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Features & Profiles

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina Quarterly Newsletter

Letter from the President

Greetings ASSC members!

I hope your 2023 is off to a good start! The ASSC board has been gearing up for our 49th Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology, to be held at Gambrell Hall on the University of South Carolina Columbia campus on February 18th. This year's theme, "Women in South Carolina Archaeology", will highlight the contributions and experiences of women archaeologists. In lieu of our typical keynote presentation, we will host a panel made up of six women with a wide range of knowledge and experience, all of whom have contributed to South Carolina archaeology. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for posts highlighting some of our panelists and send us any questions or topics that you'd like to hear discussed. The panel discussion will be moderated by Dr. Kelly Goldberg of the University of South Carolina.

While at the conference, make sure to renew your membership for 2023! You can also renew by going to the Membership page on our website and choosing your membership level, or by mailing a check to The Archaeological Society of SC, PO Box 1357, Columbia, SC 29202. If your contact information has changed, please email us at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com to let us know.

If you don't already, please follow our Facebook page to stay up to date on our events and other South Carolina archaeological events that we are proud to promote! I hope to see you many of you on February 18th to learn, socialize, and celebrate the incredible "trowel-blazing" women who have had a role in shaping South Carolina archaeology.

Savannah Hulon
ASSC President

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49th Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology

Saturday, February 18th, 2023

**Gambrell Hall, University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC**

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina is excited to announce that the theme for this year's conference will be:

Women in South Carolina Archaeology

This year, the 49th annual conference will honor the legacies and ongoing contributions of the many women who have shaped South Carolina archaeology. Presentations will highlight the past and present experiences of women in archaeology, the contributions of women to notable archaeological projects, current research exploring gender, sex, and sexuality in the archaeological record, and memorials of pioneering women in archaeology who are no longer with us.

2023 marks the 48th anniversary of the first woman-authored CRM report filed in South Carolina, written by Susan Jackson at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology in 1976. Since then, women have contributed greatly to every aspect of archaeology in South Carolina. Educational and professional institutions in South Carolina, led by preeminent, award-winning women, have produced increasing rates of exceptional women archaeologists who are now part of the growing majority of professional women working in archaeology across the Southeast.

In the spirit of highlighting the diverse experiences of women in archaeology, this year's conference will feature a panel of significant women in South Carolina archaeology who will bring a wide range of perspectives and experiences to the topic.

Please continue to visit the ASSC **Facebook page** for updates and more information about each of the panelists in the coming

weeks. You can also submit your own questions for the panel on Facebook, or send them to archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

As always, this year's conference will also include presentations and posters featuring the latest research and accomplishments of the South Carolina archaeological community.

The ASSC will announce this year's recipients of the Lifetime Achievement in Archaeology award and the Avocational Archaeologist of the Year awards at the conference, as well as incoming members of the ASSC Executive Board.

Conference registration is included for all ASSC members. Non-members attendees can preregister for the conference online at the [ASSC website](#).

Sincere thanks to all of the presenters and participants in this year's Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology!

Extended Deadline for Paper and Poster Submissions

There is still time to submit your conference papers and posters! As there is limited space still available for presenters, the ASSC is extending the deadline for submissions to **February 1st, 2023**. Submissions should be sent to the ASSC via email at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

Financial Assistance for Poster Presenters

The South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology has generously offered to cover printing expenses for **any student** presenting a poster at the conference. Students presenters may submit requests along with their poster abstracts to archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

ASSC Announcements

Time to Renew!

As we move into the new year, now is a great time for ASSC members to renew their memberships for 2023. Membership renewal is available online through the [ASSC website](#). There will also be opportunities to easily renew memberships at the Annual Conference in February.

The 2023 Membership rates are as follows:

Individual: \$25

Student: \$15

Senior: \$15

Family: \$30

Senior Family: \$20

Life: \$500

Institutional: \$100

Instructions for renewing via mail can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please contact the ASSC at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Thank you to all ASSC members for your continued support!

Membership Contact Information

While renewing your ASSC membership this year, please contact the board at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com if your address or email address has recently changed. Updating your contact information will ensure that you receive the journal, newsletter, and all other ASSC communications.

Applying for Grant-in-Aid Funding

As of 2023, the ASSC is accepting applications for Grant-in-Aid funding **on a rolling basis**. Students may now apply for and receive grants at any time.

Visit the **ASSC website** for more information on how to apply and requirements for recipients.

