Greetings Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed Fall Field Day and Thanksgiving. As I’m currently working in the Francis Marion National Forest I’m really thankful for the break in the weather and the demise of the mosquito swarms. I’m also thankful for all the volunteers and participants that helped bring together another successful Fall Field Day. This year we added a blacksmithing demo, a flintknapping demo, and a performance by the Warriors of Anikituhwa. The Warriors were especially exciting and EVERYONE in the whole park danced with them. I encourage everyone to have a look at the photos from the Warriors performance. You’ll probably see some familiar faces dancing and singing.

At the close of 2014 several board member terms are expiring. We’re having an election for board member positions that start in January and need your vote along with nominations for Treasurer. Please send your votes to Don Rosick. In addition, some of you may know that Jakob Crockett recently resigned from the position of Vice President. Jakob’s eagerness and emphasis on public outreach will be missed. In his absence I have appointed our Newsletter Editor, Sarah Stephens to fill the remainder of the term.

ASSC members have been offered interesting volunteer opportunity in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Congaree Creek. The River Alliance and the National Park Service are looking for volunteer docents interested in leading interpretive tours of the battlefield, near Cayce, in January. They will provide primary source material and training for a limited number of volunteers later this month. Members interested in volunteering should contact me soon so I can forward your information to John Jamison.

Don’t forget to mark you calendars with for the Spring Conference February 7th in Columbia!

- James Stewart
Chapter Updates

Foothills
At the end of October Lamar Nelson and Bob Hanselman did an archaeology program for 115 8th grade students at Mauldin Middle School. The students were shown artifacts from the historical and prehistoric periods, threw atlatls, shot a bow, and cooked outdoors in a cast iron pot. The students loved it when we had several teachers come out to try throwing the atlatl.

Our excavation in Forest City was cancelled due to snow and has been rescheduled for sometime next spring. Chapter board elections were held and Lorene Fisher was elected our next president. Chris Gillam talked to our chapter on November 11th about his work in Mongolia. That was a very good program and I recommend it to everyone. Also in November, Lamar and Lorene attended the SEAC conference in Greenville and Bob Hanselman and Roger Lindsey helped with Fall Field Day. There was a good crowd and although cold, we had a good time.

Lamar is currently working with the Spartanburg County Historical Association on securing a grant to continue work at Walnut Grove Plantation next year. Most of our chapter members attended that excavation, along with students from three local colleges. Next up for us will be the chapter Christmas party in December and to start planning all the fun things for next year.

Hilton Head
In September, Chris Gillam of the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program of the S.C Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology was our speaker. He gave us a presentation titled “Discovering The Paleolithic of Northern Mongolia.” As a member of the Joint Mongolian-Russian-American Archaeological Expedition, he participated in the 2014 field season expedition to Northern Mongolia. Chris discussed the Early Paleolithic Period, hominid evolution, and the variety of blades dating from 45K-15K which were found in the river basins.

We had a very busy Archaeology Month. Our "What the Heck IS It?" was highly successful, with Jon Leader and Eric Poplin imparting their great knowledge concerning the interesting artifacts people brought to the occasion. The Arkhaios film festival was also great success; kudos to Jean Guilleux and his volunteers whose tireless efforts made the event possible. Chris Judge, Director of the Native American Studies Center at USC Lancaster, spoke on the Yemasee Indians at an Archaeology Month event jointly sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum and our Chapter.

In November, our speaker was Chris Thornock of the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, who spoke on the Hollywood site (9R11), a Middle Mississippian mound community located on the Savannah River, below Augusta, dating from AD 1250 to 1350. Chris’ research focuses on the meaning in the arrangement of artifacts within their mound context and what the construction of Mound B may have meant to the inhabitants.

Since it appears that most archeologists in our area are named Christopher, In December we continue the theme of the Four Christophers with Chris Kringle, of the Northern Polar Archaeological Research Society, who will present on "Unearthing Holiday Cheer" (Christmas party).
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:

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ASSC T-Shirts

Congratulations to our T-Shirt Design Contest winner Bach Pham! If you were unable to purchase shirts at Fall Field Day, they are also available for sale through our website at http://www.assc.net/about-the-society/merchandise. They make great Christmas gifts along with our hats!

Only $10 for short sleeves (green), and $15 for women’s (purple) and long sleeves (grey).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2015 Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology will be held February 7th at Gambrell Hall on the USC Campus in Columbia. This year’s conference will center around the Yamasee War as we mark the war’s 300th anniversary. There will also be a general paper session on South Carolina archaeology. Please submit abstracts for papers and posters by Jan. 5th to archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

More details about the conference will be posted on our Facebook page and website as we finalize them.

