



# Features & Profiles

*The Archaeology Society of South Carolina Quarterly Newsletter*

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## Letter From the President

Greetings Members,

As our Conference on South Carolina Archaeology approaches I would like to encourage y'all to get your friends together and head to Columbia on February 28th. This year's program will offer a number of interesting papers, a documentary on the famous nineteenth century stoneware potter Dave Drake, and in observance of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Yamasee War, Dr. Chester DePratter will provide a keynote speech on current research in Yamasee archaeology.

In addition to the normal program of presenters, I will convene a board meeting prior to lunch and invite all members to participate in the development of our tentative avocational archaeologist certification program. I've pulled together an outline similar programs operating in other states and we need to discuss how our program will be organized and conducted. This discussion leads into the second item on the meeting agenda, board member portfolios. It has become apparent that board member responsibilities, codified in the 2001 Bylaws, require some adjustment and additional positions may be necessary.

If we move forward with the certification program it may be beneficial to add a program coordinator type position to manage participant documentation and organization of workshops (on topics like: archaeological ethics, field methods, artifact identification, site form preparation, and site reporting) and outings. The Soci-

ety would also benefit from the addition of a social media and press coordinator position. Management of our website, Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr accounts requires a real time commitment and the dedication of someone who can add content, draw in potential members, and extend the Society's public outreach mission into the digital world. This position would also be responsible for promoting ASSC events like Fall Field Day, the Conference on South Carolina Archaeology, and our new Spring Knap-in.

That's right; the ASSC has added a new program to the annual calendar. Our inaugural flint knapping event will be held May 8-9. Michael Miller and Sarah Stephens are currently organizing this weekend of rock-knocking and camping. Location information is pending and details of the event will be released on our website and Facebook page.

We've also begun planning for this year's Fall Field Day. Although last November's event was unrivalled in content, weather conditions were not favorable for holding an outdoor gathering. This year's event will be held during October and be held in the Columbia Metropolitan area. We have a distinct possibility of using the nascent 12,000 Year History Park for the event, and I'll follow with more details in the next installment of the newsletter. Regardless, Fall Field Day in the state capital promises to be a memorable event.

- James Stewart

### Upcoming ASSC Events:

- Elections End February 21
- Conference February 28
- Knap-in May 8-9

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## Chapter Updates

### Beaufort

The Beaufort Chapter is pleased to announce an upcoming Spring series of speakers and events.

Feb. 12th— Thursday at 6pm Dr. Steve Smith will discuss "Francis Marion and the newest information about Fort Motte" at the Beaufort District Collection space upstairs in the Beaufort County Library, 311 Scott St., Beaufort, SC.

Feb. 28th- Saturday from 8:30am-5 pm The Annual ASSC Meeting to be held at Gambrell Hall at USC in Columbia. This year's theme is the Yamasee War which should be of particular interest to those of us in the Low Country. Check website for addition information.

March 21st- Saturday at 1pm Dr. Sue Moore and Lilith Logan explain the artifacts relating to the "Heart of the Home" exhibit (Heart of the Home; Kitchen Archaeology at Mont Repose Exhibit March 16-June 12 Beaufort District Collection).

April 23rd— Thursday at 6 pm TBA

All these wonderful meetings and events are free and open to the public; however, membership in ASSC is encouraged.

For more information contact Mary Lou Brewton at [maryloubrew@aol.com](mailto:maryloubrew@aol.com)

### Foothills

The Foothills chapter has all our members signed up for the 2015 year. Greg High, a master potter, was our speaker for January. He brought clay from the Cooper River and made a pot during the meeting. He made it look so easy and passed some of the clay around so we could get a feel of it. He described in detail the process of building pots from start to firing. Recently we have had several visitors bring in artifacts for ID, including some good finds. Our project for Green River will be in March and the Fisher Site work will begin this summer. Bob Hanselman and Richard Sawyer continue to make knives and some really nice ones. Lorene, our new president, is doing a great job and all our members contribute to the meetings. Lamar Nelson has been working for several weeks at Wofford with Professor Terry Ferguson, doing research and cataloging artifacts from the Robertson Farm Site. The material is so beautiful and the opportunity to work with Terry and PAST has been great. Some of us will be at the ASSC spring conference so see you soon.

