

**Program: De Soto's Footprints: New Archaeological Evidence from Georgia**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

**Contact:** Fernbank Ticketing Office, 404-929-6400

**Fees/Limits:** No Fee; Limit is 150, RSVP required

**Description:** This program includes a presentation by Dennis Blanton, Curator of Native American Archaeology at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. Recent discoveries will be described that put the earliest Spanish explorers in a part of Georgia where no one expected them to be. The evidence comes from Fernbank Museum's archaeological excavations on the Ocmulgee River in southeastern Georgia that have been ongoing since 2006.

**ONGOING**

**Exhibit: Palmetto Creek Revisited: A Site for All Times**

**Dates:** Starting at the end of May 2011

**Time:** Library Hours, Monday-Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am–8:00pm, Saturday 10:00 am–2:00pm

**Location:** Harris County Public Library, 138 N. College St., Hamilton, GA 31811

**Contact:** Debbie Marino, 706-628-4685, [dmario@thclibrary.net](mailto:dmario@thclibrary.net); Teresa Lotti, 404-631-1284, [tlotti@dot.ga.gov](mailto:tlotti@dot.ga.gov)

**Description:** This exhibit will display artifacts from excavations at the Palmetto Creek sites in Harris County as well as discuss the cultural time periods represented, archaeology in general, and the archaeological project/GDOT archaeology in particular.

**Sponsor:** Georgia Department of Transportation

**Exhibit: Commemorating Confederate History and Heritage Month (April 2011) and Georgia Archaeology Month (May 2011)**

**Date:** April 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011

**Time:** Library Hours, Monday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Closed Sunday

**Location:** Screven County Library, 106 South Community Drive, Sylvania, GA 30467

**Contact:** Main Office, 912-564-7526, [www.sirls.org](http://www.sirls.org), or Tammy Herron, 803-725-5259

**Description:**

*April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:* Exhibit featuring information about Georgia and Georgians during the Civil War. Book titles and travel brochures about Civil War related historic sites to visit throughout Georgia will also be displayed.

*May 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011:* Exhibit featuring archaeological research of some of the Civil War sites within Georgia. Replicas of artifacts and book titles regarding this research will also be displayed.

**Exhibit: From the Field to the Museum: Exploring Archaeology at Georgia State University**

**Date:** Monday, May 2, 2011 through Monday, May 30, 2011

**Time:** Library Hours, please call 404-413-2800 or check the GSU calendar for General Public hours on the date of your visit, <http://calendar.gsu.edu/calendar/EventList.aspx>

**Location:** Georgia State University Library, 100 Decatur Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30303-3202. Detailed directions are available at <http://library.gsu.edu/96.html>.

**Contact:** Kelly Woodard, 347-308-0397

**Fees/Limits:** None

**Description:** This display presents various aspects of the archaeological process, highlighting activities ranging from background research, fieldwork, to the dissemination of archaeological findings. In addition, the display includes various artifacts from prehistoric and historic sites in the Atlanta area, as well as collections from Costa Rica, Iran, and Mexico, with dates ranging from 5000 B.C. to A.D. 1000. These artifacts exemplify the material culture that archaeologists use to reconstruct the lives of past peoples.

**Exhibit: Conveyed in Clay: Stories from St. Catherine's Island**

**Description:** Explore how Native Americans adapted to changes in natural and cultural conditions through the evolution of their pottery, from North America's oldest examples to 16<sup>th</sup>-century Spanish artifacts.

**Exhibit: De Soto's Footprints: New Archaeological Evidence from Georgia**

**Description:** Exhibit featuring findings of Fernbank Museum's ongoing archaeological explorations along the lower Ocmulgee River. Artifacts and other information highlight the unexpected discovery of early Spanish materials, dating from before 1550, that may be associated with Hernando de Soto's trek across Georgia in 1540.

**Date:** Month of May

**Time:** Museum hours, Monday–Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

**Location:** Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

**Contact:** Fernbank Ticketing Office, 404-929-6400

**Fees/Limits:** Included with Fernbank Museum admission, Adults \$17.50, Students and Seniors \$16.50, Children ages 3-12 \$15.50, Children ages 2 and under free, Free for Fernbank Museum members; no Limit



# Georgia Archaeology Month

## May 2011

**Gone But Not Forgotten:  
*Rediscovering the Civil War  
through Archaeology***



For more information about events and archaeology in Georgia, visit the SGA website: <http://thesga.org>

## Archaeology Month Events

**Principal Sponsor:** *The Society for Georgia Archaeology*

**Co-sponsors:** *Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists, Historic Preservation Division-Georgia DNR, LAMAR Institute, New South Associates, Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, TRC.*

**Event: Fort Hawkins Archaeology Day**

**Date:** Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Fort Hawkins, From I-75 in Macon, take I-16 East to Exit 2. At the end of the ramp turn left on Highway 80. After 0.5 miles, turn right on Emery Highway (also Highway 80). The fort is on the left, at the corner of Emery Highway and Maynard Street, Macon, GA.

**Contact:** Stephen Hammack, 478-718-3398, [Stephen.hammack@robins.af.mil](mailto:Stephen.hammack@robins.af.mil)

**Description:** Event will include primitive skills, artifact identification, a spear-throwing contest with atl-atls, and kids' crafts (such as fun with clay and making bear claw necklaces).

