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Archaeology Month 2020



Virtual Archaeology Month: October is Archaeology Month in South Carolina and this year it's gone virtual! Check out the links throughout the newsletter to see the archaeology themed content being offered online all month long.

Letter from the President

My Fellow Society Members,

As we continue in this strange year of the COVID-19 virus, we are beginning to learn new ways to both do archaeology and to engage in public archaeological outreach. While most of our events in the past have focused on hands-on, face-to-face meetings, we have discovered that we can successfully function—and even flourish—using virtual technology. October is traditionally Archaeology Month in South Carolina, and we normally have numerous events where people get together and actually look at artifacts and sites as part of learning about the rich archaeological past of our state.

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This year, there will be many activities for Archaeology Month, but they will be virtual. While we may miss the opportunity to get together and see real artifacts and actual sites, the fact that most of this material will be available through the Internet means that we can each participate in more activities and see more good archaeological content than we normally would when we would have to travel to the location of an event. For many years, our Society has hosted Fall Field Day, in which we have had artifact displays, technology demonstrations, and site tours when possible. This year, Fall Field Day will be virtual, and will consist of numerous video presentations which will be made available throughout the entire month.

These presentations will deal with many different aspects of South Carolina archaeology, including in particular the participation of avocational archaeologists in doing important research. The postings will be going up all month, so it is possible to come back repeatedly to see new material. You can find this material and updates on the Society's **Facebook page** or at **www.archaeologysc.org**.

Another important event this month is the Arkhaiois Film Festival, which is 5 October through 11 October. This year, Arkhaiois will be online and free, which will be great for those of us who are not in Columbia. You can find the link to Arkhaiois on the Society's **Facebook page** or the **website**. We are also looking at using virtual meeting technology to open up Society-sponsored speaker presentations to a much wider audience. For instance, the Hilton Head Chapter has for years hosted archaeologists to make presentations on their excavations and other research. The Chapter is now holding these meetings virtually and will begin making it possible for others outside the Hilton Head area to attend. We are planning to set up other state-wide speaker programs as well.

We hope that everyone will be able to share in this abundance of virtual archaeological resources while we are still restricted by the virus, and we hope to continue many of these initiatives even after the restrictions are reduced or lifted. Enjoy Archaeology Month!

-Dave Gordon, *President*

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2020 Virtual Fall Field Day



Each fall the Archaeological Society of South Carolina sponsors a free gathering of archaeologists, prehistoric and historic skills demonstrators, story tellers and more who present how the people of South Carolina's distant past experienced their daily lives through work, play, food, and community. This year we invite you to join us for our Virtual Fall Field Day! Throughout the month of October, archaeologists from across South Carolina will be sharing videos, interviews, and stories about archaeology in the state. This year's archaeology month theme will highlight the important contributions of avocational archaeologists to archaeological research in South Carolina.

Look forward to Archaeology Month Virtual Content from:

Chris Judge-USC-Lancaster Native American Studies Center
South Carolina Archaeology Public Outreach Division (SCAPOD)
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)
Fuz Sanderson, Piedmont Earthskills Gathering
And more!

To follow along, simply like our **Facebook page** and keep an eye on our **website!**

Catch up on What We've Posted

Click the links below to view some of the videos we've shared already:

Kolb Archaeology Site
Brookgreen Archaeological Dig

Arkhaios Film Festival

The Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival is in its 8th year, but for the first time a virtual festival.

The Arkhaios Virtual Edition allows for all the films to be available for viewing all the time during the week of the festival, from Monday, 5 October @ 9 am through Sunday, 11 October @ 11:59 pm. Go to the Arkhaios festival [site](#) and enjoy the free festival at your leisure!

While checking out the festival, make sure to view South Carolina's contribution, **The Ring People**, to learn more about ancient South Carolinians who built the monumental shell rings on our coast.



About the Film

Forty centuries ago, ancient natives left their mark on the landscape of coastal South Carolina. Today, archaeologists from SCDNR, a dozen universities and the National Park Service search for clues to our earliest known coastal dwellers.

The story takes viewers to remote sites as scientists discover the ancient South Carolinians who built monumental rings of shell.

Perhaps our best clue to who they were is the many rings of shell they left behind. Whether the shells were placed deliberately or merely discarded into a midden is unknown, but "The Ring People" visits these rings, along with other remote sites, as scientists strive to understand more about these people and their place in our story. Directed by Anthony Koelker.

SC Avocational Site Database

In honor of this year's Archaeology Month theme, Avocational Archaeology, the ASSC has added a page to our [website](#) dedicated to information about the South Carolina Avocational Site Form. To help us celebrate this month, we encourage our members to spread the word about the Avocational Site Form, submit a form themselves, or help an Avocationalist to complete the form.

