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The Archaeological Society of South Carolina Quarterly Newsletter

Letter from the President

Archeology Month 2018 Poster. This year’s Archaeology Month poster theme is “Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina.” The poster is available for view online at SCIAA’s website. Posters will be available for free at SCIAA and this year’s Fall Field Day.

My Fellow Society Members,

As the seasonal change approaches with the relief of cooler temperatures, we look forward to our 31st Annual Fall Field Day to be held at the 12,000 Year History Park in Cayce on September 29 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (see details on page 3). My expectation is that this will be a memorable event for the public as committee members Savannah Hulon, Keely Lewis, Ashley McIntyre, Bach Pham, Rebecca Shepard, and James Stewart have been working hard to organize a great day on our behalf.

As a reminder, October is the 27th South Carolina Archaeology Month and this year we are celebrating the Golden anniversary of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina. Nena Powell-Rice brings us another Archaeology Month poster featuring 50 years of ASSC history. Posters will be available for redistribution at the Fall Field Day. Additionally, Nena will provide a statewide list of all public-oriented events scheduled in October on the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) website at http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/sciaa/front-page.

Additionally, the 6th Annual Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival titled “A Rich Tapestry of World Cultures” will be held at the Richland County Public Library-Main on Friday-Sunday, October 12-14, 2018. The Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Events corporation is a non-profit organization producing the Arkhaios Film Festival in South Carolina. Further details are available at http://www.arkhaiosfilmfestival.org/.
As hurricane Florence was making its way across the Carolinas, I was thinking of the damage it could do to archaeological sites through erosion and of the responsibility we need to have for artifacts exposed at these sites. The idea of responsibility suggests a recent article titled Hunting for Arrowheads written by one of my favorite local authors. Tom Poland taught writing skills as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina for many years. He writes a weekly column for newspapers throughout “Georgialina” about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and changing culture, often from the perspective of personal rumination. In his article (which can be accessed online at http://midlandsbiz.whosonthemove.com/hunting-for-arrowheads/), Mr. Poland describes filling Sunday afternoons as a child by walking a particular plowed field on his family’s land in Lincoln County, Georgia searching for arrowheads. With the long, routine days that are part of living on a rural farm, these were special, exciting times as a child. He ended this engaging story by expressing that he would like to take his grandkids arrowhead hunting, except that archaeologists (whom he refers to as “Do-Gooder Experts”) have taken all the fun out of this pastime by making kids feel guilty for collecting artifacts. Tom laments this as just one more change in a traditional Southern pastime. This is where I feel he shows a lack of understanding of archaeological practice and intent. Archaeologists simply do not need, or want, the surface collected artifact. What matters is the type of artifact and its subsurface context or, when the artifact is found on the surface of a plowed field, its location on a map. This information can inform us about the people that made these artifacts and their material culture in the past. Questions such as when, where and how they lived, what their technology was like, how their rituals and ceremonies were conduct can be addressed only from contextual information. Spear points and arrowheads without a known context or map location are, for informational purposes, worthless to archaeologists. In a recent editorial in The State newspaper, archaeologist Christopher Judge makes this point in a concise manner (you can access this online at https://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article218665085.html). Here he notes that responsible artifact collecting includes getting permission from land owners to search in their plowed fields, to record the location of artifact finds on maps, and to report these finds to professional archaeologists. Archaeologists working at public agencies such as the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology or the Native American Studies Center at USC Lancaster. It is the mission of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina to promote responsible artifact collecting. To be sure, archaeologists would prefer that artifacts such as arrowheads not be collected from the ground surface; however, I would respond to Mr. Poland by saying do take you grandkids arrowhead hunting and give them a history lesson, but also be sure to teach them how to collect responsibly.

-Keith Stephenson, President
Fall Field Day 2018
Saturday, September 29, 2018
12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek
1120 Fort Congaree Trail, Cayce SC 29033
10 AM – 3 PM

Each fall, the Archaeology Society of South Carolina sponsors a free gathering of archaeologists, prehistoric and historic skills demonstrators, story tellers, and others, who present how the people of South Carolina’s distant and recent pasts experienced their daily lives through work, play, food, and community.

The 31st Annual Fall Field Day will take place on September 29th in Cayce at the 12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek! Come visit us if you’ve ever wanted to learn how stone tools and pottery were made, to try throwing an atl-atl, or if you are interested in learning about active archaeological excavations occurring in our state!

