Greetings Archaeology Society Members,

The statewide officers of the Archaeology Society began a new term in January, and some may have noticed the ASSC website has undergone several changes. New social media applications, Twitter and Tumblr, are now operating on the homepage and an events calendar has been added to the sidebar. We are attempting a consolidation of information and better coordination of announcements and chapter events to a greater audience. These new social media accounts, with the handles of “@SC_Archaeology” (Twitter) and “sc-archaeology” (Tumblr), relay instantaneous access to a stream of archaeological news stories, events, and volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested in submitting content for these feeds can submit content to Rebecca Shepherd or directly link to the handles. For those without these social media applications, their combined feeds are located at the bottom of the ASSC.net homepage.

I would also like to introduce two new initiatives for the Society membership to consider. Our organization thrives on the commitment of its membership to public outreach and encouragement of archaeological endeavors. To foster that end, I propose the society develop an avocational training program similar to models in place in Arkansas and Virginia. I encourage everyone to review the certification guidelines of these models since they will form a base for a uniquely South Carolina program. General member participation in curriculum development is heartily encouraged and may lead to implementation of a South Carolina program within a year.

We can also start planning a quarterly informal get-together for the membership. Our chapters could alternate hosting an event where the membership, as a whole, can discuss archaeological matters over bbq or frogmore stew. We can also discuss bringing back small fundraising events and the potential for sponsorship of an annual member field school to compliment the avocational training program. Members interested in volunteering their time to an organizing committee should contact me at stewartseneca@gmail.com.

Beginning with the meeting scheduled for May 10th the ASSC Board will rotate its bimonthly meetings to venues around the state to encourage greater member participation in board discussions and encourage closer cooperation between the chapters and the Board. Check the website calendar in the coming weeks for the location of upcoming meetings.

Members should also mark their calendars for this year’s Fall Field Day. The event will be held on November 15th in Greenville’s Croft Park. This year’s event will coincide with the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Hopefully the overlap between the events will create a buzz for our event and attract a pool of perspective demonstrators and a larger audience.

Though we move forward with plans for the Greenville event, one person will be greatly missed in November. This week we lost a stout advocate for our state’s storied past. Many of us will recall Jason Smith, garbed in colonial dress, firing his flintlock or hosting a BBQ or an oyster roast. A consummate host, Jason was a vibrant member of our community and always willing to participate in our events as a reenactor or archaeologist. Think back over your experiences at Fall Field Day or a Kolb Site Public Day, he’s there wearing a tunic and breeches. Maybe you’ll recall him supervising a replica kitchen at Brattonsville, or sitting next to a cozy fire telling jokes. Maybe he’s offering instruction in operation of a flintlock musket. He brought the past to life for so many people. I wonder how many thousands he briefly touched with his presentations. I’ll remember Jason fondly and sorely lament his passing.

“Oh, heart, if one should say to you that the soul perishes like the body, answer that the flower withers, but the seed remains.” ~Kahlil Gibran

- James Stewart
ASSC Chapter Updates

Welcome Beaufort Chapter!
A group of enthusiastic folks from Northern Beaufort County have had held their first official meeting on March 24th, at the Beaufort County Library, to establish the ASSC/Beaufort Chapter. The purpose of a second Chapter in the Low Country is to ease or eliminate traveling issues, while maintaining collaboration between the two chapters.

At the meeting, Eric Poplin of Brockington & Associates discussed Altamaha Town, located in Beaufort County. Forty-three folks attended and 16 joined the ASSC/Beaufort Chapter. There were many interesting questions, giving yet more hope to the future of this new Chapter.

With the submission of our dues and membership list we look forward to joining other avocational and professionals throughout the State.

For further information please contact:
Mary Lou Brewton at maryloubrew@aol.com

Foothills Chapter
The Foothills Chapter has been staying busy this year. Twelve members accompanied Lamar Nelson at Walnut Grove Plantation in Spartanburg on February 17th for shovel testing. Four of the 30x30 centimeter wide shovel tests contained artifacts, including cut nails and glass fragments. Also in February, Lamar Nelson and Chapter President Bob Hanselman conducted a field survey near Green River Plantation up in Polk County, North Carolina in preparation of a possible dig later in the spring there. Eight members were present at the ASSC annual conference in Columbia.