- Lamar Nelson

### Hilton Head

This year, Rita Kernan has become the new treasurer of the Chapter. We appreciate her volunteering to take on this important responsibility, and know that she will do an excellent job. Thanks Rita. We also thank Richard Smith for his years of service as treasurer.

In January, the Chapter showed the film "The Lady of Cao," which won the Grand Prize Award in the 2014 Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival. Thanks to Jean Guilleux for providing us with this great film. In February, we will have our own Kim Cavanagh speak. Kim is the Assistant Professor of Anthropology at USCB, and has considerable field experience. Her talk will be of great interest. We are also in the process of planning field trips to local archaeological sites.

- David Gordon

### 2015 Features & Profiles Publication Schedule

Send articles, photos, ideas, and suggestions for the next issue of Features and Profiles to the Newsletter Editor, Sarah Stephens at [sastephens6@yahoo.com](mailto:sastephens6@yahoo.com), by:

Issue 1— January 31      Issue 2— April 31  
Issue 3— July 31        Issue 4— October 31

## ASSC Grants-in-Aid: Call for Proposals

The ASSC offers Grants-in-Aid up to \$1,000 to any graduate student working on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation that addresses the archaeology of South Carolina. Underwater or terrestrial projects with a focus on historic or prehistoric archaeology are applicable. Applicants must be members of the ASSC and have a committee-approved topic for thesis research. The grant application consists of: (1) a two page description of the research to be conducted, including the problem orientation or hypothesis and its significance, expected data, and methods to be employed; (2) a budget page of anticipated expenses; (3) a letter from the thesis or dissertation advisor endorsing the research project; (4) the applicant's curriculum vita; and (5) a cover letter of self-introduction and intent. Upon completion of the thesis or dissertation, the recipient is expected to submit for publication a summary article to the Society's journal *South Carolina Antiquities*. The aid of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina should be acknowledged in any publications related to the funded research.

Grants will be awarded at the Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology held 28 February 2015 in Columbia, South Carolina. **Grant proposals must be submitted by 4:00 PM on 16 February 2015.**

Send application materials either electronically (preferred) or via U.S. Postal Service to:  
Brooke Brilliant  
121 E. First Street  
Clayton, NC 27520  
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2013 Grant-In-Aid Recipient Rebecca Shepherd excavating the Mount Joseph Plantation /Fort Motte.

### How to Give:

The Grant-in-Aid Program was established to assist graduate students in their thesis or dissertation research. Funds raised during the course of the year are available on a competitive basis to graduate students, both at USC and out-of-state universities, who are working on theses or dissertations that pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina.

You may use the PayPal button on the Society's website (<http://www.assc.net>) or send a check or money order to:

ASSC Grant-in-Aid  
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Columbia SC 29202

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## Archaeological Investigation of Gadsden's Wharf at the International African American Museum Site, Charleston, South Carolina

Eric C. Poplin, Gwendolyn Moore, and Charles Philips, Brockington and Associates, Inc.

Brockington archaeologists and historians conducted archival research and archaeological investigations to determine if the proposed site of the future International African American Museum (IAAM) in Charleston lay atop Gadsden's Wharf and if wharf remnants are present at the site today. Christopher Gadsden built his wharf in 1767-1771 to handle rice and commodities shipped into and out of Charleston. It was the largest wharf on the east coast of North America at that time. The wharf originally extended from today's Calhoun Street downstream to Laurens Street, and from Washington Street to near the current edge of Charleston Harbor. The IAAM Site lies at the foot of Inspection Street, adjacent to the Charleston Maritime Center (see [www.iaamuseum.org](http://www.iaamuseum.org)). Gadsden's Wharf was the entrepot for all Africans brought to South Carolina, and most brought to the United States (over 75,000 people), who were sold into slavery during 1806-1808, the last years of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Storehouses on the wharf served as barracks for captives awaiting sale, with some people living on the wharf for months.

