Register NOW for Spring Meeting, 2011

Gone But Not Forgotten: Rediscovering the Civil War through Archaeology

Submitted by Tammy Herron

Now’s the time to mark your calendars and register for The Society for Georgia Archaeology’s Spring Meeting, which will be held May 13-15, 2011 in McDonough, Georgia. Seating for Saturday’s meeting is limited, so be sure to get your registration form in early. This year, the theme for Georgia Archaeology Month was chosen to coincide with the beginning of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War. The theme we have chosen is Gone But Not Forgotten: Rediscovering the Civil War through Archaeology.

The Executive Board of the Society for Georgia Archaeology will meet in the Georgia Room at the Comfort Suites on Friday, May 13th from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The Executive Board of the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists will meet in the Georgia Room following the SGA Board meeting from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Then, the GCPA membership will meet from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

*Note: All Friday meetings will be held in the Georgia Room at the Comfort Suites.
For those of you arriving on Friday, there are plenty of great places to eat in and around McDonough, so I don’t think hunger will be an issue. To view just a sample of the dining options, check out Dining in Henry County on the website for the Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday morning, we will convene in the Hudgins Room at the Henry County Chamber of Commerce off Exit 218 of I-75 at McDonough. The Chamber is located at 1709 Highway 20 West in the Westridge Business Center, just a short drive west of the conference hotel. At present, Saturday’s meeting will consist of a general paper session in the morning and papers regarding Civil War Archaeology in Georgia in the afternoon. Please continue to monitor the website for a detailed agenda. There will also be a silent auction with many interesting items to bid on! The money raised from the auction will benefit the Endowment Fund, so remember to bring your wallets. **Seating is limited, so please get your registration forms in early.** Download a copy of the registration form from the SGA website. You can also register at the door, but in case we don’t have enough seats, those who pre-registered will be given seating preference.

On Sunday, we are planning a tour of Nash Farm Battlefield and Museum and the Veterans Wall of Honor and the Historical Military Museum at Heritage Park. Heritage Park is also home to the Heritage Museum and Historic Village featuring a log cabin, detached cookhouse, schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, library, and 1934 steam engine locomotive. The tour is tentatively scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please continue to monitor SGA’s website for updates regarding the tour itinerary.

The SGA has reserved a block of rooms at the Comfort Suites, one of McDonough’s newest hotels. Traveling I-75, the hotel is conveniently located just off the interstate at Exit 218. The address for the hotel is 64 Highway 81 West, McDonough, Georgia 30253. The phone number at the Comfort Suites is 678.216.1900. The toll free number for Comfort Suites is 1.800.4CHOICE. As this is our conference hotel, book your stay here so that you can see old friends and make some new ones along the way!

The block of rooms consists of 5 King and 10 Queen. The rate for each room is $79.00 + 12% tax, for a total of $88.48/night. This rate is valid for up to 2 adults per room. Please note that there will be a $10.00 charge for each additional adult. **These rooms will be available at the group rate until Wednesday, April 20th.** Please use either “Archaeology” or “Society for Georgia Archaeology” when making your reservations. Check-in time for all rooms is 2:00 p.m., and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. **Click here** for online information, including a map and directions.

We look forward to seeing you all in McDonough for a memorable Spring meeting. If you have any questions, please email me by clicking here.

*Sincerely,*

Tammy Herron, Chair, Spring 2011 Meeting

**As always, check the SGA website for more information.**