

KADOHADACHO

A Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society Serving Southwestern Arkansas

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What is the Kadohadacho Chapter?

The Kadohadacho Chapter is the chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society (AAS) serving southwestern Arkansas. Our activities consist of monthly meetings with guest speakers about archeological topics, volunteer excavations and field trips. Membership is open to *anybody* interested in archeology.

Why are we called "Kadohadacho"? The Kadohadacho (*Kä'dohadä'cho*, meaning real Caddo or "Caddo proper") were a tribe of the Caddo confederacy. The Caddo, of course, were one of the major groups of Native Americans living in southwestern Arkansas during late prehistoric and early historic times.

Thirty-six years ago (Nov. 10, 1970) AAS chapter members met and voted to call themselves the "Kadohadacho Chapter." Incidentally, the "Johnny Ford Chapter", after an important site in Lafayette County that they had just excavated, came in a close second. Almost 30 people showed up to that first meeting including folks from Magnolia, Texarkana, Camden, Junction City, El Dorado, Hope, Smackover and, believe it or not, Arkadelphia and Kasciusko, Mississippi.

SAU Research Station Web Site & E-Mail List Up and Running

Dr. Jamie Brandon, the new Station Archeologist at the Arkansas Archeological Survey's Southern Arkansas University Research Station, has gotten a new web site up and running for the AAS-SAU Research Station. You can find news updates, recent media articles, and information about current and past projects on the site. The web site is still growing, so expect new content in the months to come. Check it out at:

<http://www.saumag.edu/archeology/>

Additionally, we have also started an e-mail list to keep folks updated about news, events, chapter meetings and other things archeological via e-mail. The Southwest Arkansas Archeology listerv [SWAR_ARCH] is a low volume, moderated list (so it won't fill up your in box) run through Yahoo Groups. http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/SWAR_ARCH/

You can join the list by going to the AAS-SAU Station web site (above) or by e-mailing Dr. Brandon

(jcbrandon@saumag.edu) who can add you personally without having to go through the Yahoo service.

Kadohadacho Chapter Meetings to Return in 2007

The last meeting of the Kadohadacho Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society was held in March of 2004. After a period of inactivity, we are proud to announce the return of regular society meeting starting in February of 2007. The meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month in Bruce Center Room 104 (the old "Blue & Gold Room") at 7:00pm. Information about upcoming speakers can be found in the monthly newsletters, on the AAS-SAU website or through the Southwest Arkansas Archeology listserv (see above).



AAS Research Associate David Jeane (left), TAS member and Steward Mark Walters and the new SAU Research Station Archeologist Dr. Jamie Brandon (right) consult on point types at the Texarkana Archeology & Heritage Fair, October 14, 2006. Photo by Rozana Page.

Theft of the Cedar Grove Collections

On the afternoon of Thursday, August 3, 2006 personnel of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) Southern Arkansas University (SAU) Research Station discovered that 27 whole and reconstructed late-period Caddo ceramic vessels had been stolen from the Cedar Grove collection. The loss of these vessels is a terrible blow to the AAS-SAU Research Station staff, volunteers, and the greater archeological community. This loss is all the more acute as these were pots held in trust for the Federal Government and were eventually to be repatriated to the Caddo Nation.

The items were stolen from the new station facility in the Bruce Center (formerly the Student Union) on the SAU campus in Magnolia, Arkansas. The Bruce Center is currently under renovation to serve as home for a new museum as well as the AAS Research Station. The Cedar Grove collection was stored in a locked room off of the main laboratory (formerly the cafeteria kitchen) and was separated from the rest of the AAS-SAU collections in preparation for shipping to Fayetteville. The theft occurred sometime between May and July of 2006.

Archeologically, the stolen items are a part of one of the best documented Caddoan whole-vessel ceramic assemblages in Arkansas. Excavations were initiated at the Cedar Grove site (3LA97) in 1980 when both historic burials and a late-period prehistoric Caddo site (ca. 1650-1750 AD) were discovered along the Red River in Lafayette County, Arkansas, during the construction of the Field Revetment by the New Orleans District of the Corps of Engineers.

Excavations were undertaken during the fall and winter of 1980 with an Arkansas Archeological Survey Contract Program crew under the direction of Neal Trubowitz and a crew of volunteers led by Frank Schambach. The entire ceramic vessel assemblage consisted of 67 whole or partially reconstructable vessels recovered from 12 grave lots. These vessels have been photographed, drawn, measured, extensively analyzed, reported on and published (e.g., Schambach and Miller 1984).

Of course, as these vessels are from graves they are subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Additionally, if the vessels were transported across state lines, they are also subject to the federal Archeological Resource Protection Act. Hence, the thieves can be prosecuted under two separate federal laws as well as state law. For these reasons the SAU Police Department is working with the El Dorado office of the FBI in the investigation.

