PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE • SGA NOTICES ONLINE

President’s Message, December 2011

Submitted by Catherine Long (sgapres@thesga.org)

As the 2011 year rapidly winds down I take this opportunity to report on the status of the Society for Georgia Archaeology.

The organization is in good financial health. The silent auction at the Spring Meeting and the Audacious Archaeology Auction (both silent and live) at the Fall Meeting raised monies for the Endowment Fund. Many kudos to those who helped spearhead this fundraising initiative and for those who financially supported it. These significant contributions would not have been possible without you.

The SGA has also supported many public outreach initiatives this calendar year. The number of people reached across the state at these events was approximately 447,000. The website also tracks visitors and reports that 80% of the visits are by new visitors. It is encouraging to see the numbers of people who are learning about the Society for Georgia Archaeology.

Another great announcement is that SGA has been approved to join the Society for American Archaeology Council of Affiliated Societies. This organization will help the Society for Georgia Archaeology keep abreast of national and international archaeological issues. It will provide an opportunity to learn from colleagues as well. We look forward to participating with other archaeological organizations on the continued efforts of preservation and education.

An early Save the Date will be announced shortly for the annual Archaeology Month Spring meeting for a Saturday in April or May. The theme will follow the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and feature a field trip to Fort Daniel. Stay tuned for more details—this will be an event you do not want to miss!

The ten Chapters (Augusta Archaeology Society, Blue Ridge Archaeological Guild, Coastal Archaeological Society, Golden Isles Archaeological Society, Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society, Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society, Northwest Georgia Archaeology Society, Ocmulgee Archaeological Society, South Georgia Archaeological Research Team and West Georgia Underwater Archaeological Society) of the Society for Georgia Archaeology have been actively participating in archaeological projects across the state, hosting guest speakers and supporting Archaeology Month through offering related educational events. It is through these local chapters that SGA is able to reach a wider audience across the state. We look forward to continuing to work together!

At the end of the year we encourage and invite you to support the SGA Endowment Fund through a financial contribution. The Endowment Fund supports educational outreach and the preservation of archaeological sites. Your donation to the fund will help support these ongoing initiatives and if you have already contributed for this calendar year, we sincerely thank you for your generosity. Please note that your donation is tax-deductible and must be postmarked December 31st to apply to the 2011 tax year. The Society for Georgia Archaeology is grateful for any financial contributions.

We look forward to keeping abreast of all the exciting research and events in Georgia archaeology. We remind you to continue to send these great stories or notes to the Editor of The Profile, the SGA’s quarterly newsletter, by clicking here. Don’t forget to renew your membership for 2012. As the year quickly closes we hope to soon announce the establishment of online membership and Endowment payments.
On behalf of the Officers and Board Members I thank you for your support of SGA and wish you and your family Happy Holidays.

—Catherine Long, President

Send Endowment Fund contributions to: The Society for Georgia Archaeology, Treasurer, P.O. Box 693, Athens, GA 30603. Please put “Endowment Fund” on the subject line of your check. If the contribution is to honor someone, please include the honoree’s name and complete address with your contribution check. All recipients will be notified of the contribution made in their honor. To read all stories on this website about the SGA’s Endowment Fund, click here.

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The SGA’s Endowment Fund wants you!

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ONLINE NEWS AND RESEARCH • RESEARCH ARTICLES

WPA Archaeology on the Georgia Coast

Submitted by Kevin Kiernan (kevin.kiernan@gmail.com)

Although his pioneering excavations in St. Simons Island, northern Glynn County, and especially Chatham County, are not widely known or well understood, Preston Holder was in fact the most productive archaeologist of the Georgia Coast during the WPA era. The Society for Georgia Archaeology, moreover, which was founded in 1933, played a key role in promoting his excavations and, along with the Brunswick Board of Trade and the Sea Island Company, even paid his salary before WPA funding began.

Holder's extensive work was well known and regularly reported in the newspapers of the 1930’s, especially in Brunswick and Savannah. As he worked, Holder mounted displays of the choicest artifacts at the mission-style Visitor's Center, designed by the noted architect, Francis Louis Abreu, which the Sea Island Company and the Board of Trade had built at the entrance to the St. Simons
causeway. When he went to direct the Irene Mound excavations in Savannah, Holder brought with him thousands of additional classified ceramics for research and for training his assistants, who included Antonio J. Waring (then an undergraduate English major at Yale) and Joseph R. Caldwell, who eventually took over at Irene after Holder left to pursue his PhD at Columbia. The long-range plan was to house these artifacts under the jurisdiction of the Society for Georgia Archaeology when the museum at Okmulgee was finished.

