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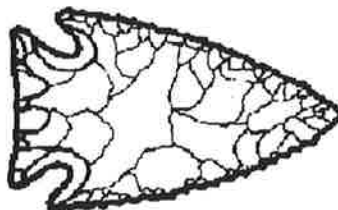
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### Chapter News

#### East Alabama Chapter

Teresa Paglione met with the East Alabama Chapter on April 14th and presented a program on the cultural resource responsibilities of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. She is a Cultural Resources Specialist in the NRCS and has responsibility for ensuring that federal regulations relating to archaeological and other cultural resources are followed wherever federal assistance or federal permits are involved. A native of Montgomery, Ms. Paglione received her undergraduate degree from Auburn University at Montgomery, followed by graduate studies in archaeology at Florida State University. She worked for the Georgia Department of Transportation and the US Forest Service before coming to Auburn.

The East Alabama Chapter held its May meeting on the 12th. Dr. John Cottier described the archaeological activities conducted this past summer at the Ebert Canebrake Site (IMC25) located on the south bank of the Tallapoosa River in Macon County. Although materials dating to the

Woodland Period (300 BC to 500 AD) have been uncovered, the major focus of the excavations has been a Mississippian village occupied between 1100 AD and 1500 AD. Dr. Cottier brought with him various artifacts from the site, especially ceramic shreds. He explained the differences between Woodland and Mississippian pottery in terms of temper (sand or shell) and the decorative patterns represented.

*Submitted by:*

*Caroline R. Dean*

#### Troy State Chapter

The Troy State Chapter held its monthly meeting on May 14th. We enjoyed several New World dishes that our members brought to share. Cornbread, yams, corn, bream, squash, greens, deer jerkey, mint tea, watermelon, and sassafras tea. Everything was delicious.

The Troy State chapter will not meet during the summer months.

*Amanda McBride*

*Secretary*

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## What's Happening Around the State

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At the request of the Alabama Power Company, the University of Alabama, University of Alabama Museums, Office of Archaeological Services (OAS) conducted Phase II testing at Site 1Ta547 in Talladega County, Alabama. The Phase II testing program was conducted January 20-23 and 26-30, 1998. The Principal Investigator for the project was Carey B. Oakley, Director of OAS. Jeffrey M. Meyer (Archaeological Technician) served as the Field Director.

The site was recorded in April 1997, by cultural resources survey of the Logan Martin Dam-Jackson Shoals 115kv Transmission Line in St. Clair and Talladega counties. The site was considered to have the potential for containing intact cultural deposits and was considered potentially eligible for the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP). At the time of the survey, Site 1Ta547 was characterized as a moderate density artifact scatter situated on a stream terrace adjacent to Clear Creek. Pockets of rich brown silty clay loam that contained moderate amounts of projectile points/knives, lithic debitage, and fair amounts of fire cracked rock delineate the site. The remaining portion of the site is eroded and consists of yellowish red clay. Recovered cultural material suggested an Early Archaic occupation of the site.

The Phase II testing program included intensive auger testing and the excavation of six 1 m by 2 m test units. Field investigations determined the site to measure approximately 120 m (393.6 ft) by 70 m (229.6 ft). Stratigraphically, all of the cultural material was retrieved from the disturbed plowzone. Testing indicated that two plowzones are present in the lower lying portions of the site, resulting from the use of a chisel plow. Disturbance is evidenced by the recovery of Woodland ceramic sherds overlain by stemmed projectile points probably dating to the Archaic. No intact deposits were found at the site. Considering the

size of the site and its topographic setting, it is likely that Site 1Ta547 represents a small transitory camp site. The artifact assemblage is low in density with a preponderance of debitage, fire cracked rock, and unmodified rock. Few chipped stone tools and projectile points/knives were retrieved and the ceramic assemblage consists of two small eroded sherds. Upon completion of the testing program, Site 1Ta547 was considered ineligible for nomination to the NRHP.

