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# Features & Profiles

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina Quarterly Newsletter

## 47th Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology Introduction



**ASSC Conference Introduction.** *The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology was held virtually on the ASSC YouTube channel with a Welcome and Introduction from President David Gordon. See inside this issue for links to this year's presentations.*

## Letter from the President

**My Fellow Society Members and Friends,**

Our 2021 Annual Archaeology Conference was held virtually this year due to Covid and was quite a success. Thanks to all the archaeologists who presented their work, and thanks to Rebecca Shepherd, Savannah Hulon, Keely Lewis-Schroer, Jessica Cooper, and Bach Pham, our Technomeister, who worked hard to organize the presentations and make the event a success. A great thing about having the Conference virtually is that it did not end in February; all the presentations are on our YouTube channel, and people continue to view them, so if you missed something it is still available.

As Covid restrictions continue to be eased, we are getting ready to move back into face-to-face events. Fall Field Day will be held as an in-person event on September 25th at the 12,000 Year Park in Cayce, so come out to see and touch archaeology once again. More to follow.

One initiative we have begun is to make the Society a clearinghouse for information on opportunities for volunteer archaeological work. Those of you who are running digs, labs, and other projects where volunteers are needed can send the particulars to us and we will make them available on the website and the Newsletter. Please send the information to our contact email: [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com).

## About the Society

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I want to welcome Nina Schreiner to the ASSC Executive Committee as our new Secretary. Nina is already showing herself to be an enthusiastic asset to our Society. Nina, thanks for volunteering for a demanding job. And thanks to Ashley Stewart for volunteering to continue as our Treasurer.

I also want to thank Rebecca Shepherd, who has been our secretary for a number of years. She did an outstanding job in that position, and we greatly appreciate her and what she's done for the Society. Thanks Becca!

Finally, Brent Burgin has decided it is time for him to step down as our Archivist. Brent has meticulously overhauled, preserved and organized the over fifty years' worth of material of the history of our Society in a thorough and exemplary manner. I've known Brent for several years, and I appreciate him as both a valued friend and as an example of how to be a dedicated and hardworking professional. Thanks Brent!

So, I hope to see many of you at Fall Field Day. In the meantime, renew your memberships, and let's get back to work!

**-Dave Gordon, President**

## Thank You!

A special thank you from the ASSC to this year's Conference keynote speaker, Dr. David Cranford, Assistant State Archaeologist at the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology.

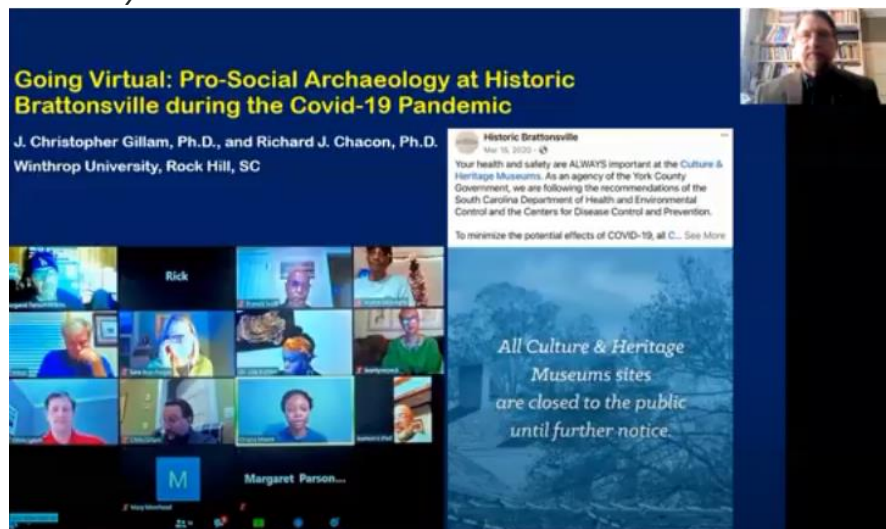
Dr. Cranford's keynote presentation highlighted the North Carolina Fish Weir Archaeological Project, a collaborative effort to record stone fish weirs in North Carolina and the broader southeastern region.