Holder always kept meticulous field records, wrote regular, detailed reports to Arthur Kelly, his titular supervisor at Okmulgee, and to Frank Setzler at the Smithsonian, and amassed many thousands of carefully classified artifacts. However, for as yet mysterious reasons, his supervisors did not permit him to publish his voluminous results. Interested archaeologists and historians of Georgia archaeology may none the less study these rich resources in the widely dispersed depositories of the National Anthropological Archives in Suitland, Maryland; the Preston Holder Papers at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln; the Archaeology Laboratory at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia; the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah, Georgia; the Bryan-Lang Historical Library in Woodbine, Georgia; and the Coastal Georgia Historical Society on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Members of the Society for Georgia Archaeology may read about Holder’s seminal work in Georgia in “Preston Holder on the Georgia Coast, 1936-1938” in the latest issue of the Society for American Archaeology’s Archaeological Record (November 2011: 11.5, 30-3),
which is available online in PDF or Online Digital Edition formats. A heavily documented chapter on “Preston Holder’s WPA Excavations in Glynn and Chatham Counties, Georgia, 1936–1938” is forthcoming this Fall in Shovel Ready: Archaeology and Roosevelt’s New Deal for America, edited by Bernard K. Means (The University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa: 2012).

ARCHAEOLOGY 101 • WEEKLY PONDER
Diaries as research tools
Submitted by Sammy Smith (sammy@thesga.org)

Diaries are one kind of document or information sought by archivists for permanent or long-term preservation. Diaries have serial entries, that is, they are composed of a series of entries made at different times. Historically, diaries have at most an entry per day, although most diarists did not make time-consuming daily entries. Generally, diarists create their diaries for their own reference or for that of their loved ones, although some diarists intended to publish their writings as a diary rather than as a memoir or autobiography. Blogs (weblogs) are a modern diary form.

Historical archaeologists use diaries to flesh out their understanding of the past. For example, the diary of a nineteenth-century grocer would aid in understanding what a grocer did to keep shelves filled and to promote the business; it would provide first-hand data. A diary can provide information that the soil does not reveal to the archaeologist. Paired with archaeological data, diary entries can provide significant illumination about the past.

To researchers, diaries are one of many primary sources. A primary source is any archival information that was directly produced by someone in the time and place to which the source dates. A diary is written by someone living through what the individual writes about; this is what makes it a primary source. A book that discusses, for example, the history of a town, would be a secondary source, in that its author draws (at least in part) on primary sources.

While the authors of primary-source documents lived through the events they describe and the observations they make, they are not unbiased observers. Diaries do reflect the biases and opinions of their authors. Evaluating bias is an important task of historians and archaeologists using diaries to better understand the past.

On this website, we have a diary. It’s the diary of Abby the ArchaeoBus. The ArchaeoBus is a major outreach project of the Society for Georgia Archaeology. The SGA bills the ArchaeoBus as Georgia’s mobile archaeology classroom.

Take a look at this diary and see what biases you can find that Abby brings to the diary. Consider the implications of the periods for which there are no diary entries. These same issues would be relevant for evaluating any diary as part of an historical study.

Read more about historical research and primary sources on this website here. Read the diary of Abby the ArchaeoBus here.
AUGUSTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY • CHAPTER NEWS

AAS’s newsletter details activities throughout 2011

Catch up with the news of the SGA’s Augusta Chapter, the Augusta Archaeological Society, by reading the December 2011 issue of the AAS’s newsletter, The Debitage. The issue details activities of the AAS in 2011, and plans for a holiday party on December 8th. Access a PDF of the newsletter by clicking here.

EARLY GEORGIA • SGA NOTICES ONLINE

Thank you, Editor Pluckhahn

Submitted by SGA President Catherine Long (diggergirl77@gmail.com)

For the past four years Tom Pluckhahn has served the Society for Georgia Archaeology as the Editor of our journal, Early Georgia.

As he is incoming Editor for Southeastern Archaeology, the journal of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, we could not pass up the opportunity to thank him for his contributions to continuing the professionalism of the journal. Issues have been engaging and kept members up to date on current research in Georgia.

Tom’s efforts to manage the process and work with the team to get it organized, published, and delivered to SGA membership would not be possible without the collaboration of several key individuals, Managing Editor Dr. David Hally, Debra Wells, Tom Gresham, and the students and staff at the University of Georgia archaeology lab. Tom has offered thoughtful recommendations for how to handle reprint requests and maintain its scholarly appeal.

We thank you again, Tom, for your dedication and extend best wishes on your endeavors.

For all stories about the SGA journal Early Georgia on this website, including information for those wishing to make submissions, click here.

