Wyoming Archaeological Society

2020 Spring Meeting

May 1–3, 2020

Sheridan, Wyoming

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Welcome to Sheridan!

The Sheridan/Johnson County Chapter is pleased to host the 2020 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 **Holiday Inn Sheridan-Convention Center** 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 1st. For room reservations, please call: 1 (888) 480-0427 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 15th. Upon arrival to the conference, pick up your name badge and welcome bag at the registration table located in the foyer of the Convention Center entrance. Registration will be open Friday from 8:00 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 will conduct a workshop on Friday from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Jay Meyer will present, ***The History of Linear Resource Management and Present Regulations*** and ***Discussion on Oregon-California Trails Association Classes and Sites vs. Structures***. Shane McCreary will speak on, ***Linear Resources and WyoTrack***. Cost to attend the workshop is $25.00.

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 La Gourmet Room, and the WAF Meeting will be held in the Chaparral Room. Please see schedule 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 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 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided during the scheduled breaks. Please refer to the program 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 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 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 for more information.

Saturday Evening Social

Join us in the atrium of the Holiday Inn 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

Dr. Spencer Pelton, the Wyoming State Archaeologist, will present on the Sisters Hill Site at the Saturday evening banquet. This site, located near Buffalo, Wyoming, was one of the first buried Paleoindian campsites investigated in Wyoming but has been subject to relatively limited archaeological inquiry compared to other sites discovered during a similar era. Renewed investigations at Sisters Hill since 2017 have clarified several unresolved questions regarding the site and yielded surprising new insights, the most notable of which is the presence of multiple later Paleoindian components at the site. This presentation provides an updated view of the Sisters Hill Site 60 years in the making, presenting new radiocarbon dates, paleoenvironmental analyses, and a summary of a newly discovered Cody component from Wyoming's newest old stratified Paleoindian site.

Field Trips

***Transportation and lunch on own.

Option 1: **Friday, May 1st – Guided Historic Downtown Sheridan Walking Tour | 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.**
Join us for a guided walking tour covering over 140 years of history and architecture in Sheridan's beautiful downtown. Meet at the Downtown Sheridan Association (DSA) office (121 S. Main Street) at 12:30 p.m. This guided tour is offered free of charge courtesy of DSA volunteers.

Option 2: **Sunday, May 3rd – Fort Phil Kearny Historic Site | Johnson County, WY | 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**
Meet at the fort (528 Wagon Box Road, Banner, WY) at 8:30 a.m., a 25 minute drive from Sheridan. Historian Bob Wilson will provide an overview of the history and archaeology of Fort Phil Kearny, the Fetterman Battle, and the Wagon Box Fight. The cost of the tour is $10.00. Feel free to bring a sack lunch for a picnic!

Option 3: **Sunday, May 3rd – Benson's Butte Site | Big Horn County, MT | 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**
Dr. Cody Newton will lead a tour to explore Benson's Butte and the surrounding area. Benson's Butte (24BH1726) contains prehistoric petroglyphs and the remains of a dwelling as well as a historic rock art panel. We will also visit the historic Cook's Cabin. Meet at the hotel's Convention Center entrance at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. The drive to the site is about 1 hour on rough roads. The hike around the butte is moderately strenuous and hazardous conditions may exist. The cost of the tour is $15.00 and the maximum participant allowance is 30 people. Please bring water, a sack lunch, sunscreen, and sturdy hiking shoes. Due to inclement weather, the field trip will be cancelled and refunds will be distributed.

Option 4: **Friday – Sunday, May 1st – 3rd – Self-Guided Historic Downtown Walking Tour | Sheridan**
Grab a brochure or download a digital format and enjoy Sheridan's rich history and significant buildings at your own leisure on this self-guided tour.

Please check out the WAS website for more information: http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org

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