



THE PROFILE

The Newsletter of the Society for Georgia Archaeology

President's Message

What's the definition of "milestone," and why does it apply to the Society for Georgia Archaeology this fall? The first answer follows here: *Milestone (n) 1. a stone serving as a milepost 2. a significant point in any progress or development.* The second answer, why "milestone" applies to SGA: *Our first attempt at nominating a site to the Georgia Trust's 2008 list of 10 Places in Peril has been successful!* The task is no longer among our many "in progress" assignments. The list is a done deal, an accomplishment written in "stone" for the annals of history. True to the meaning of "milestone," however, is that a placement on the 10 Places in Peril is not the final chapter. The listing does not save a site from destruction—it instead propels the effort to the next level, garnering more supporters and more recognition. The listing also encourages us to consider making site nominations a recurring task for SGA. This past effort was spearheaded, researched, prodded and persisted by SGA Board member Terry Jackson, nominating the Sunbury Historic Colonial Town Site. The following statement was quoted from the Georgia Trust press release: "Founded by the Puritans, the 1758–1864 archaeological site of Sunbury in Liberty County was once an important colonial port, trading regionally with Savannah and also with New England and the Caribbean colonies. Later abandoned, Sunbury is one of the few large colonial towns that have not been obliterated or buried under later development. Now high density residential development is taking place on the site; ten years ago one of its two known historic cemeteries was partially bulldozed. The owner of a critical 40-acre tract agreed to donate it but died

before changing his will. There are still important areas of the town remaining...Places in Peril is designed to raise awareness about Georgia's significant historic, archaeological and cultural resources, including buildings, structures, districts, archaeological sites and cultural landscapes that are threatened by demolition, neglect, lack of maintenance, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy." Thank you, Terry, for a job well done! For more information on the site and the Georgia Trust's 10 Places in Peril program, visit http://www.georgiitrust.org/preservation_resources/pip2008.htm.

Other events from this fall included Coastfest and the 2007 Fall Meeting. SGA's presence at Brunswick's Coastfest on October 6th once again proved to be a great public outreach tool. About 7,000 visitors attended the annual exhibition which boasted over 80 interactive displays by environmental, educational and resource organizations. SGA's booth provided information about our society and Georgia archaeology, as well as hands-on artifact-sorting trays, pottery design making, and other presentations. Board member Tammy Herron headed up our volunteer crew, including seven members of the Golden Isles Archaeological Society and six students from my anthropology class at Coastal Georgia Community College. Special thanks go to Bill Weaver, Nick Shorey, Bill McNair, Jack Caldwell, Vincent Miller, Jeanie Wilburn, Linda Lane, Kristene Dewitt, Whitney Espinoza, Gerry Herndon, Tatyana Hickman, Michael Robinson, and Becky Silva.

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Hold an Event! Join in the Fun! Georgia Archaeology Month—May 2008—is Just Around the Corner!

Submitted by Pamela Johnson (Pamela.Johnson@dot.state.ga.us)

Georgia's fifteenth annual Archaeology Awareness promotion will be held in May 2008. The Society for Georgia Archaeology (SGA) coordinates this statewide event that encourages the public to learn about the archaeological resources present in our state and creates public awareness about the importance of protecting Georgia's archaeological heritage. The Historic Preservation Division (Office of the State Archaeologist) is again involved as a co-sponsor and we hope that State Parks and Historic Sites Division continues as a valuable partner in sponsoring events.

Highlights of the month will be special tours, hands-on events, exhibits, lectures, and family fun. Please join in and help celebrate Georgia Archaeology Month 2008 by hosting an activity. Your event will be included in the Calendar of Events brochure, which will be distributed to public schools, regional libraries, and state and

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The October 13th Fall Meeting was a resounding success, with over 50 people attending at the new Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center in Buford. Catherine Long did a fantastic job chairing the program, providing refreshments, and slipping away occasionally to supervise a Boy Scout archaeology course! Presentations covered a variety of topics. They are worthy of mention at greater length than I can produce here, so I have included the presentation abstracts beginning on page 5 of this issue of *The Profile*. At the back of the meeting room was a special display of artifacts and photos of Fort Daniel. After the meeting were optional tours of the Gwinnett Center and a field trip to the fort site.

At the Fall Business Meeting, nearly all chapters were represented when called on to give reports of their activities. I was pleased to hear the variety and intensity of programs taking place across the state, including special presentations, scholarly papers, and volunteer field sessions.

Now on to future events. Mark the date for the Spring 2008 meeting: April 26, 2008, in Atlanta at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The theme will be "Archaeology of Georgia's Spanish Period: New Discoveries and Improved Understandings." Several speakers will present their latest research findings. The Fernbank Museum houses the huge collection from the Mission Santa Catalina on St. Catherine's Island, some of which should be on display by the time of the meeting. Watch for more details on the SGA website and the next *Profile*—and I hope to see you in Atlanta in the Spring!

