

KADOHADACHO

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Celebrate Arkansas Archeology Month in March—This Year's Theme is Arkansas Rock Art!!!!

March 13 Program:

Jerry Hilliard to Talk About Arkansas Rock Art.

This month's Kadohadacho Chapter speaker will be in the spirit of our Arkansas Archeology Month theme—Arkansas Rock Art. Jerry Hilliard is a Research Associate with the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville Research Station of the Arkansas Archeological Survey. Mr. Hilliard has been an integral part of a group of archeologists who have worked to record rock art across the state for the last three years as a part of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

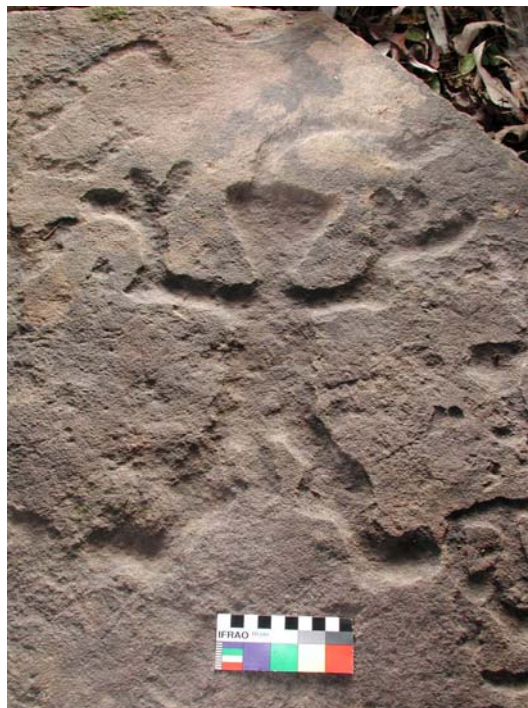
Rock art is one of the oldest material forms of human expression. It consists of images that are painted (*pictographs*) or carved (*petroglyphs*) onto natural rock surfaces, such as bluff faces, cave walls, and large boulders. Some images are naturalistic representations of people, plants, animals, and celestial objects. Others are abstract motifs that are more difficult to interpret, but are important for the clues they provide into ancient symbolism. These images occur singly and in groups or panels at sites located in a wide range of environments and geographical areas throughout the world.

Arkansas has a particularly rich assemblage of rock art at sites distributed throughout the central and northwestern parts of the state. The best place for the public to see Arkansas rock art is at Petit Jean State Park, where you can tour Rockhouse Cave. Characteristics of the Petit Jean Painted style of rock art include the use of red pigments, line drawings made with finger-width strokes, solitary images, and geometric motifs. To learn lots more about Arkansas rock art and see photos of rock art images, visit the *Rock Art in Arkansas* web site at:

<http://rockart.uark.edu/>

More interested in books than websites? Check out:

Rock Art in Arkansas, edited by George Sabo III and Deborah Sabo
Popular Series 5, Arkansas Archeological Survey,
Fayetteville, AR, 2005
\$10.00.



A petroglyph of a man pecked into the rock at the Narrows—a rock shelter in the southern Arkansas Ozarks. Hilliard and a team of archeologists have been working to record rock art throughout the state for the last three years.



Upcoming Kadohadacho Speakers

- **April 10**—“The Jones Mill Site and the Upcoming Society Dig” by Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt, AAS, Henderson State University Research Station.
- **May 8**—“High-Tech Archeology at Grandview Prairie in Hempstead County, Arkansas”, by Dr. Jami Lockhart, Director of AAS Computer Services Program.

Note: All Kadohadacho Chapter meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in Bruce Center 104 (the old “Blue & Gold Room”) on the SAU Campus. Coffee and snacks will be ready at 6:30 pm, so come early and bring your artifacts for “show and tell.”



Dr. Brandon to Speak at Historic Washington March 6

AAS-SAU Research Station Archeologist Dr. Jamie Brandon will be giving a program at the 1914 School House in Historic Washington State Park on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00pm. His lecture will be entitled "Historical Archeology in Arkansas: Why Do We Dig Up the Recent Past?"

