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May 8th Program: Lockhart to Talk about “High-Tech” Archeology at Grandview Prairie in Hempstead County

This month’s Kadohadacho Chapter speaker will be Dr. Jami Lockhart, the director of the Arkansas Archeological Survey’s Computer Services Program and an expert on high-tech archeological tools such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and archeogeophysics (AKA remote sensing).

The term *archaeogeophysics* describes a range of non-destructive methods for locating and analyzing subsurface features—allowing archeologists to look beneath the soil *before* we excavate. As you can imagine, these technologies have the potential to make our excavations more precise and help archeologists place excavations more effectively. In addition to their use in conventional archeological applications, these methods also facilitate interpretations of larger, regional settlement patterns and social organization.

Among the Survey’s newest developments is the addition of a comprehensive program for near-surface remote sensing. Jami Lockhart directs the program, and, along with other Survey personnel and Arkansas Archeological Society members, has completed more than 50 remote sensing projects within the state and elsewhere. Near-surface remote sensing is revolutionizing archeological methodology, and the Survey endeavors to remain at the forefront of this development.

Dr. Lockhart will talk specifically about the long-term research project he has been a part of at the Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Conversation Education Center in Hempstead County. Lockhart, working with Dr. Frank Schambach, has been investigating Caddo Indian occupation at Grandview Prairie—a series of mound and occupations sites, including the Tom Jones Mound (3HE30). At Tom Jones Mound, following Dr. Lockhart’s remote sensing, three structures were excavated over a three-year period primarily using three Arkansas Archeological Society summer training digs (2001, 2002, 2003). Lockhart’s work has both guided archeological investigations and provided an insightful analysis of the region’s settlement patterns. In May, come learn what these exciting new technologies can do!

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8, 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.”



Some Caddo ceramic vessels recovered from one of the house floors during the Grandview excavations.



Summer Hiatus for Kadohadacho

The Kadohadacho Chapter meetings and newsletter will take a brief break during the summer months as we will be busy with the AAS summer dig and training program and other projects... Watch out for the return of the newsletter in August of 2007 and the return of the meetings in September 2007. Have a nice summer & we hope to see you at the dig!



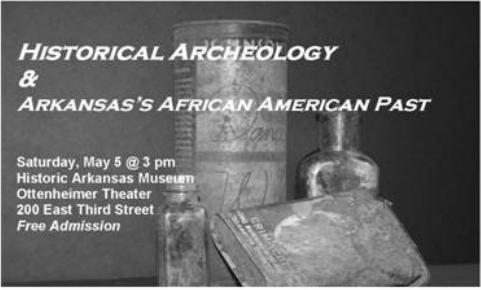
The April Kadohadacho Chapter Meeting

The March meeting featured Mary Beth Trubitt and her talk about the upcoming society summer dig and training program near Malvern/Hot Springs (see “2007 Training Program” article below). The talk started a bit late (as we had some trouble getting out of the restaurant on time), but it was well received. Dr. Trubitt’s talk laid out the background and research questions for this summer’s excavations and how it fits into her larger research about novaculite quarries in the Ouachita Mountains and stone tool manufacture and trade. This particularly important as novaculite from the Hot Springs-area quarries show up on sites as far as Mississippi and Poverty Point in Louisiana.

Twenty-one people were in attendance, including people from Magnolia, Waldo, Lewisville, Fouke and Murfreesboro, Arkansas. John Black (Lewisville) and John Scoggins (Fouke) brought artifacts for "show and tell."

Dr. Brandon Speaking in May in Little Rock & Smackover

05/04 & 05/07: Dr. Brandon will be in Little Rock giving lectures on African-American archeology in Arkansas at the Preservation of African-American cemeteries conference (Sat. 1:00 pm) and at the Historic Arkansas Museum (Sat. 3:00 pm, sponsored by the Mosaic Templar Cultural Center and associated with Arkansas Heritage Month, see below).




**HISTORICAL ARCHEOLOGY
&
ARKANSAS'S AFRICAN AMERICAN PAST**

Saturday, May 5 @ 3 pm
Historic Arkansas Museum
Ottenheimer Theater
200 East Third Street
Free Admission

Come learn what historic archeology can tell us
about African American life in Arkansas!