Hilton Head Chapter
In January 2014, the Chapter hosted Larry James, the archaeologist at Colonial Dorchester in Summerville, to speak on the colonial town of Dorchester. Larry gave a great overview of the history and archaeology of this site, and brought along posters and artifacts. Larry conducts excavations and lab work, which are open to the public, so anyone who wants to get dirty can do so fairly close to home.

In February, we had as our speaker Barbara Borg, from the College of Charleston. She has been working on their field school program for over 20 years. She told us about their digs at Colonial Dorchester, the Lord Ashley Site, Hampton Plantation, as well as the archeology major and minor programs at the College. Her program served as a good introduction and review of the basic methods of archeology, as well as giving us interesting information about the sites.

In March, Adam King returned to update us on the work at Etowah, a significant Mississippian period site in northern Georgia. Adam spoke to us last year about remote sensing mapping of the site to locate structures and other features. This time, he was able to report about his excavations testing his hypotheses concerning the nature of the remote sensing data. His results indicated that the conclusions formed from the remote sensing data were confirmed by the excavations. It is exciting that about 80% of the structures on the site have been mapped by remote sensing devices, thereby saving time, money, and effort and without disturbing the site. Congratulations to Adam for a successfully executed research project.

Best,
Dave Gordon

Above: Foothills Chapter Members Shovel Testing at Walnut Grove Plantation
Archaeological Society of South Carolina Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2013  
USC Department of Anthropology, Room 108  
Hamilton College

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the ASSC Executive Committee was held Saturday, November, 2013 in the conference room at the Department of Anthropology, Room 108 Hamilton College in Columbia, SC. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Chris Judge who presided the meeting. A quorum was present.

In attendance: Chris Judge- President, Carl Steen-Vice President, Savannah Hulon-Treasurer, Stacey Young-Secretary, Members-at-Large; Rebecca Shepherd, James Stewart, and Don Rosick. Meg Galliard-Archivist via Skype.

Previous Meeting Minutes  
Chris Judge noted one correction to the minutes from the September meeting under Conference Committee report that should be clarified. Chris will serve as Chair of the Conference Committee until the Vice President position has been filled. The revised minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Event and Committee Chairman Reports:  
Trust Fund-  
- Balance $28,484 -is up from last report.

Treasurer’s Report- Savannah Hulon

- Starting Balance 14 September 2013- **$9555.66**

- Expenses – **$814.31**  
  - Printing (Newsletter) $27.60  
  - Postage (Newsletter) 54.00  
  - Envelopes for Journal 242.91  
  - Postage for Journal 467.00  
  - Checks 22.80  
  - **814.31**

Fall Field Day  
- Demonstrators 2,000.00  
- Supplies/Equipment 353.00  
- Catering 535.00  
- Santee State Park 152.00  
- WhoFish Media 40.00

Facebook Advertising 105.19  
3185.19

Gift to Arkhaios Film Festival 500.00  
Gift to SCAPOD for Traveling Trunks (Scurry Funds) 490.00  
Gift to HHI Chapter for books (Scurry Funds) 200.00

Total Expenses -5,189.50

Memberships (From PayPal & mail) 70.00  
Memberships (From FFD) 160.00  
Merchandise (Hats) 150.00

Fall Field Day  
- Admission 488.00  
- Merchandise 137.00  
- Food 343.00

Total Income 1348.00 +1348.00

Ending Balance – November 2, 2013 **$5,714.16**

OTHER ACCOUNTS

PayPal Account $24.35

Grant-In-Aid Total – September 14, 2013 $406.31
- Previous balance = $1,156.29  
- -$750 GIA Award (Cameron Howell)  
+ $0.02 Interest earned

T-Rowe Price Mutual Fund Portfolio Value – September 2013 $28,484.00

Scurry Funds (Included in Checking Account Balance)

Original Donation $5,400.00  
SCAPOD Traveling Trunks -$490.00

HHI Chapter Books -$200.00 $4,710.00

Remaining $1,004.16 in Checking Account not from Scurry Fund
Secretary’s Report- Stacey Young

No report.

Grant-In-Aid-Chris Judge
Brooke has asked GIA awardees to submit summary for Newsletter

Archivist- Meg Gaillard
Will bring remaining boxes she has to Chris for storage in Lancaster. Reminder there is still some ASSC things in closet at SCIAA.

Journal- Jodi Barnes (presented by Chris Judge)
Journal just went out. Chris Moore is assuming role as Journal editor

Newsletter- Chan (presented by Chris Judge)
December Newsletter deadline Dec 6. This is Chan’s last newsletter as editor. Requests write up summary of Fall Field Day and announcement for Spring Conference. Also need to include Election results.