To learn more about the 12,000 Year History Park and their upcoming events, follow their facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/12000YearHistoryPark/?ref=br_tf

12,000 Year History Park

The 12,000 Year History Park was designed by the City of Cayce and the River Alliance as an archaeological park, serving as both an archaeological dig and a historical site. Archaeological excavations occurred at the site in 2012 and 2014 and were supported by grants from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program. In addition to being the site of the Battle of Congaree Creek, this area was a hub of 18th century trade and supported Native American settlements dating back to 11,000-12,000 years ago. Extant earthworks still line the banks of the Congaree.

Guided historical walking tours will be offered during Fall Field Day and will be led by Volunteer guides, all trained by the National Park Service.
Fuz Sanderson
We're excited to have back Fuz Sanderson for our upcoming Fall Field Day! Sanderson is an endangered species biologist, Earthskills teacher, musician, and storyteller. With over 25 years of experience as a wilderness instructor and researcher for various organizations, Sanderson always brings a diverse array of knowledge and skills to the event. Look forward to many great demonstrations and conversations with Sanderson throughout Fall Field Day.

Seven Ages
The Research Associates at Seven Ages have shared interests in history, archaeology, science and culture that inspires their production of independent studies, articles, videos and other educational media. Their goal is to study and interpret the past and to create educational resources that “bridge the gap” between academics and amateurs as well as private and professional groups. Check out Seven Age’s content online at https://sevenages.org/ and visit them at Fall Field Day to learn more about their recent research, including ancient tattooing practices and South Carolina’s most controversial archaeological site.
Thank You!

A special thank you to the 12,000 Year History Park for hosting this year’s Fall Field Day and to all the participants and demonstrators for being such an important part of the day’s activities.

Scott Jones
This year we are excited to have Scott Jones of Media Prehistoria at our Fall Field Day. Media Prehistoria is dedicated to exploring, rediscovering and educating the public about early technology and lifeways. Jones provides excellent discussions and demonstrations of how primitive technology worked. He’s attended several of our events in the past and we’re incredibly thrilled to have him back. We also are excited to announce that Scott Jones will be doing a presentation on 12,000 years of history at the event!

SCAPOD

The South Carolina Public Outreach Division (SCAPOD) aims to create innovative programs and projects that connect people with South Carolina’s cultural heritage using archaeology. SCAPOD’s programs are designed to engage people of all ages with varying backgrounds in archaeology. Their programming offers a unique opportunity to learn about South Carolina’s cultural heritage. We are happy to announce that SCAPOD will be bringing their exceptional educational programming to this year’s Fall Field Day!
SC DNR Heritage Trust Program
Staff from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR) Heritage Trust Program will be participating in this year’s Fall Field Day. You’ll be able to learn more about the SC Parker Annex Archaeology Center, the Cultural Heritage Trust, volunteer opportunities as well as educational resources for teaching about archaeology.

SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism Archaeology
Archaeologists from SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism will be a part of Fall Field Day. Learn more about the archaeological digs happening in SC State Parks at Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site and the Colonial Dorchester State Historic Site, two of South Carolina’s earliest historic settlements.

Native American Studies Center at USC-Lancaster
The Native American Studies Center at USC-Lancaster (NASC-USCL) holds the single largest collection of Catawba Indian pottery in existence and hosts educational classes and programs on Native Americans in the Southeast. Visit representatives from the Center at this year’s Fall Field Day to learn about their archaeology lab, archives, galleries, upcoming events and talks.

Chris Judge, Assistant Director of the NASC-USCL will also be providing artifact identifications throughout the day so make sure to bring any mystery artifacts that you’d like to find out more about.
South Carolina Antiquities Call for Papers: The First 50 Years of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC). The Society invites you to publish a paper in the 50th anniversary issue of South Carolina Antiquities. In our 25th anniversary issue, we published syntheses and historically oriented papers. This upcoming issue will focus less on overarching interpretations and more on what we have learned as individuals, as well as how being a member of the ASSC has shaped your view of South Carolina archaeology. These can be short and somewhat informal papers or longer and more involved, as you wish. If you are interested in South Carolina archaeology, please consider contributing an article to the journal. Contact Carl Steen at carl.steen@gmail.com for further discussion.

SCIAA Maritime Research Division

The Maritime Research Division at SCIAA will be a part of Fall Field Day. Stop by to learn about underwater archaeology, South Carolina’s maritime cultural heritage and the South Carolina Hobby License Program.

Los Chicanos Food Truck

The family-owned Los Chicanos Food Truck will be selling tacos, burritos, and other Mexican fare throughout the day. Stop by their food truck and grab some great food while checking out our event.