The South Carolina Avocational Site Database (SCASD) is a resource available to and designed for avocational archaeologists. The impetus and final form of this program came from discussions between avocational, professional, academic, non-profit, and for-profit organizations and private individuals.

Visit the [State Archaeologist](#) page for more information along with access to the SC Avocational Site Form (found at the bottom of the page).

Questions regarding the site form can be sent to Avocational.Site.Database@gmail.com. Request for assistance or questions on related matters can be sent to SC State Archaeologist **Jonathan Leader, PhD**.

What Information Do You Need to Complete the Form?

- GPS Coordinates
- Site Location (How to find it)
- Landowner Information
- Site Description (How big is it and how was it identified?)
- Artifact Description (What did you find?)

If you have any additional questions about completing the form, please check out the **[Avocational Site Form Reporting Manual](#)**.

Call for Submissions: *South Carolina Antiquities*

South Carolina Antiquities is published annually by the Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC). Society members and non-members alike are invited to contribute articles to the 2020 issue. We need articles, book reviews, and “Notes from the Field” submissions. Articles can range from research, syntheses or discussion pieces of a topic relevant to archaeology, or the reporting of interesting archaeological discoveries. Book reviews can cover any archaeologically relevant book, which may include history books of relevance to historic or prehistoric archaeology. “Notes from the Field” contributions are short (1-3 page) summaries of current or recent fieldwork or research in South Carolina archaeology and/or history.

Please submit research articles directly to the Journal Editor. Submissions to the journal are subject to peer review and to the discretion of the editor. Manuscripts submitted for review should conform to the style guide published in *American Antiquities* (April 1983, vol. 48, no. 2). All submitted materials should preferably be submitted in up to date digital formats. Should anyone have physical copies of materials that need to be digitized for publication, please email the Journal Editor for assistance and/or guidance. Digital figures should be submitted as individual JPEG files with a minimum of 300 dpi. The journal is now accepting figures in full color. Please email the Journal Editor, Joe Wilkinson at jwilkinson.usc17@gmail.com or archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com if you have any questions. He looks forward to receiving your submissions.



ASSC Grant-in-Aid

The ASSC sponsors the Grant-in-Aid program to provide financial assistance to graduate students working on research topics that focus on archaeological investigations in South Carolina. Grant-in-Aid funding is used to assist graduate students working on theses or dissertations that pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina at both in-state and out-of-state universities. Funds from several hundred to one thousand dollars are available on a competitive basis to graduate students.

The ASSC Grant-in-Aid program has helped provide \$29,000 over the past 28 years to help support more than 51 student research projects in the state of South Carolina. This program would not be possible without the long-term support of our society members. If you would like to donate to Grant-in-Aid, visit our donation page for more details: <https://archaeologysc.org/grant-in-aid-program/donate-to-grant-in-aid/>.

The Grant-in-Aid Committee is looking for recipients for next year's grant. If you know a graduate student working on a thesis or dissertation pertaining to the archaeology of South Carolina at an in-state or out-of-state university, please encourage them to apply for funding from Grant-in-Aid.

ASSC Membership

. The 2020 Membership rates are as follows:

Individual: \$25
Student: \$15
Senior: \$15
Family: \$30
Senior Family: \$25
Life: \$500
Institutional: \$100

You can pay your dues one of four ways:

- **Through your local chapter**
- **Through Paypal, via the instructions on our website: <https://archaeologysc.org/about/membership/>**
- **By mailing a check to:**

Archaeology Society of South Carolina
 PO Box 1357
 Columbia, SC 29202

ASSC Executive Board Call for Nominations

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC) has several board positions that will be up for elections this Fall. If you are interested in being part of the ASSC, please send us an email to archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

Please indicate which position you would like to be volunteer for in the email. You may also nominate an individual to be on the board. Please include their name and board position.

Positions available:

Secretary

Treasurer

Board member

Brief Role Description:

Secretary: Maintain detailed notes of board meetings, help maintain the society's membership, assist with events, and keep website information up to date.

Treasurer: Oversee general accounting and membership renewals. Assist with mail, merchandise, publications, and events.

ASSC Board Member: Help organize our annual conference and Fall Field Day along with providing assistance with any of the society's projects.

All board members typically meet six times a year to discuss plans and organize events.