The Fall 2008 meeting will take place October 18th in Rome, chaired by Dave Davis of the Chieftains Museum.

By the way, even though the holidays are almost over, perhaps there are still those special people in your life that would love a special gift, whether for a birthday, Valentine's day, President's day, St. Patrick's day or no special day at all. Students, staff or colleagues having an interest to archaeology can be introduced to SGA through the gift that "keeps on giving"—a year of membership to SGA, providing four *Profile* newsletters, and two *Early Georgia* journals—why not? As a student, I would have loved a present such as this.

---Carolyn



Eradicate Waste!

Submitted by Rita Elliott (ritafelliott@windstream.net)

Tired of Christmas commercialism? Help put an end to veg-o-matics, pocket fisherman, fragrance sets, and the like. Give a meaningful gift this holiday by honoring that special someone with a contribution in his or her name to the Endowment Fund of The Society for Georgia Archaeology. Unlike those gifts that quickly break or get tossed in the closet, a contribution to the Endowment Fund is used every minute of every day as it compounds interest. This interest helps fund education and research projects of the society. The fund is secure, as the principal cannot be spent. Give a truly remarkable gift this season—one that touches generations to come and preserves your archaeological legacy in Georgia. Or consider the Endowment in your end-of-the-year giving. Send contributions to: The Society for Georgia Archaeology, Treasurer, P.O. Box 693, Athens, GA 30603. Please mark "Endowment Fund" on the subject line of your check. (If the contribution is a gift, please include the honoree's name and complete address with your contribution check. They will be notified during the holiday season that you have made a contribution in their honor.) For more Endowment Fund information please contact Rita Elliott at any of the following: ritafelliott@windstream.net; (912)826-5214; 101 Savannah Ave., Rincon, GA 31326.



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federal historic sites and parks as well as posted on the SGA website (www.thesga.org).

Help us publicize Georgia archaeology by sponsoring an event. Please respond by February 15, 2008 using the attached event form (on page 3) to ensure that your activity is included in the Calendar of Events brochure.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Pam Johnson at Pamela.Johnson@dot.state.ga.us or Betsy Shirk at 404-651-6624 or via email at elizabeth.shirk@dnr.state.ga.us.

Thanks for your participation!





**Georgia Archaeology Month Event
May 2008**

Title _____

Description _____

Date _____

Time _____

On-going exhibit or activity? NO _____ YES _____

Location _____
(Directions, if applicable)

Contact: Name _____

Phone No. (____) ____ - _____

Fee (if any) _____

Limit (if any) _____

Comments (if any) _____

Please mail response to: Pamela Johnson
GDOT - Office of Environment/Location
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336

Or fax to: Pamela Johnson: 404-699-4440
Or email event information to: *Pamela.Johnson@dot.state.ga.us* or *bonnie8@prodigy.net*

To ensure inclusion in the Events brochure, please respond by February 15, 2008.



CRM Research Notes

This feature briefly presents the recent activities in the realm of cultural resource management, including the private firms as well as museums and state and federal agencies. Due to confidentiality reasons, not all projects can be mentioned, and some details of location, client, and project name must be omitted or generalized. The intent of the column is to inform the SGA readership of recent ongoing work in the state, and to maintain an ongoing profile of companies and agencies that conduct this work.

The LAMAR Institute, Inc.

Since our last report of activity, which covered up to April 2007, our research team has remained active. We completed the archaeological reports on Fort Hawkins in Bibb County, Nash Farm Battlefield in Henry County, and North End Plantation of Ossabaw Island. We also completed several smaller reports on GPR surveys at Bullhead Bluff Cemetery and Fort St. Andrews in Camden County. Archival research in Washington, D.C., revealed previously unknown documents about Fort Hawkins, include one “smoking gun” that helped to date the construction of the outer palisade wall, to late 1809. Subsequently, two weeks of archaeological excavations (Phase 2) were completed at Fort Hawkins in October. That excavation, which was to be a mundane examination of the outer palisade wall proved to be anything but mundane, as three previously unknown palisade walls were discovered. These formed an enclosure surrounding the southeastern blockhouse, which was heretofore unknown and is not shown on any known illustrations, photographic images, or verbal descriptions of the fort. Thanks to all the volunteers (including several SGA members) who helped on the Fort Hawkins dig! The LAMAR Institute GPR team conducted GPR surveys at four aboriginal sites on Genesis Point plantation in Bryan County, as well as GPR surveys in the vicinity of the Springhill Redoubt in Savannah. We still have a backlog of other reports that are in progress, which we intend to complete in 2008. Look for new additions of reports to our website at <http://lamarinstitute.org/reports.htm>.



