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February 10 Program: Recent Caddo archeology in Southeastern Oklahoma

The program for the February meeting of the Kadohadacho Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society will feature Drs. Amanda Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt, who will be talking to us about the recent work that the Oklahoma Archeological Survey has been doing in McCurtain County along our western border.

Regnier and Hammerstedt are relatively new to the Oklahoma Archeological Survey and they have been specifically tasked with exploring the long-neglected archeology of eastern Oklahoma.

While working on her PhD at the University of Alabama, Amanda Regnier directed field schools at the Matthew's Landing site, a Mississippian mound site in Alabama. Her major research interests are Caddoan archeology, Mississippian and Protohistoric social coalescence, ceramic analysis, archeological theory, and statistical analysis.

While working on his PhD at Penn State University, Scott Hammerstedt directed field schools at the Annis site, a Mississippian mound site in Kentucky. His major research interests are social organization, monumental architecture, experimental archeology, ceramic analysis, political economy, and settlement patterns.

Come hear what our neighbors have been up to Tuesday, **February 10th, 7:00pm** in **Bruce Center room 104** on the campus of **Southern Arkansas University.**

Come early and bring your artifacts for "show and tell."



Pot of the style found at the A.W. Davis Site, McCurtain County, Oklahoma



*Oklahoma Archeological Survey archeologists Drs. Amanda Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt who have been working recently on sites in southeastern Oklahoma near the border with Arkansas. Come hear what our neighbors have been up to **Tuesday, February 10th, 7:00pm.***



Spring 2009 Kadohadacho Speakers

- **February 10**—Drs. Amanda Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt, archeologists with the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, will talk about their recent work on Caddo Indian sites in southeastern Oklahoma.
- **March 10**—Dr. Jamie Brandon, AAS-SAU Station archeologist, will talk about recent archeological work at Kingsley Plantation and the Spanish mission San Juan del Puerto on Fort George Island in Florida.
- **April 14**—Dr. Diana Greenlee, Louisiana Station Archeologist at Poverty Point State Historic Site.
- **May 12**—David Jeane, AAS-SAU Station Assistant, will talk about the recent dating of a Native American cremation burial found in a ceramic vessel on Lake Erling near Magnolia.



2009 Spring Speaker Schedule for the Kadohadacho Meetings

We have finished the speaker schedule for the Spring 2009 Kadohadacho Chapter meetings and it looks to be a promising line-up. All meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month in Bruce Center Room 104 (the old "Blue & Gold Room") at 7:00pm.

In February, come learn about recent work on Caddo sites in southeastern Oklahoma with Drs. Amanda Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey.

In March you can celebrate **Arkansas Archeology Month** by coming to hear about what Dr. Jamie Brandon has been doing when he's not doing archeology in southwestern Arkansas. Dr. Brandon will be talking about recent work he's been doing with the University of Florida archeological field school at Kingsley Plantation and the Spanish mission San Jaun del Puerto.

In April we will host Dr. Diana Greenlee who will talk about the nationally important Poverty Point site in northern Louisiana, and in May AAS-SAU research assistant David Jeane will talk to us about a recent radiocarbon date that he has obtained for a cremation burial found in a ceramic vessel on the banks of Lake Erling near Magnolia.

Spring Archeology Programs at the AAS-WRI Research Station

The Winthrop Rockefeller Institute Research Station, located in the heart of the Arkansas River Valley at Morrilton atop Petit Jeane Mountain, is a very busy place this Spring...check out some of their upcoming programs.

[Picture the Past Archeology Film and Lecture Series](#)

Thursday, February 12 | 7 p.m.

Maria Martinez: Native American Potter of San Ildefonso

Ancient pottery uncovered today often helps reveal stories of the past. In this film, noted American Indian pottery maker Maria Martinez demonstrates the traditional Indian ways in pottery making, beginning with the spreading of corn pollen, moving through the actual mixing of the clay and hand decorating, and finishing the art form with the building and use of the firing mound. John Miller, archeology section head with the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department, will be on-hand to discuss the film as well as to share insights about his own experiments in reproducing prehistoric Native American pottery from 500-800 years ago.

[Picture the Past](#) is a free film and lecture series that generally takes place the second Thursday of every other month at 7 p.m.