If you have any questions about the positions, please feel free to contact us at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

Submit Your Announcements and Events

If you have an announcement or event that you would like included in an upcoming issue, please email us at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

Archaeology Month 2020

October is Archaeology month in South Carolina! Archaeology Month in South Carolina began in 1991 and is celebrated with educational opportunities to learn about archaeology across our state. These events and programs are developed by dedicated professionals, avocationists, and organizations in order to bring our state's prehistoric and historic past to life for all ages. Through such public outreach efforts, the archaeological community hopes to build regional and local public support for the preservation of our Native American, African, and European heritage. This year's archaeology month theme is highlighting the important contributions of avocational archaeologists to archaeological research in South Carolina.

Archaeology Month Events

Drayton Hall

Part 3: Who was Enslaved at Drayton Hall?

October 8, 2020

5:00 PM

In part 3 of the webinar series, Curator Amber Satterthwaite will share more details about the enslaved community at Drayton Hall based on her research into the diaries of Charles Drayton and other supporting documents. This program will explore material culture associated with enslaved individuals in the diaries as well as archaeological artifacts and how all of this information provides greater insight into the lives of the men, women, and children who lived at Drayton Hall and on other properties.

Drayton Hall

The 1619 Project at Jamestown

October 15, 2020

5:00 pm

Join Drayton Hall's archaeologists for a virtual visit from Dave Givens of Jamestown Rediscovery Project to discuss the 1619 Project at historic Jamestown. This presentation highlights the latest work of the Rediscovery team – the excavations in the 1617 church, where Virginia's first General Assembly met in 1619. The discussion will include the search to identify a high-status individual and the efforts to commemorate the space in 2019.

USC Lancaster, Native American Studies Center
Columbus Day Controversy Panel Discussion and Press Conference
October 12, 2020
12 PM – 1:30 PM

USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center will host a virtual press conference and panel discussion on the growing controversy over Columbus Day celebrations and Columbus statues. Pre-registration for this Zoom event is required. Registrants will receive the Meeting ID and Passcode 24 hours before the event. To register, send an email to usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu.

New South Associates
Coffee with an Archaeologist: "Mortuary Archaeology" with Dr. Matt Matternes
October 14, 2020
11:00 AM

New South Associates and the USA Archaeology Museum are collaborating to bring New South's Dr. Matt Matternes to talk about mortuary archaeology on October 14th. Registration for this free virtual talk begins on October 1st.

Arkhaivos Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival
Arkhaivos 2020 Virtual Edition
October 5- October 11, 2020

The 8th annual free film festival will be held virtually this year. Arkhaivos is an educational event to showcase the discovery of past cultures gained from ethnological or archaeological research and illustrated by documentary films. The festival will present films from around the world, half of them for the first time in the USA. You can watch each film, one time, at your convenience throughout the week of the festival.

The 2020 International Archaeology Day is October 17 and groups across the world are celebrating all month long. Visit the Archaeological Institute of America website for a list of **International Archaeology Day Events.**

Follow for More Updates

Follow the Archaeological Society of South Carolina-Hilton Head Chapter for more updates.



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ASSC Foothills Chapter

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About the Chapter

Formally organized in 1998, the Foothills Chapter serves the Greenville-Spartanburg-Pickens area and boasts a membership of about 25. In addition to regular meetings, chapter members enthusiastically participate in archaeological site surveys, “road trips” to projects in progress, and spread the word about upper South Carolina history and pre-history via talks and demonstrations with area School and civic organizations. Membership in the Foothills Chapter is open to all who have an interest in studying, recording, and preserving South Carolina historic and prehistoric remains.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Foothills Chapter are held at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Spartanburg Community College Tyger River Campus BMW Center, 210 Commerce Court, Duncan, SC – Room 308.

ASSC Hilton Head Chapter

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Monthly Meetings

Chapter monthly meetings are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from September to May, except for December when the Christmas Social is normally held early in the month. Meetings are held at the Hilton Head Coastal Discovery Museum on Honey Horn Plantation in the Discovery House.

Issues of the Hilton Head Chapter monthly newsletter, *Island Archaeology*, are available **online**.

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Archaeological Society of South Carolina Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT: ___ New Membership ___ Renew Membership*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership Level Desired:

___ Individual: \$25 ___ Student: \$15 ___ Senior: \$15

___ Family: \$30 ___ Senior Family: \$25 ___ Life: \$500

___ Institutional: \$100

Please make checks to:

Archaeological Society of South Carolina.

Mail to: Ashley Stewart, Society Treasurer

P.O. Box 1357 Columbia, SC 29202

*Membership renewal is also available online at

<https://archaeologysc.org/membership/> through PayPal.

About the Society

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina operates under State and Federal Law as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible. The Society is assisted and supported by the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, the University of South Carolina, and the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists.

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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