TRC
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Since the summer, TRC has continued to work hard on pipeline (and other) projects across the Southeast. In Georgia, we have carried out a handful of survey projects in DeKalb, Cherokee, Cobb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Houston, McDuffie, and Whitfield counties, with nothing especially interesting to report. One project that seemed to have potential for some good archaeology was a survey of a large tract on Lake Sinclair, followed by testing of three Lamar sites. The Lamar ceram-

ics (see photo below) recovered from many of the 23 sites identified in the tract reflected the dense occupation that existed along the Oconee River valley during the Mississippian period. Unfortunately, the test excavations at the three potentially significant sites that could not be preserved revealed no archaeological integrity, likely the result of prior land use practices and erosion—all too common in the Georgia Piedmont. But disappointing findings like this make you really appreciate a pristine site when you find one.



Selected Lamar ceramics recovered from one of the sites investigated along Lake Sinclair.

SGA Fall Meeting 2007
Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
2020 Clean Water Drive (near The Mall of Georgia)
Buford, GA

Abstracts

The Search For Fort Daniel

Jim D'Angelo, TRC and Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society

The traditional location of one of Georgia's early frontier forts, Fort Daniel, has been marked with a roadside historical sign for many years, but there has never been any physical evidence to support the supposed location...until now. Archaeological investigations at the Hog Mountain site in Gwinnett County, undertaken by the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS) have confirmed the traditional location of the 1813 Fort Daniel and a 1790s fort that preceded it. Hundreds of artifacts, including wrought and early machine nails, musket shot and flint, ceramics, brick, and intact features are consistent with a military installation dating from this period.

Theory and Limitations of Ground Penetrating Radar: Fort Daniel Results

Sheldon Skaggs, University of Georgia

A brief introduction to the theory of GPR and its use in site detection. Results from the Fort Daniel survey will be presented to show how preconceived ideas and soil conditions can limit the usefulness of any remote sensing technique. Emphasis will be placed on comparing two or more techniques in the decision making process along with the use of post excavation knowledge.

Hardin Bridge: A Look at an Early Middle Woodland Settlement

R. Jeannine Windham, New South Associates, Inc

The Hardin Bridge site is a narrow terrace settlement located on the bank of the Etowah River. The early Middle Woodland component at this site shows a dependence on a localized catchment area that was revisited for a restricted amount of time. This paper discusses the Cartersville occupation revealed during recent excavations. Further, the utilization of the immediate catchment area is explored within the concepts of Primary Forest Efficiency and nascent Woodland agricultural practices.

The History of the Dugout Canoe in Georgia

Leslie Perry, Fernbank Museum

From the penned words of Christopher Columbus upon his arrival in the West Indies, the Arawak word "canoa" has evolved to the English word "canoe". By interpreting the ethno-historical, historical, and archaeological records, and analyzing those records in the context of the known cultural and physiographical environment, the history and evolution of the wooden dugout canoe in Georgia shall come into clearer focus. Selected samples of dugout canoes have surfaced within Georgia boundaries for measurement and study that lend spatial and temporal data which aids in the research. The initial findings suggest a low-density recovery rate relative to the size of the state, but the more important story is not mathematical—the critical importance of this cultural resource lies in its ability to relate part of the story of human life gone by.

The Archaeology and Oral History of a Tenant Farming Community in Randolph County, Georgia

Jennifer Azzarello, New South Associates, Inc.

Investigating and managing tenant farming sites in the Southeast can prove challenging as they tend to be underrepresented, poorly preserved, and lacking in artifacts and architectural remains. Recently, the Georgia Department of Transportation initiated a data recovery and oral history survey of Site 9RH41, which has proven to be a well-preserved tenant farming community in Randolph County, Georgia. This paper presents the data that has been collected from the excavations and the oral history survey then poses questions for future research on how to best interpret and manage these resources.

CHAPTER NEWS

Augusta Archaeological Society

Dr. Al Goodyear of the University of South Carolina was the featured speaker at our October 11 meeting at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que on Washington Road. Dr. Goodyear gave an update of work at the Topper site and a review of the latest concepts in Paleo Indian studies, including the 11,900 YBP comet theory and the evidence of Redstone points. Dr. Goodyear presented Augusta chapter member Danny Greenway with an award in honor of his contributions and support of Paleo Indian research.

Chris Murphy, Tammy Forehand, and John Whatley attended the SGA board meeting on October 12th.

Jill Nazarete continued her volunteer work at the Savannah River Archaeological Research laboratory.

John Whatley worked with Robert Moon at the Beech Island archaeology day and led a discussion on Georgia projectile points at the University of Georgia's Rock Eagle facility. John worked with the Ocmulgee chapter of SGA on artifact identification days at the McIntosh house at Indian Springs on October 27th and the Pine Ridge School in Old Clinton on November 17th.

The projectile point handout used for our artifact identification days is being expanded to include pottery types.

Our annual holiday party will be held Thursday night December 13th at the home of Audrey and Paul Mahoney.



