



THE PROFILE

The Newsletter of the Society for Georgia Archaeology

President's Message

Material Reflections of Georgia's African-American Past is the title of the symposium to be held Saturday May 20 as SGA's Archaeology Month presentation. The program brings together archaeologists, anthropologists and historians to express African-American life in Georgia through the landscapes, structures, crafts, and objects created and used by Georgia's African-Americans. The symposium will be held at the Auburn Avenue Research Library in Atlanta. Dr. J.W. Joseph of New South Associates has gathered a number of fascinating presentations, some of which promise to convey exclusive information to the public. Please make your plans to attend the spring meeting and the archaeology events scheduled throughout the state during April and May. Details are included on pages 4-7 and also posted on our website, www.thesga.org.

Each year, Archaeology Month posters, event calendars and teaching materials are widely distributed to students, teachers, legislators and the general public. As always, Archaeology Month is funded by grants and donations. Thanks to this year's co-sponsors—the Office of the State Archaeologist, Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists, Brockington and Associates, Council on American Indian Concerns, Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc., LAMAR Institute, New South Associates, Southeastern Archeological Services, Inc., Southern Research, TRC Garrow Associates, The Trust for Public Land, and the Coosawattee Foundation—SGA looks forward to another successful Archaeology Month celebration in 2006.

Additional recognition goes to committee members Betsy Shirk, Mary Beth Reed, Rita Elliott, Tom Gresham and Terry Jackson who are hard at work managing the details and planning Archaeology Month 2006. Special thanks goes to Dr. J.W. Joseph and New South Associates for compiling an excellent program for our spring meeting and arranging accommodations for the SGA/GCPA meetings.

February is always a busy month for SGA leadership. On February 11, board and officers attended the winter board of directors meeting at the Skidaway Island Marine Institute. Jason Burns and Rita Elliott arranged the meeting and attendance was superb. A unique aspect of the meeting was the attendance of eight students from Valdosta State University, Kings Bay Center. Vice President Carolyn Rock, instructor of Public Archaeology (ANTH 4900), invited (required) the students to observe the all-day board meeting. The student participation resulted in an extraordinary outreach and educational event. During lunch, the students posed some very in-depth questions to the board and officers about their interest and commitment to archaeology education and site preservation. Through this process, the board and officers also learned quite a bit more about each other. A unique forum opened a dialogue that was both rewarding and a welcome departure from routine business meetings. The volunteer commitment, expertise, and professional life stories shared were inspiring. Thank you,

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St. Catherines Island Archaeological Collection at Fernbank

Submitted by Dennis Blanton (dennis.blanton@fernbank.edu)

Transfer of the *St. Catherines Island Foundation and Edward John Noble Foundation Collection* of archaeological material to Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta was begun early in 2004. This very large, high quality archaeological collection was amassed during 30 years of island investigation led by Dr. David Hurst Thomas of the American Museum of Natural History. Dennis Blanton joined Fernbank in July 2005 as Curator of Native American Archaeology to manage the collection and develop new programs.

At Fernbank, the St. Catherines collection will anchor a regional archaeology program, serve as the basis for ambitious new exhibits, and provide content for new educational programming. In addition, it will ultimately be managed as a working collection that will support the research of visiting scholars.

Present work with the collection focuses on organizing and housing the massive quantity of material according to curatorial standards. An overview of the island research and recent progress with the collection is presented on a new Fernbank

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Carolyn and participating board members and officers, for an enriching experience.

Also at the board meeting, a charter was awarded to the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS), SGA's newest affiliate chapter. The new chapter meets the second Monday of each month at the Gwinnett History Museum located in the old Female Seminary Building in downtown Lawrenceville. Board member Jim D'Angelo of TRC Garrow Associates is "founder" of GARS, and we are excited about the projects contemplated by the new chapter. Welcome, GARS!

A number of SGA and GCPA members attended the Georgians for Preservation Action (GaPA) annual legislative reception on February 14. This year's reception was particularly successful—a good number of legislators attended, and our presence was worthwhile. Each year, SGA becomes better known throughout the preservation community by participating in this annual GaPA event.

On the horizon for 2006 are new public archaeology activities. SGA member Catherine Long is the program coordinator for the new Gwinnett County Environmental and Heritage Center, scheduled to open later this year. We look forward to hearing more about the archaeology programs being planned there.

