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# Features & Profiles

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina Quarterly Newsletter



*Cannon firing demonstration by historical reenactors at ASSC Fall Field Day 2023.*

## Letter from the President

### Greetings ASSC members!

Wow, this year has flown by! As we near the end of 2023, we are looking forward to our 2024 Annual Conference on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be my last conference as President, and I look forward to another chance for our community to learn, share, and enjoy our time together. We will post a Call for Papers and more conference details soon, so keep an eye on our social media pages and email communications!

We are accepting nominations for several of our Executive Committee positions, including Vice President, Secretary, Journal Editor, Newsletter Editor, and two general board member positions (see page 3 for descriptions of each of these roles). If you or someone you know may be interested, please email us at [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com). Our Executive Committee meets six Saturdays each year, usually via Zoom since we have board members outside of the Midlands. If you have questions about what it means to serve in one of these positions, don't hesitate to ask!

## ASSC Executive Board Members 2023

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We are always looking for articles, notes from the field, and book reviews for our publications. If you are working on a project related to South Carolina archaeology, then we'd love to hear about it! Please email our Journal Editor, Jessica Cooper, at [scantiquities@gmail.com](mailto:scantiquities@gmail.com) if you are interested in contributing content to *South Carolina Antiquities* or serving as a peer reviewer. We also love to include shorter articles, pictures, and updates in our quarterly newsletter! If you would like to submit a newsletter item, please email our Newsletter Editor, Cate Garcia, at [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com).

**Savannah Britz**

**ASSC President**

## ASSC Announcements

### ASSC Conference

Save the date for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology! The conference will be held on:

**Saturday, February 17th, 2024**

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

Submissions for papers and posters on general topics in South Carolina archaeology are now open. Presenters can submit abstracts to [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details about submissions and registration. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### ASSC Board Member Elections

Nominations for ASSC executive board positions are now open! The following board positions are up for reelection in 2024:

**Vice President:** The Vice President assists the president in all ASSC activities, including carrying out the annual conference and annual Fall Field Day, and maintaining local chapter relations. After a two-year term, the vice president automatically becomes the president for the next two-year term.

**Secretary:** The secretary maintains the ASSC's records, manages all correspondence, and keeps minutes of all board meetings.

**South Carolina Antiquities Editor:** The journal editor receives and solicits contributions to *South Carolina Antiquities* and edits an annual volume of the journal for distribution to the Society's members.

**Features & Profiles Editor:** The newsletter editor distributes quarterly issues of *Features & Profiles*, which includes announcements and events of significance to the Society and South Carolina archaeology.

**Member-at-Large (2):** Members-at-large serve on the executive board and its committees, and assist with the general business and activities of the Society.



Any interested member of the South Carolina archaeological community is welcome to serve on the executive board. Nominations for these positions, as well as any questions about duties of the executive board, can be submitted to [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com) by **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Elections will be held on **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, and the incoming board members will be announced at the annual conference in February.

## Thank You!

Special thanks from the ASSC to the 12,000 Year History Park for hosting this year's fall field day, and to all of the participants who make this event possible.

## Fall Field Day Recap

This year's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Field Day was a great success! Fall Field Day was held at the 12,000 Year History Park in October and featured demonstrations, activities, and vendors from the South Carolina archaeology and history community. Members of the public came out to learn about the lives of people in South Carolina's recent and distant past. Thank you to everyone who joined the ASSC for Fall Field Day. See you next year!



## Board Member Spotlight

Several members of the ASSC board represented the South Carolina archaeological community at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) in October. Nina Schreiner served as a panelist, Lily Gladis presented a poster, John Fisher presented a paper coauthored by Madeline Blaze, and Katherine Parker presented a paper and served as a symposium organizer. Great job to all ASSC members who participated in the conference!



*John Fisher (above) and Lily Gladis (right) presenting at SEAC. Photos by Lily Gladis.*



## 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 get in touch at [Avocational.Site.Database@gmail.com](mailto:Avocational.Site.Database@gmail.com).



## Applying for Grant-in-Aid Funding

The ASSC accepts applications for Grant-in-Aid funding **on a rolling basis**. Students may apply for and receive grants at any time of the year.