Bulloch Hall Archaeological Society

The BHAS members used the September meeting as an annual planning meeting. Later in the fall we had two programs presented. One was by member Fred Scheidler on October 18th on Michoacan Bells. It started with the metalworking of the Peruvian Vicus culture, through the Moche empire, and then to Mexico. Several bells from Michoacan were shown. Our second program was by Richard Laub of Georgia State University (GSU) on November 15th. He explained the "history" of Historic Preservation in our country and illustrated how it evolved. The movement became more influential with the preservation of Independence Hall, Mt. Vernon, Yellowstone Park, Williamsburg, and many other sites.

Three of our members, Eric Garris, Erin Andrews and Fred Scheidler assisted Jim D'Angelo at the Fort Daniel dig (see additional information in the GARS update) in September. Our members assisted Jim Langford at the Thompson site on September 29th and at the Northwest Georgia Archaeological Society artifact-wash night at Etowah Mound Park November

8th. When Chip Morgan was unable to attend an artifact identification day at Etowah as first planned, we were able to have Lloyd Schroder come and offer excellent advice Saturday November 10th. Our members attended meetings at GAAS, GARS, GMAS, NWGAS, and the SGA fall meeting. Three members, Betty Wilkinson, Carol and Fred Scheidler went to Kennesaw State University (KSU) and heard Dr. Constanza Cerruti on September 26th present on three mummies of Inca children they found high in the Andes. She explained the harsh conditions of recovery and the likely significance the practice had to the Inca. She is the only trained woman High Altitude Archaeologist of four people in the world. This was in National Geographic November 1999. Two of our members went to KSU on November 13th and heard Rick Snow, State Forensic Anthropologist for Georgia. He shared how his Georgia Bureau of Investigation department investigates possible unnatural deaths, and illustrated field methods with recent case studies. Fred Scheidler volunteers at the Fernbank Museum Archaeological Laboratory. Erin Andrews is now working on her Masters at GSU.

BHAS meets in the "Cottage" at Bulloch Hall in Roswell on the 3rd Thursday each month, at 7:30 PM. We welcome you to visit.



Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society

This year our Society held its Fall Picnic on November 3 at Fife Plantation, later than usual due to warnings about heat and mosquitoes, the hazards of visiting a Savannah River plantation (see photo on page 7). Nevertheless, after a slightly chilly start, it was a perfect fall day with brilliant sunshine lending a glow to what were once rice fields and a sparkle to the wind-ruffled waters of the many canals. We took a mile-long self-guided tour of the old rice dikes and "Oscar's house", the lone surviving 1920s era tenant house. Prior to our walk, our host, Robbie Harrison, gave us a wonderful hands-on talk about what really goes into preserving an old river plantation. Although no rice is raised there, the fields are kept grassed for the cattle and the canals and sluice gates or "trunks" maintained to regulate water flow. The problems he described ranged from salt water intrusion and repairs to gates, to eagles that killed a herd of sheep.

On October 18, CGAS members enjoyed attending the "Diversity of Coastal Archaeology" conference in Midway, and contributed by adding yet another dugout canoe to the known inventory (see photo on page 7). The canoe was probably built in Effingham County around 1870, and is on exhibit at the

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CGAS members touring Fife Plantation (right).



Ca. 1870 canoe from Effingham County (below).



Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum. Our usual December meeting, at the Oyster Roast with the Elderhostel, has been cancelled, and we are in the process of planning another activity. Future events planned for spring 2008 include our annual archaeology lecture done as a joint sponsorship with the Savannah College of Art and Design. Anyone wishing to contact CGAS can do so at (912) 920-2299 or Carndt2651@aol.com.



Georgia Mountains Archaeological Society

The Georgia Mountains Chapter continues with the members' interest and research into the Gainesville limestone and lime production industry. Most work lately has been into the historic records of the industry in the Gainesville area, and crews have revisited the kiln reported here earlier, and found additional constructions in the vicinity. Some members are also recording old boat remains along the streams and rivers of north Georgia. Now that the water levels are so low, it is possible to see, measure, photograph, and record wrecks and remains of boats, dredges, rafts, and so on along the river bottoms.

The September meeting was indoors due in part to the heat, and focused on the recording, mapping, and reporting of sites found, and how to fill out site forms for the Georgia Archaeological Site File. There was also a report on recent archaeology in Peru, with photographs by chapter advisor, Jack Wynn.

One of the most exciting steps GMAS members have taken recently is the establishment of the chapter's own website, by chapter President Dan Page and member Brian Babcock. It is now up and running, with loads of photographs, and will continue to be improved and updated from time to time. To see what they have produced, and to follow current and planned activities, see <http://GMAS.clubspaces.com> where Dan and Brian are sharing the latest adventures of the chapter members in the Elachee Nature Preserve as well as along the streams of northern Georgia.

GMAS meets the first Saturday each month at 10 AM at the Elachee Nature Science Center, south of Gainesville, and new members are welcome. For additional information see our website.



