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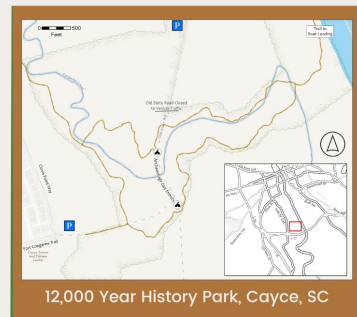
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ASSC Announcements

Upcoming Fall Field Day!

Saturday, October 26th

12,000 Year History Park, Cayce, SC



Fall Field Day is not just an event, it's a celebration of history and culture, a journey through time, and the premier archaeology outreach event in South Carolina. This year, we're taking it to the next level with a series of exciting activities that will engage, educate, and entertain. Participants will have the opportunity to be part of an archaeological excavation within the 12,000 Year History Park. This hands-on experience will bring history to life as you uncover artifacts that tell the story of our past. But that's not all! We'll have an artifact lab and identification experts on hand to help you understand the significance of your finds. These professionals will provide fascinating insights into the items you discover, connecting you with the people who used them centuries ago.

This year's event will be set up along a section of Old State Road. This closed section of South Carolina's oldest highway runs along the route of Sherman's march to Columbia and is within the Congaree Creek Battlefield. Come see and hear our demonstration of Civil War artillery! In addition, we're offering walking tours of the park's cultural history and foraging

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resources. These guided tours will take you on a journey through the park's rich history, highlighting its importance as a resource for early inhabitants. You'll learn about the plants and animals that sustained these communities and how they used the land to their advantage.

We're also bringing back the popular hand-brick making activity. This interactive experience allows you and the kids to get your hands dirty and learn about traditional building techniques. And there's more! We have a host of other activities lined up to ensure that there's something for everyone. So, mark your calendars for 10/26 and join us for an unforgettable day of discovery and learning at the Fall Field Day. We can't wait to see you there!

ASSC BANQUET & AUCTION

RSVP
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Auction Donations:
stewart.archaeology@gmail.com
 by Friday, October 11th

Friday, October 25th

Cayce Historical Museum
 Cayce, SC

Please note that ASSC does not condone the sale of artifacts, and none will be accepted for the auction.




And...Join Us for Our Banquet & Auction!

Cayce Historical Museum, Cayce, SC

6:00-8:00 pm, Auction begins at 6:30

Everyone is invited to the Cayce Historical Museum, (1800 12th Street Cayce SC 29033) on the evening of October 25th to revive our beloved auction fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 to 8 PM with the auction starting at 6:30. Non-alcoholic refreshments and BBQ plates will also be available for a donation. If you plan to join us, RSVP to archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com so we can plan appropriately. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact James Stewart at stewart.archaeology@gmail.com by Friday, October 11th. Please note that ASSC does not condone the sale of artifacts, and none will be accepted for the auction.

Charleston ASSC Chapter



We are currently in the preliminary stages of resurrecting the once highly active ASSC Charleston Chapter and looking to gauge interest. This early development stage currently involves updating the Chapter's Bylaws, creating a mission statement primarily revolving around community involvement, sharing archaeological news and discussions, and advocating for archaeology and preservation needs specific to Charleston. We are also identifying potential meeting spaces and community service opportunities. If you are interested in joining or helping, please email [Jeff Sherard](mailto:Jeff.Sherard@charlestonassc.org).

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](https://www.southcarolinainstituteofarchaeologyandanthropology.org/avocational-site-database), or get in touch at 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.

A Special Thank You

The ASSC would like to give a special thanks to **Dawn Reid, President of Archaeological Consultants of the Carolinas, Inc.** for her recent generous donation in memory of Ramona Grunden.

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

Stanley South Student Archaeological Research Endowment Fund

In honor of the late Stanley South, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) has established a scholarship fund to support research by both undergraduate and graduate students at the University of South Carolina. The ASSC invites members to support student research in South Carolina archaeology by contributing to the Stanley South Endowment Fund. More information can be found in the latest SCIAA **Legacy newsletter**, and contributions can be made online **here**.

Membership Contact Information

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.

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 the remainder of 2024 is:

September 28th
November 9th

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

ASSC Merchandise

Interested in purchasing ASSC swag? Visit our online merchandise page here: [ASSC Merch Shop](#)

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

We are now accepting articles for the 2024 SC Antiquities. This volume will focus on public archaeology and cultural resource management in honor of Mona Grunden. We would like to have submissions by October 1st. If you have any questions, please email journal editor Justin Williams at justinpatrickwilliams@gmail.com.

South Carolina Antiquities conforms to the current style guide published by the Society for American Archaeology.

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

USC's Summer Archaeology Field School Unearths Campus History
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC



USC's summer archaeological field school was recently featured on WIS10 for their excavation work digging at the USC Horseshoe. Watch the full story [here](#).

Trade on the Frontier

Oconee Station State Historic Site, Walhalla, SC

Saturday, August 3rd, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Join rangers at Oconee Station to learn about trade on the Western Frontier. See common trade items from the late 1700s and then try your hand at trading for park goodies. Learn more [here](#).

Looking at the Battle of Hanging Rock 244 Years Later

Andrew Jackson State Park, program held at Heath Springs Baptist Church
Heath Springs, SC

Tuesday, August 6th, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Join local historians and park staff for presentations and a discussion time focusing on the Battle of Hanging Rock. Learn about the men who fought there. Discover what this battle meant to the course of the American Revolution. Analyze the effect of what happened here on other events in the history of our nation. This program will be held at the Heath Springs Baptist Church at 109 Main Street, Heath Springs, SC, 29058. The program is free to the public. Learn more and purchase tickets [here](#).