South Carolina Avocational Site Database

Do you or does someone you know have archaeological finds on your property or know of a possible archaeological site? Do you wish to have them identified, documented, or mapped for future research, or to simply add to South Carolina's archaeological record? The South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology has you covered. Find more information on how to document your archaeological finds and site using the Avocational Site Database [here](#), or email us at Avocational.Site.Database@gmail.com.

Don Rosick Graduate Student Grant-in-Aid Fund

The ASSC sponsors the Don Rosick Graduate Student Grant-in-Aid fund to provide financial assistance to graduate students conducting research on South Carolina archaeology. Grant-in-Aid funding is awarded to graduate students at both in-state and out-of-state institutions whose theses or dissertations pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina. Awards of up to \$1,000 dollars are available to graduate students on a competitive basis.

Thank You for Your Donations

The Grant-in-Aid program has provided over \$30,000 in the past **30** years to support more than 53 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 the Grant-in-Aid fund, please visit [our donation page](#) for more details.

Thank you to all of our valuable donors whose contributions to the ASSC support programs like the Grant-in-Aid fund, and of course, thank you to Don Rosick.

Grant-in-Aid Recipients

Congratulations to the two most recent recipients of Grant-in-Aid funding:

Angelina Towery-Tomasura is pursuing her M.A. in Anthropology at the University of South Carolina. Her research interests include historical archaeology, community engagement, displacement, and landscapes of memory. Her Grant-in-Aid award will support her research on Daufuskie Island, where she is working on a collaborative project to restore and protect cemetery landscapes of cultural significance to the Gullah community.

Derrick Maurer is a graduate student at Florida State University, where he is pursuing his M.S. in Anthropology. His research focuses on the archaeological study of prostitution and what material culture can tell us about the people and places involved in sex work on an individual level. His Grant-in-Aid award will support his research on archaeological materials from 18th and 19th century residential sites in Charleston, South Carolina that are potentially associated with sex work.

We look forward to hearing more about their research projects!

Submit Your Announcements and Events

If you have an announcement or event that you would like to be included in the next *Features & Profiles*, please email us at archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com.

Archaeology News & Events

Symposium on the Search for Stuarts Town Project

USC Beaufort Center for the Arts Auditorium, Beaufort, SC

February 4th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Archaeologists from the Search for Stuarts Town, the project to look for evidence of the lost Scottish colony, will hold a free public symposium to discuss the projects' findings.

In August of 2022, a team of archaeologists from the University of South Carolina's Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) and the University of Florida spent a week doing an exploratory dig in The Point neighborhood of Beaufort – searching for the lost 17th century Scottish colony of Stuarts Town. The symposium will be the first public presentation of what was found, what it may (or may not) mean, and future plans for The Search for Stuarts Town project.



Dr. Charles Cobb (UF) and Aaron Ellrich excavating in The Point in August 2022.

South Carolina archaeologists Dr. Chester DePratter and Dr. Larry Rowland will be at the symposium, as well as other collaborators from around the country. More information on this exciting project can be found [here](#).

SC Department of Natural Resources Archaeology Internships Columbia, SC

Deadline: February 2023

Applications for the SCDNR summer internship program are currently open. The summer internship is a six-week program from June to July that is open to all students and recent graduates. Interns gain hands-on experience in public engagement projects, processing artifacts in the lab, and archaeological fieldwork. They also attend guest lectures from professionals in all areas of archaeology. Learn more about the program and apply [here](#).

There's Still a "Lot" to Learn

Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, Charleston, SC

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Step inside the shelter at the Structure 2 excavation and discover what archaeologists have unearthed, thus far, at the site of one of Charles Towne's most dynamic lots. Talk with a park educator about the intriguing finds that have been made here over the past decade and what the

evidence tells us about the people who lived and worked on the property in the 1670s. Learn more and view the program schedule [here](#).

Dave the Potter's Legacy

Cayce Historical Museum, Cayce, SC

February 16th, 6:00 pm

Come hear George Wingard of the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program give a talk about Dave, the enslaved potter who created beautiful, alkaline-glazed stoneware vessels in Edgefield, SC.

Dave's story is an inspiration and revelation on his experiences enduring enslavement with defiance and dignity. Mr. Wingard will also bring the original Dave jar and another vessel for the audience to examine. His talk will discuss the modern importance of Dave's legacy. This talk is free and open to the public. Learn more about this event [here](#).

Sweetgrass Basket Making Class

Cayce Historical Museum, Cayce, SC

February 18th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Join sweetgrass basket artist Mary Graham-Grant for an in-depth basket making class. The tradition of sweetgrass basketry originates with enslaved West African communities, and it has been practiced in South Carolina for centuries. Mary Graham-Grant works to preserve and spread knowledge of sweetgrass basketry by conducting workshops like this one. Find more information [here](#), and call (803) 739-5385 to reserve a spot.

