

ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGY MONTH

March 2017

Please call to confirm dates & times. All events are open to the public and free unless otherwise noted. Registration may be required.

Batesville

Old Independence Regional Museum

380 South Ninth St., Batesville, 870-793-2121

March 1-31

Program: Digging into the Past

Vicki Garland, Humanities Educator, presents a specialty tour on archeology. Aspiring archeologists (all ages) will be introduced to basic excavation techniques, view artifacts and clay pots, make a clay pot, view images of rock art and design their own rock art on paper. Reservations are required for this 2-hour tour. \$5 per person, limited to 30 people.

Columbus

Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Conservation Education Center

1685 Hempstead 35 N, Columbus, 870-983-2790

March 18-25

Program: Archeology on the Prairie

There will be a full week of programs and activities during spring break about the lives of the Caddo Indians and other outdoor adventures. Free but you must register. www.grandviewprairiecec.com or call for more information and to register.

El Dorado

Arkansas Archeological Survey – SAU Research Station

College Ave. Church of Christ, 1817 N. College, El Dorado, 325-338-3552

March 25, 7am-6pm

Program: Art in Archeology

Downtown El Dorado, 101 N. Washington Ave., 870-866-9048

Arkansas Archeological Survey archeologists will have a table at the El Dorado Art Walk, displaying pre- and post-contact ceramics and their decorative elements.

Elm Springs

Historical Society of Elm Springs

Heritage Center, 106 Water Ave., Elm Springs, 870-378-0887

March 13, 6:30pm

Program: Civil War Archeology in Arkansas

Dr. Jamie Brandon, Archeologist, Arkansas Archeological Survey – UAF Research Station, will talk about archeology on Civil War sites in Arkansas with particular reference to sites in Northwest Arkansas.

Fayetteville

Ko-ko-ci Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society

Fayetteville Public Library, 401 W. Mountain St., Walker Community Rm., Fayetteville, 479-283-5720 or 479-856-7000

March 14, 6-7:30pm

Program: Get Involved and Dig Archeology

Special guest speakers, Marilyn Knapp and Dr. Mary Brennan will talk about the Arkansas Archeological Society's annual Training Program in

archeology, how the public can participate, and the plans for the 2017 Mulberry River Project.

Arkansas Archeological Survey, UAF – Research Station

2475 N. Hatch Ave., Fayetteville, 479-575-3556 or 479-283-5720

March 25, 11:30am-1:30pm

Program: The 4th Annual Celebrate Archeology Day!

Survey archeologists will demonstrate atlatl and other tools and weapon replicas, prehistoric musical instruments, basketry, weaving, flintknapping, conduct Artifact ID and have other demonstrations on Arkansas archeology. Free pizza from Mojo's Pints & Pies. *Note:* No appraisals.

University of Arkansas Museum Collections

2475 N. Hatch Ave., Fayetteville, 479-575-3556 or 479-283-5720

March 30, 7-8:30pm

Program: UA Museum Collections Open House & Tour

The collections room will be open for a rare opportunity for the general public to tour the vast museum collections.

Fort Smith

Ark-Homa Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society

University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, 504 N. Waldron Rd., Echols Conference Center. 479-788-7812

March 16, 7pm

Program: Revisiting the Woodland and Mississippian

Archeology of the Mulberry River in Western Arkansas

Dr. George Sabo III, Director, Arkansas Archeological Survey, will present the late prehistoric archeology of the Mulberry River and discuss the upcoming Society Training Program to be held in that area.

Gillett

Arkansas Post Museum State Park

5530 Hwy 165 South, Peterson Building, Gillett, 870-548-2634

March 1-31

Exhibit: “You’ve Got Mail”

Explore documents and artifacts related to rural mail delivery in the 1920s Arkansas Delta. Tuesday thru Saturday 8am to 5pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm.

Hot Springs

Ouachita Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society

Garland County Library, 1427 Malvern Ave., Hot Springs, 501-623-4161

March 1-31, Library Hours

Exhibit: Archeology and American Indian History in the Ouachita Mountains

A display of artifacts illustrating the long history of American Indians in the Ouachita Mountains region will be open to the public. Call for times.

Garland County Library

1427 Malvern Ave., Library Auditorium, Hot Springs 501-623-4161

March 4, 2:30pm

Program: Archeology in the Ouachita Mountains

Join Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt, Archeologist, Arkansas Archeological Survey – HSU Research Station, for a discussion of Native American history and archeology in the Ouachita Mountains.

Ouachita Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society

March 14, 7pm

Program: Penhook Rock Shelter: Tale of an Early Ozark National Forest Site Testing Project

Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, 200 Whittington Ave., Hot Springs. Gary Knudsen, retired Ozark National Forest Heritage Program Manager, will present the talk that includes information on initial site visits, excavation logistics, research design and preliminary findings of the prehistoric human occupation of the site.

Lake Catherine State Park

1200 Catherine Park Rd., Park Amphitheater, Hot Springs, 501-844-4176

March 18, 7pm

Program: Novaculite: Prized by Man for Centuries

Novaculite and its promise of a better life attracted people to the Ouachita Mountains. Presented by Steve Donahou.