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## Expedition 20: The Ebert Canebrake Site

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In June, the University of Alabama teams up with the Auburn University System for the annual Alabama Museum of Natural History Expedition. The Museum Expedition, celebrating its 20th year, will pitch camp at the Canebrake Site near Tallassee in Macon County where participants in the archaeological field camp will excavate a village occupied between 1100-1500 AD. The early people who dwelled at the settlement lived during the Mississippian Period when prehistoric Indian culture was at its height in North America.

The Canebrake Site is located on the bank of the Tallapoosa River in Macon County. Test excavations have revealed pottery, stone tools, animal bones, and other household debris. Expedition researchers will concentrate on the Mississippian features contemporary with the great mound-building period of Alabama. The site is rich in artifacts where dense concentrations of burned clay plaster, charred wood, and postholes indicate that a number of prehistoric houses were located along the riverbank.

The Museum Expedition is divided into four one-week sessions, beginning on Sunday, June 14th and ending Saturday, July 11th.

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## South Central Historical Archaeological Conference

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The first annual meeting of the South Central Historical Archaeology Conference (SCHAC) will be held on September 19th and 20th, 1998, (Saturday and Sunday) in Jackson, MS. The purpose of this conference is to bring together people with diverse ideas who encounter similar situations in historical archaeology. Historical archaeology is a growing field in the South Central states, and a forum where method, theory, cultural resource management issues, and research are discussed will greatly enhance the discipline and the quality of archaeology in this region. It is anticipated that the proceedings from the conference will be published.

Saturday will be devoted to paper presentations. Formal paper presentations should be 20 minutes in length and the subject is open to all aspects of historical archaeology. Ten-minute colloquial presentations are also welcome, especially summaries of recent excavations. Abstracts for formal papers and titles for colloquial presentations are requested. Please send these to Amy L. Young, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Box 5074, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, 39406-5074. Please send abstracts and titles by August 21, 1998.

On Sunday, September 20, Skip Stewart-Abernathy will offer a hands-on workshop on identification and analysis of nineteenth century bottle glass. The workshop will end about noon. This will be an opportunity to bring some examples of your material for identification.

For more information, write Amy Young at the above address, call (601) 266-6180, or e-mail [ayoung@whale.st.usm.edu](mailto:ayoung@whale.st.usm.edu).

Submitted by Leslie "Skip" Stewart-Abernathy and Amy L. Young

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## Peruvian Artifacts on Display

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The largest exhibit of Peruvian artifacts ever to travel to the United States opened in April at The Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn.

"Ancestors of the Incas: The Lost Civilizations of Peru," which runs through September 16th, is the seventh exhibition presented by WONDERS: The Memphis International Cultural Series.

The exhibit spans 3,000 years of Peruvian history and features gold and silver objects, intriguing mummies, richly decorated ceramics, delicate feather and cotton textiles, and human skulls with evidence of successful brain surgery.

Most of the more than 300 objects in the exhibit have been recovered from ancient tombs. They represent the rituals, artistry, warfare, and daily lifestyles of 30 different cultures in Peru from as early as 1000 BC.

The artifacts will be displayed in a 30,000-square foot area divided into small galleries. The overall architecture of the galleries is designed to show the colors, decorative patterns, and architecture of ancient Peru.

*Taken from the Montgomery Advertiser, April 14, 1998.*

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## Calendar

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### **MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians**

MOWA Choctaw Annual Pow Wow

June 20-21, 1998

McIntosh, AL

(334) 894-6578

### **Cherokees of Northeast Alabama**

Sequoyah Caverns Fall Indian Festival

September 18-20, 1998

Ider, AL

(205) 681-0800

**Moundville Archaeological Park**  
Moundville Native American Indian Festival  
September 22-26, 1998  
Moundville, AL  
(205) 371-2572

**Burrit Museum and Park**  
Indian Heritage Festival  
October 15-17, 1998  
Huntsville, AL  
(205) 536-2882

**American Society for Ethnohistory**  
1998 Annual Meeting  
November 12-15, 1998  
The Radisson Metrodome  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
*Abstracts and preregistration due by June 12, 1998.*  
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## For Your Information

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The following is a list of web sites that may be of interest.