If you have any information about the missing Cedar Grove vessels, contact: Dr. Jamie Brandon; Research Station Archeologist; Arkansas Archeological Survey; Southern Arkansas University; 870-235-4229. An entire catalog of the missing vessels (with photographs) can be found at the AAS-SAU website:

<http://www.saumag.edu/archeology/>



One of the stolen ceramic vessels from the Cedar Grove collections. An entire list of missing vessels with pictures can be found at the AAS-SAU website:
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Plan Programs for Archeology Month

Arkansas Archeology Month 2007 will be celebrated in March. The 2007 theme is *Arkansas Rock Art*, which will tie in with some special events to be held in Arkansas this year. Those events are the Eastern States Rock Art Research Association (ESRARA) conference to be held March 23-24 at the UofA Winfield Rockefeller Center on Petit Jean Mountain, and an exhibit on rock art tentatively titled *Above and Beneath This World* to open March 10 at the Arkansas Technical University Museum. Now is the time to start thinking about programs for Archeology Month, as the deadline for submissions to the Events Brochure is quickly coming up on **January 2**. Ideas and assistance is needed to organize programs. Contact Dr. Jamie Brandon, (jcbrandon@saumag.edu) if you have questions about local programs in southwestern Arkansas. The Society's Archeology Month Program Chair is Roger Coleman (recoleman@fs.fed.us), assisted by Valettajho Stamps and Mary Brennan. The Archeology Month Poster Chair is Magnolia native Terry Russell (trussell@uark.edu), assisted by Leslie Walker.



State-Wide Arkansas Archeological Society Web Site

Updated every month! Check it out at:

<http://www.arkarch.org>

This month see photos from the Society's Annual Meeting. Send news to editor Glen Akridge at dgakridge@hotmail.com.

Society Offers 2007 Calendar

For the first time ever, the Arkansas Archeological Society has created a 12-month calendar featuring Arkansas rock art. Rock art was chosen in light of the Archeology Month theme for March 2007. Each month highlights either a petroglyph or pictograph from Arkansas with information about each. Also included on the calendar are numerous Society event dates including the Training Program, Annual Meeting, chapter meetings, professional meetings, nominations, ARF deadlines, and much more! This calendar is sure to keep you informed about what's going on in archeology in Arkansas. To order, go to the *What's New* page on the Society web site (www.arkarch.org/) and fill out the order form. Return it with your payment by **November 10**.



Wednesdays are Volunteer Lab Days

Currently we are continuing the long-held tradition of having a volunteer laboratory day on Wednesdays. If you are interested in getting some "hands on" experience with archeological materials in the lab, stop by and see us on any given Wednesday. If there is interest following the restart of regular meetings in February, we may begin a monthly laboratory night to accommodate those who can only volunteer after normal business hours.

Old Washington Civil War Weekend

The AAS will be at Old Washington Historic State Park November 4-5, 2006 from 9 am to 5 pm for the "Civil War Weekend."--Cavalry, infantry and artillery will converge on Historic Washington State Park when re-enactors meet to relive the daily camp life, conflicts and challenges of the Civil War in Arkansas. Contact the park for a detailed event schedule and further information.

Admission: Civil War events free. Parking \$4, building tours regular price (see web site or call the park for fee schedule)

Contact: (870) 983-2684

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Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

• **November 4**—*Midwest Historical Archaeology Conference*, Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. Info: http://mdgroover.iweb.bsu.edu/Midwest_HA%20Conf.htm

• **November 8-11**—*Southeastern Archaeological Conference*, Little Rock, Ark. Contact: M arybeth Trubitt, trubit@hsu.edu.

• **November 8-11**—*Plains Anthropological Conference*, Topeka, KS. Info: <http://www.plainsanth2006.org>.

• **March 16-18, 2007**—*Caddo Conference*, Right here in Magnolia, AR! More news in the next newsletter. Contact David Jeane, djeane@centurytel.net for more information.

• **March 23-24**—*Eastern States Rock Art Research Association*. Petit Jean Mountain. The conference will consist of a rock art field trip (to Petit Jean State Park) on Friday and papers on Saturday. Contact: Michelle Berg Vogel at michellebv@hotmail.com.

• **April 25-29, 2007**—*Society for American Archaeology*, Austin, TX. Info: <http://www.saa.org>

• **April 26-28, 2007**—*Arkansas Historical Association*, Little Rock, Ark. Theme: "Not Just Black & White: The Fight for Civil Rights in Arkansas." Contact: Laura Miller, laura_a_miller@nps.gov.

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