There's also another exciting public opportunity available this summer, a hands-on archaeology program for high school students and adults is scheduled for June 2006, sponsored by Fernbank Museum of Natural History. SGA member Dennis Blanton continues to build volunteer opportunities at Fernbank,

along with hosting the Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society (GAAS) monthly meetings.

Georgia archaeology in the public realm is growing—some recent activities highlighted in *The Profile* have included public and volunteer participation at the Leake site in Bartow County, Fort Hawkins in the Macon area, the Elachee Nature Center near Gainesville, and continuing public archaeology days at the Thompson site near Calhoun sponsored by the Coosawattee Foundation. Now, future activities are scheduled for Gwinnett County and the coastal area through the Gwinnett County Environmental and Heritage Center, and Fernbank Museum of Natural History, respectively. The issue of obtaining liability insurance, sometimes a deterrent for volunteer participation, has been resolved by Jack Kilgore, President of GAAS (see article on page 3). Thanks to Jack, chapter members can look forward to fully participating in more public archaeology events. It is exciting to know that opportunities for the hands-on educational experience that volunteers enjoy are not only thriving, but growing throughout the state.

Don't risk missing an issue of *Early Georgia*: renew your membership now!

See you at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on May 20. Until then, please stay informed about Archaeology Month events at www.thesga.org.

-Lucy

**St. Catherines Island Archaeological Collection at Fernbank** *(continued from page 1)*

web page at www.fernbank.edu/museum/stcatherines/stcahterinesintro.aspx.

Also, a fabulous team of volunteers, including many from the Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society membership, have been helping inventory several other large artifact collections that have been donated to Fernbank over the years. The results have been rewarding already as a surprising number of Paleoindian tools from around the state have been identified.

For information about the collection and archaeology at Fernbank please contact Dennis B. Blanton, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30307, 404-929-6304, dennis.blanton@fernbank.edu.



Dues Reminder

It's That Time Again!!!

Membership dues for 2006 are now past due. If you have not yet paid, please do so right now while you are thinking about it. If you are not sure if you have paid, write to Secretary Tom Gresham at searcheo@aol.com.

Mountains Chapter Test Quartz Quarry

Submitted by Jack T. Wynn (mjftwynn@bellsouth.net)

Members of the Georgia Mountains chapter have recently conducted a preliminary test on the newly discovered Hummingbird Hill Quartz Quarry on the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve near Gainesville.

A few months ago, Elachee volunteer "Doc" Johnson recognized a spread of quartz rocks on the lower part of a ridge nose in the preserve as a possible quarry site. He called Elachee Nature Science Center's CEO Andrea Tempone's attention to it, and then led chapter advisor Jack Wynn to inspect it. Soon after, Primitive Technologist Scott Jones was invited to examine the site, and with Wynn, plans were made to grid and possibly test the site.



Figure 1. Joseph and Joe Randazzo, Lorraine Norwood, and Erin Andrews working on the site.

Once the plans were made and SHPO notified, the GMAS members met on Saturday, February 4, to grid the site and begin the test. They decided to do very limited testing on the 20 × 50-m quarry area, in part because of the steep location.

There was concern that digging there might exacerbate the already severe erosion into the Walnut Creek area. It was also expected that a limited amount of data could be retrieved from such a resource area, since it did not show signs of being used for finishing artifacts.

The test team was first composed of Lorraine Norwood, Erin Andrews, Joe Randazzo and his son Joseph Randazzo, supervised by Wynn (Figure 1). They began with a small, 50-cm test unit, more or less in the middle of the site area, and excavated it by 10-cm levels, parallel with the slope. The excavation methods included screening and removing all the stone from each level. The amount of stone there was truly amazing. The first work day, the crew removed nine bags of stone to the lab for washing and identification. Since it all had to be hauled uphill all the way back to the vehicles, the amount and weight of the stone became important.

The crew was so stimulated by the project the first day that they returned on Saturday, February 18 to finish the test into the red sandy clay subsoil at about 35 cm below surface. That day, they were joined by David Hughes, Janice and Tom Bagwell, Greg Britt, and site's discoverer, Doc Johnson. At the base of that level, most of the square was taken up by large quartz boulders, but the crew still removed 5–6 bags of materials. Lab cleaning and analysis was conducted that day by Dan and Diedre Page, Pat LoRusso, and David Hughes.