CHAPTER NEWS • GWINNETT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY • PHOTO GALLERIES

2011 Frontier Faire well attended

Submitted by Leslie Perry (digsitelp@yahoo.com)

The October 15 and 16, 2011, Frontier Faire at Fort Daniel on

Dr. James D’Angelo leading a tour of Fort Daniel.
Hog Mountain in Gwinnett County was sponsored by GARS (the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society), a Chapter of the SGA, and the FDF (Fort Daniel Foundation). Site Director Dr. James D’Angelo conducted public education tours and further excavations with the help of GARS members. Local school students participated, as did Georgia State University students under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Glover. The SGA table was present to educate the public. Beautiful fall weather promoted good attendance for the event.

Visitors to the Frontier Faire this year visited the Trading Post, which was stocked with old-time candy and pioneer-type children’s toys, Fort Daniel t-shirts, fossils, jewelry, antiques, and minerals. A candle-maker, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, a flint-knapper, food area, costumed members, and a brick kiln were additional attractions. The old time tool display was a definite draw with more than fifty people taking the “Name the Tool” contest for a chance to test their memory and win prize candy from the Trading Post.

Children who attended enjoyed face-painting, pottery reconstruction at the SGA area, costume photos at the Girl Scout booth, free stickers and fossils at the Trading Post, and Brewster’s ice cream. The 2011 Frontier Faire is considered a definite success and will serve as a model for next year’s Faire.

Follow this link to read about the 2010 Frontier Faire, and this link to read about the first Frontier Faire, in 2009. Click here to see all the stories on this website about Fort Daniel. Click on any of the thumbnail photos to enlarge it and to then examine the remainder of the gallery sequence.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS • COASTAL GEORGIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Hilton Head Chapter hosting CGAS speaker**

Chica Arndt, President of the Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society (CGAS), will be speaking at the Tuesday, November 15th, 2011, meeting of the Hilton Head Chapter of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina. The meeting is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn at 1 pm.
In early 2002 the CGAS was invited to visit the Mary Musgrove Site, and out of this visit grew the presentation. The first part of the talk will be a look at eyewitness accounts of Mary Musgrove given by James Oglethorpe, John Wesley, William Stephens, and others in the Georgia colony. Not only did Mary act as an agent and negotiator to Creek Nation, but she also owned three trading posts. The second part is the video Georgia Time Capsule, narrated by Chad Braley, archaeologist with Southeastern Archeological Services and in charge of the excavation. It describes work done at The Grange Site and how, by chance, they found the site of the 1735 Musgrove Trading Post. Chica has been “Musgrovin’” since 2003 because of continuing interest in the site, although now it has been covered over by the Georgia Ports Authority.

Chica is the Manager of the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum & Nature Center. She moved to Savannah in 1977 from New Jersey and joined the Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society shortly after it was organized in 1981. In 1996, she began working at Wormsloe Historic Site until her employment at the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal in 2003.

Read more about Mary Musgrove in the New Georgia Encyclopedia online here.

2011 FALL • PHOTO GALLERIES • PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Fall 2011 SGA meeting, auction, and festivities

Submitted by Catherine Long (diggergirl77@gmail.com)

Enjoy additional photographs in the galleries at the end of the story. Click on a thumbnail and the photo will enlarge, and you can click through the gallery.

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, a cool fall day welcomed attendees and presenters to the SGA Meeting in Athens. The Zell B. Miller Center at the University of Georgia campus was the location of the day. Students and staff from the Department of Anthropology joined SGA members, professionals and the general public for a day filled with presentations featuring current research in Georgia.
The day was kicked off by the introduction of Dr. Jack Wynn who served as facilitator for the program that was put together by Lynn Pietak. Kevin Kiernan provided an examination of research at the Evelyn Plantation in Glynn County by Preston Holder and showcased stunning pictures. A review of the interpretation of excavations at Upatoi Town was presented by colleagues at Southern Research and suggested evidence a potential trading post. Shedding light on recent developments for the Regionally Important Resources Plan, Terry Jackson shared a recommendation of how to communicate information about archaeological sites that is proactive to the planning process but protects the sensitivity of this information. He urged local SGA chapters to become involved and learn about when their local regional commission plans were scheduled to be updated. Research on early industrial development in Carroll County reviewed the technology and resources needed to run several different types of mills (cotton, grist, thread, etc.). The remains of these industries were documented and more information may be obtained online here. Brad Botwick of New South Associates provided an insight into the historic context published on the mineral industries of north Georgia. Attendees were intrigued to learn of the four stages of mining and enjoyed pictures of these industries.