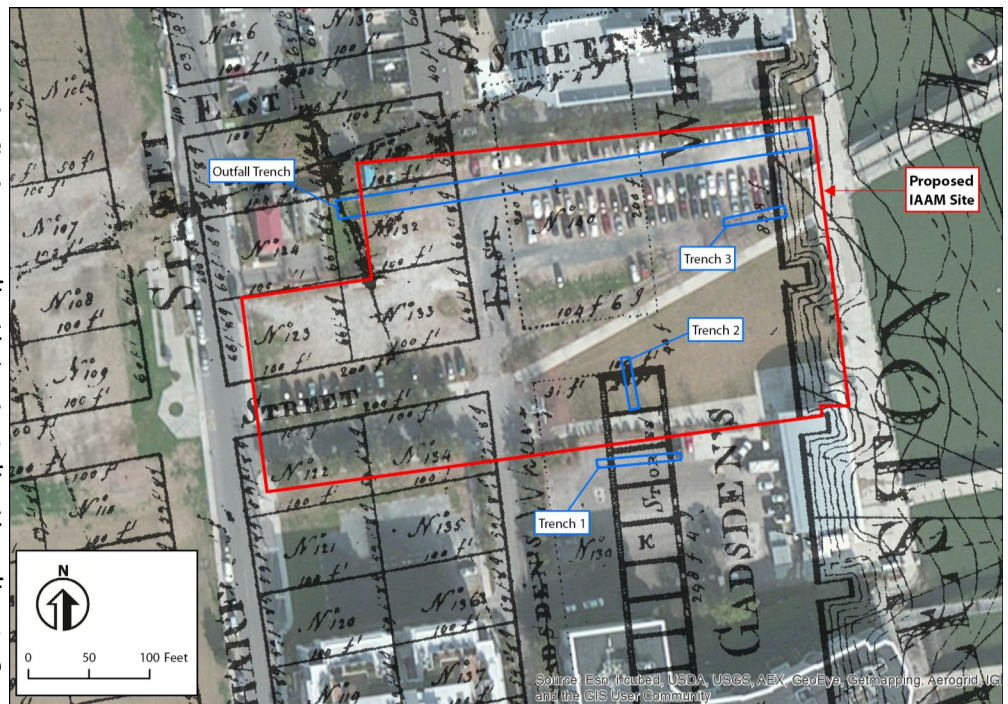


Figure 1: Plan of IAAM Site with 1795 Plat and Trench Locations

GIS georeferenced historic maps of Charleston and plats of Gadsden's property overlain on modern plats and aerial photographs of the IAAM Site indicate that the Site lies on the southern portion of Gadsden's Wharf and that a storehouse present in 1795 may be buried in the southern portion of the Site. The outer edge of the wharf also lay 75-90 ft. inland from the edge of Charleston Harbor today.

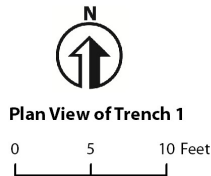
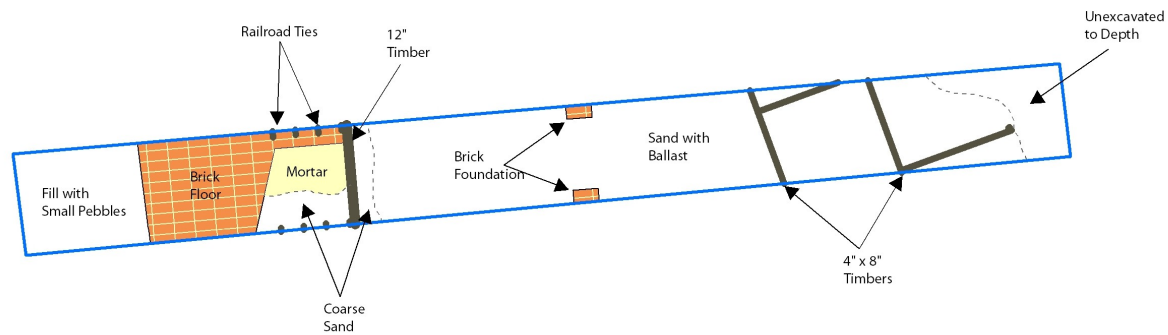


Figure 2: Trench 1- Inspecting 1795 Storehouse Floor

We selected three specific areas to test for remnants of the wharf. Brockington archaeologists and S&ME environmental consultants monitored excavations by Eadie's Construction because the fills at 1-2 ft. below the present surface could potentially be contaminated with heavy metals, petroleum distillates, and pine distillates. This portion of the wharf served as a naval stores warehouse/wharf during the 1880s-1900s and as a shipbuilding and refitting area during the 1920s-1950s. Fills were removed and handled in special manners to prevent the contamination of other areas and the excavators.