Legends of South Carolina Archaeology: Special Edition

A special 50th anniversary installment in the Legends of South Carolina Archaeology koozie series will be debuted at this year’s Fall Field Day. Other merchandise, including t-shirts and hats will also be available for purchase. Don’t forget to grab a free Archaeology Month poster while at the Merchandise table!
ASSC Grant-in-Aid
The Archaeological Society of South Carolina sponsors the Grant-in-Aid program to provide financial assistance to graduate students working on research topics that focus on archaeological investigations in South Carolina. Grant-in-Aid funding can be used to assist graduate students working on theses or dissertations that pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina at both in-state and out-of-state universities. Funds from several hundred to one thousand dollars are available on a competitive basis to graduate students. Please tell graduate students that you think may be interested in applying about the program. Information on how to apply is available online at: https://archaeologysc.org/grant-in-aid-program/how-to-apply/

The Grant-in-Aid Committee is requesting contributions from ASSC members interested in supporting the Grant-in-Aid program. Suggested donation amounts are $50 from individuals and $100 from organizations and businesses. However, no contribution is too small, and all are tax-deductible. Contributions to the Grant-in-Aid fund will be acknowledged in this newsletter unless contributors prefer to remain anonymous. You may use the PayPal button on the Society's website (https://archaeologysc.org/donations/) or send a check or money order to:

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

Follow Along in the Field

Stono Archaeology Project
Brandy Joy, this year’s Grant-in-Aid recipient, is chronicling her archaeological project comparing pre- and post-emancipation foodways by examining the things left behind by people enslaved on Stono Plantation in SC. Follow along with informative posts and updates on the Stono Archaeology Project page, available at https://www.facebook.com/PhDCJoy/.
ASSC Membership

The 2018 Membership rates are as follows:

- Individual: $25
- Student: $15
- Senior: $15
- Family: $30
- Senior Family: $25
- Life: $500
- Institutional: $100

You can pay your dues one of three ways:
- Through your local chapter
- Through Paypal, via the instructions on our website: https://archaeologysc.org/about/membership/
- By mailing a check to:
  Archaeology Society of South Carolina
  PO Box 1357
  Columbia, SC 29202

ASSC Executive Board Call for Nominations

The Secretary and Treasurer positions on the ASSC Executive Board are up for re-election this year. If you would like to nominate a current member for either of these positions please email the candidate’s name with the position you’re nominating them for to archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com. Elections will be held later this fall.
Archaeology Month 2018

October is Archaeology month in South Carolina! Archaeology Month events for 2018 will be offered in October, but there will also be listings of other programs offered in November 2018, as well as into next year. Events and programs will be developed by dedicated professionals, avocationists, and organizations in order to bring our state’s prehistoric and historic past to life for all ages. Through such public outreach efforts, the archaeological community hopes to build regional and local public support for the preservation of our Native American, African, and European heritage.

By sponsoring an annual event like South Carolina Archaeology Month, the archaeological community of South Carolina intends to: 1) Stimulate public pride in our state’s 14,000-year archaeological heritage, 2) Increase public understanding of why archaeological research is important, 3) Heighten public awareness of how many archaeological resources are lost each year in South Carolina, 4) Educate the public about what they can do to help protect, preserve, and study the state’s archaeological resources, and 5) Get more people involved in legitimate archaeological activities.

Archaeology Month activities will begin in October 2018 with a variety of statewide events focusing on prehistory, history, cultural heritage, and historic preservation. The fall event focuses on cultural programs offered in every corner of the state, including county museums, county parks, state parks, and national parks. Each year the month-long event produces a topical poster focusing on current archaeological research in the Palmetto state. This year’s theme is entitled, “Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina.”

Please contact Nena Powell Rice at the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) at USC at (803) 331-3431 or nrice@sc.edu, for further information and come by SCIAA to pick up an Archaeology Month poster.

Archaeology Month events will be updated on SCIAA’s website at: http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/sciaa/archaeology-month-2014.
Updates from the Hilton Head Chapter

Annual Artifact Identification
The Hilton Head Chapter’s annual program of identifying unknown artifacts brought in by Chapter Members and the general public will be held on:

Saturday, October 6th starting at 1 PM until 4 PM in the Coastal Discovery Museum’s Discovery House.

Professional archaeologists Dr. Jon Leader, the South Carolina State Archaeologist, and Dr. Eric Poplin, Vice President of Brockington, Inc. will comprise the expert panel identifying and dating these treasured artifacts.

As per custom, there will be archaeology magazines and the Annual South Carolina Archaeology Month posters available for folks to pick up at no charge. Additionally, refreshments will be available while you wait your turn: coffee, soft drinks, cookies and ice water.