A short Business Meeting featured updates from the SGA Board and Officers meeting the previous day. SGA received a $500.00 donation from The Lacy Foundation to support its ongoing mission and educational opportunities through the Endowment. This is a significant contribution of which SGA is greatly appreciative of. Online registration is in the process of being secured and is hoped to be up and running for 2012. Plans for Archaeology Month 2012 are underway and will focus on the bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812 and the lesson plan will focus on the archaeological work being carried out by the Fort Daniel Foundation. (It is interesting to point out that many of these members are members of SGA’s local chapter the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society). A field trip to visit Fort Daniel and another potential site is in the works and a meeting location in Gwinnett County is being confirmed.

Appreciation was expressed to those who made the day possible—the Department of Anthropology, Lynn Pietak, Jared Wood and Jack Wynn. Chapter updates were provided by those members in attendance. It is always exciting to hear the current activities and news. The month of October was very busy for public education opportunities. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at these events across the state—SGA was able to reach the following: 9000 attendees at the annual
CoastFest program and over 438,000 attendees at the Georgia National Fair. Additional outreach opportunities were featured at Fort Hawkins and Fort Daniel (Frontier Faire) and the Social Studies conference in Athens. The ArchaeoBus (Abby) has been very busy this month!

During the lunch break, friends and colleagues caught up with each other and enjoyed the local cuisine of the downtown restaurants and cafes. Issues of Early Georgia, t-shirts and SGA coffee mugs were for sale and memberships were renewed for 2012.

The afternoon session featured a presentation on the history of the relationship between the Department of Anthropology at the University of Georgia and the development of the Society for Georgia Archaeology. It was quite a treat to see the leaders who helped in the establishment of Georgia archaeology! Richard Moss reported on his thesis research involving the Swords Bridge Site and Terry Powis presented on the challenges in identifying the variety of chert sources and resources in Northwest Georgia. By comparing nineteenth century forts and supporting documentation Jim D'Angelo and Wayne Waldrip discovered that many of these forts were based on the same fort model. Geophysical research at Ocmulgee by Daniel Bigman included the review of previously offered interpretations of this early Mississippian occupation. Matt Tankersley reported on Georgia's historic streetcars and provided a history of streetcars in the Atlanta area (during the nineteenth and twentieth century) and how they changed over time. Historic photographs of these different types of streetcars and current photographs showing evidence of the old rail lines were fascinating. After a day of scholarly presentations the audience retired to dinner plans and the auction.

The Audacious Archaeology Auction was held Saturday evening at the Terrapin Brewery in Athens, Georgia. Meeting attendees and the general public joined in the fun of receiving a number and bidding on unique items both in a silent auction and live auction format. And of course the beer! Cornel Wilbur C. Mull was the guest auctioneer and entertained the crowd with his enthusiasm. The night sped by quickly and the evening ended successfully for SGA. After expenses the total raised for the Endowment Fund was $1424.87.

The Auction Committee was led by Rita Elliott and Matt Newberry, Leslie Perry, Starr Wright, Joel Jones, and Rick Sellers. Thank you all for your hard work on this endeavor to continue to support public outreach educational initiatives and the preservation of archaeological sites!

Read more about the 2011 Fall Meeting preparations online here.
The SGA at CoastFest, 2011

Submitted by Kevin Kiernan (kevin.kiernan@gmail.com)

Founded by laymen during the Great Depression in 1933, the Society for Georgia Archaeology is the oldest archaeological society in the State. It inspired the Ocmulgee National Monument, helped establish a Department of Archaeology at the University of Georgia, and initiated work on a statewide archaeological survey. Today the SGA is an active group of professional and avocational archaeologists whose goal is to “identify, study, interpret, and preserve Georgia’s rich historic and prehistoric archaeological heritage.”

Each year volunteers from the SGA carry this message to CoastFest, the ever-expanding fair the Department of Natural Resources sponsors on the first Saturday in October in Brunswick to celebrate the history, archaeology, and ecology of the state’s incomparable seacoast. This year well over 9000 visitors arrived from across Georgia and the surrounding states to enjoy the scores of exhibits, games, performances, and refreshments at the daylong event.

For the 2011 event the SGA tent covered eight long tables of interactive displays that always attract hundreds of children, eager to show off what they have learned in the Glynn County Archaeology Program that Ellen Provenzano has directed for the past eighteen years. With their training in fourth grade the children are adept at identifying and sorting artifacts from Fort Frederica.
Tammy Herron from the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program in South Carolina and Rita Elliott of the LAMAR Institute in Savannah brought other educational displays and engaging games to test the skills and intelligence of all participants.