Chapter Presidents
No Reports

Election and Nominations Committee-
Elections results will be announced in December Newsletter.

Conference- Chris Judge
Conference will be held March 1. Woodland Archaeology theme for Archaeology month, session devoted to this. Looking at classroom across hall from auditorium we usually use, it is smaller and entrance in back or Rare Books at Thomas Cooper Library good space and has double screens.

Unfinished Business

Office Job Descriptions
Missing President and Journal Editor’s duties

New Business

Social Media-James Stewart
James suggested that ASSC should set up Twitter account that can be linked to Facebook page and other social media outlets, as an outreach tool for the Society. Everyone agreed good outlet.

Scurry Fund-Chris Judge
A motion was made for $1800.00 from the Scurry Fund to work with McKissick Museum on organization and stabilization of collections of Edgefield pottery from various past surveys in Greenwood County. This work would make the collections available to researchers interested in SC stoneware. This was followed by a brief discussion of use of Scurry funds for future pursuits. The motion was unanimously approved.

Merchandise-
There was discussion of getting new merchandise; T-shirts, hats, tote bags, bottle openers, water bottles possibilities; possibly t-shirts with Woodland theme. Discussion should be continued at January meeting.

Next Meeting January 18, 2014

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m

Editors Note: Next Meeting will be held May 10, 2014

Send articles, photos, ideas, and suggestions for the next issue of Features and Profiles by June 27th to Sarah Stephens sastephens6@yahoo.com with ASSC in the subject line.
This past summer, with assistance from the ASSC’s Grant in Aid program, I conducted research for my thesis at both Mount Joseph Plantation and the Charleston Museum. Mount Joseph Plantation, better known as Fort Motte due to the 1781 British fortification of the house and ensuing Revolutionary War battle, was occupied by Rebecca Motte during the late 18th century. Motte, one of the wealthiest individuals in colonial South Carolina, had previously lived in the lavish Miles Brewton House, located on Charleston’s King Street. Excavation of Mount Joseph/Fort Motte is being conducted by SCIAA and has been ongoing since 2004. The Miles Brewton House was excavated by the Charleston Museum between 1988 and 1990. My thesis research explores the differences between Motte’s urban and backcountry life through the analysis of the ceramic assemblages from both sites.

This summer’s excavations at Mount Joseph/Fort Motte, conducted under the guidance of Steve Smith and Jim Legg and with assistance of many volunteers from the University of South Carolina, were focused on obtaining data for my thesis and searching for additional house and battle features. An intensive surface collection was performed and 18 units were excavated, resulting in a wealth of ceramic data. Additionally, unit excavations exposed two articulated chimney bases from the original Motte plantation house. This season’s excavations were also successful in locating the approach trench, or sap, of the American troops.

After the completion of the excavation, I spent the rest of my summer processing and analyzing this season’s artifacts at SCIAA and examining the Miles Brewton House ceramic collection at the Charleston Museum. Although interpretive analysis is currently ongoing, preliminary results show a statistical difference between the ceramic assemblages of the two sites, suggesting that Motte may have changed her consumption habits upon moving from Charleston to the backcountry.

Rebecca Shepherd
MA student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina
After the Civil War ended, America’s southern waterways were a graveyard to numerous sunken Union and Confederate warships. These sunken ships reflected defensive and offensive operations by each side of the conflict to control important rivers, coastal waters, and ports in the south. Some were sunk purposefully to obstruct the rivers, others destroyed by land batteries, and a few resulted from ship to ship actions. Shortly after war, especially in the 1870s, in an effort to stimulate the once vibrant maritime trade of southern ports, the Federal government embarked on a number of harbor navigation improvement projects. These projects often centered on removing these warships to certain depths to allow for safer passage through these maritime roadways. While a good portion of a shipwreck may have been “removed,” oftentimes a substantial amount of the wreck remained. In many cases, these shipwrecks were forgotten and laid peacefully on the bottom. However, some have again obstructed modern navigation improvements in our nation’s waterways. Such is the case of the CSS Georgia in the Savannah River which is in the way of improving the harbor to ensure the tidally-independent navigation of Post-Panamax container ships.