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Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society

This has been another great year for the Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society, with membership increases and excellent monthly meeting programs. We are pleased to have new members from many backgrounds, including professional archaeologists, students, and avocational archaeologists. We want to thank SGA for continuing support in helping to recruit members and speakers for our monthly meetings.

Our November meeting attracted more than 40 members and guests who participated in the hands-on examination, identification and classification of pottery sherds from the southeastern Georgia site of Santa Isabel de Utinahica, the Spanish mission first built around 1506. Dennis Blanton, Archaeologist in Charge, provided the artifacts, instructions, supervision, and encouragement for the proper completion of the lab work by GAAS participants. Much more is yet to come, as there will be an additional three weeks of work done at the site before 2007 expires! Predictions are that “history will be changed” by the findings. EXCITING!

December 11th is our annual meeting date. Allen Vegotsky is Chair of the nominating committee, and he has a slate of

new officers and board members who will produce new growth and activities in 2008. GAAS members, former GAAS members, and visitors are invited to join our Pre-Meeting Potluck Dinner at 7:30 on December 11, 2007. If you have not already done so, please call our hotline—(404) 315-8088—to reserve your place and get directions to the meeting place.

January will feature Lloyd Schroder who will present “An Overview of Florida’s Anthropology.” Lloyd has published a book recently which provides in-depth descriptions, with history and illustrations of lithic points and tools found in Florida and South Georgia. The book is a single source for identification of points going back to the Paleo-Indian occupation. It will be a good opportunity to get an autographed copy of the book for your library.

February will bring Carey Geiger “back from Mobile” with a new PowerPoint presentation of recently recovered Clovis and Pre-Clovis artifacts from the Topper Site. This will be a MUST SEE program.

GAAS is pleased to have a new Program Chair, Christine Van Roosen, who is working hard and rapidly to fill the program dates for 2008. Please contact Christine with your suggestions and ideas via email at crz3@cde.gov.



Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society

GARS continues its study of the Fort Daniel site (9GW623) in Gwinnett County, having completed the first phase of investigations on November 9 after 16 weekends in the field. Results of the investigations to date were presented at the Fall SGA meeting. A PowerPoint presentation in pdf format is available on the GARS website at: www.thegars.org (see also *The Profile* No. 135 Fall 2007 pp.6–8).

Several “partners” have helped in these investigations including the Gwinnett County GIS Department. Our collaboration with them was featured in a poster for the National Geography Day event November 14 held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. GARS is also collaborating with the Gwinnett Historical Society and others in an effort to save the site from destruction by means of purchasing the tract.

GARS Historian Shannon Coffey continues to work on artifact cleaning, cataloguing and—her special area of interest—analysis of ceramics and glass. In addition to wonderful examples of (early) hand-painted polychrome pearlware (a bowl and accompanying pieces, probably teacups, dating to 1795–1820), possibly English-made banded annular ware (a mug dating to 1785–1840), and brown transfer ware featuring an Asian pastoral scene dating ca. 1810, we have also recently recovered several sherds of imported English wheel-etched leaded crystal (Figure 1). The sherds suggest a tumbler, per-



Figure 1. English leaded crystal from Fort Daniel.

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haps monogrammed, that is tentatively dated to about 1760. We have jokingly concluded that the area this glass came from must have been the officer's quarters. In any case, the presence of fine table ware, including a complete, bone-handled table knife with incised decoration (mid 1700s), suggests that life on the Georgia frontier was not without its amenities.

TRC lab director, Tommy Garrow, has been helping with the cleaning and stabilization of metal artifacts including a great number of nails and nail fragments. One surprise was the presence of machine cut nails on the frontier. Could they point to a later structure on this site?

Machine cut nails in the industrialized north begin to appear after 1790, and they gradually replaced the far more expensive hand wrought nails, which by 1815 were pretty much relegated to the specialty market. While the majority of nails so far recovered at Fort Daniel are hand-wrought, as would be expected for an 1813 fort that replaced 1790s fort, there are also a large number of machine-cut, hand-headed nails exhibiting very distinct diagnostic attributes. According to Edwards and Wells' *Historic Louisiana Nails: A Guide to Dating of Old Buildings*, the Fort Daniel machine nails would be a "Type 3d," manufactured by a short-lived process that can be narrowly dated to 1805–1810, though the authors suggest that they might have been around to about 1815 (Figure 2). The period of manufacture and use of this particular nail fits well with the date of the construction of Fort Daniel, so we believe that these nails, as well as the hand-wrought nails, are credibly associated with Fort Daniel.

A technical report with contributions by several GARS members will hopefully be completed before the spring. Except for completing excavation of features, so far only partially excavated, no new excavations will be carried out at Fort Daniel until this report is completed. Hopefully, if preservation efforts are not successful, additional work can be carried out before the property is sold and developed.