For the third year Rita also brought Abby the Able ArchaeoBus. The DNR has each year provided extra space and electricity beside the SGA tent and tables to accommodate the ArchaeoBus, with its rich and absorbing introduction to Georgia archaeology.
As they leave the ArchaeoBus, young visitors are always delighted to find tables with PlayDoh and instructions on how to make coiled pottery and decorate it with complicated stamps or cord marks, as the prehistoric and protohistoric Indians once did on Georgia’s Coast.

These popular tables provide a smooth transition from the ArchaeoBus back to the main tables under the tent.

Although they can encounter the educational games and displays in any order, many folks head for the ArchaeoBus first, where they learn some fundamentals about Georgia archaeology in a structured way. When they come out, children typically are ready to get their hands working in clay or reassembling broken artifacts. From there they and their parents return to the many interactive exhibits on the tables under the tent.

While CoastFest 2011 was smashing all previous attendance records, the SGA was breaking some records of its own, too, with eighteen volunteers (nine from the Golden Isles Archaeological Society, the newest chapter of the SGA) from Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and the United Kingdom, manning the ten tables and the ArchaeoBus.
Shortly after we had set up our tables this year, a South African flying a 9-foot kite came over to chat. Peter Boyton explained that a camera, hanging from the kite, was busily capturing digital images of our tent and ArchaeoBus from high above by a method called “autoKAP” (automated Kite Aerial Photography).

Peter explained that the camera was mounted on a tilt in a rig that pans 360 degrees with the shutter clicking every five seconds. His autoKAP produced a wealth of wondrous images, including a spectacular picture of the kite itself flying high over the beautiful Sidney Lanier Bridge.

Click on any of the thumbnail images below to enlarge them, then click through the entire gallery.

The SGA is much indebted to the 18 volunteers who made our installation at CoastFest this year a success: Jack Caldwell, Cay Ellis, George Ellis, Aidine Kiernan, Kevin Kiernan, Sonja Olsen Kinard, Ellen Provenzano, Carolyn Rock, and Bill Weaver, all members of the Golden Isles Archaeological Society, the newest chapter of the SGA. We had nine additional volunteers from as far away as Florida, South Carolina, and England: Connie Fonseca of St. Simons Island; Troup Nightingale of Southeastern Photography and Hofwyl-Broadfield State Park, Brunswick; P.T. Ashlock, an archaeologist based in Savannah; Jennifer Nusbaum, president of the Armstrong Anthropology Club, and Jennifer Marler from the Department of Anthropology, at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah; Dawn Chapman Guest, Department of Archaeology, University of York, England; Peter Kiernan, Jacksonville, Florida; Rita Elliott of the LAMAR Institute in Savannah; and Tammy Herron from the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program in South Carolina.

The photographs illustrating this article were kindly provided by Peter E.D. Boyton, Rita F. Elliott, and Tammy F. Herron.

Another version of this article is forthcoming in Georgia Sound, a newsletter of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division. Access a PDF of the longer article by clicking here.

SGA NOTICES ONLINE

Coosawattee Foundation issues challenge grant for SGA’s Endowment Fund

What, you missed the Audacious Archaeology Auction?

Guess what—it is not too late to contribute to the Endowment Fund of the SGA!

A challenge grant opportunity has been issued by the Coosawattee Foundation—the Foundation will match up to $250.00 any donation received by December 31, 2011, in support of the Endowment Fund. Contributions made to the SGA help support education initiatives throughout Georgia and protect archaeological sites.
If you missed the auction and you would like to consider an end of the year donation to please send your check to:

The Society for Georgia Archaeology
PO Box 693
Athens, GA 30603

The Society for Georgia Archaeology is a non-profit organization. Your financial support is sincerely and greatly appreciated!

The SGA held the Audacious Archaeology Auction on Saturday, October 22, as part of the Fall 2011 Meeting to raise money for its Endowment Fund.

EVENTS INFORMATION • PHOTO GALLERIES • TEACHER/STUDENT

UGA students learn primitive skills, atlatl throwing
Submitted by M. Jared Wood (woody@uga.edu)

The University of Georgia Student Association for Archaeological Sciences recently sponsored a day-long atlatl workshop with Scott Jones, primitive technologist and expert in atlatl manufacture and use.

On a beautiful October Saturday, twelve SAAS members and their faculty advisor, Jared Wood, gathered at Scott’s outdoor classroom at “The Woods” just northeast of Lexington, Georgia. Scott gave an exciting and engaging lecture on the history of the atlatl, from the Middle Paleolithic to modern times, then led the group in constructing and using atlatls and darts.

Everyone had a great time (thanks, Scott!) learning some primitive skills and taking aim at some cardboard quarry.