ASSC Board Elections

It is time to vote for ASSC members to fill the positions of 2 Board Members-at-Large, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Nominations:
Don Rosick, Chris Gillam, and Stacey Young for Board Members-at-Large
Rebecca Shepherd for Secretary

Send votes and/or questions to Don Rosick: dbrooks5@yahoo.com by December 31st.

Don’t forget to renew your membership for 2015!
Renew online today on our website or by mail!
Hampton Plantation State Historic Site Fall 2014 Volunteer Dig
Stacey L. Young, TRC and David Jones, SCPRT

This fall, volunteer excavations at Hampton Plantation State Historic Site continued at Structure 1, the remains of a slave house. Over the past four years, excavations have revealed the full dimensions of a brick foundation which measures 20 ft. x 30 ft. Now, excavations are focused on the interior of the structure to locate evidence of a central wall, partitions, or possible pit features, and explore artifact patterning. Thirteen energetic volunteers joined us during the week of October 13-18, 2014 and much more progress was made.

Six 5x5 foot units were excavated exposing the top of a midden deposit which is apparent in all of the units excavated within the house. Additionally, one unit was placed to the north of Feature 17 and nearby Feature 10 to further investigate the function of these features. The two dry laid brick features are similar in size (approximately 2 ft. x 5 ft.) and shape (rectangular) and interpreted as platforms probably used as a ground surface in association with some sort of activity related to livestock maintenance, laundry, cooking, or a processing activity.

Public and community outreach at the site continued. We had visits from two school groups visiting the park as part of the Discover South Carolina program. In addition, Scott Huler a writer who is retracing John Lawson’s journey through the Carolinas stopped by. Lawson passed along the South Santee River near Hampton in the early eighteenth century and described many of the settlements here, including those of the French Huguenots and Sewee Indians. Scott is traveling the route much like Lawson and exploring the natural and cultural environments just as he did. Scott stopped by Hampton for a brief visit and filled us in

Figure 1. Students visiting the site and watching archaeologists work.
on his early experiences along the trek; imagining that Lawson must have encountered something similar. For more about Scott’s journey, visit his website at: www.lawsontrek.com.

The next volunteer dig is scheduled for the week of March 2-8, 2015. Joseph McGill of the Slave Dwelling Project will be joining us for a night under the stars, camping at the location of the slave house! Information about the Slave Dwelling Project can be found on their website: www.slavedwellingproject.org.

In the meantime, the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism was awarded a Federal Historic Preservation Grant from South Carolina Department of Archives and History State Historic Preservation Office. The Survey and Planning Grant will allow us to compile an inventory of the archaeological resources and landscape features located within the boundaries of the 274-acre Park property. As part of this grant, approximately 26-acres including the front and back yard areas of the mansion will be surveyed by shovel testing. An 1809 map shows at least three structures in the area and photographs from the early twentieth century indicate additional outbuildings and other activities were carried out here. In addition, there is potential for earlier occupations in this area. The information gathered will be used to update the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for Hampton Plantation.

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Send articles, photos, ideas, and suggestions for the next issue of Features and Profiles to the Newsletter Editor, Sarah Stephens at sastephens6@yahoo.com. Deadlines for submissions for 2015 issues are:

- Issue 1 – January 31
- Issue 2 – April 30
- Issue 3 – July 31
- Issue 4 – October 31
The Native American Studies Center at USC Lancaster has a number of upcoming events. On December 6th from 9am to 4pm we will host our Annual Native American Art and Craft Sale with artists from the Beaver Creek, Catawba, Cherokee and Ojibwa. Pottery, baskets, and jewelry are among the items to be available and visitors can also tour our exhibits. Currently we have an exhibit called People, Plants and Pipes in the North Gallery that showcases some of our large collection of modern Catawba pipes but also includes eight prehistoric pipes.

On Friday December 19th a lecture will be held, The Catawba Indian Lease Book of Hugh White, by Kira Ferris of the Fort Mill History Museum. This is part of our Lunch and Learn Lecture Series and will be held at the Native American Studies Center Classroom from noon to 1 pm. Indian Agent Hugh White’s land lease rent book dates back to the late 1700s and early 1800s. The book documents and tracks land leases between the Catawba Nation and early white settlers in York and Lancaster Counties. Kira Ferris has painstakingly digitized the book. Bring your lunch and look forward to highlighted images, discussion on the leases, and the book’s significance today.