Ocmulgee Archaeological Society

The OAS continues has continued its work throughout Middle Georgia this fall, and has quite a few interesting activities to report.

Mark Barnes, recently retired National Park Service Archaeologist, gave the OAS a great talk on the old and new theories about Clovis and pre-Clovis sites on November 5, particularly relating to the Borax Lake site in California, the Hester site in Mississippi, and the Hardaway site in North Carolina, and expressed an interest in returning to give a talk on the Spanish mission period in the Southeast, another area of his expertise. Mr. Barnes is also willing to give talks to other SGA chapters. Other recent speakers have included Marty Willett, Chairman of the Fort Hawkins Commission, who spoke on the commission's plans for the fort's future, and Dan Elliott, President of the LAMAR Institute, who spoke on his recent findings and theories regarding Fort Hawkins archaeology.

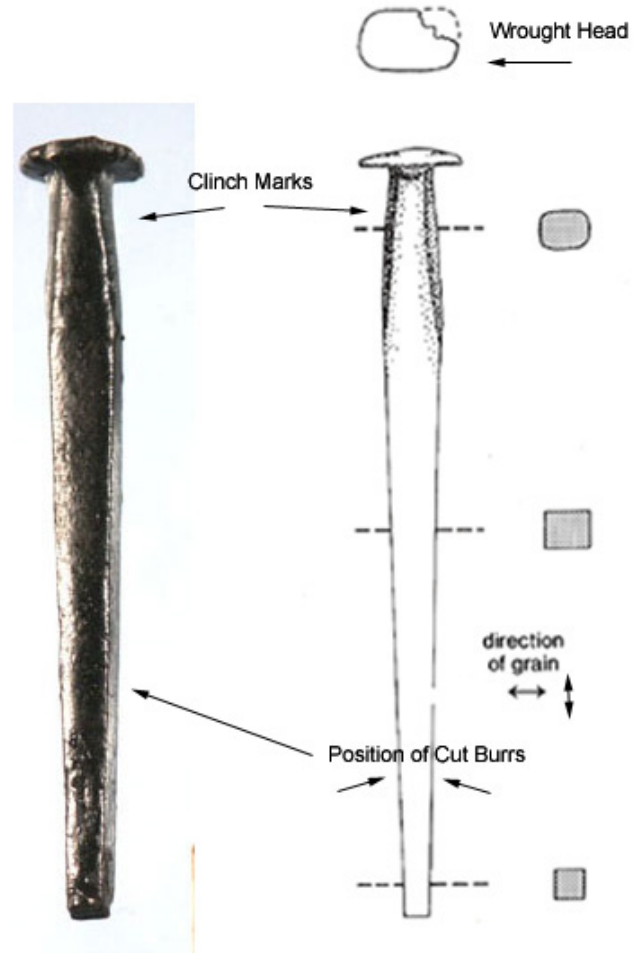


Figure 2. Nail from Fort Daniel in relation to published type illustration.

Two OAS members, David Mincey and Stephen Hammack, attended Dr. Al Goodyear's wonderful Clovis and pre-Clovis talk about the Topper site, which he gave to our sister organization, the Augusta Archaeological Society (AAS) in October.

Stephen Hammack attended the SHPO conference "Eternal Places: Discovering Georgia's Historic Cemeteries," and learned a great deal about Cemetery Preservation Plans, cemeteries and Georgia law, and several other topics that will be beneficial to the OAS as it continues to record cemetery sites and to work with historical organizations to document and delineate historic cemeteries. In fact, the Warner Robins Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp has asked that the OAS assist in delineating and mapping the Lt. James T. Woodward gravesite/cemetery, which is under threat from development all around it. This project will be done this winter.

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In October, OAS members recorded several sites where Jones County landowner Jennifer O'Kelly has been finding artifact concentrations. These sites include a Clovis point site, a Dalton site that also has other Archaic material, a moonshine still site, a historic house site, a historic cemetery site, a large multi-component site dominated by Late Archaic material, and site where only lithic debris has so far been found.

Landowner Tony Pierce, from the same county, reported that he thought his artifact collection contained some Ocmulgee Fields pottery, indicative of the Creek towns along the Ocmulgee from 1685–1716. As the relocation of these towns is a new OAS initiative, Dr. Bob Cramer and Stephen Hammack visited to peruse the collection. It did indeed include Creek pottery, and a return visit will be necessary to record the site it came from. The collection also includes a great amount of the same pottery from the Mile Track site in Bibb County, as well as a Dalton point, Early, Middle and Late Archaic points, some Woodland points, and a few sherds of Lamar pottery from various sites around Middle Georgia. Also of note was a pipe stem fragment from Sonova Beach, across the Ocmulgee River from the new Waterworks Park, that has a 7/64th bore indicating a date range of 1650–1710.