For those SGA members and affiliates out there who aren’t familiar with Scott’s work, please visit his Media Prehistoria website online here. Scott teaches several classes on primitive skills to a wide range of age groups, and also has a wonderful
book available for those interested in trying their hand at home: *A View to the Past: Experience and Experiment in Primitive Technology*, available for order online.

Scott’s book on primitive technology was very favorably reviewed by Tom Gresham on this website. Click on any of the thumbnails below to enlarge the picture; then you can click through the whole photo gallery.

**ARCHAEOBUS NEWS**

ArchaeoBus teaches teachers in Athens

On Friday, October 21st, 2011, the ArchaeoBus spent the day at the Georgia Council for the Social Studies conference in Athens. GCSS Conference Coordinator Diane Sloan notes that 510 attended the conference, and that “the conference was a great success due in no small part to your participation.”

Teachers and educators could tour the ArchaeoBus and examine hands-on displays inside the Classic Center. The SGA offers a door prize that is awarded in the afternoon.

The ArchaeoBus has already been invited to attend the 2012 conference, even though the date has not yet been selected!
The ArchaeoBus is at Fort Hawkins in Macon through 31 October. Next, visit the ArchaeoBus at Jacksonville, Florida’s Museum of Science and History on Saturday, November 5th, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC meeting information is online here). Read about the ArchaeoBus’s visit to the Georgia Council for the Social Studies conference in 2010 here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS • ARCHAEOBUS NEWS

ArchaeoBus at Fort Hawkins for week

This week, 24–31 October, 2011, the SGA’s ArchaeoBus is at Fort Hawkins, while excavations are in progress. This is the first time
The ArchaeoBus has visited active excavations.

The fort site, in Macon, dates to 1806 (before the city of Macon was founded), when it was established by order of President Thomas Jefferson for trading and meeting with Native Americans. Previous excavations on this frontier fortification have revealed the east wall and part of the south side of the wooden palisade that surrounded the fort. The 2011 work will focus on finding all of the outer walls, and is being done for the Fort Hawkins Commission.

The fort site will be open each day from October 24–31 until 4:00PM. with no admission charge. On week days as excavators continue their research, the public is invited to visit and view their work—now tour the ArchaeoBus, too! The excavation work is organized by The LAMAR Institute.

The ArchaeoBus is Georgia’s Mobile Archaeological Classroom and sponsored by the Society for Georgia Archaeology.

On the last day of fieldwork, Monday, October 31, plan to attend the Press Conference at 3:00PM at Fort Hawkins to learn about discoveries during the week and to tour both the excavations and the ArchaeoBus.

Then, at 5:00PM, the first Fort Hawkins Halloween Hauntings will begin. The ArchaeoBus will be a major highlight of this free, fun, family event.

Please call for group visits or more information 478-742-3003 and visit the Fort Hawkins website online here. Information from Marty Willett, Fort Hawkins Commission Press Officer & Project Coordinator, 1022 Walnut Street, Macon, GA 31201.

2011 FALL • SGA NOTICES ONLINE

2011 Fall Meeting abstracts: An Historic Partnership

Submitted by Lynn Pietak (lpietak@edwards-pitman.com)

UPDATED 12 Oct, 4:23pm. Join members and guests of the SGA at the Society's Fall Meeting on the 22nd of October, in room 171 (first floor) of the Zell B. Miller Learning Center on the University of Georgia Campus in Athens (map below). Registration ($10 for members, $15 for non-members; $5 for students with ID; $25 for families) begins at 8:30am. SGA President Catherine Long will welcome attendees at 9:00am. Stay in Athens for evening activities, a SGA live and silent auction fund-raiser for the SGA that begins at 6:30pm, including an opportunity to tour the SGA's ArchaeoBus, Georgia’s Mobile Archaeology Classroom (details on evening activities online here).

Access a PDF of the abstracts by clicking here. Access a PDF of the day-time meeting schedule by clicking here.

9:15am

Preston Holder’s WPA Excavations of the Evelyn Plantation Mounds in Glynn County, Georgia by Kevin Kiernan, Ph.D., SGA Board Member; Keith Stephenson, Savannah River Archaeological Research Program; and Karen Y. Smith, Monticello, Department of Archaeology. In 1937 Preston Holder excavated five prehistoric mounds at Evelyn Plantation in Glynn County, Georgia. The most knowledgeable and experienced WPA archaeologist of coastal Georgia, Holder developed the first definite regional ceramic chronology there, conducted the first investigation of a coastal Swift Creek mound there, and demonstrated that William Bartram’s “tetragon terrace” fortification of European construction was a basket-laid, flat-topped, ceremonial mound. Using previously unpublished documentation, we outline Holder’s reasoning that Evelyn Plantation was “essential for an adequate understanding of the prehistory” of coastal Georgia, and Arthur Kelly’s claim that it was “one of the top-ranking sites in the state.”