Trench 1 attempted to expose remnants of the 1795 warehouse in the Maritime Center parking lot just south of the IAAM site. This area was more accessible, had no utilities, and could be more easily restored than





the grassed lawn within the IAAM Site. Trench 1 exposed remnants of the brick foundation and brick floor of the storehouse at approximately 5 feet below the present surface (~3 feet above sea level today/~4 feet above sea level in 1800). Late 18<sup>th</sup> century/early 19<sup>th</sup> century artifacts occurred atop this floor confirming its age. This defines the approximate surface of Gadsden's Wharf in 1800.

Trench 2 attempted to expose the northern end of the storehouse within the IAAM Site. Carefully excavating in the grassed park, we encountered the substantial brick foundation and floors of the East Point Rice Mill (built by 1819 and operating until the 1870s). It was demolished by 1884. This foundation lies atop the original surface of Gadsden's Wharf and remnants of the 1795 storehouse may lie beneath it or to the south, in the area with many utilities.

Trench 3 exposed layers of fill and segments of the wooden cribbing used to build Gadsden's Wharf. The original wharf was manmade land- oyster shell and earthen fill placed in pine log cribs extending into the harbor. Based on the configuration of the fill layers, we believe that the edge of Gadsden's Wharf, though no longer extant within 8-10 feet of the present ground surface, originally stood 75-90 feet inland from the modern harbor's edge.

The IAAM designers hope to incorporate remnants of Gadsden's Wharf in to the new museum and its exhibits. Additional excavations are likely prior to Museum construction.

Acknowledgements: City of Charleston Dept. of Parks Capital Projects Division, International African American Museum, S&ME, Inc., Forsberg Engineering Inc., Eadie's Construction Inc.



Figure 3: Trench 2 Initial Excavations



## Notes from the Field: Riverland Drive Sidewalk Project

By Natalie Adams Pope, New South Associates

The South Carolina Department of Transportation and New South Associates performed an archaeological survey in the Riverland Park neighborhood of Cayce for a proposed sidewalk, which will connect two sections of the Cayce Riverwalk. This neighborhood is known to contain the remnants of the historical town of Granby and is thought to be the location of Fort Congaree II.

The survey occurred over a weekend in order to include volunteers from David Brinkman's "Granby Dig Team" who have been working over the past couple of years at his property located at the corner of Riverland Drive and Brookcliff Drive looking for evidence of the town of Granby (see [http://www.thestate.com/2012/07/13/2351890\\_history-underfoot-in-cayce.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2012/07/13/2351890_history-underfoot-in-cayce.html?rh=1)). They have found artifacts consistent with the time period that Granby was occupied (1750s to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century) and have excavated over 70 test units. David has created a website called "Finding Granby", which details his team's research (<http://historysoft.com/granby/>). He and his team have also been working with State Archaeologist Jonathan Leader to find evidence of Fort Congaree II using remote sensing and limited testing.

Chad Long and Bill Jurgelski of SCDOT, and Sarah



Figure 1. Some of the volunteers

Stephens of the SC State Historic Preservation Office assisted Natalie Adams Pope of New South Associates in directing the volunteers. These volunteers included David and Odess Brinkman; Angelica "Clover", Andrea, and Alma Robichaud; Ken Banks, Heather Hanna, D.C. Locke, and Janet Ceigler. While many of the items found in shovel tests dated to the modern era and were associated with this 1960s neighborhood, several items including olive green bottle glass, ball clay pipe fragments, and a piece of white salt glazed stoneware were recovered that date to the Granby/ Fort Congaree II period. New South Associates is currently preparing a report of this survey.