The Public is invited, admission is free. Search your house and bring in anything which you need to have analyzed, identified and dated by our expert panel. For more information, contact the chapter at: archeosocschh@gmail.com.

Robert Campbell Memorial Fund
The Hilton Head Chapter suffered the loss of their long-time secretary, Bob Campbell, to cancer in April. In lieu of flowers, Bob’s family asked that donations be made to the Hilton Head Chapter as part of the Robert Campbell Memorial Fund. Over $2,000 in donations were received, which the chapter hopes to use to create park signage for the Sea Pines Shell Ring. The Chapter’s acting secretary will be Carol Dembowski.

Summer Fieldwork
Throughout the summer, chapter members have been volunteering on Binghamton University field projects, led by Dr. Matthew Sanger, at Mitchelville and the Sea Pines Shell Ring. Dr. Sanger previously received a grant from the Hilton Head Chapter for his work at Mitchelville.
Announcements and Upcoming Events

Southeastern Archaeology Conference
The 75th annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held in Augusta, Georgia on November 14-17, 2018. The advance registration deadline for those not presenting papers/posters is November 2, 2018. For information about the meeting details, conference hotel and program, see the website online at: https://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/details/.

The Arkhais Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival
An annual Archaeology Month event, and one of only two archaeological film festivals held in the United States, the Arkhais Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival will be held October 12-14 in Columbia, SC. For the full list of films and festival schedule, visit the website online at: http://www.arkhaiosfilmfestival.org/arkhaios-2018-sc.html.

Aiken County Historical Museum
The Aiken County Historical Museum will be hosting its first ever Archaeology Day on Saturday, September 29th from 11am to 3pm. The event will celebrate archaeological discoveries in Aiken County and will include the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program (SRARP) and The Hitchcock Woods Foundation with hands on interactives and a special viewing of the new SRARP film, "Hawthorne". This event is free and open to the public.

NC Museum of History
Dr. Christopher Moore of the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program (SRARP) will be presenting a lecture at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh, NC on October 12. Entitled “Early Human Life on the Southeastern Coastal Plain,” the talk will examine the changing paleo-environments of the Southeastern Coastal Plain. The lecture is part of the NC Office of State Archaeology’s Archaeology Month theme, “Dynamic Landscapes and Changing Environments: 14,000 Years of Human History.”

Native American Studies Center, University of South Carolina Lancaster (NASC-USCL)
The monthly lecture series at NASC-USCL includes several upcoming talks about archaeology. On Friday, October 19, Dr. Robbie Ethridge of the University of Mississippi will give a talk entitled “Mapping the Shatter Zone” examining the commercial Indian slave trade that Europeans brought to the Native South in the seventeenth century. On Dec 21, Professor Christopher Judge of USCL will give a talk entitled “Salvage Archaeology in the Heart of Cofitachequi” on the summer 2018 investigations at the site which aimed to understand the occupational sequence of three extant pyramidal mounds along the Wateree River. For more information, follow along with their Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/nativeamericanstudies/.

Submit Your Announcements and Events
If you have an announcement or event that you would like included in an upcoming issue, please email it to the Newsletter Editor, Keely Lewis, at KLewis@scdah.sc.gov.
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FALL FIELD DAY

ABOUT
Come celebrate the society’s 50th anniversary! Learn how stone tools and pottery were made, try throwing an atlatl, and find out about active archaeological excavations occurring in the state! There will also be guided tours of the park detailing the history of the trail.

DETAILS
- WHEN: September 29, 2018
- TIME: 10 AM - 3 PM
- WHERE: 12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek
- ADDRESS: 1120 Fort Congaree Trail, Cayce SC
- COST: Free admission

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Archaeological Society of South Carolina Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT: ___ New Membership ___ Renew Membership*

Name:__________________________________________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________ E-mail: ______________________

Membership Level Desired:

___ Individual: $25    ___ Student: $15    ___ Senior: $15

___ Family: $30    ___ Senior Family: $25    ___ Life: $500

___ Institutional: $100

Please make checks to:
Archaeological Society of South Carolina.
Mail to: Savannah Hulon, Society Treasurer
P.O. Box 1357 Columbia, SC 29202

*Membership renewal is also available online at https://archaeologysc.org/membership/ through PayPal.

About the Society
The Archaeological Society of South Carolina operates under State and Federal Law as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible. The Society is assisted and supported by the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, the University of South Carolina, and the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists.

Membership Information
ASSC members receive an annual copy of the journal, South Carolina Antiquities, the quarterly newsletter Features & Profiles, along with free entry to events such as our annual archaeological conference.

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