The club members have begun the washing and examination of the stones removed, but much remains to be cleaned and sorted. They have found a few flaked tools and some bipolar percussion pieces, as well as lots of general shatter. Once it is all cleaned and initially sorted, Scott Jones has agreed to examine it for additional indications of stone working techniques.



GAAS Removes a Thorn

Submitted by Jack Kilgore (jack.kilgore@earthlink.net)

Potential personal liability has been a deterrent to some archaeological site developers from using volunteer workers on site. The Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society (GAAS), a chapter of SGA, has found a solution to that problem. Effective February 1, 2006, all dues-paid members of GAAS are covered automatically for the treatment of accidental injury and death and dismemberment while traveling to, working on, or returning from any event sponsored by GAAS. The benefits are extended automatically to prospective GAAS members who attend a GAAS sponsored event for the purpose of becoming a member.

GAAS pays the full cost of this benefit, with no direct cost to individual members. The cost to GAAS, annually, is two dollars and change per member, depending on total membership.

We believe this benefit will open up new avenues for the use of volunteers in field work. GAAS can provide knowledgeable, experienced, and insured volunteers by sponsoring an archaeological event. For example, currently GAAS is sponsoring lab work performed by Fernbank Museum of Natural History. Up to as many as ten volunteers work in the Fernbank archaeological laboratory on various groups of artifacts, ranging from Paleo Indian points to St. Catherines Island materials.

The benefit plan is underwritten by an insurance carrier Rate A+ by A. M. Best. All SGA chapters are eligible for this plan. For more information, please see your insurance broker, or call the GAAS Hotline: 404 315-8088.



Georgia Archaeology Month Events, May 2006

Atlanta Area

Trip: Ocmulgee National Monument and Bond Swamp Day Trip

Sat, May 6, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fernbank Museum of Natural History
767 Clifton Rd, NE, Atlanta

Description: Excursion to one of the most unusual and important archaeological sites in the region. Visit a 1,000 year old village where intruders to Georgia built huge mounds and earth lodges for ceremonial purposes and explore Ocmulgee River with a hike through Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Contact: Mallory Costen, (404) 929.6307

Fee: Members: \$15 for adults/\$5 for children; non-members: \$25 for adults/\$10 for children. Registration and payment deadline is April 21. Space is limited.



Lecture: New Discoveries at an Ancient Settlement: Recent Archaeology of Georgia's Etowah Mounds

Tues, May 9, 7 p.m.
Fernbank Museum of Natural History Auditorium
767 Clifton Rd, NE, Atlanta

Description: Dr. Adam King, South Carolina Institute of Anthropology and Archaeology, will present the results of his recent explorations at Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site and address the question of how Etowah relates to the history of the Creek and Cherokee Indians.

Contact: Dennis Blanton, (404) 929-6304

Fee: Free to the public, however reservations are required at 404-929-6400



Program: Material Reflections of Georgia's African-American Past

Sat., May 20, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Auburn Avenue Research Library
101 Auburn Ave, Atlanta

Directions: www.af.public.lib.ga.us/aarl

Description: This symposium brings together archaeologists, anthropologists, and historians to look at African-American life in Georgia through the landscapes, structures, crafts and objects that African-Americans created and employed.

Sponsor: The Society for Georgia Archaeology

Contact: Betsy Shirk at (404) 651-6624 or
Joe Joseph at jjjoseph@newsouthassoc.com

Fee: None



Archaeology Day

Sat., May 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fernbank Museum of Natural History
767 Clifton Rd, NE, Atlanta

Description: Celebrate Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month with archaeology-themed crafts, activities, and special demonstrations focusing on Native American crafts and technologies.

Contact: Bobbi Hohmann, (404) 929-6337

Fee: Included with Museum admission (adults \$12; students & seniors \$11; children 12 & under \$10; children 2 & under and museum members free)



Exhibit: First Georgians

Mon – Sat, 10 - 5 p.m.; Sun – 12 - 5 p.m.
Fernbank Museum of Natural History
767 Clifton Rd, NE, Atlanta

Description: Permanent exhibition that provides a cultural and historical overview of Native American occupation in Georgia.