Figure 2. White Saltglazed Sherd



Figure 3. Chad Long & Bill Jurgelski Shovel Testing



## Johannes Kolb Archaeological and Educational Project

By Chris Judge, USC Lancaster

The Johannes Kolb Archaeological and Educational Project will return to the Great Pee Dee River for our 19<sup>th</sup> field season March 9-20, 2015. This year we will, among other things, open up some additional units or block excavations centered on the home site of Johannes and Sarah Kolb who lived at the site from circa 1735-1765 A.D.. The public, as always, is invited to join us any day from March 10-19<sup>th</sup> and we will host our annual Public Day at the site on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm. Folks interested in volunteering for a day or two, organizing a guided tour or school visit should contact Chris Judge by email [judge@sc.edu](mailto:judge@sc.edu). Our fund raising campaign continues and tax deductible donations are greatly needed as well as appreciated and can be made to the Diachronic Research Foundation PO Box 50394, Columbia, S.C. 29250. See our project website [38DA75.com](http://38DA75.com) to learn more.

The Kolb Site Volunteer Archaeology Lab continues most Thursdays in 2015 at the Native American Studies Center at USC Lancaster, located at 119 South Main Street, Lancaster, S.C. 29720. Call ahead of time to find out specific details 803-313-7172.

As you read this my cousin William C. Judge of *Bodhi Leaf Productions* is putting the finishing touches on an hour long video documentary of the 2013 field season at the Kolb site—titled *Square Holes: Digging the Kolb Site*. This project was funded in part by a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, Dr. Walter F. Judge, and Bodhi Leaf Productions. We hope to have copies available for sale by the time of the fieldwork in March along with our attractive t-shirts and baseball caps.



Sean Taylor Talking with the Public.



David Gordon Troweling a Unit.

### ASSC Board Elections

It is time to vote for ASSC members to fill the positions of  
2 Board Members-at-Large, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### Nominations:

Don Rosick, Chris Gillam, and Stacey Young for Board Members-at-Large  
Rebecca Shepherd for Secretary  
Michael Miller for Treasurer

Please vote by **February 21st** at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GK2XBJ5>

## 2015 Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology

**Date:** Saturday February 28th, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 AM, doors open at 8:30 AM

**Location:** Gambrell Hall, Room 153  
University of South Carolina, Columbia

This year's conference commemorates the 300th anniversary of the Yamasee War and will also feature presentations on current archaeological research in the state.

The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Chester DePratter from the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina. Come hear his discussion on the Yamasee War in South Carolina!

There will also be a special screening of one of the 2014 Arkhais Film Festival award winning films: *Discovering Dave: Spirit Captured in Clay*. The documentary, produced by Mark Albertin and George Wingard, revolves around the story of the Edgefield, SC slave potter named David Drake who used his skills as a craftsman to create pottery during the turbulent 1800s.

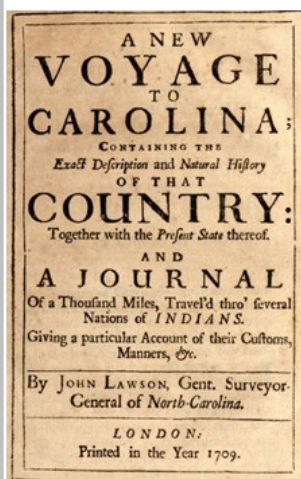
View the trailer at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKjJyAlOwN4>

**Current ASSC Members are admitted FREE of charge.**

Admission is \$10 for nonmembers, with a reduced rate of \$5 for seniors and students.

For more information and the preliminary program, please visit our website at:

<http://www.assc.net/events/annual-conference>



**UPCOMING LECTURE:**  
**The Lawson Trek: A Newer Voyage to Carolina**  
by Scott Huler  
MARCH 26, 2015 7:00pm  
Bundy Auditorium  
University of South Carolina  
Lancaster

Englishman John Lawson's journey of 1700-1701 provided the first scientific descriptions of the Carolinas. His resulting book cataloged

everything from flora and fauna to the native populations and their languages and practices. Considering "the Latitude and convenient Situation of Carolina," he wrote, "our Reason would inform us, that such a place lay fairly to be a delicious Country."

