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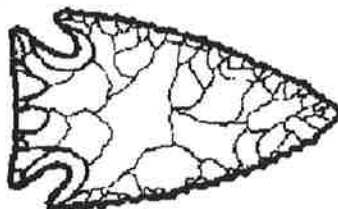
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What's Happening Around the State

The Council on Alabama Archaeology met at the Alabama Historical Commission on October 8, 1998. The Council elected Eugene Futato as Chair and Jean Allan as Vice Chair. Other items of business included establishing criteria for cultural resources that warrant an official site number, and assigning site numbers to historic cemeteries. The council also learned of the recent exposure of shipwrecks on the coast by the storm surge of Hurricane Georges. Fortunately, the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Department of Transportation are working together to map the shipwrecks and cover them with sand. The Council was also informed of the FY 98 grants funded by the Alabama Historical Commission and also briefed on the 1999 grant fund prospects.



Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting

The Alabama Archaeological Society will hold its annual winter meeting in Room 205, Smith Hall, University of Alabama campus, in Tuscaloosa, on December 5th. This year's program chairman is currently soliciting presentations. If you would like to present a paper at the meeting, please call Rick Fuller (205-348-9758) as soon as possible. We will have our usual great book auction thanks to the hard work of Jim Lee. Rick has also informed us that there will be no registration fee (compliments of the University Museum and the AAS). This, of course, means that you will have more money to bid on the great books Jim will have available.

The program for the meeting will be published in the November *Stones and Bones*. Presentations will include papers given by this year's recipients of the AAS grants plus papers on current research in Alabama.

1998 Nominations for AAS Officers and Board of Directors

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AAS Scholarships

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award two scholarships this year in the amount of \$250.00 each to two students actively engaged in an archaeological research project. Proposals for the scholarships must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by January 31st. The Scholarship Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipients will be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the student recipients must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the research project in which the student is involved must be located in Alabama, 3) the student must be an undergraduate or a graduate student enrolled in a college or university in Alabama with an active anthropology program, 4) the student must submit a letter of endorsement from an anthropology professor, and 5) the student will be required to present a paper on his or her research project at the 1999 Winter meeting.

Research Grant

The Alabama Archaeological Society will grant an award of \$500.00 this year to a deserving archaeological research project. Grant proposals must be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Committee Chairman by January 31st. The Archaeological Resources Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipient shall be made by March 31st. Minimum criteria for the grant are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be

a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the project must be located in Alabama, 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to present a paper on the archaeological project at the 1999 Winter meeting and, 4) the project director or other personnel working on the project must submit a written report for publication in the Journal of Alabama Archaeology within twelve months of receiving the grant.

Public Education

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award public education grants this year in the amount of \$500.00. Single grant awards shall not exceed \$500.00. Proposals for the grants must be submitted to the Public Education Committee Chairman by January 31st. The Public Education Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the grant recipient (s) shall be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the public education project must be located in Alabama, 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to give a presentation on the project at the 1999 Winter meeting.

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Please note that proposals for all grants are due January 31st.

Alabama Frontier Days

The Fort Toulouse/Jackson Park will be hosting Alabama Frontier Days on November 4-8. Providing the most authentic "Living History" event in the state, this is a wonderful opportunity to see the unique culture of the south as it was transformed from Creek Indian lands to pioneer soldiers' and settlers' forts and homesteads. As an educational event focusing on the Alabama and early Southern Frontier, it will include displays and demonstrations of the activities and ways of the people of our region in the period from 1700 to 1820.

Authentically costumed participants will demonstrate the arts, crafts, and trades of the period. The French Fort Toulouse will be occupied by a full force of French colonial Marines, and a War of 1812 camp will be set up next to Fort Jackson, all of whom will be dressed in period clothing and uniforms. The following demonstrations and entertainment have been scheduled: pottery-making, dugout canoe construction, native fishing equipment, arrowhead making, blacksmithing, knife-making, flintlock musket and rifle, as well as an 18th Century magician and puppet and marionette shows. Daily admission charge is \$4 for students and children ages 6-12, and \$5 for adults. For further information call (334)567-3002.



Southeastern Archaeological Conference

The 55th annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference will be on November 11-14 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, South Carolina. Call the Hyatt Regency for reservations at 1-800-233-1234 or 1-864-235-1234. Registration is \$45 for regular members and \$35 for students (with copy of current ID).

