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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE • SGA NOTICES ONLINE

President’s Message: Summer 2012

Submitted by Catherine Long (sgapresident@thesga.org)

We hope you were able to join SGA at the Spring Meeting in May and if you didn’t, you missed a morning of great presentations and a delightful visit to Fort Daniel, complemented by Abby the ArchaeoBus. Thank you all who attended and for those who made this meeting such a success (especially the efforts of The Fort Daniel Foundation and the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society)!

I had the opportunity to attend a field trip organized by longtime Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society (GAAS) member Allen Vegotsky. He arranged the outstanding trip to Lumpkin, Georgia and the group was cordially welcomed by local members of the Stewart County Historical Commission. Participants enjoyed a guided tour of the Bedingfield Inn, a Greek Revival style home built in 1836. Multiple rooms allowed the building to provide hospitality to travelers along the stagecoach trail. The day’s activities included a tour of the Drugstore Museum led by the man himself, Dr. Samuel Pope Callaway Hatchett. Over 5000 artifacts were preserved by the family and the family history of this important pharmacy has been preserved in a local building in Lumpkin.

After a delicious lunch of chicken salad, fruit and dessert the group caravanned to the Singer–Moye site to visit Stephan Brannan and the University of Georgia field school. It was an excellent opportunity to catch up on the ongoing research at this site. The research continues to understand the community and culture of this important site. We appreciate your time for the tour on this hot day! Thank you to Allen and the Stewart County Historical Commission for sharing your county’s rich history—what a great chance to see the preservation efforts across the state.

SGA is gearing up for its August Board Meeting in south Georgia and the Board Members look forward to the opportunity to attend the 2012 Symposium on Southeastern Coastal Plain Archaeology. We hope that you and your colleagues will attend this event on Saturday, August 18. It is organized by SOGART (South Georgia Archaeological Research Team), one of SGA’s local chapters. For more details on the meeting please see the announcement on the website.

Plans for the upcoming Fall Meeting are underway—please check back on the website for a Save the Date as the arrangements are finalized. Remember this meeting is a general session of papers so we look forward to learning more about the interesting research in Georgia and nearby states. October is a busy month for SGA with the attendance of the ArchaeoBus at the annual CoastFest event. If you are in the area, we invite you to support the event by coming to assist in this public outreach opportunity. Each year the attendance grows (9000+) and provides a chance for families and others to learn more about Georgia’s rich heritage.

On behalf of SGA, we appreciate your continued support of the organization and hope to see you at the upcoming events. Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

—Catherine Long, President, the Society for Georgia Archaeology

Editor’s Note: Remember—elections are coming up this fall; please let President Long know if you want to be considered for a Board or Officer position.
A little known fact about historic cemeteries is that they were often purposefully placed on land lot lines.

This was a fairly common 19th-century practice back in the day when individuals owned entire land lots (202.5 acres in some parts of Georgia). It appears that this type of land usage was essentially based on common sense, as land owners established family cemeteries on the edges of their property in places that were least likely to hinder agricultural activities. Several examples from Middle Georgia come to mind, although placing cemeteries on the furthest edges of property lines was common across the Southeast, and quite possibly across the nation, too.

The location of the Parker Cemetery, which was removed from Robins AFB in 1952 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was carefully documented as being in the northeastern corner of Land Lot 224, where it shared a common border with Land Lots 225, 239, and 240 in Houston County’s 5th Land District.

The Minshew-Thomas-Sullivan Cemetery (in use from 1846-1979), located just a few miles away in the same land district, was situated in the southeastern corner of Land Lot 230 on the common border with Land Lots 229, 234, and 235.

Colleagues have also reported similar findings of cemeteries being placed on property lines in neighboring Bibb County at the Avondale Burial Place and in northern Alabama within Bankhead National Forest.

Of course, not all cemeteries conform to this pattern, as shown by the fact that the Feagin and King cemeteries at Robins AFB were not placed on land lot lines. But a great deal of research still remains to be done on this interesting phenomenon!

