sibley/Diamond Rooms on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m.–4:20 p.m. Posters will be set up in the foyer near the registration table and will be available for viewing during meeting breaks and from 4:20 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided during the scheduled breaks. Please refer to the *Schedule of Events* for further details.

### Silent Auction

The annual fundraising silent auction provides a variety of items for your bidding pleasure. Items may range from handmade crafts, books, and gift cards to antiques and even white elephant gag gifts. The auction will be held on Friday from 8:15 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Bidding will close on Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and winning bidders are invited to pick up and pay for items by cash or check at 5:15 p.m. If you would like to donate items to the auction, please bring them to the registration table when you arrive. Contact Jenny Aiello at (406) 579-6832 or [jennyaiello1117@gmail.com](mailto:jennyaiello1117@gmail.com) for more information.

### Vendor/Exhibit Booths

If you are interested in hosting a vendor/exhibit booth at the conference, pricing is \$50.00 for the weekend. Fees for non-profit organizations will be waived. Visit <http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org/2022-was-spring-meeting.html> for an application.

### Saturday Evening Social

Join us in the atrium of the Ramada Plaza for conversation and complimentary refreshments as we reflect on the day's events and exciting archaeological topics! Limited selection open bar and cash bar available.

### Saturday Evening Banquet

The Saturday evening banquet will feature a buffet-style dinner and a presentation by Dr. Spencer Pelton. Dr. Pelton, the Wyoming State Archaeologist, will discuss, *Mining Paint at the Powars II Site*. The Powars II site (48PL330) is the oldest of only five prehistoric hematite quarries known in the western hemisphere. Previous salvage excavations demonstrated a remarkable quantity of Paleoindian artifacts, but until recently it was unknown if the site contained intact archaeological deposits. Excavations conducted during the last several years demonstrate the presence of intact quarry features and associated artifacts dating to ca. 11,600 to 12,700 BP. Most use occurred between ca. 12,100 and 12,600 years BP by early Paleoindian foragers using a diversity of Younger Dryas-aged spear point styles. This presentation will summarize the status of major findings at this important early American site.

### Field Trips\*

\*Transportation and lunch on own.

#### **Option 1: Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> | Sheridan's Red-Light District Walking Tour | 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.**

Join us for a guided walking tour to explore the history of "the world's oldest profession" in the heart of downtown Sheridan. The Museum at the Bighorns staff will share stories about the town's notorious madams and the hotels frequented by ladies of ill repute. This hour-long tour will mention sensitive topics and is not recommended for anyone under 16 years of age. *Please meet at the corner of E. Alger and N. Gould Street by the "Dare to Dream Big" sculpture in the northwest corner of the public parking lot.* The cost of the tour is \$12.00 and the maximum participant allowance is 15 people. Proceeds go to the museum's operation budget.

#### **Option 2: Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> | Historic Firearms Workshop & Demonstration | 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. | Fort Phil Kearny Historic Site | Johnson County, WY**

Historian Bob Wilson and Interpretive Ranger Linley Mayer will provide an overview of the evolution of firearms technology in Wyoming during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The workshop will discuss components of numerous guns and ammunition and provide diagnostic attributes of each cartridge for use in archaeological identification. The fort staff will then fire each weapon, including a mountain howitzer! Participants are welcome to stay after the workshop for additional questions and a more in-depth look at the weapons. *Please meet at the fort (528 Wagon Box Road, Banner, WY) at 9:00 a.m., a 25-minute drive from Sheridan.* The cost of the workshop is offered free of charge; however, donations to the fort are greatly appreciated. Feel free to bring a sack lunch for a picnic after the demonstration!

#### **Option 3: Friday–Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>–May 1<sup>st</sup> | Self-Guided Historic Downtown Sheridan Walking Tour**

Download Downtown Sheridan Association's digital brochure (<https://downtownsheridan.org/explore/walking-tour/>) and enjoy Sheridan's rich history and significant buildings at your own leisure on this self-guided tour.

\*\*Masks are not required for the meeting but please follow the current CDC guidelines for COVID-19 prevention strategies.

\*\*\*We are exploring a virtual streaming option for those unable to attend the conference.

Check out <http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org> for additional information.

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