Contact: Fernbank Ticket Office, (404) 929.6400

Fee: Included with Museum admission (adults \$12; students and seniors \$11; children 12 and under \$10; children 2 and under and museum members free)

Augusta

Archaeology Day

Sat., May 20, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ezekiel Harris House
1822 Broad Street, Augusta

Description: artifact identification, primitive skills demonstrations, artifact displays and a tour of the Ezekiel Harris house

Sponsors: Augusta Archaeological Society and Augusta Museum of History

Contact: John Whatley (706) 833-8021 or
kyanite1@bellsouth.net; Ezekiel Harris House (706) 737-2820; Donna Hope (706) 860-9992

Fee: None

Middle Georgia**Artifact Identification and Interpretation Day**

Sat., April 29, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Rock Eagle 4H Center
 US 441, N of Eatonton

Directions: From I-20, take Exit 114 (Madison); go South on US 441. Turn right at large stone tower entrance to 4H Center. Turn right at stone sign with Rock Eagle Conference Center. Go straight to guard gate. From South: take US 441N past Eatonton and turn left at stone tower entrance.

Description: American Indian artifact identification; hands-on lessons in Native skills and local history; tour of 7,000 square foot Natural Historic Museum; staff will add your personal stories concerning the 4-H Center or Rock Eagle to compiled history

Contact: Donna Stewart (706) 484-2862

Fee: \$2.00

**Program: History and Prehistory at Scull Shoals**

Sat., April 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Scull Shoals Mill Village, Oconee National Forest, Greene County

Directions: From I-20, take GA 44 Exit North into Greensboro; at traffic light go left, take GA 15 North 12 miles to paved Macedonia Rd on right. Go 2 mi, turn left on gravel Forest Rd 1234; Follow signs 3 mi to Scull Shoals

Description: Spring Heritage Festival with guided tours, 19th Century crafts demonstrations, food (extra), music and fun.

Sponsor: The Friends of Scull Shoals, Inc. and U.S. Forest Service

Contact: Jack Wynn (770) 536-2564

Fee: \$5.00 admissions/parking

Northwest Georgia**Program: Native Edible Plants of Etowah**

Sat. May 20, 1-4 p.m.
 Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site
 813 Indian Mounds Rd, Cartersville

Directions: Off I-75, Exit 288

Description: Botanist will show and talk about plants used by the people at Etowah

Contact: Tommy Bagby/Steve McCarty, (770) 387-3747

Fee: \$2.50 - \$4

East Georgia**Program: Robert Toombs House Archaeology**

Wed. & Thurs., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 April, May, September and October
 Robert Toombs House Historic Site
 216 E. Robert Toombs Ave, Washington

Description: Tour of house and mock dig

Contact: Marcia Campbell, 706-678-2226

Fee: \$2.25 per child

Limit: 24 per session; reservations required one week in advance

Comments: Allow 2 hours; picnic tables available

Southeast Georgia**Program: Archaeological Perspectives on Coastal Georgia**

Wed., May 24, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Morning session - Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center (CGRDC), 127 "F" Street, (downstairs conference room), Brunswick
 Afternoon session – Old City Hall, 1229 Newcastle Street, Brunswick

Directions: CGRDC headquarters is adjacent to Mary Ross Waterfront Park at corner of Bay/F Streets; Old City Hall is at corner of Newcastle/Mansfield Streets

Description: one-day symposium on coastal archaeology

Sponsor: CGRDC

Contact: Patricia Barefoot (912) 264-7363 x 218

Fee: None, but call to pre-register



Note: Listed events were received by Profile deadline. Check website (www.thesga.org) and event brochure for additional events.

SGA Spring Meeting May 20th in Atlanta

Join us in Atlanta on May 20 for our Spring Meeting/Archaeology Month celebration. To complement this year's Archaeology Month theme, we are pleased to present a symposium entitled, *Material Reflections of Georgia's African-American Past*. This symposium brings together archaeologists, anthropologists, and historians to look at African-American life in Georgia through the landscapes, structures, crafts, and objects that African Americans created and employed. While African-American history was not well recorded, the material legacy of Georgia's African-American communities is particularly rich. Papers in this session will address the landscapes of African-American households and communities from plantations, tenant sites, and urban locations; African-American building techniques and architecture, including recent discoveries from the Ford Plantation and Ossabaw Island; African-American crafts and industry, including Colonoware, a pottery found on Colonial coastal plantations reflecting the interaction of African Americans and Native Americans; and the archaeology of African-American sites, including excavations on both freed and enslaved African-American sites in both rural and urban locations, and from the Colonial era into the late 19th century. This will be a fascinating look at the African-American experience in the state and will present a number of projects and findings that have not been made public before.