**Sponsors:** Ocmulgee Archaeological Society and the Fort Hawkins Commission

**Event: Scull Shoals Festival**

**Date:** Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Scull Shoals, south of Athens-Watkinsville 14 miles, turn east onto Macedonia Rd., go 2 miles to Forest Rd. 1234 (gravel), go 3 miles on Forest Rd. 1234 to the site; directions available on the website, [www.scullshoals.org](http://www.scullshoals.org)

**Contact:** Jack Wynn, [jtmfwynn@windstream.net](mailto:jtmfwynn@windstream.net)

**Fees/Limits:** \$5 donation requested

**Description:** Demonstrations of techniques used in excavations of old mill village from 1997-2003. No new work will be done on this day.

**Program: Ocmulgee Archaeological Society Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, May 2nd, 6:30 pm

**Location:** The meeting will be held in Room 143 of the Science and Engineering Building at the corner of College Street and Edgewood Avenue, across from the tennis courts. From I-75 in Macon, take Mercer University Blvd. east and turn onto College Street via Mercer University's South Campus Entrance.

**Contact:** Stephen Hammack, 478-718-3398, [Stephen.hammack@robins.af.mil](mailto:Stephen.hammack@robins.af.mil)

**Description:** Presentation by Dr. Joe Joseph entitled "Alkaline-Glazed Pottery – An Introduction for Archaeologists."

**Sponsors:** Ocmulgee Archaeological Society

This brochure lists upcoming events for Georgia Archaeology Month, May 2011.

**Event: Archaeology Day**

**Date:** Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** 1797 Ezekiel Harris House, 1822 Broad Street, Augusta, GA

**Contact:** John Arena, 706-564-5868

**Description:** Event will include flint knapping, primitive skills demonstrations, artifact identification, and Paleoindian point identification and recordation by archaeologists who will be on-hand to speak with visitors. Free Ezekiel Harris House tours will be provided.

**Comments:** In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Augusta Museum of History, 560 Reynolds Street, in downtown Augusta.

**Sponsor:** Augusta Archaeological Society and Augusta Museum of History

**Program: Weekend Wonders: I Dig Archaeology!**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 7th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm; Sunday, May 8th, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

**Contact:** Fernbank Ticketing Office, 404-929-6400

**Fees/Limits:** Included with Fernbank Museum admission, Adults \$17.50, Students and Seniors \$16.50, Children ages 3-12 \$15.50, Children ages 2 and under free, Free for Fernbank Museum members; no Limit

**Description:** This program involves a hands-on investigation for kids and families. Dig in for family fun with archaeology-themed activities that focus on Native American crafts and technologies. Activities designed especially for kids ages 4-8.

**Program: Digging Through Time**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10th, 7:00 pm (Speaker at 7:30pm)

**Location:** Gwinnett County Administration and Justice Center, 75 Langley Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

**Contact:** Jim D'Angelo, 770-513-1576

**Description:** The Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS) presents Brad Quinlan, author of two books on the Civil War and currently working on a movie documentary on African-Americans in the Civil War. Brad, a "forensic" historian, will speak on "Digging Through Time," which documents his successful effort of combining archaeology and historical research to give names to "unknown soldiers" of the Kennesaw Battlefield.

**Sponsors:** Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society and Fort Daniel Foundation



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All events are free of charge, unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public.

**Event: Oakland and the Civil War**

**Date:** Saturday, May 14th, 6:30 pm

**Location:** Historic Oakland Cemetery, 248 Oakland Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA 30312

**Contact:** Mary Woodlan, 404-688-2107

**Fees/Limits:** \$10 Adults, \$5 Students & Seniors (65 & older), no reservations necessary

**Description:** Enjoy a guided walking tour and see the site where General Hood watched the Battle of Atlanta. Visit the graves of 6,900 Confederate soldiers and five Confederate generals.

**Event: Artifact Identification and Archaeology Laboratory Open House**

**Date:** Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Location:** Chieftains Museum, 501 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA

**Contact:** Debby Brown, 706-291-9494, [debrown4@bellsouth.net](mailto:debrown4@bellsouth.net), see website at [www.chieftainsmuseum.org](http://www.chieftainsmuseum.org)

**Fees/Limits:** \$5.00 donation requested, includes museum admission

**Description:** Chieftains invites the public to bring up to 5 artifacts for identification by Dave Davis, Archaeologist for the museum. The Archaeology Lab will also be open, along with the museum for tours.

**Event: Spring Meeting of the Society for Georgia Archaeology!**

**Date:** Saturday, May 14th, 8:30 am—4:00 pm

**Location:** Henry County Chamber of Commerce, McDonough, GA

**Fees/Limits:** \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, seating is limited, registration information at <http://thesga.org>.

**Description:** Papers presented on prehistoric and historic archaeology, with focus on the Civil War.

**Event: Archaeology Day**

**Date:** Saturday, May 21st, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford, GA 30519

**Contact:** Catherine Long, 770-904-3500

**Fees/Limits:** Free with paid Center Admission, Adults \$7.50, Seniors \$5.50, Children (ages 13-22) \$5.50, Children (ages 3-12) \$3.50, Children 2 and under are free, GEHC Members free [out of county residents add \$3 to fees]

**Description:** Join us as we celebrate Archaeology Month! Throw an atl-atl, make pottery, and weave your own basket like early Creek and Cherokee peoples. Test your skills at identifying artifacts and help put the pieces back together. Hear about Georgia's rich archaeological sites and learn how you can be a Protector of the Past! Kids will receive a free Archaeology Month 2011 poster.