Stephen is a past Board Member of the SGA, and active in the Ocmulgee Archaeological Society, a Chapter of the SGA. On this website, you can also read Stephen’s story about the 4th annual Seven Islands Artifact Day and the restoration of the Fish Vault in Memory Hill Cemetery.
Electromagnetic induction research at Ocmulgee reported

In a recent article, Dan Bigman of the University of Georgia describes using electromagnetic (EM) induction techniques to investigate two areas adjacent to the Funeral Mound at Ocmulgee National Monument, near Macon. Previous research has discovered human remains dating to the Mississippian (ca. AD 900–1100) and early historic Creek periods (ca. AD 1680–1720) in the mound. Therefore, Bigman’s investigations examined subsurface remains the land adjacent to the mound, to amplify our understanding of a prehistoric cemetery without disturbing any remains.

Bigman reports that his conductivity survey, which focused on depths up to 2 meters, showed zones of burials extending both north and south of the mound. This non-invasive methods was quite effective, notes Bigman (page 38):

Electromagnetic induction was an effective tool for locating and identifying pre-historic and historic Native American
burials at Ocmulgee National Monument and the results have comparative value for similar contexts around the world. Over 60 possible burials were identified around the Funeral Mound. The limits of the Funeral Mound cemetery were discovered; it extends to the north of the mound and additional burials appear to the southeast.

Archaeological resources are non-renewable. Modern archaeologists seek to learn about buried evidence of the past without disturbing it, if the resources can be left in place. At this National Monument, the remains are protected from disturbance, and non-invasive research techniques, like the EM induction that Bigman used, are a preferred choice.

This research also gives park managers a better idea of how to care for the archaeological resources at Ocmulgee National Monument. Visit the park yourself and think about what is under your feet as you roam the area near the Funeral Mound. The park is open daily from 9AM to 5PM except Christmas and New Year's Day. There are no entry fees; entrance is free.


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**CHAPTER NEWS • GWINNETT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY**

**June GARS newsletter is here!**

The June issue (volume 1, issue 5) of the newsletter of the Gwinnett County Chapter of SGA, the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS), is now available. The newsletter is called *Gwinnett Archaeology Bulletin*. Access a PDF of the June issue by clicking here. The issue has info about Fort Daniel research and recaps Archaeology Month (May) activities.

Find all stories about GARS on this website by clicking here; stories will include those about previous issues of *Gwinnett Archaeology Bulletin*. GARS has its own Internet domain; click here to go to the GARS website.

**Note:** There will be no summer issues of *Gwinnett Archaeology Bulletin* (that is, June, July or August). The next issue will be September 1st.

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**CRM RESEARCH NOTES**

**Prehistoric community excavated in Spalding County**

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

Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. (EPEI) recently completed Phase III investigations at 9SP161 in Spalding County under the direction of Phillip Quirk. This project was conducted for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) under a contract with Atkins, Inc. The project was completed in advance of construction for a replacement bridge for State Route 92 over the Flint River at the Spalding/Fayette County line.

*Excavation in Block 4.*
URS had previously undertaken Phase I and II work at the site in 2007 and 2008. EPEI conducted additional testing in 2009, which included a geomorphological study by Keith Seramur. Prior to the start of data recovery, GDOT archaeologists completed a geophysical investigation utilizing ground penetrating radar and magnetometer. Several anomalies identified during this work were later investigated through excavation. Site 9SP161 is located in deep, sandy soils on the first terrace overlooking a back swamp of the Flint River. Due to the sandy soils, Phase III investigation consisted of six hand-excavated blocks of various sizes.

Work commenced in January 2012, and continued until the end of March. Usually digging in the middle of winter is cold and wet work, but this year’s mild temperatures made for quite pleasant fieldwork. There were some issues with heavy rains in March, and portions of the site closer to the river had serious flooding issues.