Battle of Musgrove Mill Commemoration

Musgrove Mill State Historic Site

Saturday, August 17th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site will be hosting a commemoration of the 244th Anniversary of the August 19, 1780, Revolutionary War battle of Musgrove Mill. The commemoration will begin at 10:00 am and will be led by local chapters of the Children of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Sons of the American Revolution. Following the commemoration there will be light refreshments available. Directly following the Commemoration on the Visitor Center porch there will be a seated Ranger Battlefield Talk on the history of the battle. This one-hour lecture will cover the history of why the battle occurred, the specifics of the battle itself, and the importance of the battle to the Patriot cause. This event is free to the public. Please bring lawn chairs, bottled water, and prepare for the weather. For more information, please contact the park at mgmillsp@scprt.com or (864) 938-0100 or visit southcarolinaparks.com. Learn more [here](#).

Great Guns on the Ashley (Artillery Demonstration)

Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, Charleston, SC

Saturday, September 7th, 1:00 pm to 3:20 pm

Feel the ground shake beneath your feet and smell the brimstone as the Charles Towne Militia fires replica, 17th-century cannons. Charles Towne, established on the edge of England's North American empire, faced many threats, especially from England's longstanding rival: Spain. Wary of a Spanish attack, the English colonists came heavily armed and formed a provincial militia for the defense of Carolina. This 20-minute program explores the Spanish threat, Charles Towne's fortifications, and the citizen-soldiers who protected the early colony. Learn more [here](#).

Lunch & Learn: Zooarchaeological Residues of Feasting at a Mississippian Mound Complex, 38KE12, South Carolina by Emily Sykora, Indiana University Pennsylvania

119 S. Main St, Lancaster, SC & Virtual

Friday, October 25th, 12:00 pm

Join USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center for the W. Brent Burgin Lunch & Learn Lecture Series. This lecture by Emily Sykora of Indiana University Pennsylvania looks at zooarchaeological documentation of animal remains from site 38KE12 and explores the roles of animal in relation to site inhabitants. This lecture is presented in person and virtually

via Zoom. Please see the flyer below for details and registration via the QR code.



Native American Studies Center

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LANCASTER

W. Brent Burgin Lunch and Learn Lecture Series 2024

**“Zooarchaeological Residues of Feasting
at a Mississippian Mound Complex,
38KE12, South Carolina”**

**Friday, October 25
2024
Noon**

Emily Sykora, Indiana University Pennsylvania




This program will be held virtually and in person at 119 South Main St. in downtown Lancaster. To attend via Zoom, scan the QR code or register via the link in upcoming events on nativeamericanstudies.org. Please direct any questions or comments to the Center at 803-313-7172 or usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu.

The 38KE12 archaeological site in the Wateree River Valley of South Carolina consists of a Native American multi-mound complex, potentially representing the town of Cofitachequi or Talimeco. Through collaboration with Indigenous groups, a zooarchaeological documentation project of animal remains from site 38KE12 explores the roles of animals in relation to site inhabitants. The symbolic significance of animals reveals potential ritual feasting activities that occurred at the site during its occupation from ca. AD 1225-1562.





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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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ASSC Midlands Chapter



Midlands Chapter Update - A 3 Hour Tour

The Midlands Chapter went for an adventure in the woods for our August meeting. We had heard of an old chimney approximately 100 yards from where ASSC holds Fall Field Day every year. It was supposed to be just inside the woods, however it took us around an hour to locate it. The woods are dense and crisscrossed with deep creeks and streams and alligators are often spotted nearby. Based on the information we had, the chimney was not on either of the two documented sites in the area. In fact, it lies between the two site boundaries. Six members of our Chapter joined us for this adventure. Once we reach the chimney, we realized it was not as old as we assumed it would be. We set out photographing and documenting the surrounding area. The chimney's fire box was approximately five feet off the ground and was lined with an asphalt shingle-like material. It was evident that the rest house had been demolished and the remains, including piers, corrugated metal, electrical boxes and cast iron plumbing had been pushed into a pile on the edge of the drainage ditch. We also noted a wooden power pole, insulators, electrical outlets and concrete blocks. Based on their appearance it is likely the bricks used in the construction of the piers and chimney were reclaimed from an older structure. While the bricks were likely historic, the piers also incorporated early twentieth century concrete blocks. It turns out this chimney likely belonged to a house built some time in the mid-twentieth century. While not the anticipated find, we all had a good walk through the woods.

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](#).

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.

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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President: Henry Price, hleepsc@yahoo.com

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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.

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

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Monthly Meetings

The Hilton Head Chapter holds monthly meetings May-December. Meetings are usually the first or second Saturday of the month and are held at one of the branches of the Beaufort County Library. The Chapter often partners with the Beaufort County Library to jointly sponsor programs.

Our speaker for March was Cate Garcia. In April, Jean Guilleux presented NAMARALI, a prize-winning film from the Arkhaiois Film Festival. In May our speaker was Chris Moore.

Our Fall Schedule is:

September 14: Jeff Sherard

October 5: Our justly famous What the Heck IS It? artifact identification program

November 2: David Anderson

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



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About the Society

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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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