



# North Carolina Archaeological Society

# Newsletter

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## 2013 Spring Meeting

North Carolina Archaeological Society

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Town Creek Indian Mound

Mt. Gilead, North Carolina

### Schedule

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| 9:45        | Registration/Coffee and Pastries  |
| 10:00       | NC Archaeological Society Business Meeting  |
| 10:15-12:00 | Posters highlighting recent research at Town Creek (Presented by Tony Boudreaux, Daryl Armour, Heidi Rosenwinkel, and Taryn Ricciardelli) |
| 10:00-4:00  | Activities and Crafts (including artifact identification, pinch pots, cordage, pine needle crafts, chunky, atlatl throwing, and more)     |
| 11:00       | Walking Tour led by Dr. Tony Boudreaux, East Carolina University  |
| 12:00       | Lunch   |
| 12:30       | NC Archaeological Society Board of Directors Meeting  |
| 1:30        | Guest Speaker/Demonstrator: Caroleen Saunders, Catawba Nation   |
| 4:00        | Adjourn   |

### Directions to Town Creek:

509 Town Creek Mound Road  
Mt. Gilead, NC 27306  
(910) 439-6802

### From 220 North

From 220 take Candor exit, onto 211 west, left at the traffic light onto 220 business, 1 mile bear right onto NC 731, left on Town Creek Mound Rd. 1 mile to site.

### From Rockingham:

Exit 220 north of Ellerbe onto NC 73 continue on 73 to Indian Mound Rd. Right turn 2 miles to site.

### Albemarle:

24-27 East cross the PeeDee river bridge, then right onto NC 73 to Mt. Gilead, continue on to Indian Mound Rd about 5 miles. Left on Indian Mound Rd. – 2 miles to site.

## Local Hotels/Motels

Best Western Executive Inn  
735 NC 24/27 Bypass  
Albemarle, NC  
(704) 983-6990

Ellerbe Springs Inn  
11 miles North of Rockingham  
on US #220  
Ellerbe, NC  
(800) 248-6467

Holiday Inn Express  
400 West Broad Avenue  
Rockingham, NC  
(800) 465-4329

## 2013 Southeastern Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology

Prior to the formation of the Society for Historical Archaeology, in the days before papers on historical archaeology were regularly presented at the Society for American Archaeology, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC), and many other regional, state, and topical meetings, there was the Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology (CHSA).

As told in his autobiography, *An Archaeological Evolution*, the CHSA was organized by Stanley South as an effort to reach out to colleagues who worked on historic sites to share and discuss common findings. First held in November 1960 on the day prior to the annual SEAC Conference in Macon, Georgia, the CHSA flourished and grew. It spawned numerous annual proceedings that helped historical archaeology evolve from a once-perceived orphaned and antiquarian activity into an archaeological science, complete with unique methods and theories tailored to the historic past. CHSA continued to meet until 1982 when, as noted by South, “no papers were submitted for publication, removing the primary reason for its existence.”

In the 30 years since the original Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology regularly met, presentations on historical archaeology topics can now be heard at almost every conference. In fact, between 800 and 1000 papers are regularly presented at the annual Society for Historical Archaeology conference. For those of us who attend such meetings it means a hectic schedule with overlapping sessions and often a difficult choice between many different presentations, with no time for questions or discussion with the presenter. Travel to all of these conferences also tends to be prohibitive in terms of time and money (to both join the organization and to attend its conference).

To address this topical growth as well as the sheer volume of conferences and presentations, through the collective vision and efforts of Natalie Adams, Carl Steen, and David Jones, last

year the Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology was re-inaugurated with a meeting at Charles Town Landing State Park in Charleston, South Carolina. Designed to mirror the original CHSA and to honor original founder Stanley South, this meeting provided a venue to share professional research on southeastern historic period sites in a platform that is larger than a single state, yet in a smaller and more intimate setting with questions and discussions that followed each presentation. And as with the original CHSA, there was no professional organization to join and no annual dues to pay, only a small nominal fee to attend.

This year, the Southeastern Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology will meet on September 20-21 at Fort Caswell, a historic third system brick and mortar Civil War era fortification on Oak Island, North Carolina. The overall theme for this year is to “Revisit Our Past”. Presentations on new looks at sites with previous excavations and recent reanalysis of older excavated collections are especially encouraged, but presentations on all forms of current research are welcome.

The 2013 conference is hosted through Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site and the Friends of Brunswick Town. Thomas Beaman of Wake Technical Community College is the Program Chair, and Jim McKee and Shannon Walker of Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site are overseeing the local arrangements. And once again, there is no professional organization to join and no annual dues to pay, only a small nominal fee to attend.

Details on the 2013 Southeastern Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology, including registration information, lodging options, and a schedule of events can be found on the conference website at <http://www.sechsa.org>. The final program will be posted by the end of July, when all submissions have been received. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on September 20-21 at Fort Caswell as we “Revisit Our Past”.



## Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Team WINS National Award

On February 6, 2013, the Department of the Army announced its 2012 winners for the annual Environmental Award in several categories and the Cultural Resources Management team at Fort Bragg won for CR Management Team. During the past year, the Fort Bragg CRMP completed two large Phase I surveys totaling over 4,500 acres, thus reducing restrictions on training lands while maintaining installation compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The CRMP, with a staff of six fulltime people (two DoD personnel and four contractors), manages over 288 standing structures, three historic districts, two 19<sup>th</sup> century historic churches, 27 historic cemeteries, over 5,000 archaeological sites, and more than 300,000 artifacts and records. Four of the five archaeologists are also members of the North Carolina Archaeological Society and the North Carolina Archaeological Council (Daryl Armour, Dr. Linda Carnes-McNaughton, Charles

Heath, and Dr. Joe Herbert). Other members are Jonathan Schleier (GIS specialist) and Connie Barnett (architectural historian). The program has been in existence since 1995. “This is the first time we’ve won this award and I am so delighted that our cultural resources team can be recognized in this way,” said Dr. Linda Carnes-McNaughton, program archaeologist and curator. “It is an honor and a standard we plan to uphold.”

