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We're Back! An Update of AAS-SAU Research Station Summer Activities

Again we have had busy and fun summer hiatus from publishing the *Kadohadacho News*. Although we have been quiet, the AAS-SAU staff has been working hard on excavation projects and lining up projects for this coming fall.

As he did last year, Dr. Brandon spent two weeks in late May helping old colleagues who are now at the University of Florida with a summer archeological field school. This year they were returning to excavate on the antebellum Kingsley Plantation (1811-1830) and at the Spanish Mission San Juan del Puerto (1587-1703)—both on Fort George Island off the coast of Florida. Last year Dr. Brandon helped supervise excavations at the Spanish Mission site, but this year he was working with the University of Florida team to locate and uncover a lost eighteen-century sugar mill that had operated on the plantation between 1792-1830. Dr. Brandon will give a *Kadohadacho* Chapter program on the last three years of field work on Fort George Island in the spring.

The AAS-SAU Research Station also spent two weeks in June working with the annual Arkansas Archeological Society Training Program (AKA "the summer dig") near Malvern, Arkansas. This year's dig, conducted under the direction of Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt (AAS-HSU), returned to the site of Jones Mill for a second year in order to gather more data relating to stone trade and tool manufacturing in the Archaic Period. More than 80 people participated in this year's dig, including several AAS members from the *Kadohadacho* Chapter attended this year's dig—Bob Campbell (DeQueen), Canaan Gideon (DeQueen), Mia Brewer (Lockesburg), Don Hall (El Dorado) and Anthony Clay Newton (Magnolia).

Dr. Brandon taught the "Historical Archeology" seminar during the first session of the dig (including a field trip to Historic Washington State Park) and supervised excavations in Trench 4 during the second session. David Jeane, AAS-SAU Station Assistant, worked in the laboratory the first week and served as laboratory supervisor the second week of the dig.

KTHV, Channel 11, Little Rock did a news report on the Jones Mill excavations during the last day of the AAS Dig. You can see the actual video of the report by following this link:

<http://www.todaysthv.com/video/default.aspx?aid=69137>

Now that fall has arrived, *Kadohadacho* meetings will resume this September and run through December.

Look for the speaker schedule in the next issue of *Kadohadacho News*.



A shot of excavations in Trench 3 at this year's Arkansas Archeological Society Summer Training Program at the Jones Mill Site near Malvern, Arkansas.

Arkansas Archeology Class for the Public to be Held in DeQueen

Dr. Brandon will be teaching an Arkansas Archeology class for the public as one of the Continuing Education Classes at Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas (CCCUA) this September.

The class will meet every Thursday evening (6-8 PM) in September (that's Thursday, September 4, 11, 18 and 25) at CCCUA's facility in DeQueen, Arkansas.

They have not posted the Fall catalog for the Continuing Education Classes yet, but if you are interested in taking the class you can check the CCCUA website (<http://cccua.edu/index.htm>) or contact Rachel Parson, Coordinator of Continuing Education in the CCCUA office

of Workforce Development and Continuing Education at 1-800- 844-4471.

Also note that I have checked with Jerry Hilliard (who runs the Arkansas Archeological Society's Certification Program) and he tells me that this class can count for the "Arkansas Archeology" requirement in that program.

State-Wide Arkansas Archeological Society Meeting

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Archeological Society will be held **October 3-5, 2008**, at the Arlington Hotel in downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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. And finally, 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.

SCHAC 10

The 10th more or less annual South Central Historical Archeology Conference (SCHAC) will be held **September 26-28, 2008**, at the Teaching Barn at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute atop genuinely beautiful Petit Jean Mountain, looming above Morrilton, Arkansas and the Arkansas River, about 30 minutes off I-40, and about 1.5 hours west of Little Rock.

Folks will gather Friday afternoon, the 26th, for a distracting tour of admittedly prehistoric but nonetheless spectacular "rock art" in Petit Jean State Park. Saturday will be a full day of interesting papers and posters. The traditional Sunday morning workshop will be on integrating historical archeology, oral history, and GIS, held in conjunction with the "Sense of Place" exhibit, guest curated by Mary Brennan, at the Arkansas Tech University Museum in nearby Russellville.

Look for specific information on WRI room and meal costs to be posted pretty soon on the SCHAC web site:

<http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/schac.html>

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Exhibit: Celebrating HWSP's Historical Jubilee

In 2008, Arkansas State Parks celebrates their 75th birthday and the town of Historic Washington marks 35 years as a state park. Visit the park September 1-December 1, 2008 for a look back upon our heritage within the town of Washington and Arkansas State Parks. The exhibit will also observe the 50th anniversary of the Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation, Historic Washington's founding organization, as well as the 30th birthday of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives. Admission is free; for more information you can contact (870) 983-2684 or HistoricWashington@arkansas.com



A message from the past? The darker inclusions in this piece of novaculite spells out "Hi."...discovered by AAS member David McNutt (West Memphis) while working in the field lab this summer.

Join the Southwest Arkansas Archeology E-Mail List

The Southwest Arkansas Archeology List [SWAR_ARCH] is meant to help spread information about archaeological news and activities in southwestern Arkansas...and, of course, the list will remind members of the Kadohadacho Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society about the monthly meetings.

To join simply send an e-mail message to:

SWAR_ARCH-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You may also join be e-mail list by contacting Jamie Brandon at jcbrandon@saumag.edu





Kadohadacho Chapter member Canaan Gideon (DeQueen) works on getting a unit down to level in Trench 4.



Melissa Sorrells (Little Rock) supervising a unit full of young AAS members—Benjamin Sorrells (grey shirt), Kendra Morgan (red hair, white shirt) and Brooke Jones (blue hat).



Is it a Clovis? Or is it an Archaic perform that has “accidentally” gotten a channel flake struck out of it? There is only a 4 or 5 thousand year difference. U of A Ph.D. student Pritam Chowdhury (Fayetteville) holds this find from Trench 4.



Dr. Brandon (center) leads his Historical Archeology seminar on a field trip to Historic Washington State Park. Pictured (r to l) are Duncan McKimmon, Pritam Chowdhury, Jim Rees and Steve Jacober.

Upcoming Conferences & Events

- **September 26-28**—*South Central Historical Archaeology Conference*, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Petit Jean Mtn., Morrilton, AR. Contact: Skip Stewart-Abernathy, sstewartabernathy@uawri.org or see: <http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/schac.html>
- **October 3-5**—*Arkansas Archeological Society State-Wide Meeting*, Hot Springs, AR. For more information <http://www.uark.edu/depts/4society/index.php?pages/annmeet>
- **November 12-16**—*Southeastern Archaeological Conference*, Charleston, SC. For more info: <http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/>

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