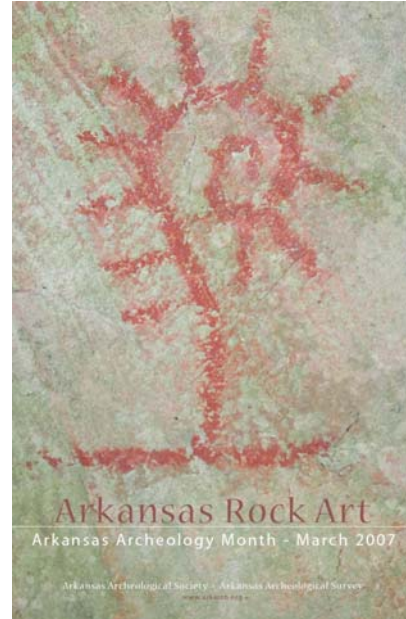
Magnolia to Host the 49th Caddo Conference, March 15-18

The Arkansas Archeological Survey and Southern Arkansas University are pleased to announce the 49th Caddo Conference to be held in the new Reynolds Center on the campus of Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas—located deep in the beautiful pine forests of southwestern Arkansas and in the original heartland of the Caddo. In addition to the many papers, the conference will feature a Sunday field trip to two legendary Caddoan sites in southwestern Arkansas—Crenshaw and Battle Mounds.

Papers and panels by archeologists and members of the Caddo Nation will be given on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and there will be tables for vendors selling Caddo-related books and arts and crafts. Additionally, members of the Caddo Nation will be dancing on Saturday night on the SAU mall (weather permitting, inside the Bruce Center if the weather does not cooperate)

If you have questions or comments, contact David Jeane for more information. You can find the latest Caddo Conference updates on the AAS-SAU web site:

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



Get your 2007 Arkansas Archeology Month poster from the AAS-SAU Research Station in Magnolia, Arkansas. Contact Jamie Brandon or David Jeane for more details.

39th Annual Jonquil Festival March 16-18

This three-day festival at Historic Washington State Park heralds the coming of spring to southwestern Arkansas. Thousands of jonquils welcome craftspeople, entertainers and visitors. Unique crafts, music and delicious foods are available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tours of the park available. Admission: Admission is free. Parking \$4. Contact: (870) 983-2684 or oldwashington@arkansas.com for more information.

Rewind: What Happened Last Month?

The Return of the Kadohadacho Chapter Meetings

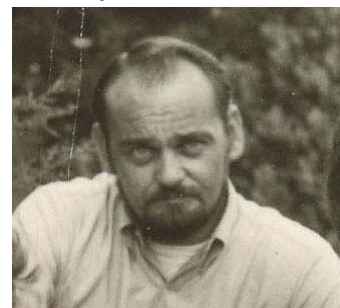
February saw the return of monthly Kadohadacho Chapter meetings. Thirty-three people attended a lecture on the SAU Museum project by the new Research Station Archeologist, Dr. Jamie Brandon. Our sign-in sheet lists folks from Magnolia, El Dorado, Prescott, Strong, Emerson, Bearden and Murfreesboro, Arkansas and Springhill, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana in attendance.

Archeology Merit Badge at Boy Scout Wintercamp

Kadohadacho Chapter member Anthony Clay Newton and Jamie Brandon attended the Boy Scout Wintercamp at Camp DeSoto south of El Dorado, on January 20, 2007. Dr. Brandon taught a portion of the archeology merit badge and now all these scouts need to do is to put in a day of volunteer work with a professional archeologist. We hope to see some of

these scouts at our volunteer excavations and in our Magnolia laboratory in the near future.

Burney McClurkan, 1932-2007



Early Monday morning, January 22, 2007, Burney McClurkan, 74, passed away quietly in St. Vincent's Infirmary after a brief illness. Burney was the first AAS Research Station

Archeologist at Pine Bluff and worked for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department following his time with the AAS. Most recently, he was known for his role in documenting and saving historic iron bridges in Arkansas.

AAS Helps with Geophysics at Mounds Plantation

For a week in late January David Jeane, Jami Lockhart and Mike Evans helped out Louisiana's Northwest Regional Archeologist Jeff Girard by conducting a geophysical survey of Mounds Plantation—an important Caddo mound center just north of Shreveport, Louisiana. Dr. Lockhart (the director of the AAS Computer Services Program and a geophysical specialist) used a variety of high-tech tools—including ground-penetrating radar, magnetometry and electrical resistivity—to look at what might lay beneath the soil at Mounds Plantation without excavation.

Geophysics have become a highly important tool in the archeology of the Ark-La-Tex. Important geophysical work has been done at the George C. Davis site and Hatchel Mounds in Texas and sites on Grandview Prairie in southwestern Arkansas.

If you are interested in this high-tech approach to archeology, Dr. Lockhart will be giving a lecture on similar work at our meeting on May 8, 2007.

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@yahoo.com

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

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

★ March 16-18, 2007—*Caddo Conference*, Right here in Magnolia, AR! 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

• **September 28-30**—*Arkansas Archeological Society*, Mountain View, AR. Info: www.arkarch.org



Dr. Jami Lockhart uses the ground-penetrating radar to look beneath Mound 2 at Mounds Plantation north of Shreveport, Louisiana.

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