Minnesota Archaeological Society NEWSLETTER

Winter 2005

MAS WINTER LECTURE SERIES

MAS FEBRUARY LECTURE

Dr. Richard Rothaus
Friday, February 25, 2005
7:00 PM, Fort Snelling Auditorium

"Prehistoric & Early Historic Heritage of Elk River, Minnesota"

Dr. Rothaus, Vice President for Research at **St. Cloud State University**, will be the featured speaker for the Council of Minnesota Archaeology's *Current Research in the Archaeology of the Upper Midwest* symposium (see page 3).

Until recently, Elk River's historic archaeology been explored but little, and no prehistoric sites had been recorded in Elk River Township. In 2004 a computerized archaeological probability model led to the discovery of several prehistoric archaeological sites, as well as extensive remains of an historic milling industry. Dr. Richard Rothaus, Professor of History at St. Cloud State University, will give this talk, highlighting the production and field application of the computer model he developed to explore the cultural resources of the community and township of Elk River Minnesota.

MAS MARCH LECTURE

James Wilson
Tuesday, March 15, 2005
7:00 PM, Fort Snelling Auditorium

"Recent Research in Minnesota"

Jim Wilson, staff archaeologist with the Minnesota CRM firm *Schoell & Madson*, will report on recent surveys and excavations in Minnesota.

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Kim Breakey, long-time Minnesota archaeologist and friend to so many professional and avocational archaeologists, has died. Cause of death is believed to be congestive lung failure but little information has been available. The entirety of the StarTribune obituary is given below along with contact information for her family in North Dakota. MAS and CMA members are encouraged to send us thoughts and memorial tributes which will be posted on the MAS website in the weeks to come. – The Editor *dmk@regionalresearch.net*

Kim Collette Breakey (1958-2004)

Kim Colette Breakey, age 46, of Eagan, passed away suddenly Dec. 19, 2004. Preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Ruth & Lyle Harrington; and paternal grandparents, Tom & Dallice Breakey. Survived by son, **Evan** & his father Kurt Peterson; parents, **Roger & Janice Breakey**; sister & brother-in-law, Sharlene Breakey & Neil Fine; brother & sister-in-law, Jim & Connie Breakey; 2 nieces & 2 nephews; along with special friend, Loren Carlson.

Kim was born Jan. 31, 1958 in Devils Lake, ND, attended grade school in Webster, ND, and high school in Devils Lake, and graduated from Moorhead State College where she studied archaeology.

In her more than 20 years in the field, Kim worked all over the upper Midwest and made an invaluable contribution to the archaeology of Minnesota. Currently she was at engineering consulting firm, *Schoell & Madson*, for which she had created and was running a highly-successful Cultural Resources department. Memorials preferred to a fund to be established for her son Evan. Interment Devils Lake Cemetery, Devils Lake, ND. (Published in the Star Tribune 12/21/2004.)

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Have you received your copy of
The Minnesota Archaeologist - Volume 63?

The new issue contains two new studies on the Hamline University site at Red Wing, and many other articles of interest to MAS members. All paid members receive a copy: contact MAS membership secretary Anna Morrow at (612) 922-7006 if your issue has not arrived or need to renew your membership.

CMA Symposium February 25-26, 2005

The Council for Minnesota Archaeology (CMA) will sponsor a two-day symposium on current research in the archaeology of the Upper Midwest Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26, 2005. Archaeologists from Minnesota, neighboring states and two Canadian provinces have been invited. The symposium will be held at Fort Snelling History Center and will be free and open to the public. MAS members are encouraged to attend! For further information contact Pat Emerson at *patricia.emerson@mnhs.org* or **612-725-2410**, or visit the CMA website: *http://www.mnarchaeology.org/*

The **Minnesota Archaeological Society** would like to hear what members think about changing our schedule of monthly lectures. Since we will now be sponsoring lectures in parks throughout the state (see elsewhere in this newsletter), and since our attendance at lectures in the Twin Cities has been small (but consistent) for the last several years, we may decide to discontinue the series currently being held at Fort Snelling. If members have an opinion about this (or alternate suggestions) please contact MAS President **Rod Johnson** at *rodjohn33@msn.com*. You can also send your comments through the webmaster at *www.mnarchaeologicalsociety.org*, or call MAS Secretary **Debbie Schoenholz** at (612) 374-5886.

Minnesota's Jeffers Petroglyphs Receives the National Trust Trustee Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites

Louisville, KY (Sept. 30, 2004) – **The National Trust for Historic Preservation** presented the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minn.
with its prestigious **Trustee Emeritus Award for Excellence** in the Stewardship of Historic Sites for its work on the preservation of the **Jeffers Petroglyphs**. The Society was one of 21 national award winners honored by the National Trust at its week-long 2004 National Preservation Conference in Louisville, KY.
Members of the Dakota Community nominated the site for the award. In his nomination, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Elder Joe Williams wrote, "Jeffers Petroglyphs is nominated because of its excellent preservation and heritage educational programs. These activities preserve an American Indian sacred site and teaches the public in a meaningful manner about America's Native Culture." He also stated, "Jeffers Petroglyphs is a model for sacred site management."

For more information contact Tom Sanders, Jeffers Petroglyphs Site Manager, at 507-628-5591
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Volunteer Opportunities

MAS members who would like to put in some hands-on time have several opportunities this fall. 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*.

Digitizing *The Minnesota Archaeologist*: More volunteers are needed to work on scanning of back issues of the journal, in order to create a digital archive of this essential reference in Minnesota archaeology. Some familiarity with computers is helpful; training on the scanning procedure will be provided to new volunteers. The project is based at the MHS Archaeology Department, Fort Snelling History Center. Volunteers can work anytime during the week (Monday-Friday 8:30 – 5:00) or on Thursday evening until 8:00 PM. For more information please contact Pat Emerson at *patricia.emerson@mnhs.org* or **612-725-2410**.

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