The symposium will be held at the Auburn Avenue Research Library, 101 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, on May 20th from 9 AM until 4:30 PM (see directions and map on page 7).

Doors open at 8:30 AM. The Auburn Avenue Research Library (AARL) is devoted to reference and archival collections on African cultures and the African-American experience and has exceptional collections and facilities—for more information, visit the library's website at www.af.public.lib.ga.us/aarl.

The AARL is in Atlanta's Sweet Auburn District, one of the most significant places in African-American life in the South, and home to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, Ebenezer Baptist Church, the APEX museum on African American History, and many other sites. Visit www.atlantaheritage.com/sweetAuburn.html for more information. The symposium is open to the public. For further information, please contact Joe Joseph, symposium chair, at jwjoseph@newsouthassoc.com or (770) 498-4155, ext. 102.

GCPA and SGA Board Meetings Schedule – Friday, May 19

The GCPA meetings will be held on Friday, May 19, at Stone Mountain Park Confederate Hall Education Center (located just inside the park's west gate – no charge for entry – just tell the guard you are going to the Education Center). Plan to attend the reception at New South's office (6150 East Ponce de Leon Ave, Stone Mountain) following the GCPA general meeting. The SGA board meeting will follow the reception.

- 1:30 PM GCPA Board Meeting Stone Mountain Park Confederate Hall Education Center
- 2:30–4 PM GCPA General Meeting Stone Mountain Park Confederate Hall Education Center
- 4–5:30 PM Reception for all attendees New South Office, 6150 E. Ponce de Leon Ave, Stone Mt.
- 5–6:30 PM SGA Board Meeting New South Office, 6150 E. Ponce de Leon Ave, Stone Mt.

Directions to Education Center: From East Gate Entrance off of US 78, turn right on the road that circles the mountain until you reach Confederate Hall. Or, you get to the West Gate Entrance by taking the Memorial Drive/Village of Stone Mountain exit from 78 (you can only go one way), take the first exit, Ponce de Leon Avenue, and turn left on Ponce. Then turn left onto James B. River Drive at the light (German Restaurant intersection). This will lead to the West Gate.

Directions to Auburn Avenue Research Library:

MARTA: Walking from Five Points Station - Exit Five Points Station on the Peachtree Street side. Turn left and walk north on Peachtree Street to Auburn Avenue. Turn right on Auburn. The Library is located at the intersection of Auburn Avenue and Courtland Street. This is approximately a 6-block walk.

DRIVING: From NORTH of downtown - Take I-75/85 South to Exit 249-A (Courtland Street). Continue South on Courtland Street to Auburn Avenue. The Library is on the left at the intersection