The CSS Georgia was an ironclad, built in Savannah in 1862, intended to protect the city from an Union naval incursion. The ironclad was severely underpowered and became a stationary sentinel just below the city. The ironclad, along with Fort Jackson, and several submerged cribworks became the last line of naval defense for the city. This line held until the port city was threatened in the rear by Union General William T. Sherman during his March to the Sea. In late 1864, anticipating the Federal troops arrival, the Confederates blew up the ironclad to prevent the warship from falling into Union hands.

In 1866 a salvage operation netted approximately 80 tons of railroad iron that once formed the outer protective layer of the ironclad. The wreck remained undisturbed on the bottom until 1966 when dredging operations struck upon the wreck. Since that time the wreck has been monitored and archaeologically investigated over the years in an effort to learn more about the ironclad. With the desire to improve the harbor for future shipping, the ironclad now lies within the planned widening corridor and must be completely removed from the bottom.

The planning for this recovery effort has been ongoing for a number of years. The lead agency undertaking this endeavor is the US Army Corps of Engineers—Savannah District, along with the custodian of the shipwreck the Naval History and Heritage Command. The State Historic Preservation Offices of Georgia and South Carolina, along with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, also provide oversight to the project. South Carolina’s involvement with this project is a result of the ironclad sinking on the state’s side of the Savannah River. One of the important aspects of this project...
centers on the archaeology. Private underwater archaeological firms have undertaken a number of investigations to learn more about the remaining sections of casemate, cannons, machinery, and other materials that remain on the bottom. These investigations have included traditional archaeological recording methods using divers to measure and identify structural elements of the shipwreck, and have relied on sophisticated technologies to map the wreck in great detail. Recently, the Corps contracted with a firm in Scotland to conduct multi-beam operations to electronically record the wreck.

These various archaeological investigations have allowed the Corps, in consultation with their partners, to identify a planned course of action to remove the ironclad from the river bottom. Currently, the plan calls for the removal and relocation of several of the large sections of the casemate to the near-by Back River. Some of the more diagnostic casemate sections, including a faceted section of the forward or aft end of the casemate, will be persevered for display. Late last year in an effort to learn about potential issues with raising the casemate, the Corps working with a navy salvage unit recovered a small section of casemate. The recovery went smoothly and aided in making and adjusting the protocols to lift the bigger sections (Figure 2). In addition to recovering the casemate sections, machinery, armament—consisting of several cannon and shells and shot, and other related components will also be recovered. All of these materials will be sent to Texas A&M for conservation and eventual display at a cultural institution in Georgia, and possibly in South Carolina. These recovery efforts are planned to occur this summer. Recovered from the murk of history and the Savannah River, the remains of the CSS Georgia will provide an excellent opportunity to explore the naval aspects of the Civil War as fought in Georgia and South Carolina coastal waters.

ASSC T-Shirt Design Contest!

ASSC is seeking new t-shirt designs. The contest is open to everyone. Artists are encouraged to be creative and can use up to two colors in their design.

The first place winner will receive an one year free membership, their signature on the shirts, and a free T-shirt featuring their design. Second and third runners up’ s design could be considered for the use in other ASSC products and promotions.

Assessors will be announced in the next ASSC Newsletter. Please submit designs by May 31, 2014 to: archaeologysocietySC@gmail.com or Archaeological Society of South Carolina PO Box 1357 Columbia, SC 29202

ASSC Grant-in-Aid

The Grant-in-Aid Program was established to assist graduate students in their thesis or dissertation research. Funds raised during the course of the year are available on a competitive basis to graduate students, both at USC and out-of-state universities, who are working on theses or dissertations that pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina.

You may use the PayPal button on the Society’s website (http://www.assc.net) or send a check or money order to:

ASSC Grant-in-Aid PO Box 1357 Columbia SC 29202

Thank You to the Following Recent Contributors: AF Consultants COSCAPA New South Associates

Figure 2: Julie Morgan, project archaeologist, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, standing near recovered section of casemate; photograph courtesy of USACE
Welcome New ASSC Board Members

