
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OREGON

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The Archaeological Society of Central Oregon (ASCO) is a nonprofit organization formed in January 1994. Current membership is over 100 individuals. Our primary goals are to stimulate public interest in the professional management of our archaeological resources and to preserve and study our past life ways. Society members believe that through their participation they can help conserve and bring to life many of the vanishing pages of history for future generations.

Regular Meetings: Bimonthly meetings for members and visitors are held on the third Thursday of alternate months from September through May. Meetings are meant to be both educational and entertaining and give opportunities for people with common interests to get acquainted. The meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at 2112 NE 4th St., Bend (Central Oregon Association of Realtors Building.)

Board Meetings: The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Contact any Board member if you would like to attend a Board meeting.

Newsletter: We publish a bimonthly newsletter, *The Midden*, which contains schedules of all society activities and informative articles on a variety of archaeological subjects.

Field Trips: Field trips give members opportunities to experience specific aspects of archaeology such as attending Native American ceremonies and visiting important field sites or museums.

Field Projects: Field projects are often conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The projects allow members and families to work with professionals on historic preservation projects such as archaeological excavations and surveys, rock art recording, and historic structure reconstruction.

Site Stewardship: Archaeological sites can be damaged by natural events like fire or erosion, or by human impacts such as looting and vandalism, unintentional damage such as foot or vehicle traffic, campfires, or collection of a single souvenir. Individual members may volunteer to “adopt” a specific site, which they visit on a regular basis. This helps to discover problems while they are small and can be most easily corrected.

Public Outreach & Education: Public outreach and education includes field tours, presentations to organizations, and an integrated archaeology curriculum for the schools. The purpose is to increase public awareness and appreciation of Oregon’s rich archaeological heritage.

