

SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS A FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE



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WILL DISCUSS

Decoding the Past

Looking for Saukenuk and Finding a People

The *general* location of Saukenuk, the principle city of the Sauk Indian Nation just before the Black Hawk War (1831-32), is known, but the *exact* location is not. This would not normally be a problem, but for archaeologists who want to preserve the site in the face of imminent destruction by the construction of a Walmart, it is imperative. An effort to locate the site was initiated, and it was evident after a modest search that no maps or depictions of the site are known. It would have to be pinpointed by reviewing the literature, conducting archaeological test excavations, evaluating the topography of the land, and interviewing artifact collectors and people living in the area. Through this process, the site of Saukenuk was not only located, but the researchers also learned of the Sauk people, how they lived and died, and the history of the area after their removal in 1832. The speaker will discuss ongoing investigations and tangential benefits such as the offer by the main land owner to donate the property to the State of Illinois. A model of Saukenuk will be constructed for the Black Hawk State Historic Site Hauberg Indian Museum in Rock Island. Mr. Anderson is currently involved in writing what he has learned through 60 years of archaeological research in the Rock and Mississippi River Valleys.



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18120 Highland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois

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South Suburban Archaeological Society invites all interested persons to attend this lecture

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