9:45am

A Fresh Look at Upatoi Town by W. Dean Wood, Elizabeth E. Williamson, and Kay G. Wood, Southern Research. Upatoi Town was a large, dispersed Creek Indian community settled in the early 1790s and abandoned around 1826. Archaeological and historical investigations in the 1990s confirmed its western extent on Fort Benning in west central Georgia. Recent archaeological surveys, test excavations and historical research by the authors examined the eastern portion of the town located on private property. This paper examines the new work focusing on one site that we think may be the location of a trader living in Creek County during the early nineteenth century.

10:00am

Conservation Archaeology and Georgia’s Regionally Important Resources Planning Program by Terry Jackson, Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The Georgia Planning Act of 1989 authorizes the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to establish specific rules and procedures for the identification of Regionally Important Resources (RIR), development of a plan for the protection and management of these resources, and for review of activities potentially impacting these resources. In 2009, DCA revised the original RIR rules to require the state’s 16 regional commissions to develop plans for their respective regions.
The stated intent of these RIR rules and procedures were to: 1) enhance focus on protection and management of important natural and cultural resources throughout the state; 2) careful consideration of, planning for, impacts of new development on these important resources; and 3) improved local, regional, and state level coordination in protecting and managing of these important resources.

In 2009, the Ocmulgee Archaeological Society successfully nominated Fort Hawkins and the Old Creek Agency Reserve to be included in the RIR plan of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Also, in 2009, the Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society submitted a nomination of 188 sites to the Atlanta Regional Commission. This later nomination was later withdrawn by SGA due to a disagreement with ARC as to how the information could be published according to DCA’s RIR rules and with respect to protection provisions of the Georgia Open Records Act (GORA). In 2011, the SGA Board of Directors teamed with the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists to develop a nomination process deemed to be an ideal compromise for nominating GORA-protected resources. From the list of 4,513 known sites in the ARC region, this latest nomination recommends 295 sites that have been listed, nominated, or recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This newest nomination is still under review by ARC.

10:30am

Break

10:45am

**Carroll County’s Early Industrial Development on Snake Creek** by Kay G. Wood and W. Dean Wood, Southern Research.

Beginning in the 1840s, a 1.5 mile stretch of Snake Creek in Carroll County, Georgia witnessed the establishment of grist and saw mills, a cotton gin, three textile factories, and a paper mill and pulp mills. First called Bowenville, then Banning, a community of mill workers and owners settled on the ridge tops overlooking the gorge where the water-powered and steam powered industries were located. Archaeological surveys and historical research by the authors in 2005 – 2006 documented these industrial sites. Together, they represent a microcosm of the industrial revolution that took place across Piedmont Georgia during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

11:15am

**Mineral Industries of North Georgia: Historic Contexts and Archaeology** by Brad Botwick, New South Associates, Inc.

Georgia has an extensive heritage related to mining and mineral industries. Mining and quarrying in the state involved numerous raw materials and extensive underground and surface operations. Despite a potentially rich source of information about the state's economic and industrial development, there has been limited archaeological study of these sites and little appreciation of their potential for research and preservation. Recently, however, the Georgia Department of Transportation sponsored a historic context to assist in the identification, evaluation, and preservation of mining and quarrying sites in north Georgia. This paper summarizes the context, reviews the site and resource types expected at Georgia mining sites, and discusses the potential for archaeological research.

11:45am

**The SGA Business Meeting**

12 noon

Lunch Break

1:30pm

**SGA and UGA, Partners in Archaeology** by M. Jared Wood and Mark Williams, University of Georgia. The Society for Georgia Archaeology and the University of Georgia share a relationship stretching back over 60 years. This lengthy history is one of fits, starts, and determination as the field of archaeology has developed in the state. This story involves many archaeologists both past and present and ranges from the founding of the Society (then known as the Society for the Preservation of Early Georgia History), to today. From advocacy to meetings, and publishing to curation, SGA and UGA have found mutual support in each other. This paper will delve into the historic relationship between these two organizations that have helped shape archaeology in Georgia.