Tartan Day South 11th Annual Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Historic Columbia Speedway, Cayce, SC

March 30th to April 2nd

Tartan Day South honors the Celtic culture and heritage in South Carolina's Midlands region. Traditions of Ireland, Scotland, and England are showcased. The event features concerts, traditional dancing, athletic exhibitions, and more. Come enjoy the festivities and visit the Cayce Museum's booth at this year's Tartan Day.

Camden Battlefield Reinterment Ceremony

Camden Battlefield, Camden, SC

April 22nd

In November, the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust announced the discovery of the remains of fourteen Revolutionary War soldiers at who were killed in the 1780 Battle of Camden. A team of SCIAA and SCDNR archaeologists, along with biological anthropologists from the Richland County Coroner's Office and the University of South Carolina,

unearthed the skeletal remains and accompanying artifacts of these soldiers.

Their remains were carefully excavated and removed over a period of several weeks so that they could be studied by forensic anthropologists at the Richland County Coroner's Office. This is a rare opportunity to learn about the personal stories of the individuals who fought in the Revolutionary War: their age, health, race, and even where they were born.



Once this project has concluded, the fourteen soldiers will be returned to rest at the Camden Battlefield in a respectful reinterment ceremony with full honors. Join the SC Battleground Preservation Trust in honoring the contributions of these individuals, both in their time and in ours. Visit the [SCBPT website](#) for more information on the project and the ceremony.

ASSC Executive Board Meetings

Meetings of the ASSC Executive Board are open to all current ASSC members. Meetings are held bi-monthly on Saturday mornings via Zoom. The current meeting schedule for 2023 is:

March 18th

May 20th

July 15th

September 16th

November 18th

Current ASSC members who are interested in attending a board meeting should contact archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com for details.

Peer-Reviewers Wanted

South Carolina Antiquities is currently seeking peer-reviewers. If you are interested in being a peer-reviewer for the journal, please contact journal editor Jessica Cooper at scantiquities@gmail.com.

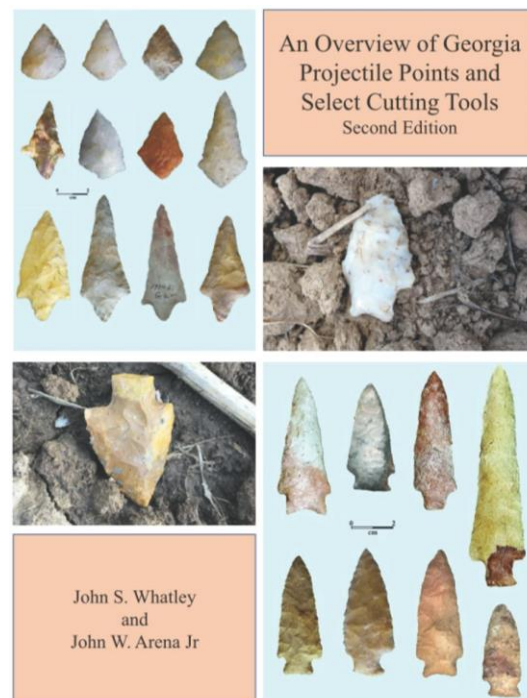
South Carolina Antiquities

South Carolina Antiquities is the annual, peer-reviewed journal of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina featuring contributions from professional and avocational archaeologists. Article submissions are currently closed in preparation for the upcoming 2023 journal issue. Thank you to all of the contributors to the upcoming publication.

Call for Book Reviews

South Carolina Antiquities would like to put out a special call for book reviewers for the upcoming journal issue. Of particular interest is *An Overview of Georgia Projectile Points and Selected Cutting Tools* by John S. Whatley and John W. Arena, Jr. Find more information about the book [here](#).

Anyone interested in reviewing this or another recent publication in southeastern archaeology is encouraged to contact journal editor Jessica Cooper at scantiquities@gmail.com.



Additionally, *South Carolina Antiquities* is interested in "Notes from the Field" contributions from anyone involved in current archaeological fieldwork and research in South Carolina. Anyone who is participating or has recently participated in an archaeological excavation or other research project is invited to submit an informal, one to three page report for publication in the journal. Any submissions or inquiries may also be directed to scantiquities@gmail.com.

ASSC Midlands Chapter

About the Chapter

The Midlands Chapter is the newest chapter of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina. It was launched in 2022 with the mission to further connect the archaeological community in the Midlands region.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the ASSC Midlands Chapter are held monthly at the Cayce Museum. Anyone with an interest in South Carolina archaeology is invited to attend.