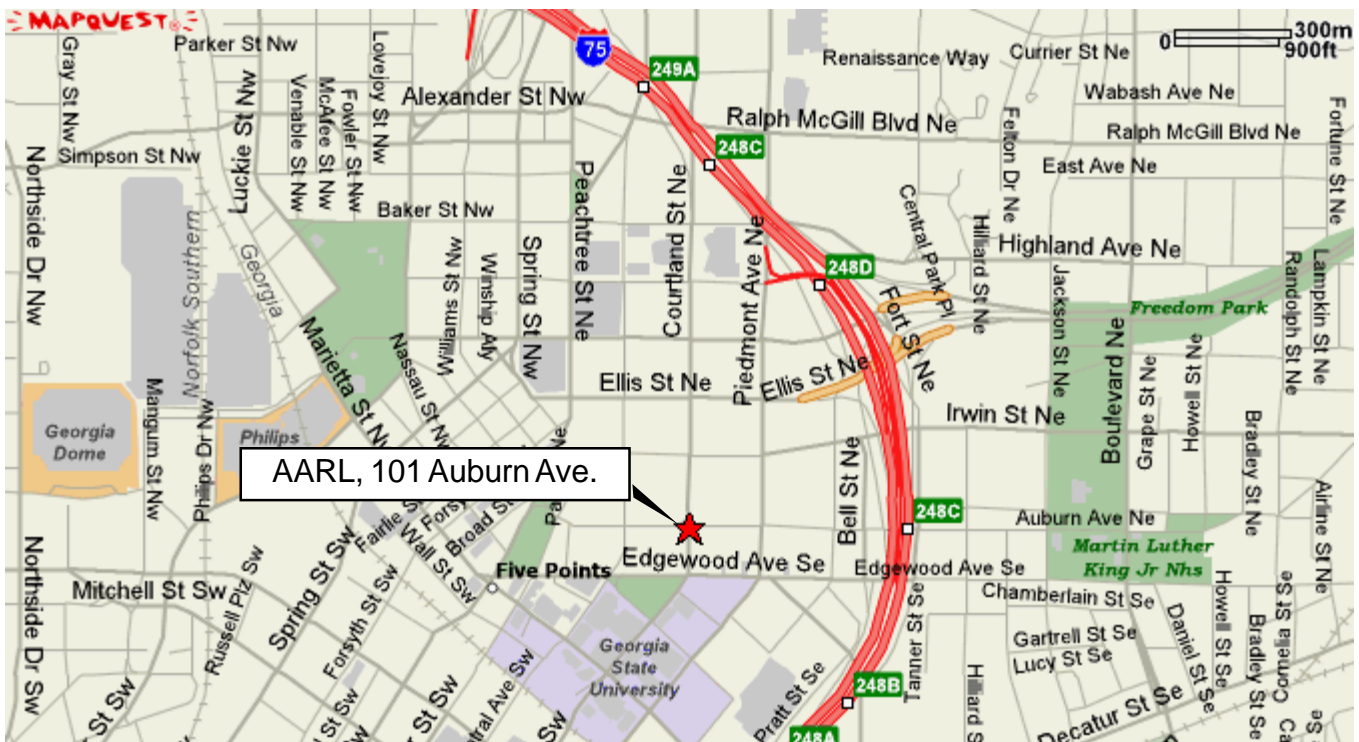
From SOUTH of downtown - Take I-75/85 North to Exit 248-B (Edgewood/Auburn Avenue). Proceed to Auburn Avenue and turn left. The Library is on the left at the intersection of Auburn Avenue and Courtland Street.

Parking Information: The Parking Company of America manages the parking lots located behind and adjacent to Auburn Avenue Research Library. There are three (3) parking lots. Outlined below is information on parking space availability, location, and cost:

Parking Lot A (Off of Auburn Avenue): Sunday through Saturday (Everyday - Seven Days a Week) \$4.00 until 3:00 PM, \$2.00 after 3:00 PM.

Parking Lot B (Directly behind the library off Courtland Street): Sunday through Saturday (Everyday - Seven Days a Week) The Auburn Avenue Research Library has twenty-seven (27) reserved parking spaces that are free [first-come-first-serve]. Numbered parking spaces are non-reserved and cost \$4.00 all day.

Parking Lot C (Off of Edgewood Avenue): Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 (All Day)



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.

TRC
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Over the last three months TRC has been involved in a number of archaeological projects in Georgia and elsewhere in the Southeast. Along with archaeological surveys in Cherokee, Clayton, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, and Jackson counties, TRC carried out a couple of cemetery investigations in the greater Atlanta area.

By "cemetery investigation," we include research in which the conclusion was that no cemetery was present. As an example, TRC was recently contacted when a number of headstones were encountered during the course of construction on a project for which TRC conducted the cultural resource survey in 2000. At that time, no cemetery had been identified in the survey tract, although there was an active church. When the headstones were identified, in a portion of the tract near where the church had stood, all parties involved assumed that they must be associated with a church cemetery that was somehow overlooked during the 2000 survey. One problem was that construction activities had dislodged the headstones from their original location, so that it was not known where the cemetery was, and it was also not known how many graves might be present. To unravel the mystery, and to gather information about the cemetery so that the "graves" could then be properly relocated and protected, TRC undertook several research angles. One component of our investigation was deed research to seek any mention of a cemetery on the property, and/or to trace the history of ownership and establish whether the church or a previous owner was most likely associated with the cemetery. TRC also assembled a number of aerial (and other) photographs of the property from different points in time to see if there was any evidence of a cemetery. Another thread of our research involved tracking down individuals associated with the church who might have information about the cemetery. A final aspect of the research involved field investigations of the construction site using both ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and mechanical stripping to seek evidence for grave shafts.

