**Summer HIatus for Kadohadacho News**

We will not have a May meeting this year as many summer field projects are already getting underway. In fact, the Kadohadacho Chapter meetings and newsletter will take a brief break during the summer months as we will be busy with the UofA archeological field school, Arkansas Archeological Society summer dig and training program at Toltec (and other projects)...Watch out for the return of the newsletter in **August of 2010** and the return of the meetings in **September 2010**. Have a nice summer and we hope to see you at the dig!

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**The 47th Annual AAS Summer Training Program, June 5-20, Toltec Mounds State Park**

Those of you who made the April Chapter meeting know that after a 20-year hiatus, the Arkansas Archeological Society Training Program will return to Toltec Mounds this June! The 2010 Annual Training Program will be held at Toltec Mounds State Park from June 5 through 20. You must be a member of the Arkansas Archeological Society to attend the Program. Minimum age is eight years. Kids eight to 16 must have a registered adult sponsor with them. Training Program activities will focus on excavations taking place at the Toltec Mounds site. Opportunities to participate in classes, work in the lab, and attend lectures will also be available.

The Arkansas Archeological Society Headquarters and the Training Program lab will operate out of a spacious, indoor (air-conditioned) pavilion near the park’s visitor center. Classes and evening programs will be at Toltec Mounds State Park, as well as the Heritage Resource Center in Scott (about 3 miles away).

Training Program participants can use the park’s grounds for tent and pop-up tent camping. The main camping site will be near the picnic area outside the park visitor center and pavilion.

You may come to the Dig for as long or as short a time as you would like, but you must have an Orientation prior to participating. For those who have never attended our program, Beginners’ Orientations will be scheduled each morning as needed from June 5–13 with the final Beginners’ Orientation at 5:30 pm on Monday evening, June 14, (our traditional day off for rest, recreation, laundry, etc.). For “old timers,” the orientation is shorter and will be conducted in the field. After orientation, you may go to the excavations or lab, or wherever your work schedule indicates.

In addition to excavating, Training Program participants will have an opportunity to register for a variety of seminars, instructed by professional archeologists with the Arkansas Archeological Survey. The full list of seminars is included table below. Seminars meet for five days, either morning or afternoon, with the exception of Basic Excavation, which meets all day (half-day in the classroom and half-day in the field) for five consecutive days.

For more information about the upcoming AAS Summer Training Program at Toltec Mounds, check:


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**Mounds A and B at Toltec Mounds—49 and 38 feet tall respectively.**

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Recent & Future Excavations at Historic Washington State Park

As you all know, the Kadohadacho Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society just completed a “Spring Break Dig” at the site of the Block House in Historic Washington State Park. The dig was a resounding success!

The Block House was built between 1827 and 1832 and is a Federal “I” Style building that served as the home of Arkansas’s first documented Jewish settler and important Washington Merchant, Abraham Block. The 1982 & 1983 Arkansas Archeological Society summer digs, lead by Dr. Leslie “Skip” Stewart-Abernathy, were held at the Block House where we concentrated on uncovering the detached kitchen behind the building. In 1999 further work encountered a mysterious chimney behind the location of the detached kitchen.

This year we returned. We relocated the chimney that AAS Archeologists Randy Guendling, Mike Evans and Jared Pebeworth uncovered in 1999 and did a full excavation around the elm stump growing out of the chimney. What did we find out? This chimney did not belong to an earlier structure (artifacts date the same as the kitchen), it is a domestic deposit (we recovered food remains and domestic artifacts). Additionally, we have uncovered a “memory map” from an oral history in the park historian’s files that show the location as a possible free-standing slave quarter. Thus, that is our working hypothesis, but we’ll be looking hard for other possibilities as we do the artifact analysis. These excavations will be the subject of David Markus’ (University of Arkansas) MA thesis.

