March is Arkansas Archeology Month!!!!!!

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March 12th:
Upcoming AAS Summer Dig—Prehistoric Settlement in the Ouachita Mountains.

Our Archeology Month program will be Meeks Etchieson, the Ouachita National Forest Heritage Program Manager. Meeks will be talking about new excavations at a Montgomery County site that are planned as part of the Arkansas Archeological Society’s Training Program in June, 2013. Etchieson (along with AAS-HSU Research Station Archeologist Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt) will be directing the summer excavations that will focus on 3MN298, a multi-component prehistoric site on the Ouachita River that is located in the Ouachita National Forest near Oden. The site is clearly a significant one, based on previously-documented cultural features (large refuse-filled pits) and the excellent preservation of organic materials (animal bone, shell, and charred plant remains).

This summer’s archeological excavations at 3MN298 will highlight four themes: (1) the production and exchange of chipped stone tools made of Arkansas Novaculite from local Ouachita Mountains sources, especially during the Archaic period; (2) the origins of farming in Arkansas in the Late Archaic and Woodland periods, since the Mississippi River Valley region was one of the primary centers for plant domestication in the world; (3) archeological evidence for Caddo Indian lifeways in the Ouachita Mountains circa A.D. 1200-1700; and (4) modern interpretations of the route of the Spanish expedition of Hernando De Soto through the Ouachita Mountains and western Arkansas in the sixteenth century.

Meeks Etchieson has a long history in southwest Arkansas Archeology (he first shows up in AAS-SAU records in 1970). He has been involved with many of the important digs in the region, has been active with both the Arkansas Archeological Society and the Forest Service programs and has been involved in research on topics as disparate as prehistoric novaculite quarries, historic Choctaw farmsteads and sites relating to tick eradication in the early twentieth century. Meeks was a driving force in organizing the Ouachita Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society and its continuing successful function as a source of public archeology. As Heritage Resource Manager on the Ouachita National Forest, he has sponsored two Society Training Programs and led the preparation and successful conduct of a Society Annual Meeting in Hot Springs. Meeks was honored as the “Arkansas Archeological Society Member of the Year” in 2008.

You will want to come to this month’s meeting and get the scoop on the upcoming summer dig—Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm in the Magnolia Room on the second floor of the Reynolds Center on the campus of Southern Arkansas University.

Kadakahadocho Speakers, Spring 2013
• March 12—Meeks Etchieson, Ouachita National Forest Heritage Program Manager, will talk about the upcoming AAS Summer Dig.
• April 9—John Samuelsen, member of the AAS-Computer Services Program and Ph.D. student at the University of Arkansas will talk about his on-going research at legendary Crenshaw Mounds on the Red River.
2013 Arkansas Archeology Month

March is Arkansas Archeology Month—an annual celebration commemorating Arkansas’s cultural heritage as revealed through the archeology of both prehistoric and historic eras. Exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, tours, open houses, workshops, and other activities are scheduled throughout the state at museums, historic sites, state parks, libraries, and colleges.

The event began as “Arkansas Archeology Week” in 1991 and was expanded to cover a month in 2002. It has been held in both the spring and the fall, but since 2003 Arkansas Archeology Month is held in March.

This year there are many events scheduled for our region of the state...for more events—happening throughout the state—take a look at the following website:

http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/archmonthevents2013.html

March Archeology Month Events

March 2, 11:30a
Dooley’s Ferry
870-235-4230
• Tour: Dooley’s Ferry
Carl Carlson-Drexler, Survey SAU Assistant, will give a guided tour of recent work at the Dooley’s Ferry site in southern Hempstead County. Call for more information.

March 3, 2:00p
Heritage House Museum of Montgomery Co., Inc.
819 Luзерne St., Mount Ida, 870-867-4422
• Slide-Talk: Indians of Montgomery County
Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt, Survey-HSU archeologist, will deliver a public talk, illustrated with pictures and artifacts, about Indians in Montgomery County, based on past archeological excavations in the area.

March 7, 4:00p
Henderson State University
1100 Henderson St., Reynolds 127, Arkadelphia, 870-230-5006
• Slide-Talk: Upcoming Archeological Dig in the Ouachita National Forest
This talk is part of HSU’s spring community classes, taught by Ellis College Faculty for the public. Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt, Survey-HSU archeologist, will discuss plans for new archeological research in western Arkansas.

March 12, 7:00p
Southern Arkansas University
Reynolds Center, Magnolia Rm., Magnolia, 870-235-4229
• Slide-Talk: Archeology at 3MN298
Meeks Etchieson, Ouachita National Forest Heritage program manager, will talk about the upcoming Arkansas Archeological Society Training Program at this multi-component site near Mt. Ida. Sponsored by the AAS Kadohadacho Chapter.

March 23, 5:00-8:00p
Historic Washington State Park
Washington, 870-983-2684
• Tour, Dinner & Presentation: Celebrate the Archeology of Washington
Visit pre-Civil War sites and hear how archeology informed the reconstruction of portions of the town. Dr. Jamie Brandon, Survey-SAU archeologist, will be the guest speaker. Dinner and presentation to follow tour.
Fee: Yes, call for reservations.

March 27, 12:00 noon
Nashville, AR Rotary Club
Western Sizzlin on South 4th Street near Highway 26, 870-235-4229
• Slide-Talk: Archeology at Historic Washington
Dr. Jamie Brandon, Survey-SAU archeologist, will deliver a public talk about the recent excavations at Historic Washington State Park to the Nashville, Arkansas Rotarian Meeting.
AAS-SAU Calendar

- **March 2, 2013:** Carl Carlson-Drexler will be leading a tour of the Dooley’s Ferry site to Texarkana 4-H and Boy Scouts
- **March 4, 2013:** Dr. Brandon will be at a legislative reception hosted by the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas in Little Rock
- **March 6, 11 & 22, 2013:** Dr. Brandon & Carl will both be at Toltec Mounds for interviews of candidates for the next director of the Arkansas Archeological Survey.
- **March 23, 2013:** Dr. Brandon will be giving a talk and tour at Historic Washington State Park.
- **March 27, 2013:** Dr. Brandon will be speaking to the Nashville, Arkansas Rotary about the recent work at Historic Washington State Park.
- **All Spring Semester:** Dr. Brandon teaches General Anthropology and Anthropology of North American Indians on T & Th on the SAU Campus
- **All Spring Semester:** Carl Carlson-Drexler teaches Geographic Information Systems on Friday on the SAU Campus

Upcoming Conferences & Events


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