

GEORGIA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH
MAY 2010

*SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN
YOUR COMMUNITY FOR ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH*

- **FEATURE AN HISTORIC SITE OR PARK:** promote local resources by hosting, conducting or facilitating an activity or event at one, featuring its resources.
- **PROMOTE PRESERVATION PROGRAMS:** Georgia and National Register of Historic Places, Preservation Planners, Certified Local Government, Preservation Commissions, archaeological or historical societies with guest speakers, local tours, special exhibits, or video/slide shows.
- **INVITE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST** to give a talk about archaeology in general, Georgia archaeology, or local archaeological research, using a local public meeting facility such as a library, courthouse, city hall or school auditorium (see list of archaeologists).
- **HIGHLIGHT A TOPIC:** schedule a video about archaeology focusing on a familiar or critical topic such as a local site, an archaeology project, or “hot” issue, for example, looting or vandalism.
- **ARRANGE A TOUR:** schedule a tour of a local archaeological site at a nearby park or historic site (contact a local travel agent, visitors bureau or regional tourism representative for ideas).
- **SET UP A “SHOWCASE”** in a local facility such as a museum, library, school, courthouse or visitor’s center.
 - Feature books, maps, artifacts, photographs, videos, slides and historic documents to highlight local archaeological sites and research in learning about Indians, pioneers and settlers of the area in a high profile public space;
 - Display local collections of artifacts found by residents of your community;
 - Highlight local or regional historic sites, parks or other places interpreting archaeological sites with brochures, photos, maps, talks and tours;
 - Host publicized series of scheduled speakers, video/slide shows, exhibits, displays, etc.;
 - Use local travelers by scheduling them for talks about their trips to archaeological sites, highlighting exhibits with their photos or artifacts;
- **PRESENT A LECTURE SERIES:** for a period (weekly or monthly) schedule a series of lectures by archaeologists or others interested in archaeology of the area, for example, an historian, geologist, preservation planner, traveler or collector.
- **SPOTLIGHT LOCAL TRAVELERS:** schedule a series of presentations (slides, videos, postcards or talks) by neighbors, friends or travel agents who have visited archaeological sites near and far, featuring archaeology in an interesting and informative way.
- **FEATURE PRIMITIVE SKILLS** (artifact manufacture and use): flint knapping, pottery making, blacksmithing, basket making, woodcarving, hide tanning, and/or blowgun shooting.
- **SHOW ARCHAEOLOGY VIA HOLLYWOOD:** have a movie festival featuring old films with archaeology themes or subjects (see list under “Movies”).

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

Lecture	Membership drive
Artifact Identification	Story telling
Period events: wedding, funeral, birthday, holiday, harvest, dance, games	Kids-in-History day, for example, Johnny Tremain
Tourism (sites to visit)	Workshop
Encampment	Grand opening
Contest (essays – brochure or handout for kids, games, art, poster)	Volunteer day (at a site, museum, laboratory)
Scout merit badges: Archaeology; Indian lore; American Heritage; Geology; Cooking; Pottery; Surveying; Law	Kayak/canoe shipwreck or harbor trail or tour
Slide/video/movie presentation	Site identification
Period crafts, trades, skills, etc.	Archaeology Camp
Interview	Book signing
Teach-in	Recognition/proclamation/appreciation/award
Traditional music	Fund raising
Tour (walking, driving, strolling, hiking, biking)	Stewardship/adopt-a-site or artifact/Junior stewards or rangers
“Discovery” laboratory	Site preservation and protection
Club or organization anniversary	

LIST OF EVENTS

Exhibit	Display
Field day or school	Open House
Reunion/Homecoming	Book autographing, display & sales
Grand opening/dedication	Guest speaker series
Moviefest – old movies portraying archaeologists, archaeology or archaeological sites	

LIST OF TOPICS

Plantation Archaeology	The Ethics of Archaeology
Colonial Archaeology	Military Archaeology
Frontier Archaeology	Protecting Archaeological Sites
Underwater Archaeology	Maritime Archaeology
Archaeology at -----(a site or area)	Backyard Archaeology
Prehistoric Art	Civil War Archaeology
Prehistoric Architecture	Prehistoric Technology
Prehistoric Warfare	Archaeology of Slavery
Prehistoric Gardening/Agriculture	Industrial Archaeology
Indians of ---- (county or region)	Archaeology of Mills
Earliest People in Georgia	Archaeology of Mining
Archaeology in the state parks and historic sites	Archaeology of Garbage

Archaeology in National Forests	Archaeology of Transportation
Archaeology of Cemeteries	Archaeology in National Parks
Archaeology in the National Wildlife Areas	Public Archaeology
Heritage Education and Archaeology	History of Archaeology in Georgia
CCC/WPA Archaeology in Georgia	Archaeology and “You”
What do Archaeologists Do?	Conservation Archaeology
Fantastic Archaeology	Cultural Resource Management Archaeology
Archaeology of Medicine	Archaeology goes Hi-Tech (ex., GIS)
Landscape Archaeology	What is Archaeology?
Archaeology and Today’s Indians	

List of Popular Movies that include archaeological sites or themes

Death on the Nile (1978)	Specters (1987)
Boy on a Dolphin (1957)	Valley of the Kings (1954)
Voyager (1991)	Hail Caesar (1994)
Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)	Sphinx (1981)
We Want Our Mummy (1931)	

List of Resource People	List of Resource Groups
Archaeologists	Archaeological society or chapter
Manufacturers such as knappers, potters, weavers, carvers, builders	Archaeological or preservation consulting firms
Preservationists	Undergraduate or graduate students
Researchers	Travelers
Collectors	Landscape historians or architects
Historians	Re-enactment groups
Librarians	Primitive ballgame groups
Preservation commissioners	Preservation society or group
Preservation planners in Regional Development Commissions (RDC)	Museum and government agency staff