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport is 12 miles from downtown Greenville. The Hyatt Regency operates a free shuttle service between the hotel and the airport. If you are driving, the greater Greenville-Spartanburg area lies at the intersection of two interstates, I-85 and I-26, so you will not need your GPS unit. Parking at the Hyatt Regency is \$5 per day. Some of the special events include a reception hosted by the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, and a dance presenting the Savoy Records recording artist Nappy Brown.

For more information contact Ken Sassaman at (803)725-1130 or email at sassamank@garnet.cla.sc.edu.

Chapter News

Coosa Valley Chapter

The Coosa Valley Chapter held its first meeting of the year in the Archaeology Lab in Martin Hall at Jacksonville State University. Announcements were made and discussions held concerning the 5K-Run to help raise money for the preservation of the Janney Iron Furnace. The Run will be at 8:00a.m. on October 17, 1998 at the Furnace Site. T-shirts and prizes are available for participants. For more information call Chris Hill at (256)782-5656 at Jacksonville State University. The program for the evening was a slide show and narrative of the JSU field work for the

summer at various sites in Calhoun and St. Clair Counties by Dr. Harry Holstein.

The Coosa Valley Chapter meets at announced times towards the end of each month with the JSU Archaeology Club at the Archaeological Resources Lab on the 2nd floor of Martin Hall on the Jacksonville State University Campus. The Club President is Dr. Phillip E. Koerper; Vice-President is Mr. Wyatt Amos; Secretary/treasurer is Ms. Brigitte Cole; and Newsletter editor is Mr. Larry Smith.

Information can be obtained from Dr. Koerper (782-5604) or Dr. Harry Holstein (782-5656).

Submitted by Brigitte Cole, Secretary

Troy State University Chapter

The Troy State Chapter held its monthly meeting Monday, October 19. We welcomed new members and elected new officers.

President - Rex Oggs
Vice-President - Eric Bair
Treasurer - Samantha Wolfe
Secretary - Alicia Slade

We also discussed a trip to Fort Toulouse for Frontier Days and talked about a training session for members to give a classroom presentation on Alabama archaeology to fourth through seventh graders at area schools.

The Troy State Chapter will meet the first Thursday of every month at 40 Eldridge Hall on the main campus of Troy State University.

For more information call (334)670-3638.

Submitted by Alicia Slade, Secretary.



Alabama Historical Commission Receives NPS Grant

The Alabama Historical Commission's Archaeological Services Division in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, the Lawrence County Indian Education Program, and magazine Wild Alabama has received a \$22,500 grant from the National Park Service titled *Identifying, Interpreting, and Protecting Traditional Cultural Places and Sacred Sites: Indian Tomb Hollow, Kinlock, and the High Town Path, Alabama*. The project will develop a procedure to identify, interpret, and protect Traditional Cultural Places and Sacred Sites important to the Echota Cherokee of Alabama, a state-recognized tribe. Through education and training, a dialog will be developed to allow community groups to share information and concerns with land managers so that these areas will receive appropriate and adequate attention as important cultural resources.

Traditional Cultural Properties are a relatively recent addition to the list of cultural resources that are recognized by land managers. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation outlined the concept in the National Register of Historic Places Bulletin 38, but few land managers have received adequate training on how to manage for these resources. Traditional Cultural Properties occur as geographic locations that are associated with the "...beliefs, customs, and practices of a living community of people that have been passed down through the generations, usually orally or through practice" (Parker and King, n.d.). Examples include ceremonial areas, baptism locations, and landscapes where natural materials are collected for traditional crafts. Similar to other properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, traditional cultural properties must be at least 50 years old and must meet one of the criteria in order to qualify for this designation.

Native Americans do not view their traditional lifeways and spirit worlds as traditional cultural properties or sacred sites. These are categories created to make tangible that which is intangible. The value of these as ancestral and spiritual landscapes should be recognized by professionals and land managers in planning future use and management of the land because many are disappearing to development, looting, vandalism, and poor land management practices.

This project will develop a program to train land managers, professionals, Native Americans and other interested persons through seminars and field workshops using traditional cultural properties currently being evaluated in the Bankhead National Forest. It will then be produced in a video and a procedures manual written at the implementation level. A portion of the project will also be directed at the general public, especially students, through brochures and an easy to understand video.

References

Parker, Patricia L. and King, Thomas F.

n.d. *Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties*. National Register Bulletin 38. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

For more information contact Daphne L. Owens at (334)230-2646.



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