Dr. Jamie Brandon
Southern Arkansas University station archeologist for the Arkansas Archeological Survey

will discuss how family history and genealogy connect
with artifacts found at archeological sites.
For more information, call 501-683-3593.

 **HISTORIC ARKANSAS**
M U S E U M
Museums of the Department of Arkansas Heritage

05/10/07: Dr. Brandon will be giving a gallery talk at the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources in conjunction with an exhibit entitled "Of Machines and Men," 7:00pm, Thursday night, Smackover, Arkansas.

May 12 Program to Spotlight Historic Washington's Role Along Choctaw Trail of Tears

Historic Washington State Park will host a program at its 1914 School House on the Choctaw Trail of Tears Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An Arkansas Heritage Month event, the program sponsored by the Arkansas chapter of the Trail of Tears Association is free and open to the public.

Thousands of Choctaws passed through the frontier village of Washington in the early 1830s after being forced to leave their ancestral homeland in

Mississippi as a result of the federal Indian Removal Act and prejudicial state laws.

Topics at the May 12 program will include the economics of Choctaw Removal, the involvement of early Hempstead County residents, and Choctaw cultural survival after the trauma of removal.

Morning speakers are John Morrow, chief park interpreter, and Peggy Lloyd, manager of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, which is located in the park.

Afternoon presenters include three representatives of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma – Jack Pate, the tribe's director of special programs; Carl Davis, cultural preservation officer for Arkansas; and Billy Jones, who will sing songs in the Choctaw language. Also scheduled is Carolyn Kent, a researcher with the Trail of Tears Association.

In conclusion, a panel will discuss ways to preserve, protect and promote Arkansas sites related to Indian Removal.

After the program, Dr. Trey Berry of Ouachita Baptist University will lead a field trip to surviving segments of the Old Fort Towson Road and the Caddo Trace.

The program is funded in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment of the Humanities with support from Arkansas State Parks and the Choctaw Nation.

The Trail of Tears Association with chapters in nine states is a support group for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, which recognizes removal routes traveled by the Cherokee Nation in 1838-39. The Arkansas chapter also researches removal routes across Arkansas traveled by other southeast tribes including Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole.

Learn more about the Trail of Tears Association at www.nationalTOTA.org and about the Arkansas chapter at <http://anpa.ualr.edu>

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*. You can also download information and registration forms at:

<http://www.arkarch.org/2007Reg.pdf>

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

Remains of Early Building Unearthed on SAU Campus

On the afternoon of April 12, 2007 AAS-SAU staff members documented the foundations of one of the university's first generation of buildings which had been unearthed by SAU physical plant employees who were working on a landscaping project.

Holt Hall was built when the institution was still known as the Third District Agricultural School (TDAS) between the years of 1911-1919. Jamie Brandon and David Jeane documented the foundations briefly Thursday afternoon prior to the jackhammers removing the upper portion of the foundation.

Thanks to Dr. Ben Johnson for calling the excavations to our attention.



A portion of the concrete foundation of what is believed to be Holt Hall on the SAU campus.

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 be e-mail list by contacting Jamie Brandon at jcbrandon@saumag.edu

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

- **May 4-5**—*Preservation of African American Cemeteries Workshop*, Southwest Community Center, Little Rock, AR. Contact: PAAC, Inc. 501-425-5578. Ark. Contact: Gary Morris, 479-636-7301,
- **May 12**—Arkansas chapter Trail of Tears presents "The Choctaw Trail of Tears," 1914 School at Historic Washington State Park, For further details contact ARTOTA secretary Carolyn Kent, carolke5@aol.com
- **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: <http://www.arkarch.org>
- **October 2-5**—*Southeast Museums Conference*, Little Rock, AR. Info: <http://www.semcdirect.net>
- **October 17-20**—*Plains Anthropological Conference*, Rapid City, SD. Info: <http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/plainsanth/index.htm>
- **October 31-November 3**—*Southeastern Archaeological Conference*, Knoxville, TN. Info: <http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org>

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