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

## 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.

### Grant-in-Aid Recipient

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

**Nina Schreiner** is a PhD candidate at the University of South Carolina and NAGPRA Coordinator at the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, as well as a member of the ASSC executive board. Her dissertation documents nineteenth century legacy collections and theorizes the role of archaeological materials in settler colonial domestic space. The Grant-in-Aid award will fund collection of archival and



material attribute data on objects at Woodville, a historic house museum in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Nineteenth century residents of Woodville amassed a large collection of Native American artifacts from the Middle Atlantic and Southeast U.S., including the Carolinas and Georgia. Materials from the Southeast were collected by members of one family during railroad construction projects from 1850 to 1900 and displayed in a museum-style exhibit in their Pennsylvania home. We look forward to hearing more about Nina's research!

## 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.

Special thanks to members of the Society who have made generous contributions to both the Grant-in-Aid program and the general ASSC fund this year:

**Joyce Hallenbeck**

**Robert Jenkins**

**Patricia Mason**

**Nena Powell Rice**

**Michelle Schohn**

**Kara Bridgman Sweeney**

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

## Membership Contact Information

Please contact the board at [archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## ASSC Foothills Chapter Call for Speakers

Would you like to share your research, skills, or experience in South Carolina archaeology with fellow enthusiasts? The Foothills Chapter is in search of speakers! Student, avocational, and professional archaeologists are all welcome to share their knowledge at an upcoming chapter meeting. Speakers need not be local to the upstate – the Foothills Chapter will sponsor speakers from around South Carolina. See page 11 for meeting details, and contact Lamar Nelson at [lnelson952@yahoo.com](mailto:lnelson952@yahoo.com) to get involved.

## 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.

### Call for Journal Submissions

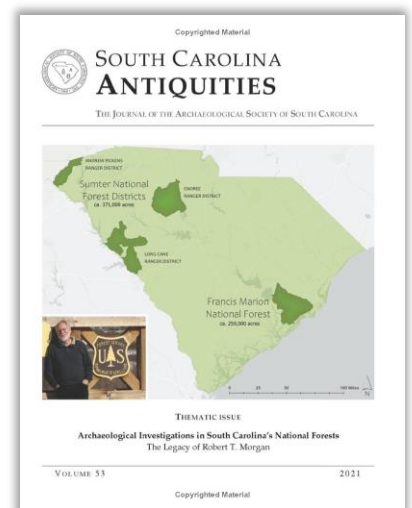
Submissions are still open for the 2023 volume of *South Carolina Antiquities*! Professional and avocational archaeologists are invited to contribute research articles, notes from the field, or book reviews. Contributions are not limited in scope to South Carolina and may feature the archaeology of adjacent states or general issues of archaeological practice.

*South Carolina Antiquities* conforms to the current style guide published by the Society for American Archaeology. Submissions and inquiries can be directed to editor Jessica Cooper at [scantiquities@gmail.com](mailto:scantiquities@gmail.com).

### Volume 53

The most recent volume of *South Carolina Antiquities* was published this year. It features articles and reports on the archaeology of South Carolina's national forests and the legacy of U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist Robert T. Morgan. Copies can be purchased online [here](#).

Thank you to all of the authors, editors, and peer reviewers who contributed to this new edition of *SC Antiquities*.





## 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](mailto:archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com).

## Archaeology News & Events

### 12,000 Year History Park Walking Tours

1120 Fort Congaree Trail, Cayce, SC

*Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>*

The 12,000 Year History Park is offering guided walking history tours most Saturdays throughout the fall. The Civil War, Colonial Forts, and Native American Lifeways tours will allow guests to explore many aspects of the park's history. View the detailed tour schedule [here](#).

### Volunteer Archaeology Lab Night

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

*Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 6:00 pm*

Volunteers are invited to come and participate in a working archaeology lab at the University of South Carolina. Lab volunteers will learn how to wash and sort artifacts excavated by field school students at Sesquicentennial State Park last summer. Email Dr. Kelly Goldberg at [goldbeke@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:goldbeke@mailbox.sc.edu) for location details and to reserve a spot.

### There's Still a "Lot" to Learn

Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, Charleston, SC

*Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through December 16<sup>th</sup>*

Step inside the shelter at the Structure 2 excavation and discover what archaeologists have unearthed so 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 and what the evidence tells us about the people who lived and worked on the property in the 1670s. Learn more and see a detailed schedule [here](#).

