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We're Back: An Update of AAS-SAU Research Station Summer Activities

We have had busy and fun summer hiatus from publishing the *Kadohadacho Newsletter*. Although we have been quiet, we have not been standing still. The AAS-SAU staff has been working hard on excavation projects and lining up field work for this fall.

Dr. Brandon spent two weeks in late May helping old colleagues who are now at the University of Florida with a summer archeological field school. This year they were excavating on both an antebellum plantation (1811-1830) on Fort George Island off the coast of Florida and at the Spanish Mission San Juan del Puerto (1587-1703).

San Juan del Puerto was a Roman Catholic mission founded around 1587 on Fort George Island, near the mouth of the St. Johns River. The mission was one of the oldest and longest-standing missions in Spanish Florida (1587-1703). It was established by Jesuits & Franciscans to proselytize to the Timucua Indians who lived along the coast, but was quickly also a haven for the Guale Indian refugees fleeing attacks in their home territory along the Georgia coast.

Dr. Brandon will give a Kadohadacho Chapter program on the last two years of field work on Fort George Island in the spring (see the Fall 2007 Kadohadacho Speaker list in the lower left).



AAS-SAU Station archeologist Dr. Jamie Brandon along with AASociety members Brianne and Harrison Dover screening in the mud at this June's dig near Malvern. Photo by Marilyn Johnson.

The AAS-SAU Research Station also spent two weeks in June working with the annual Arkansas Archeological Society Training Program (AKA "the summer dig") near Malvern, Arkansas. This year's dig was conducted under the direction of Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt (AAS-HSU) who gave a chapter program on her research last April. There were some unforeseen hiccups in the plan regarding site access, but Dr. Trubitt handled the situation well and we have now come out of the field with not only material from the Jones Mill site, but also material from two other similar sites for comparison. Several AAS members from the Kadohadacho Chapter attended this year's digs—including Mia Brewer, Clay Newton, Aaron Toby and Ivan Murphy.

David Jeane, AAS-SAU Station Assistant, helped spearhead the Society Training Program. As he has for many of the recent Society Digs, he arrived early and stayed late helping out with logistics and supervising excavations.



Fall 2007 Kadohadacho Speakers

- **September 11**—"Zachary Taylor and the Sisters of Mercy: Historical Archeology in Downtown Fort Smith, Arkansas," by Dr. Jamie Brandon, AAS, Southern Arkansas University Research Station.
- **October 9**—TBA
- **November 11**—"Caddo Indian Pottery," by John Miller, archeologist with the Arkansas Department of Highway and Transportation Department.
- **December 11**—Christmas Potluck & "Archeology at Historic Washington State Park," by Dr. Leslie C. Stewart-Abernathy, AAS, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute Research Station.



Dr. Brandon taught the “Basic Laboratory Methods” class during the first session of the dig and helped out in the field and lab during the second session.

Now that fall has arrived, Kadohadacho meetings will resume this September and run through December. The first return meeting will be held Tuesday, September 11, 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.”

Busy With Fieldwork this Fall

This fall we are planning several field projects which are open to AAS volunteers. Keep your eye out in the *Kadohadacho Newsletter* and the [SWAR_ARCH e-mail list](#) for details and dates.

First, University of Arkansas graduate students Duncan McKinnon and John Samuelson are planning on conducting some high-tech remote sensing work on two major Caddo mound centers in the Red River region—Battle Mound and Crenshaw. Those of you who visited these two sites with the 2007 Caddo Conference last March know how impressive these sites are and those who saw Dr. Jami Lockhart’s presentation on his remote sensing work at Grandview in Hempstead County can imagine the kinds of things we might find using these new high-tech tools. We are planning on surveying a large hunk of land on these sites, so volunteers will be needed to help lay out grids and help with running the equipment. If you are interested in seeing some of this equipment in action and learning the mysteries of remote sensing, give us a call.



UofA Anthropology graduate student Duncan McKinnon standing in front of Battle Mound (3LA1) where we will be conducting some remote sensing surveys this fall.