**NRCS Cultural Resources page**  
[www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/BCS/culture/cultural.html](http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/BCS/culture/cultural.html)

**AUM Archaeology Lab**

[www.aum.edu/home/academics/schools/libarts/dept/sociology/archaeology/index.htm](http://www.aum.edu/home/academics/schools/libarts/dept/sociology/archaeology/index.htm)

**Southwest Archaeology Network** - good source of what is happening in CRM all over US (laws, new ideas, new finds, links to other web pages.)  
[www.swanet.org](http://www.swanet.org)

**"A virtual library for archaeology"** - with hot-links and searches by academics dept., subject areas, museums, federal regulations, federal agencies, etc.  
[www.lib.uconn.edu/ArchNet/](http://www.lib.uconn.edu/ArchNet/)

**National Park Service Cultural Resources** - includes NRHP, statewide archaeological weeks, NCPTT, etc.  
[www.cr.nps.gov/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/)

**South Carolina Institute for Anthropology and Archaeology web page.**  
[www.cla.sc.edu/sciaa/sciaa.html](http://www.cla.sc.edu/sciaa/sciaa.html)

**University of Sydney, Australia Archaeology home page** (emphasizes remote sensing and GIS uses)  
[www.archaeology.usyd.edu.au/resources/](http://www.archaeology.usyd.edu.au/resources/)

**Newsouth Associates** - private archaeological consultant in Georgia - they have a good summary of archaeological laws and 106 compliance procedures.  
[www.newsouth.assoc](http://www.newsouth.assoc)

**GIS "stuff".**  
[www.esri.com/base/gis/index.html](http://www.esri.com/base/gis/index.html)

**Intro to Archaeology (Maricopa College)**  
[www.mc.maricopa.edu/anthro/Archy](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/anthro/Archy)

**Native American issues and maps.**  
[www.indy4.fdl.cc.mn.us/~isk/maps/mapmenu.html](http://www.indy4.fdl.cc.mn.us/~isk/maps/mapmenu.html)

**Society for American Archaeology**  
[www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)

### Smithsonian Magazine

[www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian/tocurrent/shtml](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian/tocurrent/shtml)

### National Archaeological Database

[www.cast.uark.edu/products/NADB](http://www.cast.uark.edu/products/NADB)

### Rock Art Bulletin (international)

[www.geocites.com/Athens/2996/index.htm](http://www.geocites.com/Athens/2996/index.htm)

### Index of Anthropology and Archaeology Videos/Films (with review).

[www.anth.ucsb.edu/video/index/html](http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/video/index/html)

*Submitted by Teresa Paglione*

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## Anthropological Index Online

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The Anthropological Index provides a service to scholars in all branches of anthropology and archaeology. With the increasing number of periodicals in anthropology and archaeology, it is essential for researchers to use bibliographic reference works to gain access to the literature in their field of interest. The Library of the Department of Ethnography of the British Museum (Museum of Mankind) receives periodicals in all branches of anthropology, from academic institutions and publishers around the world.

The Library's holdings cover all areas of cultural and social anthropology, ethnography and material culture, from mainstream theoretical journals to special interest publications. All geographical regions are covered, and the Library has particularly strong coverage of Eastern and Central Europe, with journals often not available elsewhere. The **Anthropological Index** covers articles in all languages, and provides English translations of citations from non-Roman scripts and from smaller languages.

The **Anthropological Index Online** has been made available in electronic format with the generous support of the William Buller Fagg Charitable Trust and with the assistance of CSAC at the University of Kent, Canterbury. So far

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*title: divination*

*year: 1990*

it will search for records by author 'zeitlyn' with the work 'divination' in the title, published in the year '1990'. For full instructions send the one work message 'help' to the address above.

I do hope that this service is found useful and would welcome any comments or suggestions for the improvement of the service.

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