### Candlelight Tours

Drayton Hall, Charleston, SC

*Fridays and Saturdays, November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup>*

Visit Drayton Hall for an evening candlelight tour of the historic house circa 1738. Drayton Hall is the oldest preserved home open to the public in the United States. The candlelight tour is a unique way to understand the house and the lives who touched it. Learn more and register for a tour [here](#).

### Winter Native American Art & Craft Festival

Native American Studies Center, Lancaster, SC

*Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm*

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Native American Art & Craft Festival will be held by UofSC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center. The festival will feature jewelry, quilts, baskets, Catawba pottery, and more artwork and demonstrations by Native American artisans from around the region. From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Artist-in-Residence and former Catawba Nation Chief and potter Bill Harris will be demonstrating and discussing pottery

techniques. Columbia College Dance Education Specialist Jess Moore will also be demonstrating a variety of powwow dances throughout the day. This festival is free and open to the public!

### **Holiday Market**

#### **Cayce Historical Museum, Cayce, SC**

*Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 to 9:00 pm*

The Cayce Historical Museum will be hosting a holiday market as part of their annual Christmas Traditions: Olde and New events. The market will feature traditional sweetgrass basket and jewelry-maker Mary Graham Grant and South Carolina-based artist and photographer Skip Willits, as well as members of ASSC's Midlands Chapter. Visit the market for entertainment, refreshments, and many other local vendors!

### **Christmas at Rose Hill**

#### **Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site, Union, SC**

*Saturday and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 to 4:00 pm*

Join a specialized tour to learn how Governor Gist's family, enslaved people, and freed families experienced the holidays on Rose Hill Plantation. Learn more and register for a tour [here](#).

### **Lunch and Learn Lecture: "It's Happening Here: The Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives in South Carolina"**

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

*Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm*

Terence Little Water, Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina Indian Affairs Commission, will present the findings of the Commission and discuss what is being done to fight the rise in violence against Native Americans in South Carolina. This talk is part of the **W. Brent Burgin Lunch and Learn Lecture Series** hosted by the Native American Studies Center at UofSC Lancaster. Attend the talk in person at the Native American Studies Center, or visit the NASC [Facebook page](#) to register to attend virtually.

### **Lunch and Learn Lecture: "Breaking Barriers: Navigating College and a Future Career as a First-Generation Student"**

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

*Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm*

Dr. Ero Aggelopoulou-Amiridis, First Lady of the University of South Carolina, will discuss the challenges that first-generation college students face and how certain university policies and practices can support their academic success and wellbeing. This talk is part of the **W. Brent Burgin Lunch and Learn Lecture Series** hosted by the Native American Studies Center at UofSC Lancaster. Attend the talk in person at the Native American Studies Center, or visit the NASC [Facebook page](#) to register to attend virtually.

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](#).

## 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 local South Carolina archaeology is invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Midlands Chapter will be held on **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**, where members will be washing and cataloging artifacts excavated during Fall Field Day.

Follow the Midlands Chapter social media accounts for more chapter updates, or contact the chapter at [midlands.assc@gmail.com](mailto:midlands.assc@gmail.com).

## ASSC Foothills Chapter

### Current Board Officers

**President:** Henry Price, [hleepsc@yahoo.com](mailto:hleepsc@yahoo.com)

**Vice President:** Todd Putnam, [rputnam@icloud.com](mailto:rputnam@icloud.com)

**Secretary and Treasurer:** Angie Nelson, [lnelson952@yahoo.com](mailto:lnelson952@yahoo.com)

**Newsletter:** Laura Price, [hleepsc@yahoo.com](mailto:hleepsc@yahoo.com)

### 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.

## Follow for Updates

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



## ASSC Hilton Head Chapter

### Current Board Officers

President: David Gordon, [dsgordon@hargray.com](mailto:dsgordon@hargray.com)

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Secretary: Carol Dembowski, [ckd2007@hotmail.com](mailto:ckd2007@hotmail.com)

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

Newsletter Editor: George Stubbs

### Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Hilton Head Chapter are held on the first or second Saturday of each month from September to May, with the exception of December when the Holiday Social is held early in the month.

This year's Holiday Lunch will be held on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Crazy Crab Jarvis Creek at 12:00 noon. If you can join, please notify secretary Carol Dembowski by Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Issues of the Hilton Head Chapter's monthly newsletter, *Island Archaeology*, are available **on the ASSC website**.





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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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**Mail to:** Ashley Stewart, ASSC Treasurer  
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*\*Membership renewal is also available online at*

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### 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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