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## Alabama Archaeological Society Annual Meeting Call for Papers

The AAS annual meeting will be held this year at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, Alabama, on Saturday, December 11th from 8:30 until 4:00. Charles Hubbert, this year's program chairman, is requesting that anyone interested in presenting a paper at the annual meeting mail him their title by November 10th. This year's program will concentrate on archaeological research recently conducted or currently going on in Alabama. Student presentations are strongly encouraged. Please mail your presentation titles and your audio visual needs to Charles Hubbert, 1910 Crepe Myrtle Green, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801.

## Totem Pole on Display at Birmingham Museum of Art

To celebrate it's Grand Opening on October 2nd, the new Birmingham Museum of Art unveiled an elegant totem pole carved by Haida artist Reg Davidson in 1990. Totem poles are traditionally indicators of lineage, and this example represents Davidson's own family clans. The Reg Davidson totem pole was lent to the B.M.A. by Derek Simpkins gallery of Tribal Art, Vancouver, British Columbia. The B.M.A. has a major collection of Northwest Coast art, but does not yet own a totem pole. It is hoped that through generous public donations, the B.M.A. will be able to purchase the pole.

Davidson was born in 1954 in the village of Masset, Haida-Gwaii, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia. He is an internationally acclaimed artist who excels in sculpture, prints and jewelery. His work has been displayed in many important exhibitions and can be found in public and private collections around the world. Davidson is also recognized for his powerful traditional dancing and singing with the Rainbow Creek dancers, a Haida dance group. These dancers will perform at the B.M.A. on November 13, 1993, on the same day as Discovery 2000's Southeastern Native American Celebration. The performances will be at 12:00 noon and 3:00pm in the B.M.A. auditorium. Reg will also be giving a slide presentation on Haida culture and contemporary Northwest Coast art in the auditorium at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 14th.

These programs are free and open to the public, and are co-sponsored by the B.M.A. Committee for the Traditional Arts, and the department of Education and Public Programs. For further information, please call Mary Villadsen at the B.M.A. at (205) 254-2969, or FAX at (205) 254-2714. (Taken from the September 17th News Release - Birmingham Museum of Art)

### **1993 Southeastern Archaeological Conference**

The 50th Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina, on November 3rd through the 6th. The host of this year's conference is the Office of State Archaeology, Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

As usual, many of the presentations will concentrate on archaeological sites in Alabama. Listed below are presentations that are of special interest to Alabama Archaeological Society members.

#### **Nov. 4th**

8:40 - P. Bridges: Mortality and Warfare at Koger's Island, Northwestern Alabama.

1:00 - G. Waselkov: Multiethnic Households In Old Mobile, 1702 - 1711.

1:20 - E. Futato: Benton.

#### **Nov. 5th**

8:00 - 12:00 Roundtable Symposium on the Archaeological Investigations at Dust Cave, Northwest Alabama. The co - chairs of the symposium are B. Driskell and N. Goldman-Finn. Participants include B. Driskell, S. C. Meeks, J. Grover, P. W. Parmalee, P. Gardner, M. B. Collins, W. Gose, S. Shaw, P. Goldberg, S. Sherwood, and N. Goldman-Finn. Discussants are D. Anderson and D. Morse.

9:40 - P. Welch and M. Scarry: Pots, Plants, and Parties in the Moundville Polity.

10:20 - L. Holland: Ceramic Analysis of Two Single Mound Sites Near Moundville, Alabama.

2:20 - T. McClung: The Cross Keys Site; Pre-Removal Muscogee Settlement and Subsistence in Macon County, Alabama.

#### **Nov. 6th**

10:40 - B. Driskell: Tracking Polish Formation in an Experimental Setting with Digital Imaging.

Important numbers to know if you need further information about this year's SEAC conference:

Local Arrangements Chair; Mark Mathis - 919-733-7342

Program Chair; Vincas Steponaitis - 919-962-6574

Radisson Plaza Hotel; Conference Location - 919-834-9900

## **Alabama Museum of Natural History**

In volume 3, number 3 of *Nature South*, the magazine of the Alabama Natural History Society, there are a number of articles that may be of interest to amateur archaeologists throughout the state. The first article entitled "From Stone Bowls to Clay Pots" explains the methods by which Gulf Formational, Woodland, Mississippian, Protohistoric, and Historic pottery were made and the technological advancements involved with each type. "Grandmother Clay and Making Pottery the Old Way" is an informative account of Cherokee Indian Patsy Hanvey's personal experiences with pottery making. "Cultural Resources Management" by Carey B. Oakley explains the duties of archaeologists today as they work to identify possible historic or prehistoric sites on a state and national level. "So You Want to Make Indian Pottery?" is a step by step article on how to make both pinch and coil method pots. In order to obtain a copy of this publication contact: The University of Alabama

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Alabama Museum of Natural History  
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### **Excavations Planned for Beartail Rock Shelter**

Archaeologist Charles Hubbert has uncovered a number of interesting artifacts during test excavations at Beartail Rock Shelter located on Redstone Arsenal. A five foot test pit revealed a spear point which is approximately 10,000 years old. It's depth makes it a very significant find. According to Mr. Hubbert this particular site contains valuable information through the remains of pollen and grasses in the soil. Also, since the site is located on a military installation it has not been disturbed by "pot hunters" which makes it a rare find. Recognizing the importance of the site, the Department of Defense has decided to fund further excavation for a period of one year through it's Legacy program. This is a congressionally mandated program which furnishes the capital needed to preserve historical and cultural resources located on D.O.D. land. Mr. Hubbert plans to hire a team of archaeologists, botanists, zoologists and paleontologists to begin working in the spring. He is hopeful that he will be able to obtain an additional two years of funding to further excavations in order to uncover data which could be helpful to the understanding of life in this area since the Ice Age.

### **In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past**

Fifteen years ago the *Stones and Bones* announced the opening of Fort Toulouse Park. The park was described as "Alabama's newest recreational area" with picnic areas, nature trails (one near the Indian Mound), and a boat ramp among other attractions.

## Chapter News

### *Troy State Chapter*

The Troy State Chapter held it's first meeting of the new year on September 23rd where we elected new officers. Garnet Phalen will serve as President, Wally Lowery as Vice-President, and Sharon Baggett as Treasurer. The October meeting will be held on Thursday the 21st in Smith Hall. Anyone interested in archaeology is invited to attend.

*Garnet Phalen*

### New Members

William L. Howell Jr.  
Birmingham, AL

Fran Branum  
Greenville, AL

Matthew D. Weber  
Madison, AL

### In Memoriam

The *Stones and Bones* would like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Carl L. Fox Jr. who passed away on Aug. 20th. Mr. Fox had been a life member since 1964.

### The Calendar

Dec. 11th: Alabama Archaeological Society Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, AL.

Nov. 3-6th: S.E.A.C., Raddison Plaza, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Oct. 30th: Alabama Chitlin' Jamboree, Ruritan Park, Clio, AL., Admission charge. Arts and crafts, games entertainment and more. Contact Alex Brock (205)379-4518.

⊗ **Editor's Note** ⊗

The editors of the *Stones & Bones* would like extend an apology for the disorganization of our last two issues. Our Associate Editor, Garnet Phalen, has had a fear of numbers since early childhood and is currently undergoing shock therapy to correct this malady. We hope that this will correct the problem in future publications.

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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