

2024 Cahokia Archaeological Society Report

Greetings from the Cahokia Archaeological Society chapter of the IAAA.
Here are some of the highlights from 2023.

- 1) We have added the use of several local newspapers which list community events on a weekly calendar.
- 2) We are using social media, such as Facebook, and local media sites to advertise our meetings and programs, encouraging members to share the CAS information with people within their social media sphere.
- 3) We have had an excellent line-up of programs at our monthly meetings, drawing on in-house, local, and regional experts to inform and enlighten us

Monthly Programs presented in 2023

- January
Joe Harl – “Terminal Late Woodland in East Central Missouri”
- February
Bill Iseminger – “Skywatchers of Ancient North America”
- March
Dr. Julie Zimmerman – “Storytelling at Cahokia”
- April
Dr. Alleen Betzenhauser – “Research on Maize and the Tools, Materials, and Techniques which Cahokians Could Have Used in the Process of Nixtamalization, Transforming Maize and Making it a Staple in Cahokian Diets.”
- May
Autumn Melby – “Current Excavations at the Hawkins Hollow Site near Old Valmeyer, in Monroe County, Illinois”
- July
Dr. Don Booth – “Investigations at the Renner Village Site in Riverside, Missouri”
- August
Bill Iseminger – “A Review of Some of the Prime and Unique Artifacts Ever Found in the Eastern U.S.”
- September
Dr. Angela Cooper – “Mounds Around the World”
- October
Dr. Gayle Fritz – “Recognizing Mississippian Women: A Comparison of Joara, North Carolina and Cahokia, Illinois”

- November
Larry Kinsella – “Chip-a-Canoe” An Experimental Archeology Dugout Canoe Project
- December
Sedona Kolmer – “An Examination of Historical Era Farming in Northern Newfoundland to Reimagine Vinland in the Strait of Belle Isle”

- 4) We are now streaming our monthly programs on Facebook live (<https://www.facebook.com/CahokiaArchaeologicalSociety/>) and archiving them to YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@CahokiaArchaeologicalSociety>).
- 5) We have participated in a number of community events

April

- We fielded two tables at the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society Trivia Night Fundraiser
- Representatives from CAS were at the Carlyle Earth Day Celebration

July

- Several of our members participated in the month-long “Chip-a-Canoe” experimental archaeology dugout canoe project in Fairview Heights and Kampsville, Illinois
- We also made a monetary donation to this project.

October

- At the Madison County Historical Society Living History Days in Edwardsville: we had a membership table, recruited several Native American craft demonstrators to participate, and provided picture posters and touchable tools and materials used in the “Chip-a-Canoe” Project.
- Several of our members helped with Kids Day at Cahokia Mounds

- 6) We brought to fruition the Sticker Project, with 2 CAS stickers which we are awarding with membership sign-ups. We have also designed and distributed stickers for other events, where appropriate, such as the 2024 Solar Eclipse.

- 7) Final membership count for 2023 is:

22 Individual memberships
9 Family memberships
2 Sustaining Memberships

1 Institutional Membership
TOTAL 34 Memberships