On December 4th, 11th, and 18th members of the public are invited to join us in the Public Archaeology Lab to wash prehistoric artifacts from the Johannes Kolb site in Darlington, South Carolina. No experience is necessary. For more information on any of our events or programs contact the Native American Studies Center 119 South Main Street, Lancaster, SC, 29720, 803-313-7172. The Native American Studies Center is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 10-5 pm, open until 7 pm on Thursdays. Our website with our latest downloadable NAS Quarterly Newsletter is available at http://usclancaster.sc.edu/NAS/index.html.
Fall Field Day 2014

Photographs by Bach Pham
The McKissick Stoneware Project
Carl Steen

Awareness of the historic stoneware production of SC grew tremendously in the 1970s and 1980s. The early research was mostly done by collectors like Georgianna Greer, and Steve and Terry Ferrell, who have dedicated thousands of hours to documentary research and field explorations. This year the Ferrells donated their collection to McKissick Museum. Normally I would not encourage non-professionals to amass such a collection. Steve and Terry donated over 150 banker boxes of sherds. Yet looking back at the site destruction that has taken place, and which is actively taking place, I can't help but be glad they collected what they did when they did, and that they saved it for all of these years.

The Landrum-Stork pottery here in Columbia is a good example. In 1972 a young potter named Tom Turner and his friends Bert Sharpe and Don Clark were stationed at Fort Jackson. They heard that the Landrum-Stork pottery was about to be destroyed, so they tried to get someone “official” interested. Unfortunately there were no laws on the books at the time to protect sites, so they went to the site and salvaged what they could. Their field methods were less than perfect, and record keeping was about what you’d expect, but Tom did take a couple of rolls of slides, which, piling miracle upon miracle, actually survived into the digital age. Soon thereafter the site was destroyed to make way for a condominium development. Tom was moving out of state the next year and he gave the artifacts to Steve Ferrell so they would stay in state. This is the only known collection of artifacts that can reliably be attributed to this site. Again, I wish that Stan South could have broken free to excavate the site, but failing that, I sure am glad Tom, Bert and Don did what they did, and that Steve and Terry maintained the collection.

This year, assisted by volunteers and interns from the Columbia Urban League I worked on getting this collection into new boxes and bags. But first we had to wash the sherds! The Ferrell collection is filled with interesting and valuable material (from a research perspective anyway). It is in stable condition now, and accessible for research to a degree, but a lot more work remains to be done.

In the summer of 2013 we did a similar project, liberating collections made by professionals in the 1980s from the dungeons at the SC Institute of Anthropology and Archaeology. This was done using volunteers and a lab tech hired with grant funds from the Scurry donation to the ASSC. This donation was made with the stipulation that the money should be used to do work in Greenwood or Beaufort County. Fortunately the site needing the most work was 38GN169 – the Trapp Chandler site. This was excavated by a young Greenwood County native named Keith Landreth in 1982. His
Masters Thesis at the University of Idaho – yes, in 1982 you had to look far and wide for a school that had a historical archaeology focus was based on this work.

In 1982 Keith delivered a pallet load of chicken boxes full of sherds to the warehouse at SCIAA. This facility was not climate controlled until just a few years ago, so as you might imagine, the cardboard boxes were in such poor condition that many simply fell apart when you tried to move them. Inside there were some paper bags, and what appeared to be plastic trash bags. Not 4 mil curation bags, but trash bags that would have been flimsy in 1982, and which had pretty much fallen to pieces by 2013. The collection was reasonably well organized, but many of the paper tags with provenience information were in small pieces and a few were too fragmentary to reconstruct. This is an important and interesting collection, so I am glad it is accessible for research.

The other collection from the Institute was made in 1987 when they partnered with McKissick on a survey of all of the known kiln sites in the Old Edgefield District. Funding for this project was minimal, so we were only able to visit, surface collect, and map most of them. Limited shovel testing and test unit excavation was possible at four of the 12 sites. Nonetheless our efforts produced over 17,000 artifacts, with all the sites known at the time represented by at least a few sherds. These too are now available for research.

I’d like to thank McKissick Museum and its director, Jane Pryszyby for taking the initiative to get this important resource under one roof. We have done as much as possible under the very limited funds available, but there is a lot still to be done. For instance, the Landreth and 1987 collections have been cataloged at a basic level but analysis of such characteristics as rim and handle form has not been done. The Ferrell Collection needs to be cataloged and better organized. I volunteered my time to do a basic catalog of the Landrum Stork material, but that’s only about 1/5 of the collection, so much remains to be done.
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