February 11: Don Higgins Talks about Rock Art in Arkansas

Our first Kadohadacho speaker for the Spring season will be Don Higgins who will continue our 2013-2014 theme—iconography. Don will be talking about the extensive research he has been carrying out on rock art on Petit Jean Mountain in the Arkansas River Valley.

Don Higgins is a life member of the Arkansas Archeological Society and has reported more than forty archeological sites. As a certified master naturalist and amateur archeologist, he studies, writes, and speaks on the natural and cultural history of Arkansas, with a special interest in Petit Jean Mountain’s Native American rock art. Don’s rock art project has resulted in the discovery of more than half of Petit Jean Mountain’s 482 known rock paintings.

He is a retired United States Air Force pilot with degrees in geography, surveying technology, and management. He lives in southern Conway County.

Come hear about Arkansas rock art through the eyes of one of our avid volunteers—Tuesday, February 11, 7:00pm in the Magnolia Room, upstairs in the Reynolds Center on the campus of Southern Arkansas University.

Above: A rock art image, from Petit Jean Mountain, is famously interpreted as a paddlefish and fishtrap.

Kadohadacho Speakers, Spring 2014

- **February 11**—Don Higgins, Arkansas Archeological Society member and avid rock art researcher, will talk about 100 years of studying rock art on Petit Jean Mountain.
- **March 11**—James Rees, Vice-President of the Arkansas Archeological Society and archeomusicologist, will talk about iconography and music in the southeastern US.
- **April 8**—Dr. Elizabeth Horton, AAS-Toltec Station Archeologist, will talk about iconography in Native American basketry.

Our February speaker will be Don Higgins, Life Member of the Arkansas Archeological Society who has been studying rock art on Petit Jean Mountain for some time.
February 15: Kadohadacho Lab Weekend

By request of the AAS-SAU Research Station Board of Advisors we will be launching a Kadohadacho Chapter Laboratory Saturday once a month starting this Spring.

We had originally scheduled our first Lab weekend for February 22, but as both Drs. Brandon and Drexler will be participating in the Arkansas Living History Conference (see below) that weekend, we have moved the date of the first Spring Laboratory Saturday to February 15!

Drs. Brandon & Drexler and volunteers will be working in the lab that Saturday from 9am until 4pm at the AAS-SAU Research Station in room 103 of the Bruce Center on the Southern Arkansas University campus in Magnolia. If you are interested in getting hands-on experience with artifacts, this is your chance to volunteer and take part in ongoing research and inventorying of materials that have been excavated over the last 46 years right here in in our own back yards! Contact Dr. Brandon at lbrando@uark.edu or 479-879-6229 to participate.

February 15 & 16 Certification Courses Offered

Society members participating in the Society/Survey Certification program have the opportunity to take classes this winter at the WRI Survey Research Station at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain.

The Establishing Time class will take place on February 15 and 16, Saturday and Sunday. Class will also run from 9 am on Saturday to end at 3 pm on Sunday. This will be an indoor class so we don't have to worry about February weather. Instructor will be Station Archeologist Jeff Mitchem with the Parkin Station.

These classes are free to members of the Arkansas Archeological Society. If you are coming from a distance you might want to arrive Friday night for the class. The Winthrop Rockefeller Institute has lodging and dining facilities, and packages are available with the hotel lodging at $74 plus tax. For reservations at WRI call the front desk at 501-727-5435. There are several motels in nearby Morrilton and the hotel rate is about the same. Camping is available at Petit Jean State Park.

For more information contact Dr. Leslie C. "Skip" Stewart-Abernathy, Arkansas Archeological Survey: email: ssstewartabernathy@uawri.org telephone: 501-727-6250, cell 479-264-8149

February 21-23: Arkansas Living History Association Conference

The 2014 ALHA Conference "Living History at the Crossroads" will be held in Washington, Arkansas hosted by Historic Washington State Park. It will include Workshops, Sessions, Panels, and Presentations—including a presentation on archeology in southwest Arkansas by Dr. Brandon and a tour of the excavations at Dooley’s Ferry by Dr. Drexler. The Arkansas Living History Association conference will look at the different ways Living History can impact the teaching of history and when and where certain styles of living history are better suited. For registration and more information see: http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/conference_info.html

March 24-30 2014
Spring Break Dig at the Taylor House

Dr. Brandon from the SAU Station will be joining the UAM Station to host the 2014 Spring Dig at the Taylor House. Also known as Hollywood Plantation, excavations in 1982 by Skip Stewart-Abernathy made it the first plantation site to be excavated in the state. Built in 1845, the Taylor House is a two-story, dogtrot style, log house near Bayou Bartholomew in Drew County. The 2014 Spring Dig will focus on the root cellar, the ell, the rear porch of the house and the smokehouse. This research has the potential to provide important information about the antebellum period in southeast Arkansas. Volunteers welcome.

The Taylor House is located on Hwy 138 about 40 miles east of Monticello. For google maps directions: http://tiny.cc/TaylorHouse

Contact Dr. Barnes at jabarnes@uark.edu or 870-460-1290, or Dr. Brandon at lbrando@uark.edu for additional information and to sign up.

56th Caddo Conference and 21st East Texas Archeological Conference

We invite you to attend the joint Caddo Conference and East Texas Archeological Conference will be jointly held March 27-29, 2014, in Tyler, Texas, on the University of Texas at Tyler campus. Ornelas Activity Center; 3402 Old Omen Rd.

The registration fee for the conference is $20, either before the conference or at the door. More information can be found online: http://www.caddoconference.org/cc2014.pdf If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Thomas H. Guderjan tguderjan@uttyler.edu 817-831-9011.
Pic of the Month: Dr. Leslie C. "Skip" Stewart-Abernathy conducts an oral history interview with one of the descendant community while working at the Taylor House during the 1991 Arkansas Archeological society Summer Training Program. This March AAS-UAM & AAS-SAU Research Stations will team up to return to the Taylor House to learn more.

Upcoming Conferences & Events

- **April 3-5**—Arkansas Historical Association Conference, Washington, AR. Info: [http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org/?page_id=17](http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org/?page_id=17)
- **June 7-22**—Arkansas Archeological Society Summer Training Program near Oden, AR.

AAS-SAU Calendar

- **02/01/2014**: Dr. Brandon will be in Little Rock for a meeting of the board of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas.
- **02/05/2014**: Dr. Brandon will be talking to student at Bradley School System in Lafayette County.
- **02/09-15/2014**: Dr. Drexler will be conducting field work at Wallace’s Ferry/Big Creek near Helena, AR
- **02/10/2014**: Dr. Drexler will be speaking at the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, AR.
- **02/15/2014**: AAS-SAU Lab Day!
- **02/22-23/2014**: Drs. Brandon and Drexler will be in Washington for the meeting of the Arkansas Living History Association.

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