Fortunately, the majority of the work was completed before the flooding. Thirty-seven features were excavated including posts, pits and many rock clusters, one of which was quite extensive. Phase III work at 9SP161 recovered materials from the Early Archaic through the Middle Woodland. Radiocarbon dates are forthcoming. The Woodland components were mostly confined to the mixed plowzone, but Early-Late Archaic materials were recovered from deposits below the plowzone up to 130 centimeters below surface.
Analysis of the artifacts and materials from the flotation samples is underway. Jeannine Windham of New South Associates will analyze any faunal remains identified. Leslie Branch-Raymer of Paleobot is conducting the ethno botanical analysis. It is hoped that data gathered from 9SP161 will provide information regarding Archaic settlement in the upper Flint River basin.

2012 ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH • ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is Georgia Archaeology Month!

Submitted by Tammy Herron (tfherron@gmail.com)

Pictured with the Governor left to right: Dylan Woodliff representing Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.; Leslie Perry – SGA Board Member; Deputy DNR Commissioner Homer Bryson; Elizabeth Shirk of the DNR – Historic Preservation Division and Past President of the SGA; Joe Joseph representing New South Associates; Catherine Long – President of the SGA and representing the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center; Tammy Herron – Vice President of the SGA and representing the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program; Pamela Baughman – Secretary of the SGA, President of the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists, and representing the Georgia Department of Transportation; State Archaeologist Bryan Tucker of the DNR – Historic Preservation Division; DNR Commissioner Mark Williams; and Alana Hise representing Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.

The Society for Georgia Archaeology’s nineteenth annual Georgia Archaeology Awareness promotion, Archaeology Month 2012, has
as its theme *Commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812*.

Our request for a proclamation designating May as Georgia Archaeology Month was received and acknowledged by the Governor's office. Past and present SGA board members, representatives from Georgia's archaeological community, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) attended the proclamation signing by Governor Nathan Deal on the morning of Wednesday May 2nd at the Capitol in Atlanta.

Click here to access a PDF of the Proclamation.

Read all stories on this website about Archaeology Month 2012 here. SGA's Spring Meeting is in conjunction with Archaeology Month 2012, and is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, at the state-of-the art Student Center at Georgia Gwinnett College (see map below).

### CHAPTER NEWS • GWINNETT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

**May 2012 GARS newsletter available**

The May issue (volume 1, issue 4) of the newsletter of the Gwinnett County Chapter of SGA, the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS), is now available. The newsletter is called *Gwinnett Archaeology Bulletin*. Access a PDF of the May issue by clicking here. Read about how GARS members are involved in this year's Archaeology Month, which has the theme *Commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812*.

Find all stories about GARS on this website by clicking here. GARS has its own Internet domain; click here to go to the GARS website.

### 2012 ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH • ANNOUNCEMENTS • AUGUSTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY • SGA NOTICES ONLINE

**Archaeology Day scheduled for May 6th in Augusta**

Organizers of the 2012 Archaeology Day at the 1797 Ezekiel Harris House, 1822 Broad Street, in Augusta, invite you to attend on Saturday, May 6th between 10AM and 4PM. Admission is free. Click here to access a colorful, printable one-page flyer advertising the event.

This Archaeology Month event is sponsored by the Augusta Museum of History and the Augusta Archaeological Society, a Chapter of the SGA. Access all stories on this website about 2012 Archaeology Month by clicking here.

Click here to read more stories about the Augusta Archaeological Society.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dr. Tucker becomes State Archaeologist**

Submitted by Sammy Smith (sammy@thesga.org)

On 11 April 2012, the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources announced that Georgia has a new State Archaeologist, Dr. Bryan Tucker. Dr. Tucker succeeds Dr. David Crass, who is now Director of HPD. As the HPD’s press release notes:

> The State Archaeologist (SA) has wide-ranging responsibilities under state code. These include managing critical publicly-owned archaeological sites to insure their survival for future generations, directing research by universities on public lands to inform those management decisions, and developing interpretive and other materials to communicate to Georgians the importance of their publicly-owned resources.

The SGA congratulates Dr. Tucker on his new position.
2012 SOGART symposium call for papers

Submitted by S. Dwight Kirkland (dkirk@windstream.net)

SOGART is a Chapter of the SGA based in Douglas. SOGART stands for South Georgia Archaeological Research Team. SOGART’s Dwight Kirkland writes...

