



Roy Chapman Andrews
Society



Join Us

For the 19th Distinguished Explorer Award Presentation & Acceptance Lecture Honoring Professor Philip Currie

Friday, April 29th ~ 4:30 p.m. CT

In-person FREE event at the Beloit Public Library

Acceptance Lecture titled "Hunting Dinosaurs in the Gobi Desert:
In the Footprints of Roy Chapman Andrews"

CELEBRATING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS'S FIRST OF FIVE CENTRAL ASIATIC EXPEDITIONS TO MONGOLIA WHERE HE MADE WORLDWIDE NEWS BY DISCOVERING THE FIRST NESTS OF DINOSAUR EGGS.

Meet Our 2022 Distinguished Explorer Award Recipient


Dr. Philip Currie, dinosaur paleontologist, museum curator, and professor at the University of Alberta. Currie's field areas stretch from pole to pole, including sites in Canada, Argentina, and the Gobi Desert of China and Mongolia. He has led or co-led most of these multidisciplinary and, very often, multinational expeditions. His "labs" have included the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology and the University of Alberta Laboratory of Paleontology, where he holds curator positions. His work has advanced the evolutionary link between dinosaurs and birds and provided evidence of group behavior in carnivorous dinosaurs. Currie has published hundreds of scientific articles and book chapters and has authored, co-authored, or edited more than 15 books.

Currie's similarities to Roy Chapman Andrews, particularly his ties to museums, work in the Gobi Desert, and devotion to public outreach, make his selection as the 20th recipient of the award particularly significant. 2022 is the 100th anniversary of the first of five Central Asiatic Expeditions led by Roy Chapman Andrews to

Mongolia. Findings during these explorations (numerous fossils of mammals and dinosaurs, including dinosaur eggs in nests) contributed to Roy Chapman Andrews's fame.

Dr. Currie will share stories and discoveries from his work during his acceptance lecture free and open to the public at 4:30 p.m. on April 29th at the Beloit Public Library. Following the lecture, attendees will enjoy a reception and celebratory fund-raising dinner with Currie at the Beloit Club.

On April 25th, Currie will present a virtual program titled "Collecting Dinosaurs from Pole to Pole" for students in grades 6-12 from local school districts.

Both programs are funded by members, sponsors and supporters of The Roy Chapman Andrews Society. Distinguished Explorer Award recipients are presented with a cash award and a commemorative bronze statue of Andrews created by the late regional artist O. V. Shaffer.

- **Philip Currie**

"I find the excitement of discovery (fossils in the field and ideas in the "lab") consistently renewing my interest."



The Roy Chapman Andrews Society

Established in 1999, the Roy Chapman Andrews Society is intent on building awareness for Beloit's most celebrated explorer, adventurer, naturalist and educator who later became director of the American Museum of Natural History. Roy Chapman Andrews (1884-1960), for whom adventure and narrow escapes from death were a staple of exploring, is said to have served as inspiration for the Hollywood character "Indiana Jones."

The Society's mission is to inspire scientific discovery by engaging with contemporary explorers who exemplify the legacy of Roy Chapman Andrews, Beloit's native son.

Each year, the Roy Chapman Andrews Society Distinguished Explorer Award recognizes explorers for their outstanding achievements in scientific discovery through explorations that offer new insights into previously unknown or poorly known subjects or areas. The award presentation ceremony and acceptance lecture is free to the public and will be followed by a celebratory fund-raising dinner at the Beloit Club, 2327 Riverside Dr., Beloit. During their visit, recipients present lectures to area middle and high school students and often discuss their work with Beloit College classes.

Past recipients have included Sarah Parcak (2021), Neil Shubin (2019), Richard Alley (2018), Wade Davis (2017) Alan Rabinowitz (2016), Edith Widder (2015), Meg Lowman (2014), John Grotzinger (2013), Nathan Wolfe (2012), Steve Lekson (2011), Sylvia Earle (2010), Paul Sereno (2009), Mark Moffett (2008), Lonnie Thompson and Ellen Mosley-Thompson (2007), Steve Squyres (2006), Robert Ballard (2005), Mark Plotkin (2004), and Michael J. Novacek (2003).



Student Programs Sponsored by the Society



The Society's student educational programs are designed to engage students throughout the Distinguished Explorer Award recipient's visit. From attending the high school lecture, special seating at the public acceptance lecture, a private meet-and-greet reception with recipient, and a reservation to attend the celebratory dinner, this student inspired program includes photo opportunities and a book signing. Your tax-deductible donation will help to support these and other educational programs in science and exploration for local youth in the Greater Beloit Community.

Help Us Celebrate the 100th Anniversary

As part of the DEA, the Society will unveil a new exhibit, "A Visual History of Roy Chapman Andrews, Beloit's Native Son" at the Beloit Public Library, funded in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The exhibit will include banners of historic adventure photos purchased from the American Museum of Natural History, where Andrews was once the director, and never-before-seen exploration artifacts and personal photos of Andrews's life and career donated by his granddaughter. To accompany this self-guided exhibit at the Beloit Public Library, a **FREE** public lecture introducing the exhibit and Andrews's life as a world-famous explorer will be presented by local author and former Society board member Ann Bausum.

Monday, April 25th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Beloit Public Library.

This collaborative activity will memorialize the legacy of this internationally renowned scientist, explorer, author, and educator of the 20th Century, who was born and raised in Beloit and graduated from Beloit College.

Membership & Reservations for April 29th Fund-raising Dinner

Fund-raising dinner at the Beloit Club will be served approximately 7:00p.m. **Reservations & payment MUST be received by April 20 (later reservations will incur added costs).** Please reserve the following DEA celebratory dinner reservations: # member \$70/person, # non-member \$80/person, #member table of (8) \$560, #Student table of 6 (5 students 1 chaperone) \$600 includes seating at lecture, dinner, private reception with recipient, photo opp & book. Designate school choice . Please list attendees names below. We would like to renew our annual membership in The Roy Chapman Andrews Society at the following level: \$5/student, \$30/individual, \$50/family, \$100/explorer. We would like to support the Society's student programs at \$. In addition, we would like to support the Roy Chapman Andrews Society with a tax-deductible gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, Other. As a member, reserve seats at the acceptance lecture. Please be there by 4 p.m. Seats will be held until 4:15 p.m. The Roy Chapman Andrews Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. To comply with the IRS requirements regarding charitable donations for contributions/donations in excess of any value of property or services, your payment is considered a tax-deductible donation. Please copy this form for your tax records.

Total amount enclosed including dinner reservations, memberships, student sponsorships, and donations \$.

Attendee(s) name(s):

Menu selections: # 7oz char grilled flat iron steak served with brandy-peppercorn sauce served with roasted potato medley & vegetables
8 oz. Grilled Caribbean boneless chicken breast served with garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and a lemon butter sauce
Gemelli pasta with asparagus and summer squash tossed in a sun-dried tomato Alfredo sauce and topped with Parmesan cheese

Please seat us at dinner with:

Mailing Address: City: St.: Zip:

Phone#: Email:

Reservations & Payment **MUST** be received by **April 20th ABSOLUTE** with mailed checks made payable to:
Roy Chapman Andrews Society, 3311 Prairie Ave. #49, Beloit, WI 53511

Reservations, memberships & donations can be made online at www.roychapmanandrewssociety.org