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2011 Annual Fall Meeting ENJOYED BY ALL

by Theresa McReynolds Shebalin

On a beautiful fall day, an estimated 800 visitors attended the second North Carolina Archaeology Day event at Jordan Lake on Saturday, October 1. This year's event was held in conjunction with Jordan Lake's Heritage Day, an annual event occurring on the first Saturday in October. The combined event nearly doubled the number of displays and activities and drew visitors that might not have otherwise attended an archaeology-themed event. The North Carolina Archaeology and Heritage Day event was sponsored by the North Carolina Archaeological Society, Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at UNC-Chapel Hill, and TRC Environmental Corporation. Additional support was provided by Chris Espenshade and Durham Academy.

The event offered a variety of primitive technology demonstrations, informational displays, and hands-on archaeology activities. The demonstrators captured the attention of many visitors, especially those aged 12 and under. Fuz Sanderson showed visitors of all ages how to make fires, Chris Espenshade and Joe Herbert demonstrated pottery making, and David Cranford and David Shebalin made stone tools. Jordan Lake brought in dancers, live animals, and additional activities including corn husk dolls and archery.

As with the first event two years ago, the level of participation by members of North Carolina's

archaeological community was impressive. Exhibitors included East Carolina University; Elon University; the Exploring Joara Foundation; Fort Bragg's Cultural Resources Management Program; North Carolina State University; the Office of State Archaeology; TRC Environmental Corporation; and the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at UNC-Chapel Hill. A number of society members and other volunteers also contributed to the event's success.

Meg Kassabaum and Theresa McReynolds Shebalin coordinated the event with the help of 11-year-old Hannah Jones. Hannah attended an archaeology camp last summer and is a founding member of the new Junior North Carolina Archaeological Society (JNCAS), which was officially launched at the event. Hannah and several of her friends took turns manning the JNCAS booth to share their interest in archaeology with more kids.

"I want more kids to know about archaeology because then they would appreciate the study more and possibly behave better about protecting the archaeological sites," Hannah said. Thanks to her efforts and those of her friends, the new junior society already has 20 members.

Jordan Lake has asked NCAS to partner with them again, and combining efforts seems like a good way to expose more people to North Carolina's archaeological resources and increase the Society's visibility in the Piedmont area.

Second Chance to Vote 2012 Election of Officers

Please return the enclosed ballot card by January 16, 2012. If you returned your ballot before or at the 2011 fall meeting at Jordan Lake in Raleigh on October 1st, please disregard. The new officers will be announced in the 2012 Spring newsletter.

Thomas E. Beaman, Jr., RPA (Wilson, NC) - Tom is an Anthropology/Archaeology instructor at the North Campus of Wake Technical Community College, as well as an adjunct instructor at Peace College. Born in Wilson, Tom holds Anthropology/Archaeology degrees from Appalachian State University and East Carolina University. A member of the NCAS since 1995, he has previously served the Society as a Board Member (1997-1999, 2000-2002) and as President (2003-2005). Tom's primary interest is in historical archaeology and the history of archaeology in North Carolina, though he strongly advocates all ethical archaeological research throughout "The Old North State." As a Life member of the NCAS, Tom is a staunch supporter for providing continued opportunities for member involvement, for reinvigoration of the regional chapters, and for the modernization and expansion of the quarterly Society newsletter.

Tony Boudreaux (Washington, NC) - Tony is an Assistant Professor in the Anthropology Department at ECU. He received a PhD from UNC in 2005 after writing a dissertation about the Mississippian community at Town Creek (Mg2/Mg3), a site that he continues to research. He lives in Washington, NC, and he currently serves as an at-large member of the NCAS's Board of Directors.

Charles Heath (Fuquay-Varina, NC) - Charles is a Research Associate with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML), Colorado State University and currently works as a staff archaeologist with the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program. He has worked with the Fort Bragg CRMP since 1997.

Charles received a B.S. in Business Administration (1985) from East Carolina University (ECU) and a M.A. in Anthropology from ECU in 1997. He lives with his family in Fuquay-Varina and is completing graduate studies in the Department of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina. Charles is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and a member of the North Carolina Archaeological Council.

Max (Mac) McAtee (Oak Ridge, NC) – Max is a twenty-six year resident of Oak Ridge, whose interests include collecting Catawba Indian pottery, Revolutionary and Civil War history, genealogy, wood working, metal detecting, and archaeology. Most recently, Max has assisted the NCOSA with their field work and research at Alamance Battleground and Roanoke Island. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Pottery Collectors Guild and is a member of the Historic Commission of the Town of Oak Ridge, NC.