Second, AAS-SAU staff will be conducting some excavations and more remote sensing at Historic Washington State Park this fall. We will be excavating behind the antebellum home of Grandison Royston in hopes of helping to reconstruct the porch

and locate some of the farmstead’s outbuildings. We will also be helping Dr. Lockhart conduct some remote sensing work in the Pioneer Cemetery in order to locate unmarked graves. Again, volunteers are welcome. Contact Dr. Brandon if you are interested in helping out.

This fall we will also be hosting a couple of visiting scholars who will be coming to south Arkansas to explore the possibilities of doing some archaeological research projects in the area. Edward Tennant (University of Florida) will be visiting the site of the Japanese internment camp at Jerome and is interested in conducting work related to Japanese and Chinese sites in southern Arkansas. Carl Carlson-Drexler (College of William and Mary) will be visiting in hopes of conducting a large-scale study of the Civil War landscape in southwestern Arkansas. If you are interested in these topics, or know of sites that these researchers might want to be aware of, contact the AAS-SAU Research Station.

State-Wide Arkansas Archeological Society Meeting

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Archeological Society will be held **September 28-30, 2007**, at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, Arkansas. This should be a particularly enjoyable meeting because of all the fun activities the Ozark Folk Center has to offer. In addition to their regular music and craft demonstrations that weekend the Folk Center will also be hosting the Arkansas State Fiddle Championship.

As usual, activities at the Society Meeting will include the Friday evening reception, Saturday paper presentations, book room, ARF auction, and banquet. Our Keynote Speaker will be Sam Brookes, Heritage Program Manager at the National Forests in Mississippi—a very entertaining speaker! Bonus activities on Sunday will include a tour of Blanchard Springs Cavern and nearby historic sites by Sue Foster.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the newly remodeled Ozark Folk Center Lodge. Rooms will be \$65.00 per night single or double occupancy, which can be booked at that rate until **September 23** by calling 1-800-264-3655, or 1-870-269-3851.

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 archaeological materials in the lab, stop by and see us on any given Wednesday. If there is interest following the restart of regular meeting in February, we may begin a monthly laboratory night to accommodate those who can only volunteer after normal business hours.

Finishing Up Some Cemetery Work

As a part of his work as a humanities scholar for groups who have received Arkansas Humanities Council grants to help preserve African-American cemeteries in the state, Dr. Brandon will be finishing up mapping work on the Washington Hill Cemetery (Nevada County) and Cedar Grove Cemetery (Columbia County). This will complete this year's work with Edna and Juanita Hopson and their efforts to make improvements on four cemeteries in Nevada and Columbia Counties.

Next year, the AAS-SAU Research Station has plans to help the folks associated with the Kingsland/Bear State Cemetery (Cleveland County) and the Paraloma Cemetery (Howard County) with similar projects.

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 jcbrandon@saumag.edu

September Events at Historic Washington State Park

"Introduction to Forging" Workshop, September 1-2, 8 am -5 pm

Join the park blacksmiths at the James Black Forge, home of the Bowie knife, for a hands-on class covering the basics. Make simple art objects as well as functional objects. Materials and tools supplied. The minimum age is 16 (accompanied by an adult). Class is limited to six participants; reservations required. Admission is \$50. Contact: (870) 983-2684 or oldwashington@arkansas.com for more details.

Historic Dance Workshop, September 22, 7-10 pm

Did you know there was once a specific dance to pick your next dance partner? Learn this and other common dances of the mid-19th century, such as the Virginia Reel, Patti-Cake Polka and more. Dance experience is not required. Refreshments provided. Limit of 30 participants. Minimum age is 12. Admission is \$18 for couples, and \$10 for singles. Contact: (870) 983-2684 or oldwashington@arkansas.com for more details.

Trail Tales Pioneer Dinner, September, 29, 6-9 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. Complimentary surrey rides offered from 6-7 pm. Dinner and entertainment begins at 7 pm. Dress casual or wear your favorite pioneer clothing. Reservations are required, and admission is \$25 per person. Contact (870) 983-2660 oldwashington@arkansas.com for more information.

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

- **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>
- **January 9-12**—*Society for Historical Archaeology Conference*, Albuquerque, NM. Info: <http://www.sha.org/about/conferences/2008.htm>

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