The headstones recovered from the construction site bore dates for the deceased between 1941 and 1980. The church's purchase of the property dated to 1947. No deeds mentioned a cemetery. Photographic evidence failed to suggest a possible location for a cemetery on the property. Although GPR proved ineffective given the site conditions, mechanical stripping of the entire area in question ruled out the presence of intact grave

shafts. Finally, a deacon of the former church was located and interviewed about the situation. He stated unequivocally that the church did not have a cemetery. He also recalled that a gentleman who lived in a house next to the church parsonage worked for a monument company and had some headstones stored in his yard. He thought the man had left the stones in the yard after he moved away in the 1980s or 1990s. The deacon indicated that he remembered the gentleman very clearly because he had been commissioned to carve a large stone sign for the church. The location of the man's house corresponded with the spot where the headstones had been found. Everyone was relieved with this outcome: no graves had actually been disturbed, and the project could proceed. In this line of work, there are many surprises. You never know what you're going to learn as your research unfolds.

TRC would also like to take this opportunity to publicly welcome our newest archaeologist, Price Laird, who joined us from Panamerican in January.



URS
(478) 926-7392

URS Corporation recently acquired the Cultural Resources contract on Robins AFB in Middle Georgia. Six small sites were tested by archaeologists in January and February 2006, though it is unlikely if any of them will be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeologist Stephen Hammack, now working for URS, continues to assist the base with its archaeological and historic building needs. He has a PowerPoint presentation called "21st Century Archaeology at Robins AFB" and is available for talks in the daytime or evening as part of the Base's Cultural Resources Public Awareness campaign. Events and talks will also be held throughout the year at the Robins Museum of Aviation's archaeology exhibit, "Windows to a Distant Past," particularly on Native American Heritage Observation Day in November (date undetermined). A recent event was a Native American Children's Workshop held at the exhibit.



CHAPTER NEWS

Augusta Archaeological Society

Recent activities of the Augusta Archaeological Society include:

- The holiday party was held on December 9th at Jill Trefz' home in Martinez.
- The February 10th meeting was held at the Lone Star Cafe, 274 Washington Road in Augusta. Alex Sweeny, Brockington and Associates archaeologist, spoke on the history and archaeology of the Yamassee, featuring his work in the lower Coastal Plain of South Carolina.
- Danny Greenway, John Arena, and John Whatley met with Scott Jones, Lisa O'Steen, and Jerald Ledbetter at Scott Jones' home in Vesta, Georgia, January 21st, to record artifacts and discuss the Georgia Paleo recordation project.
- John Arena is recording in detail a fine lithics collection from Glasscock County, Georgia.
- With help from John Arena, John Whatley classified a collection of lithic artifacts from the St. Mary's River area in Camden County, Georgia, for Carolyn Rock.
- John Whatley gave a presentation on Woodland and Mississippian point types to the Ocmulgee Archaeological Society in Macon, February 2nd.
- The April meeting will be held at the Lone Star Cafe on April 21st. Florida archaeology author, Lloyd Schroder, will present a program on Florida point types.
- The Augusta chapter's Archaeology Month event will be held in conjunction with the Augusta Museum of History, Saturday, May 20th at the Ezekiel Harris House, 1822 Broad Street in Augusta. The "Archaeology Day" will feature flint knapping, primitive skills, artifact identification, artifact displays, and interaction with historians and archaeologists.



Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society

This winter our activities included a joint excursion in November with the Hilton Head Chapter of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina. We've shared speakers, members and newsletters in the past, but this was our first joint excursion. We went on Fort Stewart's Cemetery Tour, which consisted of four historic cemeteries, the Fort Stewart Museum, a look at Warriors Walk, and lunch in the Mess Hall.

We had our annual Christmas Party December 2 with the Archaeology Elderhostel at the Marine Extension Center (MAREX) on Skidaway Island. Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all and Santa brought presents for everyone. Dan Elliott of

the LAMAR Institute spoke on archaeological work done several years ago at Fort Morris, where several of our members joined in a rare "public invited" excavation.

In March we learned that Jason Burns, Deputy State Archaeologist (Underwater), stationed at MAREX on Skidaway Island, will be leaving for a new opportunity in Florida. We wish him well and thank him for his support of our society these past three years. His work on the Ogeechee River, especially the naval action around Fort McAllister, was very interesting to those of us in this area.

The Society is looking forward to Rita Elliott's presentation on April 6, "In Search of Revolutionary Savannah: The Battle and Archaeology of Spring Hill Redoubt." Several of our members participated in the excavation last September. The talk will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Orleans Hall, located at the corner of Hull and Barnard streets. It is sponsored by the Savannah College of Art and Design and is free and open to the public.



Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society

The newly chartered Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS) is working on a number of projects this spring, which include survey and excavations at an historic plantation site in Dacula and a county-wide site assessment program, among other things. GARS is joining forces with the Gwinnett Historical Society (GHS) to carry out archaeological survey, selective testing, and excavation of what is believed to be the original kitchen site of the historic Elisha Winn House in Dacula. Thanks to the Gwinnett Historical Society, the home has been completely renovated to restore it to the way it looked in 1870, and work continues on several outbuildings, which include the original county jail that was on this property. Foundations of what are believed to be the original kitchen have been identified, and plans are now underway to excavate this area. The two organizations will also be carrying out an intensive, systematic survey of the property, to (hopefully) identify the slave housing area and a mill site, the dam for which has recently been identified by Jim D'Angelo, who is the GARS archaeological advisor. At one time, Winn held 50-60 slaves, but the location of the slave quarters is presently unknown. Much of this work will be done as part of the celebration of Georgia Archaeology month.

After receiving the go-ahead from the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists (GCPA), GARS has submitted a

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detailed proposal to GCPA for a project that would involve assessment of approximately 600 previously recorded sites within Gwinnett County. This project will be carried out under the supervision of the GARS archaeological advisor with the cooperation of the Georgia Archaeological Site File at the University of Georgia in Athens, and is considered to be a pilot project for systematic study of site loss using avocational volunteers. Such site assessment studies are practically non-existent although one exception in Texas does stand out (see “Measuring Archaeological Site Survival in Texas,” Dan Potter, *The SAA Archaeological Record*, January 2006 Volume 6:1). The inspiration for this project, however, was the Spring 2005 special issue of *Early Georgia* entitled, *Site Loss In Georgia* (see also the May 2001 and June 2004 editions dealing with similar topics). GARS members had the opportunity to study Stephen Kowalewski’s article, “When the Past is Destroyed: Loss of Archaeological Sites Due to Urbanization,” before deciding to go ahead with this project.

GARS is also working towards future joint ventures with the new Gwinnett County Environmental and Heritage Center, the program coordinator of which—Catherine Long, an archaeologist and SGA member—sits on the GARS Board.

GARS meets the second Monday of each month at the Gwinnett History Museum located in the Lawrenceville Female Seminary Building, 455 South Perry Street SW, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

**Ocmulgee Archaeological Society**

The Ocmulgee Archaeological Society (OAS) continues to meet at Ocmulgee National Monument (ONM) in Macon at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month. ONM Ranger Stephen Rudolph gave a lively talk about the Macon Plateau site’s myths and realities at the OAS’s January meeting. In February, John Whatley returned and finished his series of three talks on Georgia projectile point types with a presentation on Woodland and Mississippian points.

Over the next several months, a variety of speakers will visit. In March ONM ranger Lonnie Davis will speak on the history of the Monument and its excavations, followed by a tour of the artifact collection vault—an event that is not to be missed! Professor Ervan Garrison of UGA will speak in April about the uses and implications of non-invasive archaeological techniques like GPR, soil resistivity meters, and magnetometers. And the OAS’s own Jim Adams, a retired NPS underwater archaeologist, will give a presentation in June about his underwater archaeological work at Port Royal, Jamaica, a town sunk by an earthquake in 1692. The OAS will also sponsor its biannual Artifact ID Day on May 13th from 10 AM–2 PM with

John Whatley and Frankie Snow identifying prehistoric lithics and pottery, and Stephen Hammack identifying historic artifacts. We’ll also have a Primitive Skills Demonstration in May, although the date has not yet been set. The OAS’s underwater archaeological investigations will concentrate this year on steamboat remains in the Ocmulgee around Hawkinsville, though this won’t be fully underway until a few scouting dives have been made first.



Figure 1. OAS Underwater Archaeology Volunteers at Gateway Park, Macon.

**Announcement**

A new DVD on Georgia prehistory, prepared by SGA member and Lost Worlds founder Gary Daniels, is available for purchase. The DVD covers the past 4,000 years of Native American archaeology in the state, specifically focusing on six sites: the Sapelo Shell Ring complex, the Fort Mountain stone wall, Rock Eagle/Rock Hawk, Kolomoki Mounds, Ocmulgee Mounds and Etowah Mounds.

A press release for the DVD can be found at:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/1/prweb329920.htm>

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