Now over 300 years later someone is walking in John Lawson's footsteps. Come hear first-hand about the trek – as Trekker and writer Scott Huler and a changing cast of scientists, historians, and anybody else who

wants to join in -- retraces Lawson's trek through what is now a better known -- but still delicious -- country. Huler will be tracing Lawson's path through Lancaster in late March and has agreed to stop long enough to fill us in before he moves onward along the trail.

The author of six books of nonfiction, Scott Huler has written on everything from the death penalty to bikini waxing, from NASCAR racing to the stealth bomber, for such newspapers as the New York Times and the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and such magazines as Backpacker, Fortune, and ESPN. His award-winning radio work has been heard on "All Things Considered" and "Day to Day" on National Public Radio and on "Marketplace" and "Splendid Table" on American Public Media. He has been a staff writer for the Philadelphia Daily News and the Raleigh News & Observer and a staff reporter and producer for Nashville Public Radio. He was the founding and managing editor of the Nashville City Paper. He has taught at such colleges as Berry College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more Information and to follow the trek through Scott's blog: <http://www.lawsontrek.com/>.





## SCIAA Maritime Research Division Forecast:

### 2015 will be another wet one

By Nate Fulmer, SCIAA MRD

2014 was a very active year at the SCIAA Maritime Research Division and we aren't going to be letting up in 2015. The MRD began the year with the addition of a new staff member and we're already looking forward to another full slate of research endeavors, field projects, and public outreach events.

In January, we welcomed Daniel Brown as the project underwater archaeologist for our new SC-BOEM Cooperative Agreement to study bottom habitats, paleolandscapes, and historic shipwrecks in potential Wind Energy Areas offshore of Myrtle Beach and Winyah Bay. Based in Columbia, Dan will undertake research and participate in remote sensing and diving operations as part of the study. We look forward to working with Dan during the course of this two-year project, along with our other partners—SC Sea Grant Consortium, SC Energy Office, Coastal Carolina University, Earth Sciences and Resources Institute at USC Columbia, and our sponsoring agency the Office of Renewable Energy Programs at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

In addition to the SC-BOEM project offshore, the Division is going to be quite busy underwater throughout the state again this year. Both MRD offices in Charleston and Columbia will be closed intermittently starting in March as we begin the first dive ops of the field season in preparation for the recovery of several cannons that were thrown overboard from the CSS Pee Dee in the Great Pee Dee River during the waning days of the Civil War. In April and May, we anticipate another four weeks of survey and dive operations to complete the ongoing investiga-

tion of the Charleston Harbor Stone Fleets. And in June, the MRD crew will return to Beaufort County to investigate possible underwater components of an historic Yemassee settlement in cooperation with Dr. Chester DePratter.

The first MRD Wing Night event of 2015 will be Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kickin' Chicken in West Ashley and March Wing Night will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at the British Bulldog in Columbia. Following Ashley Deming's recent departure, we're looking forward to welcoming a new Education and Outreach Coordinator in the Charleston Field Office in the coming months. We will post more information online over the course of each of the projects mentioned above, so make sure to bookmark the [MRD website](#) or like [The Maritime Research Division](#) page on Facebook if you'd like to follow the action. MRD staff will be attending the annual ASSC conference in Columbia later this month and we hope to see you there!



MRD Head Jim Spirek prepares to splash during the Stone Fleets survey project last spring. The Division will complete the survey in April and May.

# Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology

## February 28, 2015



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#### **Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Inc.**

c/o Sarah Stephens  
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West Columbia, SC 29169

### **Archaeological Society of South Carolina Membership Application**

PLEASE PRINT: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renew Membership\*

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### **About the Society**

The Society is assisted and supported by the Office of State Archaeology, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, and also works closely with the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists. The Society is chartered and operates under State Law as a non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

### **Membership Information**

ASSC members receive an annual copy of the journal, *South Carolina Antiquities*, the quarterly newsletter *Features & Profiles*, along with free entry to events such as our annual archaeological conference.

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