Theresa McReynolds Shebalin (Raleigh, NC) – Theresa received her B.S. at the College of William and Mary in 1999; M.A. at Penn State in 2001; and her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2011. She teaches middle-school science and archaeology at Durham Academy in Durham, North Carolina and is a Research Associate in the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at UNC-Chapel Hill. She also directs summer archaeology camps for K-12 students and teachers through the Exploring Joara Foundation in Morganton, North Carolina. Theresa's archaeological research interests include prehistoric and historic American Indian cultures in North and South Carolina, geochemical analysis of sediments, and GIS.

National Park Service's 2012 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2012 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled *Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century* will be held May 7-11, 2012, at the Cedar Point Biological Station near Ogallala, Nebraska. Lodging will be at the Cedar Point Biological Station. The field exercises will take place at the site of Alkali Station near Paxton, Nebraska. Alkali Station was a major trail facility used by travelers on the Oregon and California trails, the Pony Express, the transcontinental telegraph, and the frontier army. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center, the Lute Family, and the University of Nebraska's Cedar Point Biological Station. This will be the twenty-second year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote

sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field. There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/history/mwac/>. For further information, please contact Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873: tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141; fax: (402) 437-5098; email: steve_de_vore@nps.gov.

Announcing a New North Carolina Archaeological Council Publication!

***The Archaeology of North Carolina: Three Archaeological Symposia*, edited by Charles R. Ewen, Thomas R. Whyte, and R. P. Stephen Davis, Jr. Published by the North Carolina Archaeological Council. North Carolina Archaeological Council Publication No. 30.**

Since 1974, the North Carolina Archaeological Council (NCAC) has published seminal volumes on prehistoric and historic period archaeology in North Carolina. *The Archaeology in North Carolina: Three Archaeological Symposia*, the latest volume in the NCAC Publication series, was designed as an update to *The Prehistory of North Carolina*, which was originally published in 1983 and is still affectionately referred to as the "Blue Book" for the color of its original cover. The papers contained in this new Council volume were originally presented at a series of regional conferences organized by John Mintz and Lea Abbott of the Office of State Archaeology in 2008, 2009, and 2010, and provide updated archaeological perspectives on the cultural prehistory and related environmental conditions across North Carolina. Additionally, new topical features of this volume that were not contained in the "Blue Book" are studies of historical and underwater archaeology. With its release, *The Archaeology of North Carolina* stands as a true update and expansion of *The Prehistory of North Carolina*, and provides

the most current regional summaries of archaeology in North Carolina.

However, you won't have to wait to receive a copy at the next archaeology meeting or in the mail! Following the lead of our colleagues in other states, as well as the publication trend in many disciplines, the NCAC has decided to publish *The Archaeology of North Carolina: Three Archaeological Symposia*, as well as all future volumes, in Adobe (.pdf) electronic format. This will allow everyone to easily access the NCAC Publication website at <http://www.rla.unc.edu/ncac/Publications/index.html>, download it to your PC or Mac, and print it at your leisure. The papers can be downloaded individually or as a complete volume. This move to electronic format is a more efficient way to distribute NCAC publications, and will also save in printing cost that may allow a more rapid pace of publication for future volumes.

If you are missing any of the Council Publication series, previous volumes 1–27 and 29 have been digitized and are all available for download at the same website. NCAC Publication 28, Carl Steen's excellent *Restoration Excavations at Somerset Plantation, 1994 and 2001*, is still in print. Should you wish to order a copy of this volume, please contact NCAC Secretary Shawn Patch (spatch@newsouthassoc.com).

Should anyone have a report, manuscript, or thesis related to the prehistoric, historic period, or underwater archaeology that they would like the North Carolina Archaeological Council to consider for publication, please contact NCAC Editor Tom Beaman (at tebeaman@waketech.edu or tbeamanjr@aol.com) for more details. Remember, all NCAC Publications are blind peer reviewed to insure a high quality editorial standard of research and presentation.

2012 Dues

The 2012 dues card is enclosed. Thank you in advance for your continued support. We have also included the new junior membership application.

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:

Spring Issue - February 28	Fall Issue - August 31
Summer Issue - May 31	Winter Issue - November 30

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