Emily Dale

I grew up in Chapel Hill, NC where I acquired my affinity for archaeology and cultural studies from my grandfather. In 2000, I moved from Chapel Hill to get my undergraduate degree at Warren Wilson College near Asheville, NC, majoring in Anthropology/Sociology, and minoring in French and Appalachian Studies. While at Warren Wilson, I worked for the school’s Archaeology Crew which was involved in excavations at the Warren Wilson Site on campus and Fort San Juan/the Berry Site in Morganton, NC, which is also where I attended field school. Working at the Berry Site cemented my conviction to go into archaeology as a career, and I have returned to the site through the years as an employee and as a visitor. After graduation in 2004 I moved to SC where I worked for the SRARP before starting graduate school at USC Columbia. My thesis was on the relationship of Mississippian paired mound sites, and focused on my excavations at the Red Lake Site in the Central Savannah River Area. After graduating in 2007, I went on to work for several CRM firms as a field director for projects around the Southeast. From 2011 until my arrival back in SC in May 2013, I worked in the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office as a review archaeologist for coal mining and remediation projects. I am now the review archaeologist at the SC State Historic Preservation Office. I am excited to be back in South Carolina and to be a part of the ASSC.

A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, I spent my teenage years exploring the remains of towns, farms, silver mines, trails and lonesome cabins scattered throughout the vast, open desert of western Utah and Eastern Nevada. East of the city, home was at the base of the Wasatch Mountains lining the edge of the valley. Although closed today, 20 years ago you could walk through these mountains, from one canyon to another, following the paths of silver that once were. Always a source of wonderment, from these well-preserved remains of places I would mentally construct versions of interactions, of who lived where, what people ate, made, bought, fixed, and where they all went after the mine stopped producing. Not until several years after university, while living in Romania, did I recognize how this past would define my future. I returned to the University of Utah, received another degree, developed a deep interest in human evolution, read as much theory as I could and set about developing a set of research themes that remain unchanged today: cities, commodities, globalization, boundaries, memory and the manufacturing of history. I came to Columbia in 2003 for a MA, called the anthropology department home, and ended up with a PhD. Today, I am employed as Director of Archaeology for Historic Columbia and co-direct the Columbia Archaeology Program, a multi-year endeavor supported by the City of Columbia.

Jake Crockett
Archaeologist of the Year

Tom Pertierra is an avocational archaeologist in Greenville, Florida who began working as a volunteer at the Topper site excavations in 2001. Over the 12 years he was associated with the Allendale Paleoamerican Expedition, he steadily made important contributions to the program as an excavator, hobby diver, supervisor, donor, provider of equipment, creator of the list serve and the web site ([www.allendale-expedition.net](http://www.allendale-expedition.net)), providing financial support for students to travel to meetings, taught flint knapping to students and volunteers, and rose to become the Director of Operations for the annual dig on the various chert quarry sites on what was then the Clariant Corporation property. In 2005 the Expedition expanded under the name Southeastern Paleoamerican Survey (SEPAS) with broader Southeastern U.S research goals. As a direct support organization, he founded SEPAS, Inc. intended to support scientific archaeological projects that utilized members of the public. He helped organize and produce two major archaeological conferences. One in Columbia in 2005 called Clovis in the Southeast ([www.Clovisinthesoutheast.net](http://www.Clovisinthesoutheast.net)) and the 2013 international conference Paleoamerican Odyssey ([www.Paleoamericanodyssey.com](http://www.Paleoamericanodyssey.com)) in Santa Fe, NM. At the banquet of that conference he was given a special award recognizing his contributions to studies in the peopling of the Americas. His role in advancing archaeological research at Topper and Big Pine Tree and other related quarry sites can hardly be exaggerated. As such he has made a major contribution to the study of early prehistory in the state of South Carolina and neighboring states. He also serves as an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when professionals join forces with committed avocationalists.

Albert C. Goodyear, Director
Southeastern Paleoamerican Survey

Upcoming Conferences/Events

**Charles Towne Landing Founder’s Day**
April 12
Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site

**Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**
April 22
SC Archives & Historicy Center, Columbia
See: [http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx](http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx)

**Augusta Museum of History Archaeology Day**
May 3
Historic Ezekiel Harris House
1822 Broad St., Augusta
If it rains event will move to Augusta Museum of History at 506 Reynolds St., Augusta.
See: [https://www.facebook.com/events/1433377770233880/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1433377770233880/)

**Slave Dwelling Project Conference**
September 18-20
Savannah, GA

**Preserving the Historic Road Conference**
September 26-28
Savannah, GA

**Southeast Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting**
November 12-16
Greenville, SC
See: [http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html](http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html)
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Mission Statement
The Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Inc. is an association of professional and avocational archaeologists and concerned citizens uniting together in a cooperative effort to understand the prehistory and history of South Carolina. It is a Society of dedicated members exerting their combined efforts toward the interpretation and preservation of South Carolina’s rich cultural heritage.

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