## 2021 ASSC Conference

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held virtually for the first time in ASSC's history on March 13, 2021. The ASSC commends this year's presenters who adapted to the new format and provided engaging and timely updates on archaeology in the Carolinas. The conference premiered on the ASSC's **YouTube channel** and reached an audience of over 300 people. If you missed this year's conference, the presentations will be archived on the Society's channel and are still available for viewing online through the links below.

### Going Virtual: Pro-Social Archaeology at Historic Brattonsville during the COVID-19 Pandemic

*J. Christopher Gillam, Ph.D. and Richard J. Chacon, Ph.D., Winthrop University*



### Using pXRF to Source Ceramic Artifacts: Low-fired Earthenware from Brookgreen

*Alexis Widdifield, Graduate Student, Coastal Carolina University*



### The Practice and Technology of Fishing in Charleston, South Carolina

Elizabeth J. Reitz, Georgia Museum of Natural History and Martha A. Zierden, The Charleston Museum

#### The Practice and Technology of Fishing in Charleston, South Carolina

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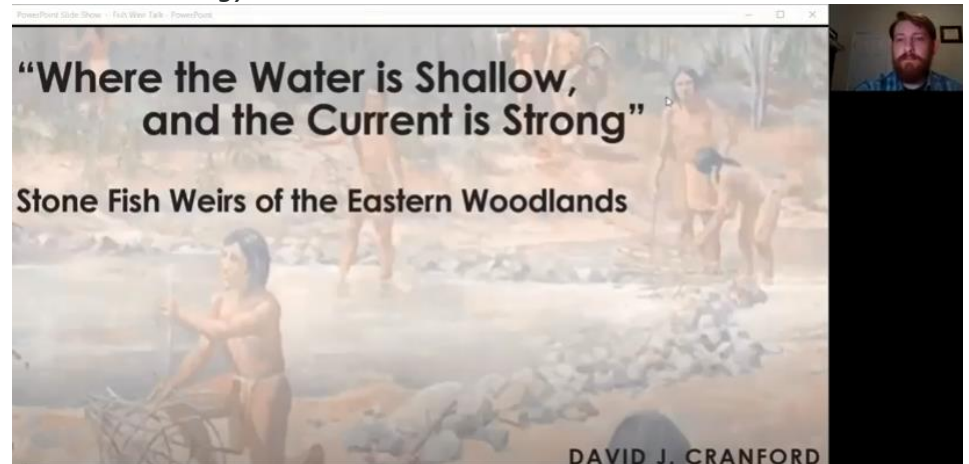
Martha A. Zierden, The Charleston Museum,  
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47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology, 3/13/2021



### North Carolina Fish Weir Archaeological Project

Dr. David Cranford, Assistant State Archaeologist, North Carolina Office of State Archaeology





# ASSC Executive Board Members 2021

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## ASSC Announcements

Following this year's elections, the ASSC is welcoming Nina Schreiner as secretary for the ASSC's Executive Board.

Nina Schreiner, MA, RPA is a PhD student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Carolina. Her dissertation research investigates social and ideological frameworks of nineteenth-century artifact collecting, as well as the legacies of historical private collections for stakeholders in the present. Before relocating to South Carolina, Nina worked on CRM projects across Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Her board service at the Neville House, a National Historic Landmark near Pittsburgh, inspired her return to academia in 2019. She looks forward to engaging with the SC archaeological community through her role as Secretary.



## Thank You for Your Service

The ASSC Executive Board will be losing two invaluable members this year and would like to extend its sincerest gratitude for the years of service and dedication to ASSC by:



### Brent Burgin

ASSC Archivist since 2014 and recipient of the 2018 ASSC Distinguished Archaeologist of the Year Award

### Rebecca Shepherd

ASSC Secretary since 2014



## Tommy Charles Receives the Order of the Palmetto

On June 2, 2021, longtime ASSC member Tommy Charles was awarded the highest civilian honor in SC by Governor Henry McMaster—The Order of the Palmetto. Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette presented the award in a statehouse ceremony attended by 50 family, friends and colleagues.



## South Carolina Antiquities 2020 Update

The 2020 issue of *South Carolina Antiquities* is being printed and will be sent out to all 2020 ASSC Members this summer.

## 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 2021 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](mailto:jwilkinson.usc17@gmail.com) or [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com) if you have any questions. He looks forward to receiving your submissions.



## ASSC Membership Renewals

Please don't forget to send in your membership renewals by mail or through our [website](#).

