



The ASBC Pages

State of *The Midden* Address

FROM THE EDITOR:

Since this is the first issue out during the new year, it's a good time to provide an update the State of *The Midden* before the readership. We can consider the history of this quarterly and the course we would like to take here on. Also, I would like to discuss some changes at present, with this issue.

First, I want to draw your attention to a new feature that we hope to be running regularly. Here, we've called it the "Briefing": it's a one- or two-page spread that will highlight a particular aspect of an archaeological research rather than a full discussion of the project. In this issue (pages 8-9), we highlight one feature at a site and a unique ground slate knife that was found in it. The main idea for these pieces is that these should be primarily visual, with a minimum of text to explain the photo, graphic figure, map, or table. Consider these a miniature form of a poster as you might see at a conference.

It is hoped these briefings will allow archaeologists to provide information more quickly and these even could be done for investigations or research that may be ongoing. Or, perhaps you have completed a thesis or report, in which there are no plans (or time) for a long-form piece, but there is a neat stratigraphic profile or some radiocarbon dates that would be good to spotlight. It's a good way to alert people to your work and provide

a glimpse of what's in your research or what's to come. So, send your briefings in.

Upcoming, there are plans for a retrospective of the many volumes of *The Midden*, since its first publication in 1966. To help us prepare this, please let us know what particular articles have been notable to you in the past. Or, more generally, let us know what aspects of *The Midden* have been useful to you.

We are always considering new ideas for contributions and content proceeding in the future. Any feedback would be appreciated by the editorial team about the quarterly. For instance, is it useful that we publish the permit listings? Undoubtedly, there are useful to see what work is being done in the province. However, years ago, the lists were short. Now the lists can add several pages to the print. If it's useful information for our readership, then it's worth doing, but any comments you might have on this would help us decide.

Regarding any of these, please send comments by email or handwritten letter or any of the editors listed in the masthead.

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