Follow the Midlands Chapter social media accounts for more chapter updates, or contact the chapter at midlands.assc@gmail.com.

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 311 (please be advised that the room number has changed).

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina Midlands Chapter is now active on social media! Follow for updates on upcoming chapter meetings and events:



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Call for Members

Those interested are invited to join the ASSC Foothills Chapter. New members are always welcome at meetings. Membership information can be found on the [ASSC website](#), or [contact the ASSC board](#) with any questions.

Call for Speakers

The Foothills Chapter is in search of archaeologists to speak at chapter meetings! If you would like to present your research or experience in South Carolina archaeology, please contact lnelson952@yahoo.com.

Follow for Updates

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



ASSC Hilton Head Chapter

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Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Hilton Head Chapter are held on the second Saturday of each month from September to May, with the exception of December when the Christmas Social is 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's monthly newsletter, *Island Archaeology*, are available **on the ASSC website**.

In Memoriam

The South Carolina archaeological community has lost several valued members in recent months. The ASSC mourns the loss of these wonderful members of the community and expresses sincere condolences to their loved ones.

Roger John Lindsay

Mr. Roger John Lindsay of Pickens, South Carolina passed away in late 2022 at the age of 82. Throughout his life, he developed a deep knowledge and understanding of local primitive technology. He used his flintknapping skills to create detailed replicas of archaeological projectile points, and his knowledge and experiments made him a valuable member and friend to the South Carolina archaeological community.

ASSC Archivist Christopher Judge of the USC Lancaster Native American Studies Center writes in remembrance of Mr. Lindsay:

“As a member of the archaeological community in South Carolina I was saddened to learn of the passing of Roger. He was a delightful soul who shared his knowledge and sense of humor with us. He knew more about the atlatl spearthrower than any of us and his experiments inspired us in so many ways. A knowledgeable collector of Catawba pottery, he was a friend to the Native American communities in SC as well. Lastly, he was one of the nicest people I have ever met in this life. Deepest condolences to his family, friends and community.”

Fred Henry Shute

Christopher Judge shares Mr. Fred Henry Shute’s involvement and impact on the Lancaster archaeological community:

“Henry Shute was the first person to volunteer in the archaeology lab in the newly opened Native American Studies Center in 2013. He brought some of his artifacts to our “PreAntiques Road Show.” After I looked at his artifacts and moved to the next person in line, Henry pulled up a chair and joined me in looking at everyone’s artifacts who came that day.

Soon afterward, he began volunteering in the archaeology lab each Thursday, my first volunteer, from that point until his illness no longer allowed his attendance. Henry would often demonstrate how to make arrowheads for my archaeology classes and was a mentor in various prehistoric technologies to a young teenaged lab volunteer Jake.

Eventually, Henry began to tell me about diving on an Indian mound under the lake. I had always wanted to know more about this mound. Henry donated many of his artifacts to the NASC and furthered our knowledge about this site and other similar sites I had been working on in the region.



Henry with son Hal diving on the Indian mound.

In 2014, the Archaeological Society of South Carolina bestowed the “Archaeologist of the Year Award” to Henry for his many efforts to support South Carolina archaeology and archaeologists.

Henry’s wife Carol, who later became a regular in the archaeology lab, established a fund now known as the Fred “Henry” Shute Archaeology Lab Endowment to support the efforts of the USC Lancaster’s NASC Archaeology lab. This wonderful gift will allow Henry’s memory to live on in perpetuity here in Lancaster.”

Drucilla K. Barker, PhD

Dr. Drucilla Barker was a professor of Anthropology and Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of South Carolina from 2007 until her recent passing in January of this year. Her work as an anthropologist was interdisciplinary and wide-reaching, exploring the roles of gender, race, class, and other social factors in the modern global economy. She published several books on the subject, and she is recognized as an accomplished scholar in the fields of anthropology, economics, and feminist studies.

Although she was not an archaeologist, Dr. Barker was a teacher and mentor to many members of the South Carolina archaeological community. From undergraduate anthropology courses to PhD dissertation committees, Dr. Barker contributed to the education and training of many South Carolina archaeologists. Her presence and expertise will be missed both at UofSC and in our wider community.



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

___ Institutional: \$100

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Mail to: Ashley Stewart, ASSC Treasurer
P.O. Box 1357 Columbia, SC 29202

**Membership renewal is also available online at*

<https://archaeologysc.org/membership/through our Square Site>.

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 including our annual archaeological conference.

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