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April 10 Program: Trubitt to Talk about Prehistoric Stone Tool Trade and How You Can Help Investigate

This month's Kadohadacho Chapter speaker will be Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt, Research Station Archeologist at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Dr. Trubitt will be talking about new archeological research that is underway to investigate stone tool production and exchange by people living in the Hot Springs area during the Archaic period between ca. 4000-1000 BC.

We know that novaculite from the Ouachita Mountains was used widely for making stone tools during this time, with dart points made from novaculite found at sites as far away as Louisiana and Mississippi. Did locals make tools to trade down river or did distant groups come directly to the quarries for the raw material? Dr. Trubitt will talk about how **YOU** can help excavate one of these sites as a part of the 2007 AAS Training Program in June when the Arkansas Archeological Survey and Arkansas Archeological Society will team up for excavations at a site on the Ouachita River to answer these questions (see next article for details).



Novaculite is a chert-like stone that the Indians in this area used for making dart points, knives, scrapers, and other tools (like those above).

The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in room 104 of the Bruce Center on the Southern Arkansas University campus. The talk will start at 7 pm, but come early and bring your artifacts for "show and tell."

Read more about Dr. Trubitt's Archaic period research on her website:

<http://www.hsu.edu/default.aspx?id=7270>



Upcoming Kadohadacho Speakers

- **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."



2007 Training Program for Volunteers

The Arkansas Archeological Survey and Arkansas Archeological Society will cosponsor a Training Program in Archeology June 9-24, 2007, at the Jones Mill Site (3HS28) in Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

The annual Training Program and excavation has been conducted at various sites throughout Arkansas since 1972. The 2007 Training Program will be an investigation of Archaic period novaculite stone tool manufacture and exchange. The Jones Mill Site, which is listed on the National Register, may have served as a home base during Middle and late Archaic periods for local groups of hunter-gatherers who worked novaculite from nearby quarries. The excavation will be important for studying Archaic-period lifeways in the middle Ouachita River valley and for documenting the role that novaculite tool production played locally and regionally.

No experience is necessary to participate, and both adults and children as young as 8 (accompanied by an adult) are welcome. Participants receive hands-

on instruction in field methods and have the opportunity to enroll in week-long seminars on a variety of archeological topics. Minimum length of stay is 3 days. Fees and expenses vary depending on length of stay. Registration costs are estimated to be about \$45-\$65, and participants cover their own costs of room and board. Specific details related to the 2007 Training Program are available in the March/April 2007 issue of *Field Notes* or on-line at <http://www.arkarch.org/index.php?pages/jonesmill>

For more information, contact Barbara Scott at bhscott@uark.edu, or 479-575-3556.

The March Kadohadacho Chapter Meeting

The March meeting featured Jerry Hilliard and his talk about prehistoric rock art in Arkansas. The talk was well received with a lengthy question and answer section. Twenty-three people were in attendance, 8 of which were a part of SAU's "Anthropology of North Americans Indians" class.

Update to Arkansas Antiquity Act

—Report by Ann Early

On Tuesday, March 6, HB1068, the *Act to Protect Archeological Sites and Increase the Penalties for Disturbing Archeological Sites* was signed into law by Governor Mike Beebe. This bill amends the Arkansas Antiquity Act of 1967 and will go into effect on July 1, 2007. Penalties for violations can be either misdemeanors or felonies, depending upon the nature of the violations. Details and further discussion of this new Act will be provided in the May/June issue of *Field Notes*. Meanwhile, interested parties can see the final version of HB 1068 on the <http://www.arkleg.ar.us> web site. The act will also be posted on the State Archeologist pages of the Survey's web site.

Photos from the 2007 Caddo Conference: Magnolia (more details next month)



Clockwise: A) Archeologists, AAS members, and members of the Caddo Nation visit Battle Mound on Sunday, **B)** SAU President David Rankin (l), AAS volunteer Vernon Perry and AAS-SAU Research Associate David Jeane (r) talk in the hall before the first papers, **C)** Robert Cast (THPO, Caddo Nation), Larry Porter (AAS-ATU) and John Miller (AHTD) “pick and grin” following the Caddo Conference reception on Friday night, **D)** Shirley Gouge and “Little Miss Hasinai” dance along with members of the Caddo Culture Club and Hasinai Society Saturday evening on the mall at SAU.

Photos by Anthony Clay Newton.

April Events at Historic Washington State Park

*"Park Day" at Historic Washington, April 7, 2007:
9 am -5 pm*

Join park staff and volunteers as they work on special cleanup projects throughout historic Washington. This is a national event sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust and the History Channel. Contact the park for further details. Contact: (870) 983-2625.

"Introduction to Forging" Workshop, April 21-22, 2007:

Join the park smiths at the James Black Forge, home of the Bowie knife, for a hands-on class covering the basic operations of blacksmithing. Participants will make simple art objects as well as more functional objects with the beauty that only hand forging can give iron and steel! Material and tools are supplied. Reservations are required. The minimum age is 16 (accompanied by an adult) and the class is limited to six. Admission:\$50 Contact: (870) 983-2684.

*"Trail Tales" Pioneer Dinner, April 21, 2007:
6 pm -9 pm*

Enjoy a real frontier dinner served outdoors by the campfire. Hear dinnertime tales recounted from the old Southwest Trail. Top the evening with selected building tours. Enjoy a surrey ride from 6-7 p.m. Dinner and entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Dress casual or wear your favorite pioneer costume. Reservations required. Admission:\$25 per person Contact: (870) 983-2660.

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

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

- **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
- **June 6-10**—*Festival of Ozark Civil War Heritage Reunion*, Pea Ridge National Military Park, Ark. Contact: Gary Morris, 479-636-7301, PRNMPfestival@yahoo.com
- **September 28-30**—*Arkansas Archeological Society*, Mountain View, AR. Info: www.arkarch.org

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