The award also recognized two significant archaeological discoveries made by Department of Defense personnel — the Wilmore cache of stone quarry blanks and an ancient Clovis point — which enhanced the knowledge of the earliest people to inhabit the Fort Bragg region.

The team was also awarded for expanding its partnerships with the Department of Defense Education Activity and Army Community Services by participating in events at Fort Bragg

schools and by hosting the Youth Leadership Conference for a beautification project at Long Street Presbyterian Church, one of the 19<sup>th</sup> century wooden buildings.

“The receipt of this award is overdue recognition of the staff’s long-held commitment to Fort Bragg’s sustainability goal of the right way, the green way, all the way” said Charles Heath, archeologist.

The Wilmore Cache, named Jim Wilmore, the forester grader-operator who found it, is an Archaic-period cache of lithic preforms, or blanks, found in the fall of 2011. It was buried more than 2,000 years before being uncovered in grading operations for fire-break maintenance. The cache weighs about 30 pounds, about what one person could comfortably carry overland on foot. Evidence suggests it may have been buried in a tote sack or pouch. There are roughly 180 pieces in the cache, and they are generally hand-size or smaller. Work is on-going to date and further identify this cache as to period, purpose, and possible tool style.

The Clovis point find was made in March 2012 by Sgt. Mark Shannon and Pfc. Matthew Johnson, 3rd Brigade Special

Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, during a combat engineering training event near Sicily Drop Zone. They reported the find to Range Support who then contacted Cultural Resources to come document the find and location. This point is made of rhyolite, a material from the Slate Belt region of North Carolina. Of the four so far recorded on Fort Bragg sites, this one is the most complete. It may have been used as a knife or spear point.

“We consider this point to be a public trust treasure, and should be protected,” Carnes-McNaughton said.

This year’s Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards recognize the efforts of Army installations, teams, and individuals to sustain and restore the natural and cultural resources found on Army lands throughout the U.S. and in Europe. The Fort Bragg CRMP will now submit this award packet to the larger Department of Defense competition for Cultural Resources Management Programs.

More on the awards available at [www.army.mil/article/95869/](http://www.army.mil/article/95869/)



## Whitey Graham Award Grant-in-Aid Program

The North Carolina Archaeological Society invites applications for The Whitey Graham Award in support of research pertaining to North Carolina archaeology. Applicants must be members of the North Carolina Archaeological Society and must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. An applicant must be: (a) a graduate or undergraduate student actively pursuing a degree in archaeology or a related field; (b) an individual enrolled in an internship program with a museum, a state historic site, an archaeological park, or a Native American group (with state or federal recognition); or (c) an avocational archaeologist who is a member of the North Carolina Archaeological Society and has over time demonstrated a concern for the protection or study of archaeological resources within the state (including working under the direction of professional archaeologists).
2. An individual must apply for the award with a proposal that states how the grant will aid in the individual’s research relevant to North Carolina archaeology. Each proposal must include (a) a statement of research design (up to 2 pages long), (b) a budget showing how grant funds will be spent in pursuing this research, (c) a curriculum vitae, and (d) a letter of support from a professional archaeological mentor or advisor. The advisor is expected to take an active role in overseeing and/or guiding the research to completion and should explicitly indicate a willingness to do so in the letter.
3. Each grant award will not exceed \$500. The budget may include any direct expense in support of the proposed research, except for wages paid to the grant’s recipient. Examples of allowable expenses include travel (fares, mileage, and per diem), supplies, and fees for specialized services (photography, radiocarbon dating, drafting, etc.). Grant funds may not be used for indirect costs or institutional overhead.
4. Selection criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, (a) the quality of the proposed research, (b) the likelihood that the research can be successfully carried out in a timely manner, (c) the individual’s promise as a professional or avocational archaeologist, and (c) the degree to which the individual has contributed to the programs of the North Carolina Archaeological Society.
5. Normally, the term of the grant shall be for one year, subject to extension for an additional year. The recipient shall submit interim reports of progress and expenditures to the Committee’s chair at six-month intervals from the initial date of the grant. A final report is due within six months after the grant’s term ends. This final report must include a description of the project’s research results, as well as a detailed summary of expenditures made under the grant. If asked, the recipient of the grant will present the results of his or her research at a meeting of the North Carolina Archaeological Society. Each recipient is also required to submit an article on the grant-supported research to the NCAS Newsletter or to the Society’s journal, *North Carolina Archaeology*.

The next deadline for receipt of proposals is April 1, 2013. Awards will be announced by May 31, 2013. Send all materials to NCAS Grant-in-Aid Program, c/o Dr. Randy Daniel, Department of Anthropology, Flanagan Building, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858.

## \*\*\*Newsletter Schedule\*\*\*

We are changing the newsletter schedule beginning with the summer 2013 issue. See the publication schedule box to the right.

### NCAS Officers

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### 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 – January 31**  
**Summer Issue – April 31**

**Fall Issue – July 31**  
**Winter Issue – October 31**

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