[Arkansas Archeological Society Lithics Certification Course](#)

February 13-15

[Register now](#)

From the time human beings have been on Earth, they have undoubtedly left behind possessions that, if preserved, could tell a story about their owners and the time period in which they lived. Although most of these ancient reminders have been lost to us for good, "lithics," or tools made of stone, are artifacts discovered across the globe that have "stood the test of time" and now provide us documentation about the way of life during their use. It is therefore important to be able to understand these "lithic industries," from finding the raw material to discarding a broken or worn out tool. This training is the focus of the Lithics Certification Course taught by the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Arkansas Archeological

Society. [Click here](#) to learn more about the workshop or to register.

[Historic Rural Arkansas Photo Documentation Workshop](#)

February 27 – March 1

[Register now](#)

The skills involved in constructing a true historical account of the old houses and abandoned barns that fill Arkansas' rural landscape can be taught through hands-on, interactive methods. The Historic Rural Arkansas Photo Documentation Workshop will focus on capturing the true historical significance of these rural artifacts, which provide a visual reminder of many Arkansans' heritage. [Click here](#) to learn more about the workshop or to register.

For questions and information about these events and other archeology programming at the Rockefeller Institute, contact Leslie C. "Skip" Stewart-Abernathy, WRI Station Archeologist with the Arkansas Archeological Survey, at (501) 727-6250 or send an [e-mail](#).

East Texas Archeological Conference

The 16th Annual East Texas Archeological Conference will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the *Ornelas Activity Center*, 3402 Old Omen Rd., across Spur 248 from the University of Texas at Tyler. The hours are 9 AM until 4 PM. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and admission is \$10 at the door. The ETAC was established to bring together people interested in the archeology of our area. This is an opportunity for professional archeologists, avocational archeologists, and members of the general public to visit with each other about their shared and common interest in the region's cultural heritage. For more information contact Mark Walters. mwalters@wildblue.net

51st Annual Caddo Conference

Call for Papers and Posters:

The fifty-first annual Caddo Conference will be held March 12-14, 2009 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman Oklahoma, sponsored by the Oklahoma Archeological Survey and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

Paper Sessions:

We invite research papers that examine aspects of Caddo archaeology, ethnography, and history. Please submit your 100-word or less abstract by mail along with the registration form. Papers should be 20 minutes in length. To be sure your paper is included, *abstracts are due by February 25, 2009!*

Poster Session:

Posters should relate information on some aspect of Caddo culture in a manner useful for presentation to the general public. The posters will be on display during the conference and available after the conference for use by the Caddo and others

Accommodations:

We have reserved a block of rooms at a special rate of \$75/night at the Country Inn & Suites in Norman. Mention the

“Caddo Conference” when you make your reservations to secure this rate. For reservations, call (405) 360-0240. [Map of the Country Inn and Suites location.](#)

We recommended making your reservations early, since the Big 12 Conference Basketball Tournament is being held in Oklahoma City over the same weekend! A list of additional recommended hotels in Norman is available [here](#) and a map of their locations is [here](#).

<http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/CaddoConf/CaddoConference2009Newest.htm>

Join the Southwest Arkansas Archeology E-Mail List

You can keep track with the latest local archeology news by joining the Southwest Arkansas Archeology e-mail list.

The Southwest Arkansas Archeology List [SWAR_ARCH] is meant to help spread information about archeological 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



Pic of the Month: Archaic period “butterfly” atlatl weights or banner stones from a site in Columbia County (the Theodore Souter collection). Photograph taken by Frank Schambach in November of 1971.

Upcoming Conferences & Events

- **January 31**—*East Texas Archeological Conference*, Tyler Texas. For more information contact Mark Walters. mwalters@wildblue.net
- **March 12-14**—*Caddo Conference*, Norman, OK. Info: <http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/CaddoConf/CaddoConference2009Newest.htm>
- **March 31-April 3**—*Arkansas Museums Association*, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Little Rock. Theme: “Rising from the Ashes, Surviving in the Midst of Change.” For info: Stephan McAteer at smcateer@littlerock.org
- **April 22-26**—*Society for American Archaeology*, Atlanta, GA. Info: <http://www.saa.org>
- ★ **April 23-25**—*Arkansas Historical Association*, right here in Magnolia, Arkansas. Theme: “The Arkansas Environment.” Info: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/annual.html>

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