2:00pm

**The Swords Bridge Site, 9MG73** by Richard Moss, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Swords Bridge is a site with Archaic and Late Mississippian Lamar Period components located in Morgan County, Georgia, now mostly submerged under Lake Oconee. 1977 investigations conducted by UGA included a systematic surface collection, test unit excavations, and mechanical stripping and feature mapping. The original artifact count data were visualized by density distribution mapping in an effort to better understand the nature of the Late Mississippian settlement at 9MG73. The results of this study revealed concentrations in the distributions of certain phase diagnostic Lamar period ceramics from the surface collection. Such a pattern may result from temporally distinct yet spatially overlapping small farmstead occupations.
Supplying Generals John Floyd and Andrew Jackson: The Fort Daniel/Fort Peachtree/Peachtree Road Connection
by James D'Angelo and Wayne Waldrip, Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society. In response to supply problems that had seriously hampered General John Floyd, Commander of the Georgia Army during the 1812 War, a plan to raft supplies down the Chattahoochee from the site of the Indian village of Standing Peachtree to Fort Mitchell (near Columbus) was executed. To accomplish this, one frontier fort was rebuilt and another new fort was constructed along with a boat yard and 30 miles of new road. This presentation is about the connection between Fort Daniel at Hog Mountain, Jackson County (now Gwinnett) and Fort Peachtree in Creek Territory (now Atlanta), the original Peachtree Road, how they came to be, where they were located, and what they would have looked like based on archaeological and documentary evidence.

3:00pm
Break
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Beneath the Street: Archaeological Evaluation of Atlanta’s Streetcar Past by Matt Tankersley, New South Associates, Inc. Trolleys were fixtures in American nineteenth and twentieth century streetscapes, and Atlanta was no exception. The vestiges of the transportation system consist of a variety of resource types. However, the most widespread legacy is track preserved below the street. To further understand these resources, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contracted New South Associates to develop a context for resources of Georgia’s historic streetcar systems. A goal was to provide preservation professionals better understanding of these resources and a framework for evaluation. To this end, technology like geographic information system (GIS) and ground penetrating radar (GPR) were employed to locate preserved elements and evaluate the myriad of resources associated with the system.

3:45pm
Results from Recent Archaeological Survey at Ocmulgee by Daniel Bigman, University of Georgia. A multi-scalar remote sensing survey was carried out at Ocmulgee National Monument in 2010 and 2011 to answer questions about community form at Ocmulgee during its early Mississippian occupation. Several hypotheses created by earlier investigators were tested using a variety of geophysical prospection methods. This paper presents the results of this survey and offers some preliminary interpretations.

4:15pm
Duckett Site (9HL554) Spring 2011 Season Report and Intern Research by William H. Phillips, University of West Georgia. This presentation will discuss the results of fieldwork and research of the 2011 Spring Season on the Duckett Site. This includes the product of extensive shovel testing, site maps with updated boundaries and artifact densities, and the ongoing excavation of Text Pit 2. A brief introduction of the completed NGCSU Intern research papers will also be given, followed by future research designs.

4:45pm
Chert Sources and Resources in Northwest Georgia by Terry Powis, PhD, Kennesaw State University; Jon Bruce, Brockington and Associates; and Vicki Gloer, SUNY Albany. Chert is the most common raw material used in the local manufacture of prehistoric chipped stone implements. Determination of raw material sources improves the accuracy and usefulness of site data and its interpretation, potentially informing the archaeological record about prehistoric natural resource use as well as providing evidence for political and economic relationships between sites. This paper discusses the theoretical and methodological considerations involved in chert sourcing and uses examples from both previous and current research in Dade, Walker, and Catoosa Counties of northwest Georgia to illustrate the opportunities and challenges associated with chert source location, sample collection, and both material and data analysis. Application resolutions based upon field and laboratory work are provided, including the use of global positioning systems and geographic information systems technologies, as well as suggestions for future research.

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October 22nd is National Archaeology Day
Submitted by Sammy Smith (sammy@thesga.org)

Leading national archaeological organizations are partnering to participate in National Archaeology Day, on 22 October 2011. What will you do to celebrate?

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is hosting this year's website publicizing the event. Click here to check on online information.
Here's the calendar of events. Look for one near you!

Follow this blog for more information.

Notes the AIA webpage:

National Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Throughout the month of October and on October 22 in particular, the AIA and its societies throughout the United States and Canada will present archaeological programs and activities in over 100 cities for people of all ages and interests. Whether it is a family-friendly archaeology fair, a guided tour of a local archaeological site, a simulated dig, a lecture or a classroom visit from an archaeologist, the interactive, hands-on programs presented by the Institute and our societies will provide you with the chance to indulge your inner Indiana Jones.

If you can't participate this year, think about what you want to do to celebrate National Archaeology Day next year.

By the way, join members and guests of the SGA in Athens at the Fall Meeting on 22 October—that's one way to celebrate National Archaeology Day!