SOGART has set the date for the 2012 Symposium on Southeastern Coastal Plain Archaeology at August 18th. It will be held, as usual, in the science building auditorium (Stubbs Hall) on the campus of South Georgia College in Douglas, Georgia. Registration will begin at 8:00a, and the meeting will commence at either 8:30a or 9:00a, depending on the number of presentations. It will end sometime late in the day between 4:00p to 6:00p, again depending on the number of presentations.

This is an official call for papers.

If you want to make a presentation at this year’s meeting, send me a message with the title. Remember, you can change the title or even the subject of your presentation at anytime before the meeting date. If you don’t have a subject or title, but know you want to present, just let me know so I can reserve a slot in the schedule for you.

I look forward to seeing everyone again and hearing about all the neat research going on in the Coastal Plain. Click here for an announcement suitable for posting. Please post in the appropriate places.

2012 Archaeology Month event brochure

Submitted by Sammy Smith (sammy@thesga.org)

The SGA is proud to present the 2012 Archaeology Month event brochure, accessible by clicking here. This PDF is suitable for printing, posting, and distribution. All events listed in the brochure are also entered in the SGA’s online calendar. Note that not all events are in May, although May is Archaeology Month in Georgia. Access all stories on this website about 2012 Archaeology Month by clicking here.

The SGA thanks Pam Baughman for collecting the events information and creating this brochure.

For your convenience, all programs, events, and ongoing exhibits in the brochure are listed below.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

Exhibit: Gateway to the Past: Georgia’s Leake Site.
Date: Mar 24—Sept 23, 2012
Time: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am–5pm, Thurs 10am–8pm, Sun 1–5pm
Location: Columbus Museum, 1251 Wynnton Road, Columbus, GA 31906
Contact: Ashley Bice, 706-748-2562, ext. 540, moc.muesumsbmuluncnull@eicba; see website at www.columbusmuseum.com
Description: An exhibit on Georgia’s Leake archaeological site, which served as a “gateway” between the southeastern and Midwestern American Indians from 300 BC to AD 650. Uses excavated artifacts from both the Leake site and the Columbus Museum’s collection of Chattahoochee Valley objects. For more on this exhibit on this website, click here.

Exhibit: Palmetto Creek Revisited: A Site for All Times.
Dates: Through May 2012
Time: Library Hours, Mon-Wed & Fri 10am–6pm, Thurs 10am–8pm, Sat 10am–2pm
Location: Harris County Public Library, 138 N. College St., Hamilton, GA 31811
Contact: Debbie Marino, 706-628-4685, ten.yrarbilchtnull@oniramd; at GDOT Teresa Lotti, 404-631-1284, vog.ag.todnull@ittolt
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: 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 16th-century Spanish artifacts.
Date: Month of May
Time: Museum hours, Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 12pm–5pm
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

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, Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 12pm–5pm
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PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Open House: Antonio J. Waring Archaeological Laboratory.
Date: Sat, April 21st, 11am–2pm
Location: Archaeology Lab, on Plant Op. Drive, down the street from the Z-6 Cafeteria, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA 30118
Contact: Susan Fishman-Armstrong, 678-839-6303, see website at waring.westga.edu
Description: Get hands-on experience at an archaeological dig with the on-site mock excavation pit. Learn to make stone tools flint knapping demonstrations by James Spake. Artifact identification by Dr. Thomas Foster. Games and activities. Atlatl throwing demonstration. Guided tours of the lab.
Fees/Limits: None

Excavation: Search for Blockhouse at Fort Hawkins.
Date: May 3-5, 2012, 9am-4pm
Location: Fort Hawkins Archaeological Park, 750 Woolfolk Street, Macon, GA
Contact: Dan Elliott, 706-341-7796
Description: The LAMAR Institute will conduct a small archaeological dig in search of vestiges of the northwestern corner blockhouse at Fort Hawkins, circa 1809-1824. The excavation will be open for public viewing.
Fees/Limits: None
Sponsors: The LAMAR Institute and the Fort Hawkins Commission

