



North Carolina Archaeological Society

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*****MARK YOUR CALENDAR*****

North Carolina Archaeology Day

Saturday, October 17, 2009

12:00-5:00 PM

**Research Laboratories of Archaeology
UNC-Chapel Hill**

PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY

Teacher's Workshop

Saturday, October 17, 2009

11:30 AM-2:30 PM

**Research Laboratories of Archaeology
UNC-Chapel Hill**

The North Carolina Archaeological Society (NCAS) is partnering with the Research Laboratories of Archaeology (RLA) at UNC-Chapel Hill to produce North Carolina Archaeology Day. This free family event will follow the NCAS Fall Meeting and is supported in part by a Public Outreach Grant from the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

North Carolina Archaeology Day will be modeled after the successful Archaeology Days event held at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in 2006. There will be engaging activities, exhibits, presentations, and demonstrations related to archaeology and the ancient history of North Carolina's American Indians, including:

- Displays focused on particular sites or projects
- Demonstrations of ancient technologies (e.g., pottery making, flintknapping)
- Featured speakers
- Hands-on activities for children (e.g., Pottery Puzzles mending activity; Be an Archaeobotanist! seed identification activity; Rock Art; Pottery Making; etc.)
- Ask the Archaeologist booth (artifact identification and resources)

To make North Carolina Archaeology Day 2009 a success, we need help and participation from North Carolina's archaeological community. If you would like to contribute a display or activity or volunteer to help staff the event, please contact Theresa McReynolds (temcre@email.unc.edu). Additional information will be posted on the NCAS (rla.unc.edu/ncas) and RLA (rla.unc.edu) websites as the event takes shape.

As part of North Carolina Archaeology Day, the NCAS and RLA are offering a FREE, 3-hour workshop for North Carolina teachers. Participants will be introduced to North Carolina's PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY curriculum and other educational resources related to North Carolina's ancient past. Participants will receive a complimentary lunch and a copy of North Carolina's *Intrigue of the Past* teacher's activity guide (2001). License renewal credits are also available.

The workshop is designed for teachers of students in grades 4–8, but educators of all subjects and grade levels are encouraged to apply. Space is limited to 20 participants.

To obtain an application form, please visit rla.unc.edu/Service. If you have questions, please contact Theresa McReynolds (temcre@email.unc.edu).

This workshop is produced in part by a grant from the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

NOTE: The finalized agenda for Archaeology Day, along with lunch reservations, will follow in the next newsletter to be mailed early September.

NCAS Spring 2009 Meeting in Elizabeth City, A Success!

With the sparkling waters of the Pasquotank River as a backdrop, the North Carolina Archaeological Society members enjoyed a memorable weekend during the 2009 Annual Spring Meeting in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Headquarters for the activities was the beautiful Museum of the Albemarle located at the center of Elizabeth City's waterfront district. Use of the museum facilities was donated by the director and staff, who made sure that our every need was anticipated and fully met. For this we are indebted to Lisa Doepker and her staff, especially Wanda Stiles and Clay Swindell. NCAS meeting organizers were Jeff Irwin and Tom Oakes.

On Friday evening NCAS members were enlightened by a special keynote speaker, Ms. Ashley Atkins, recent graduate from the College of William and Mary, and a member of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe in Virginia. Her talk focused on the recent archaeological investigations at the site of Werowocomoco, the village occupied by Powhatan at the time of the Jamestown settlement. Following the Powerpoint lecture, NCAS members and visitors were invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation in the museum foyer.

Registration kicked off on Saturday morning with pastries and coffee, and was followed by a brief NCAS Business meeting. Next, a series of guest speakers presented recent research of the North Carolina and Virginia coastal plain regions. Talks were held in the auditorium while a "learning table of activities" was also being hosted by Theresa McReynolds of UNC-CH in the foyer area. The first speaker introduced by Jeff Irwin was Dr. Randy Daniel of East Carolina University, who spoke on Paleoindian and Archaic Period Archaeology in the North Carolina Coastal Plain. Dr Daniel was also excited to meet attendee Larry Etheridge from Knotts Island, N.C., whose collection included a Clovis type point found there. Dr. Daniel was able to photograph and record it for his on-going Clovis Research Project.

Next, Scott Seibel from Environmental Services, Inc., spoke on "Bringing the Past into Clearer Focus: Refining the Middle Ceramic Typology in the Northeastern Coastal Plain," a careful study of regional ceramic types and chronology. Heather Mills from TRC Garrow Associates, Inc., brought us up to date on the work at the famous Broad Reach Site. Her title was "Broad Reach: Recent Archaeological

Work at a Late Prehistoric Site on the Coast of North Carolina." This site is large multi-component site with hundreds of features and an interesting occupation history. Then, Lee Tippett from the Louis Berger Group, Inc., Virginia, spoke on "The Berrett's Ferry Site, A 17th Century Homestead on the Chickahominy River," highlighting the early historic settlement of the region. His talk was followed by Loretta Lautzenheiser from Coastal Carolina Research, Inc., who described work done on a nearby site, titled "The Cradle of the Colony: Archaeological Investigations at the Eden House Site." The last speaker of the series was Mark Wilde-Ramsing from the Office of State Archaeology, NCDCR, who spoke on "Underwater Archaeological Explorations and Discoveries in the Waters of Northeastern North Carolina" and reminded us that archaeological resources are also abundant "under the water."

To cap off the morning's presentations, various exhibits were then set up for the attendees to review, along with artifact collections from local enthusiasts. After the catered buffet lunch provided by Captain Bob's of Hertford, the museum provided guided tours of the special exhibitions describing local history.

Finally, participants who wished to enjoy the regional cultural and historical sites were treated to guided tours of the regions or venues. Some traveled to the Newbold-White House in Perquimans County near Hertford and had a chance to sail the 1830s reproduction Periauger boat. Another group boarded a private vessel and was given a sailing tour of the Currituck Sound area, along with complimentary passes to the Whalehead Club. In addition, the Currituck Board of Tourism and Travel, augmented by the Museum staff, compiled a packet of treats filled with information on local attractions, historic post cards, and passes that was then distributed to all meeting attendees.

In summary, the first NCAS meeting held in Coastal Carolina was a splashing great success. Attendance was good and everyone seemed to enjoy the program, the venue, the refreshments, and most of all the beautiful surroundings. Our thanks to all participants including speakers, the Museum of the Albemarle staff, local NCAS members and NCAS Board members who donated their time to make this a memorable meeting and weekend.



The Crew, along with Captain John Ernst, prepares the 1830s replica Periauger for a launch.



Keynote speaker Ashley Atkins and host/organizer Jeff Irwin prepare for her talk.



Randy Daniel examines a stone point from Larry Etheridge's local collection.

**NCAS Newsletter
Publication Schedule**

All NCAS members are encouraged to submit articles and news items to Dee Nelms, Associate Editor, for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. Please use the following cut-off dates as guides for your submissions:

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