Renewing your membership is essential to supporting the initiatives and programming of ASSC and continuing to stay an active member of the Society.

## 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 reviewing applications for the 2021 ASSC Grant-in-Aid award and will be announcing this year's recipient soon. The graduate student research project will be highlighted in the next edition of Features & Profiles so check back in to learn more about the research that Grant-in-Aid is helping to fund.**

## ASSC Membership

The 2021 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



## Submit Your Announcements and Events

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

## Archaeology News and Events

### **Mounds, Mortars and Mysteries: Mississippian Period Archaeology in the Wateree Valley- A.D. 1200-1670**

**Horry County Museum, Conway, SC**

*July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm*

Christopher Judge will present on how recent investigations along the Wateree River, combined with a synthesis of information about the region, has led to a more informed understanding of the vibrant Native American societies living there prior to European contact and colonization. This slide illustrated lecture will share information on the sites, artifacts, foodways and rich culture of South Carolina Native Americans.

### **Battle of Huck's Defeat**

**Historic Brattonsville, McConnells, SC**

*July 10<sup>th</sup>*

Historic interpreters, costumed volunteers, and volunteer reenactors will lead a living history reenactment that centers on the Battle of Huck's Defeat and the nature of the American Revolution in the Carolina Piedmont. The event will include a musket firing demo, 18<sup>th</sup> century cooking, 18<sup>th</sup> century laundry, blacksmithing, and tours of on-going historic preservation of the original Bratton family house.

### **Archaeology Summer Camp**

**Walnut Grove Plantation, Roebuck, SC**

*July 26<sup>th</sup>- July 30<sup>th</sup>*

This summer camp includes a hands-on exploration into the field of archaeology including learning about artifacts typically found in the area and archaeological excavation methods.

### **Curator Talk: Archaeology at the Heyward-Washington House with Curator of Historical Archaeology Martha Zierden**

**Charleston Museum, Charleston, SC**

*August 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am*

The Charleston Museum's Heyward-Washington House was built in 1772 however, the robust archaeological materials recovered from the property tell a much longer and varied tales, including two 18<sup>th</sup> century occupations and households before the Heywards. Curator of Historical Archaeology Martha Zierden will describe the archaeological features of the property and share artifacts from the many occupations.

### **Virtual Lunch and Learn: Applying Digital Image Analysis on Lowcountry Colonoware**

**Native American Studies Center, Lancaster, SC**

*July 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm*

Building on past archaeological research, documenting the diversity in recovered colonoware, archaeologists Jon Marcoux and Corey Sattes discuss new methods for studying colonoware and the intentional choices made by potters when making these vessels. To register, send your email to [usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu).

## Updates from the ASSC Hilton Head Chapter



The Hilton Head Chapter has had a busy Spring notwithstanding Covid. In the Fall of 2020, we began having our monthly Chapter lecture meetings virtually. We continued our virtual meetings in the Spring 2021, with Katherine Parker presenting on stills and bootleggers in Hell Hole Swamp in January. In February, Martha Zierden gave us a presentation on Archaeology, People and Exchange in Colonial Charleston. In March, Jean Guilleux presented the film, "Neanderthal: The Mystery of the Bruniquel Cave," which was a prize winner at the Arkhaios Film Festival. In April, our speaker was Karen Smith, who talked about Thoms Creek pottery in the context of the excavations at Pockoy Island. We closed out the Spring with field trip on June 16th to visit Martha Zierden at the Charleston Museum. We hope to resume our regular meetings in September with face-to-face meetings.



In the community, the Chapter has been working for several years with Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island to create a passive park at the Ford Shell Rings site. The Town Council has voted to enter into a joint management agreement with Beaufort County, largely because of the efforts of Rita Kernan, our Chapter Treasurer. The County and the Town recently voted unanimously to share construction and maintenance of the Ford Shell Ring Preserve on Squire Pope Road. Our Chapter will use the funds in the Robert Campbell Memorial Fund to pay for interpretative signage in the park.

## Follow for More Updates

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



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## ASSC Foothills Chapter

### Current Board Officers

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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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Treasurer: Rita Kernan, [rakhhi@aol.com](mailto:rakhhi@aol.com)

Newsletter Editor: George Stubbs

### 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](#).



### Features and Profiles

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**PLEASE PRINT:** \_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_ Renew Membership\*

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### Membership Level Desired:

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

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\*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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