Event: Archaeology Group Open House.
Date: Sat, May 5th, 10am-12 noon
Location: Edwards-Pitman Environmental, 1250 Winchester Parkway, Suite 200, Smyrna, GA 30080
Contact: Lynn Pietak, 770-333-9484
Description: Edwards-Pitman Archaeology will showcase artifacts and other project materials from recent projects, including data recovery at an Archaic/Woodland site in Spalding County, Georgia.
Fees/Limits: None

Program: Weekend Wonders: I Dig Archaeology!
Date/Time: Sat, May 5th, 11am–3pm; Sun, May 6th, 12pm–4pm
Location: Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307
Contact: Fernbank Ticketing Office, 404-929-6400
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.
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

Event: Archaeology Day.
Date: Sat, May 5th, 10am-4pm
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
Program: Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society Meeting.
Date: Tues, May 8th, 7:30pm
Location: Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307
Contact: Allen Vegotsky, 678-684-3622
Description: Presentation on the Creek War and the War of 1812. The Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society is a Chapter of the SGA.
Fees/Limits: None

Event: Archaeology Da.
Date: Sat, May 12th, 9am-2pm
Location: New South Associates, 6150 East Ponce de Leon Ave., Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Contact: Sadhana Singh, 770-498-4155 ext. 107, moc.cossahtuoswennull@hgniss
Description: Take an exciting journey into Georgia’s past with archaeology-themed activities, special demonstrations, and an appearance by Abby the ArchaeoBus!
Fees/Limits: None; Food and beverages will be available for a small donation.

Date: Sat, May 12th, 2pm
Location: New Echota—Cherokee Capital State Historic Site, 1211 Chatsworth Hwy. NE, Calhoun, GA 30701
Contact: 706-624-1321
Fees/Limits: Site Admission, $4.50-6.50
Description: The official site dedication was held on May 12, 1962. Celebrate 50 years of New Echota site memories on this day. Historic Site “Open House” until 5:00pm to follow program.

Event: These Houses Were Made in Macon.
Date: Mon, May 14th, 6:30pm
Location: Washington Memorial Library, 1180 Washington Ave., Macon, GA 31201
Contact: David Farrier, 478-923-8967, see website at www.collegehillmacon.com
Fees/Limits: None
Description: Hidden in a residential neighborhood are the products of Macon’s late 19th-century factories. Explore with David Farrier, amateur industrial archaeologist. Easy walk of about 1/2 mile.
Sponsor: Part of the Urban Hike series, College Hill Macon, with funding from a Knight Neighborhood Challenge grant.

Event: Artifact Identification and Archaeology Laboratory Open House.
Date: Sat, May 19th, 10am–1pm
Location: Chieftains Museum, 501 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA
Contact: Dave Davis, 706-291-9494, see website at 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: Sat, May 19th, 8am–5pm
Location: Student Center (LVIS Room), Georgia Gwinnett College, 1000 University Centre Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
Contact: Visit the website at http://thesga.org.
Fees/Limits: $10 for members, $15 for non-members
Description: Morning Session will consist of papers presented on prehistoric and historic archaeology, with focus on the War of 1812. Afternoon session includes a field trip to the site of Fort Daniel 2–5pm. For all stories on this website about the SGA’s Spring 2012 meeting, click here.

Event: Archaeology Day.
Date: Sat, May 19th, 1-5pm
Location: Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site, 813 Indian Mounds Rd. SW, Cartersville, GA 30120
Contact: 770-387-3747
Fees/Limits: $3.50-$5.00 per person
Description: A professional archaeologist will lecture at 2:00 pm and lead a tour at 3:00 pm. Other activities include dig boxes for kids and tools and weapons programs for all ages.

Event: Dr. Durham Herb Walk Festival.
Date: Sat, May 26th, 10am–4pm
Location: Scull Shoals, south of Athens off Hwy. 15, turn at the Historic Scull Shoals sign onto Macedonia Rd. Take Macedonia Rd. for 2.2 miles and turn left onto a gravel Forest Service Rd. 1234. The Dr. Durham Herb trail site is the
**Event**: Day of Discovery  
**Date**: Sat, June 2nd, 11am-3pm  
**Location**: Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site, 813 Indian Mounds Rd. SW, Cartersville, GA 30120  
**Contact**: 770-387-3747  
**Fees/Limits**: $3.50-$5.00  
**Description**: Archaeologist Adam King and associates will speak at 11am and 2pm. Dr. King is an authority on early cultures, and authored the book *Etowah: The Political History of a Chiefdom Capital* (discussed on this website here).