The OAS has sponsored 3 Artifact Identification (ID) days this fall, including:

- Seven Islands Artifact ID Day held in Indian Springs at the William McIntosh house on October 27, 2007. This event was a tremendous success and was held in conjunction with the Butts County Historical Society (BCHS), which marketed the event in Atlanta and Middle Georgia. A whopping 175 people brought items to be identified—so many that numbers had to be given out and people had to wait until their names were called! Lloyd Schroder (see photo at right), John Whatley, David Mincey, and Stephen Hammack were on hand to assist the public. Artifacts identified were from both the prehistoric and historic eras and included an unfinished Clovis point, a Suwannee/Simpson projectile point/knife (see photo below), and two Daltons (all of which were recorded for the Georgia Paleoindian Recordation Project); many Early Archaic crystal quartz points; a fair number of quartz Morrow Mountain points; great numbers of Late Archaic points; some Woodland and Mississippian material; and historic ceramics, spikes, and nails. One gentleman with a large collection of Early Archaic points from a single site on his property attended UGA and took an archaeology course in the 1950s with Dr. A.R. Kelly! It was fascinating to talk to him about his experiences digging on different sites with Kelly and Joseph Caldwell. Another local landowner



Above: Lloyd Schroder assisting the public at Seven Islands Artifact ID Day.



Above: Paleoindian projectile point from Seven Islands Artifact ID Day.

invited the OAS to visit his family farm and visit what may be the first site that was recorded in Butts County—a project that is now planned for January when deer season is over. Special thanks goes to W.J. Shannon of the BCHS, who organized the event and made it so successful!

- Warner Robins Artifact ID Day held on November 8, 2007, as part of Native American Heritage Observance (NAHO) month. OAS members David Mincey and Stephen Hammack assisted the public. Folks brought in collections from Middle Georgia and from as far away as the Finger Lakes region of New York State. Artifacts

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included two Clovis points, one Dalton point, Early, Middle, and Late Archaic material, and a small amount of Woodland and Mississippian material. The gentleman from New York shared some pieces from his collection, which was begun by his grandfather and father and includes material from the Lamoka Lake site and many others. He also shared his father's notebooks, which preserve in great detail the locations of sites and what was found there. Some of the material is on loan to a local New York historical society museum. It is hoped that the three Paleo points, all from Georgia sites, can be recorded at a future date, as the owners said they would contact the OAS for this to be done. Other NAHO events included a luncheon, American Indian dancing and musical performances, primitive skills demonstrations by the talented Scott Jones, free roasted corn, and three talks by the base archaeologist—two at Macon's Museum of Arts and Sciences and one before the Old Clinton Historical Society. Special thanks go to the Robins NAHO committee for making these events possible.

- Jones County Artifact ID Day, held in conjunction with the Old Clinton Historical Society (OCHS) on November 17, 2007. AAS member John Whatley and OAS members David Mincey, John Trussell, and Stephen Hammack assisted the public, and recorded one Dalton projectile point/knife and made plans to record about 15 more, all from Jones County. Other artifacts included Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian material, and several historic artifacts including a Union officer's sword, and a token with Arabic writing on one side and possibly Chinese writing on the other that has a square hole through the center and probably dates to the early 20th century. But the most fascinating artifact, if it turns out to be authentic, was a small item carved from a rock with the



Above and left: Various views of unusual figurine brought to the Jones County Artifact ID Day.



consistency of soapstone. This artifact came from a field near the Savannah River in Effingham County, and depicts what appears to be a dead Indian with clothes and a haircut from the Spanish Mission era whose sarcophagus is decorated with many native plants and animals (see photos below). It could date as early as the sixteenth century and as late as the late seventeenth century, if it is not modern. Special thanks go to SGA and OCHS member Carol Krom for making this event possible and for showing OAS members and their families around her family farm and feeding us afterwards!

The OAS continues to meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in Room 143 of Mercer University's Science and Engineering Building. Please come and visit



Bookmobile Today - Archaeology Bus Tomorrow

Submitted by Betsy Shirk (*b.shirk@comcast.net*)

The story of the transformation of the Bookmobile acquired by SGA from the Athens Clarke County Regional Library continues! The Archaeology Mobile Advisory Panel had its first meeting on Saturday, November 10. Joined by about 93,000 fans in town for the UGA-Auburn game, members of the advisory panel converged on Athens from around the state. Members present included Rita Elliott (chair), Tammy Forehand, Barbara Bruno, Betsy Shirk, Michael Shirk, Tom Gresham, Steve Kowalewski, Mary Stakes, and Ellen Provenzano. The meeting was hosted by Mary Stakes at the Carl Vinson Institute.

To recap: the opportunity arose to acquire the bus from the library system for a reasonable cost. It is a 10-year-old vehicle with over 100,000 miles that was checked out by a mechanic and is in good condition. In addition to the modest fee, SGA agreed to provide a workshop at system library branches and at schools in Clarke County.