You can see photos of the dig on Dr. Brandon’s Flickr site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/jcbbrandon/sets/72157623521464409/

Thanks to Historic Washington State Park for being GREAT hosts…we appreciate all the hospitality. And thanks to all of you volunteers (& AAS crew) who helped make the dig possible: Holli Howard, Bob Campbell, Canaan Gideon, David Markus, Kyle Farmer, Karen Mills, Pritam Chowdhury, Sara Wade, Debra Hartley, Andrea Levorn, Duncan McKinnon, Finn Buckley, Hays Buckley, Cole Herberg, Thomas Herberg, Connie Masters, Tom Purdin, Hanna Berry, Joseph Berry, Maggie Berry, Rick Conkey, Charlotte Conkey, and Daniel Conkey…and special thanks to Dr. Leslie “Skip” Stewart-Abernathy, who lead the AAS excavations at the Block House in 1982-1984, for coming out and working with us during the dig!

We will be returning to Historic Washington this May with the University of Arkansas archeological field school. Between May 17 and June 11, 2010, Dr. Brandon and David Markus will lead excavations that will further investigate the Block House, the Royston House and other locations in the park. We may even lend a hand to William and Mary Ph.D. candidate Carl Carlson-Drexler as he conducts test excavations at the site of Dooley’s Ferry, the Red River crossing in southern Hempstead County that would have been used by many as they made their way to and from Washington. Contact Dr. Brandon (jbrando@uark.edu, 870-235-4229) if you would like to volunteer (or just visit) the excavations.

State-Wide Annual Meeting Call for Papers & Awards

Mark your calendars! The Arkansas Archeological Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary at the Austin Hotel in Hot Springs This year’s Society Annual Meeting, September 24-26. Expect to find exhibits, history, and other celebrations at the meeting. More details will be available at a later date. Now is also the time to consider Award nominations. The Society has four awards categories: McGimsey Preservation Award, Distinguished Service Award, Society Member of the Year, and Certificates of Appreciation. Descriptions of each award and the nomination form can be found on the Society web site at www.arkarch.org. Award nominations should reach Barbara Scott, bhsccott@uark.edu, also by August 7.

Each year, on or near the last weekend of September, the Arkansas Archeological Society holds its Annual Meeting. Besides the opportunity to visit with friends and have a great time, the meeting offers a variety of activities, as follows:
Events start on Friday evening with a membership reception. On Saturday, papers on current archeological topics are presented by professional and amateur archeologists from throughout Arkansas, in a 20-minute format, usually with slides. The annual Business Meeting is held Saturday morning and includes the presentation of certificates for the completion of the Certification Program and Certificates of Appreciation. On Saturday evening, a banquet is held, during which Society awards are made (Nominations Form). After the dinner, a Keynote Speaker—a specially selected archeologist from outside Arkansas—makes a presentation on his or her work. On Sunday morning, trips to local museums or archeological sites are conducted.

A highlight of the meeting is the ARF Silent Auction. Many wonderful items, including books, artwork, posters, jewelry, etc., are donated to raise money for the Research Fund. In addition to the Silent Auction, books and reproductions are usually available for purchase, as well.

For a list of past meetings, click here.

Upcoming Conferences & Events
- **June 5-20, 2010**—Arkansas Archeological Society Summer Training Program. Toltec Mounds State Park
- **October 6-9, 2010**—Society for Commercial Archaeology, Fayetteville, AR. Theme: “Odyssey in the Ozarks.” Not really archeology, but certainly interesting, the SCA is the oldest national organization devoted to the buildings, artifacts, structures, signs, and symbols of the 20th-century commercial landscape. Info: [http://www.sca-roadside.org/](http://www.sca-roadside.org/)
- **November 12-14, 2010**—South Central Historical Archaeology Conference (SCHAC), Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN; [http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/schac.html](http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/schac.html)
- **January 5-9, 2011**—Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA), Austin, TX. [http://www.sha.org/default.cfm](http://www.sha.org/default.cfm)

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