

## Hilton Head Island Archaeology Chapter

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### Welcome Rita Elliott discussing the Revolutionary War Battle of Purysburg

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all our archaeological family! I hope that everyone has had a good and enjoyable holiday season, and that you are ready for our 2019 chapter programs.

Our November speaker was Joe Wilkinson, a rising star in the South Carolina archaeological community, who presented a very interesting program on Hardin projectile points. We look forward to future programs by Joe.

In December, we held our annual Christmas luncheon at the Crazy Crab Jarvis Creek. This was well attended, and all had a pleasant time.

Please mark February 16th on your calendars for the 45th Annual Conference of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, to be held in Columbia. This will be an interesting program of academic papers and discussions, and is free to ASSC members. Hope to see you there.

Our January speaker will be Rita Elliott, who will be assisted by Dan Elliott. They will present a short documentary on the Revolutionary War Battle of Purysburg (Purrysburg), after which they will give a presentation on the archaeological work at the battle site. Rita was the keynote speaker at last year's ASSC Annual Conference, and will give us an excellent program. Welcome, Rita and Dan!

--Dave Gordon

#### MEETING DATES

The January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1 PM in Discovery House, Coastal Discovery Museum.

The February meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### THE BATTLE OF PURYSBURG

The now quiet community of Purysburg, SC, hides a tumultuous past, serving in 1779 as the Patriot Headquarters of Major General Benjamin Lincoln and over 3,500 infantry, Continental, militia, naval, and artillery soldiers. Purysburg's strategic location on the Savannah River near key towns in Colonial Georgia and South Carolina made it a pivotal troop and supply line throughout the backcountry. The British victory at the Battle of Purysburg on April 29, 1779 fueled the newly adapted British strategy to win the American Revolution by shifting to the southern theater of the war.

#### RITA ELLIOTT

Rita Elliott is Education Coordinator/Research Associate with the LAMAR Institute and holds an M.A. in Maritime History and Underwater Research. She is an archaeologist, exhibit designer, outreach specialist, and former museum curator with 30 years of archaeological experience in 14 states, three U.S. territories, and several countries. She has written over 80 monographs and articles. Ms. Elliott led crews in the archaeological discovery of the 1779 Savannah Battlefield. She is former Vice Chair of the Georgia National Register Review Board, was named an Honoree by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation/Georgia Commission on Women, received the Joseph Caldwell Award for Georgia Archaeology, was given the Georgia Governor's Award in the Humanities and received a life-time achievement award from the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution.

Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the Coastal Discovery Museum by the president, David Gordon. A quorum was present. In attendance were vice president George Stubbs, secretary Carol Dembowski and 4 member attendees.

**Business:**

The president gave the November Treasurer's Report as follows:

Treasury balance reported on Oct 6 \$2,713.10

Dues Deposit +10.00

Expense for pamphlets -71.55

First Citizens Account Oct. 31 statement +\$2,681.55

Expense for flowers -55.93

Chapter Treasury balance +\$2,625.62

Broken down by: Robert Campbell Memorial Fund balance \$2,345.00

Chapter's working balance \$280.62

The president presented old business as the 2017 Edition of South Carolina Antiquities is now available. 2017 paid members can pick up their copy and sign for it to reduce mailing costs.

The president announced the floor was open to taking nominations for officer elections. There were no nominations and a motion was presented and passed for the current officers to serve another term.

The president announced our Chapter's non-host Christmas luncheon, open to all members, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 12:30 p.m. at the newly remodeled Crazy Crab, Jarvis Creek location. Contact Rita Kernan to attend.

**Guest Speaker:**

Joe Wilkinson - presented on Hardin Haft Biface Technology

Joe graduated from the University South Carolina, earning his BA and MA Degrees in Anthropology. Currently working for the SC State Historic Preservation Office of the SC Department of Archives and History, his research is focused on the Hardin hafted biface lithic technologies during the Early Archaic and Paleoindian time periods of the Southeastern United States.

The Southern Hardin is a relatively rare hafted biface type found in the southeastern United States, in South Carolina and the southeast along waterways and migration routes.

Joe brought an enthusiastic energy to his presentation, describing how this research provides, among other things, chronologies, cultural settlement and mobility patterns, social interaction, trade and transmission of ideas. We look forward to having Joe return to update us on his research and findings.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

## OFFICER ELECTION

Per our Chapter's by-laws nominations for 2019 officers are to be submitted in September, the slate is announced in October and the election is held at the November business meeting.

The following slate was approved in the November business meeting.

President	David Gordon
Vice President	George Stubbs
Secretary	Carol Dembowski
Treasurer	Rita Kernan

## ARCHAEOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD

**BRONZE LAMP UNEARTHED AT ROMAN VILLA IN ENGLAND** – Bristol Live reports that part of a Roman villa and a burial site dating to the second and third centuries A.D. have been unearthed at a construction site in southwestern England by a team from Cotswold Archaeology. One of the burials consisted of human remains held in a pottery vessel. A bronze hanging lamp thought to have been manufactured in the first century A.D. was also recovered. It features a human figure wearing a tunic and sitting cross-legged.

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