Members discussed ideas for outfitting the bus as a self-contained classroom, including hands-on activities or manipulatives. In addition, wrapping versus painting the exterior of the bus was broached. To get an idea of how awnings, plasma televisions or screens for presentations, and pop up tents might be integrated into the design, panel members took advantage of the RVs parked behind the Varsity



and made a site visit to check out options UGA or Auburn fans chose. All had awnings of some type and one had a television that folded out from the lower side of the bus.

The group decided to focus on short-term goals to provide the agreed-upon workshops that would target 4th and 5th graders in Clarke County and provide programs to the branch li-

braries. Next steps include working on a design plan, contacting elementary schools to find out if this type program would be of interest to teachers, program development, and paint/wrap for the bus. Members were given assignments to prepare for the second meeting scheduled for late January 2009 in Macon.



Members of the Archaeology Mobile Advisory Panel and the bus.



Visitors “Dig the SGA Exhibit at CoastFest 2007 Perfect Gift

Submitted by Tammy Forehand (TRForeha@gwm.sc.edu)

The 12th Annual CoastFest—Georgia’s largest coastal natural resources festival—was held on October 6, 2007, along the scenic Marshes of Glynn in Brunswick, Georgia at the Department of Natural Resources Regional Headquarters. The Society for Georgia Archaeology’s booth was visited by many of the over 6,700 visitors in attendance. Although the forecast called for rain almost the entire day, we lucked out as not a drop of rain fell on the festivities.

Many of the youngsters (and some of the adults, too) tried their hands at the interesting and informative hands-on and interactive activities at our booth. These activities included a sorting board game with historic artifacts, casts to make rubbings of pottery designs, Guess the Artifact, mending vessels, pottery making, and unprovenienced prehistoric artifacts to see

and touch. We also had a number of informational flyers and take-home puzzles, and debuted a freshly revamped SGA display board. Special thanks are extended to Rita Elliot and Ellen Provenzano for lending activities for the exhibit.

A number of the school children visiting our booth were already well versed in historical archaeology and were speed demons at the sorting game after having participated in an archaeology program at Fort

Frederica—so yes, our outreach programs do make a difference!

SGA Board Member Tammy Herron and a number of enthusiastic volunteers from President Carolyn Rock’s introductory anthropology class and the Golden Isles Archaeological Society (GIAS) had great time manning the SGA exhibit. Volunteers from Carolyn’s class included Kristene Dewitt, Whitney Espinoza, Gerry Herndon, Tatyana Hickman, Michael Robinson, and Becky Silva. Volunteers from the GIAS included Jack Caldwell, Bill Weaver, Bill McNair, Jeanie Wilburn, Linda Lane, Nick Shorey, and Vince Miller. We appreciate the assistance of “veteran CoastFest volunteer” Bill Weaver in organizing the GIAS volunteers and in manning the booth throughout the day.

Thanks to everyone who assisted in this endeavor in an effort to educate the public about protecting and preserving Georgia’s cultural resources. Remember to save the date: The 13th Annual CoastFest will be held on October 4, 2008. Hope to see you there!





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Age-Related Changes in Mortuary Practices at the King Site

David Hally, University of Georgia

Approximately 250 burials were recovered from the 16th century King site in northwestern Georgia during excavations in the early 1970s and early 1990s. Mortuary analysis of the collection, using single-year composite age estimates of burials has allowed a number of age-related status changes to be recognized.

Georgia Trust Places in Peril 2008: SGA Nominates the Sunbury Site (9Li4)

Terry Jackson, SGA Advocacy Subcommittee Chair

The Society for Georgia Archaeology has nominated the colonial town site of Sunbury in Liberty County to be featured on the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's Places in Peril List for 2008. SGA will also be submitting a National Register nomination for the Sunbury Cemetery and possibly for a larger archaeological district encompassing other parts of the original town site, which is now rapidly being lost to residential development. SGA will offer opportunities to the new community at Sunbury to study and save parts of their historic past.

Ocmulgee River Basin Archaeological Project

Stephen A. Hammack, Ocmulgee Archaeological Society (SGA)

Preliminary information on work already completed and work planned for the future will be presented. There are several different components of the project, including: 1) contacting artifact collectors in an effort to document their collections; 2) visiting archaeological sites with landowners and collectors in order to obtain UTM coordinates, gathering preliminary information on site size, and completing site forms to be submitted to the Georgia Archaeological Site File; 3) mapping underwater and/or maritime sites such as prehistoric sites that have eroded into the river, steamboat and barge remains, and prehistoric and historic fish weirs; and 4) locating the lost Creek Indian towns that were situated along the banks of the Ocmulgee River and its tributaries between 1685 and 1715, and 5) conducting excavations at the Waterworks Park in Macon this fall and winter on 9Bi155, a potentially eligible site that is expected to yield information and artifacts that may be interpreted in a permanent Macon History exposition.





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