

## **Nomination of Harold Reed for the KAA Lifetime Achievement Award**

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The members of Mud Creek KAA Chapter herein nominate Harold Reed to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Harold has been an integral part of our chapter since its beginning in 1974 and has been a continuous presence at state KAA events since he joined in 1967. Certainly Kansas archeology would not have been what it is without Harold Reed's interest and work.

Harold Reed was born in Salina in 1935. He attended Salina schools and spent four years in the Air Force, 1956-1959. In the Air Force he was trained in drafting. He married his wife Margie in 1957, and they have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Harold had a career as a millwork contractor. He sold his business in 1999. Besides his 38 years in the KAA, Harold has been involved in Boy Scouting for over 50 years. He was an Eagle Scout and an example to his son and grandson who also became Eagle Scouts. He was also fire chief for Saline County Rural Fire District #5 for 10 years. He is a lifetime member of the Kansas State Historical Society and is a member of the Santa Fe Trail Association. In addition, Harold has served on the Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Board since its inception in 1990.

Harold became interested in archeology through his acquaintance with collector Jim Stauffer, whom he met at work. When Harold and Margie were collecting at the Sharp's Creek site in August of 1967, the landowner Paul Dahlsten recommended that he look into joining the Kansas Anthropological Association. The Reeds did join and became acquainted with archeologists Tom Witty and Tom Barr, who guided them onto the path of true archeological investigation.

The Kansas Archeology Training Program began in 1975. Harold and Margie have participated in 26 KATP events held since that time. They have worked on all types of sites and cultural areas of Kansas prehistory, as well as historic sites. (The Cuesta phase of southeast Kansas is the only cultural area on which he has spent little time working.) Harold has served as crew chief several seasons, including at 14WH319 Wollenberg site (1991), 14MP408 Sharp's Creek site (1992 and 1993), and 14SD305 Albert Bell site (2002). He has also served as the presenter of the Orientation and the Principles of Archeology classes for KATP in 1994 and 1995. Harold was the official photographer at KATP in 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2001. Another important contribution Harold made to the KATP is the construction of several tripod screen sifters, which are consistently used at field school.

Harold served on the small committee that designed the KAA Certification Program, following the model of the Arkansas Amateur Training Program. The initial version was instigated in 1974, and revisions were made in 1993. Harold was part of the review committee. The program is a comprehensive measure of achievement in archeological activities, and Harold and Margie Reed are among the few who have successfully completed all categories. They received their awards in 1994.

In addition to attendance and leadership at KATP, Harold has contributed to the KAA state organization by serving as second vice president 1970-1972, first vice president 1972-1974, and president 1974 -1976. After that time he was Area 2 representative until 1996. He was a charter member of the Mud Creek Chapter, founded in December 1974. He has served several terms each as president and as vice president of the chapter, provided numerous programs, and organized many events for the chapter.

Harold has done extensive survey work, especially in Saline County, where he has recorded over 50 sites on the Saline, Smoky, and Solomon river drainages. Most of these sites are Smoky Hill culture, his favorite area of investigation. Harold also has recorded 20 to 25 sites outside his county, pertaining to the Great Bend aspect, Smoky Hill aspect, and Archaic period, as well as historic periods. Together with other Mud Creek Chapter members, Harold and Margie conducted a systematic survey of the Turkey Creek drainage. They described their investigations in the 1996 volume of *The Kansas Anthropologist*. Harold also wrote an article about sandstone celts, published in the 2003 volume of *The Kansas Anthropologist* and about ground stone celts, printed in the *Journal of the Kansas Anthropological Association* in 1980. In the area of experimental archeology, Harold worked closely with State Archeologist John Reynolds, studying the firing of chert. Their results were published in the 2001 volume of *The Kansas Anthropologist*.

The Reeds made independent excavations of two sites in the years before the KATP was established. One was 14MP408 in 1967. The other was 14SA415 near their home, which they investigated with Earl and Iris Monger in 1970. Besides working with the KAA, Harold also has worked for the Kansas State Historical Society as a crew member on a number of occasions. Of his many achievements, Harold is most proud of his extensive well-cataloged private collection. He learned cataloging from Tom Witty early on, and so his entire collection is well documented. It will serve as a valuable research tool for future archeological investigators.

Harold has had a positive influence on behalf of archeology through public speaking. In addition to presentations given within our association, he has made presentations at six or more “noon coolers” organized by the Salina Chamber of Commerce. These talks were videotaped by Salina Public Access Television and have been shown many times. For many years Harold set up a traveling display about archeology in towns around Kansas, usually taking it to areas where he went for business reasons and setting it up in store windows or library displays. No doubt this brought archeology home to many who otherwise might never have taken the time to visit a museum. In 2002 Harold was asked to serve as a mentor to two Salina Central High School students interested in becoming archeologists. They met frequently with Harold and also took field trips with him, receiving class credit for the experience. Because of his long experience in artifact identification, Harold has been a valuable presence at artifact ID events held at the Pawnee Indian Village Museum and those held by Mud Creek Chapter (2000-2004). His continual presence and promotion of archeology and the KAA no doubt has garnered many recruits for the organization.

In January and February of 2002, Harold and Margie served as volunteers for the National Park Service at the Hubbell Trading Post near Ganado, Arizona. During that time they made some good friends, provided valuable assistance, and also indulged their interest in Native American art. They enacted some of what they learned at Hubbell in a living history presentation, given at the 2002 KAA Annual Meeting in Kanopolis.

In the fall of 2003, the Reeds conceived of and proposed the Harold and Margie Reed KAA Publication Fund. The Reeds’ plan to give a designated gift of \$1,000 annually to be used as seed money for publication of reports of KAA investigations, the interest of the seed money to be used toward publications. Others are invited to increase the fund with their own donations. Harold and Margie hope to spur an increased number of reports in this way.

Another area of contribution Harold has made to the KAA is in the designing of the majority of the annual commemorative pins. Although Mud Creek members work out the details

together, he has been responsible for all but two of the designs. (The exceptions are 1997 and 2003.)

We feel Harold Reed is a deserving recipient of the KAA Lifetime Achievement Award, as he has dedicated much of his life to the avocational pursuit of archeology and to the advancement of the KAA organization.

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