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**April 2012 Gwinnet Archaeology Bulletin now available**

The April issue, volume 1, issue 3, of the newsletter of the Gwinnet County Chapter of SGA, the Gwinnet Archaeological Research Society (GARS), is now available. The name of the newsletter is *Gwinnet Archaeology Bulletin*. Access a PDF of the April issue by clicking here.

GARS members are planning to co-host—with the Fort Daniel Foundation—an afternoon expo at the Fort Daniel site on May 19th, as part of the 2012 Archaeology Month activities.

Find all stories about GARS on this website by clicking here. GARS has its own Internet domain; click here to go to the GARS website.

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**Archaeology Month 2012 posters are rolled and stuffed**

Submitted by Leslie Perry (digsitelp@yahoo.com)

On Monday, April 2, 2012, Gwinnet Archaeological Research Society members Catherine Long, Leslie Perry, Jim D'Angelo, Frank Perry, and Wayne Waldrip gathered at the offices of the cultural resources firm TRC, Inc. in Norcross to handle the task of rolling and
stuffing the SGA Archaeology Month 2012 posters into mailing tubes.

The job went smoothly with added assistance from TRC staff Thomas Garrow, Larissa Thomas, Vincent Macek, and SGA Vice President Tammy Herron.

The posters will be mailed to Georgia school districts for inclusion in Social Studies curriculum.

Many thanks to TRC for providing the space and extra hands in getting this done, and to New South Associates for designing the great 2012 Archaeology Month poster.

The War of 1812 is the focus of this year’s Archaeology Month theme in honor of the bicentennial celebration. We hope you will join us in commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 by attending the SGA’s Spring Meeting on May 19th at the Georgia Gwinnett College campus, in Lawrenceville. Read all stories on this website about Georgia’s 2012 Archaeology Month by clicking here. Read all
ANNOUNCEMENTS • ONLINE NEWS

Leake Site exhibition opens in Columbus

GATEWAY TO THE PAST
GEORGIA’S LEAKE SITE

On view through September 23, 2012 | Legacy Gallery

The Gateway to the Past: Georgia’s Leake Site exhibition is now open and will be on display through Sunday, September 23, 2012 at the Columbus Museum, on Wynnton Road east of downtown Columbus. Admission is free. This exhibition is guest curated by the Antonio J. Waring, Jr. Archaeological Laboratory of the University of West Georgia.

Georgia’s Leake archaeological site is strategically located near four river valleys. This strategic location was a “gateway” between Southeastern and Midwestern North America For American Indians from 300 BC until 650 AD. This community served as a pilgrimage center, a staging ground for journeys, a residential village, and a ceremonial center. The town also figured prominently in the trade and communication networks of the time, with trails and rivers providing easy access to the Gulf Coast and the Midwest.
Using excavated artifacts from the Leake site and the Columbus Museum’s collection of Chattahoochee Valley objects, this history exhibition shows visitors what life was like for prehistoric American Indians in the Southeast at an important regional population center. Featured artifacts include Swift Creek stamped pottery, Flint Ridge chert from Ohio, and animal and human figurines made of clay, copper, mica, and other natural materials.

The exhibition also includes interactive audio/visual tour components. Visitors will be able to watch interviews with Dean Wood, one of the principal archaeologists for the Leake site, as he discusses the significance of the community and give insights into the American Indians who lived there. Also, visitors can scan QR codes with their smartphones to view bonus video clips from the interview with Dean Wood. All of the videos included in the exhibition are accessible through the Columbus Museum’s YouTube channel.

For more information about the Columbus Museum or *The Gateway to the Past: Georgia’s Leake Site* exhibition and the educational programming associated with the exhibition, please visit the Columbus Museum online here. Read more about the Leake site on this website by clicking here.