Jonesboro

Arkansas State Museum/Arkansas Archeological Survey – ASU Research Station

320 University Loop, ASU Museum, Room 157, Jonesboro, 870-972-2471

March 7, 6pm

Program: Beyond the Bluff Dweller: Archeology in

Arkansas’s Ozark Bluff Shelters

Lydia Rees, Research Assistant, Arkansas Archeological Survey – UAF Station, will explore Ozark Bluff Shelter Archeology from “bluff dweller” to current professional research.

Magnolia

Arkansas Archeological Survey – SAU Research Station

Southern Arkansas University, 100 E. University, Bruce Center on Campus, Magnolia, 870-235-4230

March 11, 9am-4pm

Program: Lab Day

The SAU Research Station will open its doors for volunteers who would like to assist with archeological research by sorting artifacts. This is a great opportunity for hands-on experience.

March 14, 7pm

Program: Field to Finish: The General Land Office Notes in the 21st Century

Dr. John Dennis will give a talk on the GLO notes and how they are used in archeology and history. Reynold's Center, A & M Room, SAU campus.

Marshall

Searcy County Historical Society

First Christian Church, Hwy US 65 N, behind Simmons Bank, Marshall, 479-463-3949

March 31, 7pm

Program: Civil War Archeology in Arkansas Emphasizing the Ozarks

Dr. Jamie Brandon, Archeologist, Arkansas Archeological Survey – UAF Research Station will give a general description of Civil War conditions and will illustrate how archeology has shed more light on battles at Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove.

Monticello

Tunican Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society

University of Arkansas-Monticello, Visual & Performing Arts Building, Rm. 117, Monticello, 870-460-1290.

March 7, 6:30pm

Program: Flintknapping Workshop

Learn how to flintknap, or make stone tools, with Ray Sibley. Space is limited. To sign up, contact Dr. Jodi Barnes at jabarnes@uark.edu or 870-460-1290. \$5 fee.

Parkin

Parkin Archeological State Park

60 Hwy 184N, Parkin, Visitor Center, 870-755-2500

March 11, 1-4pm

Program: Artifact and Fossil ID Day

Parkin Station Archeologist, Dr. Jeff Mitchem, and other Arkansas Archeological Survey archeologists will be on hand to identify items in your artifact and fossil collections. *Note:* No appraisals.

March 23-25, 10am-3pm daily

Program: Archeology for Everyone

Bring the family to participate in a mock excavation, learn how archeological investigations really happen, and clean real artifacts. Pack a lunch. Free but registration is recommended.

Petit Jean Mountain

Arkansas Archeological Survey Station, WRI Station

1 Rockefeller Dr., Morrilton on Petit Jean Mountain, Teaching Barn, 501-727-6250

March 11, 10am-3pm

Program: WRI Station Open House

There will be archeology related activities including spear throwing with atlatls, flintknapping, make-your-own rock art, cordage and ceramic design activity. Artifacts will be on display for hands-on learning. The spring house and smoke house in the Heritage Farmstead will be open for touring.

March 18, 9am-5pm

Program: Gathering, Gardening, and Agriculture: 5th Grade Social Science Curriculum Workshop

This workshop is designed to instruct 5th grade social science teachers how to teach the “Gathering Gardening, and Agriculture: Plant Use Through Time in the Southeastern United States” curriculum developed by Arkansas Archeological Survey staff. Survey staff will provide participants with in-depth instruction on changing foodways in Arkansas. Curriculum booklet will be provided. Registration required. Contact Emily Beahm at beahm@uark.edu or 501-727-6250.

Petit Jean State Park

1285 Petit Jean Mountain Rd., Morrilton, 501-727-5441

March 4, program at 9am, 11am, 2pm and 4pm

Program: Archeology Day

You are invited to spend a day discovering the archeological treasures of Petit Jean Mountain, including the American Indian pictographs of Rock House Cave. Visit the Petit Jean State park website for more details.

Pine Bluff

Pine Bluff-Jefferson County Historical Museum

201 East 4th Ave., Old Train Station, Pine Bluff, 870-541-5402

March 16, 5:30pm

Program: Exploring the Secrets of the Mounds

Dr. John House, Arkansas Archeological Survey — UAPB Research Station, will discuss interesting information about Native American mounds as discovered through archeology.

Pocahontas

Davidsonville Historic State Park

8047 Hwy 166 South, Pocahontas 870-892-4708

March 31, 9am-3pm

Program: Stages of Archeology

This school field trip program will explore each stage of the archeological exploration process including selecting a site, unearthing, handling, reconstructing, and analyzing artifacts. Interested teachers should contact Geoffrey Havens at geoff.havens@arkansas.gov or at the number above.

Prairie Grove

Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park

506 East Douglas, Amphitheater, Prairie Grove, 479-846-2990

March 25, 4pm

Program: Civil War Archeology in Arkansas and in Northwest Arkansas

Dr. Jamie Brandon, Archeologist, Arkansas Archeological Survey — UAF Research Station, will discuss Civil War archeology in the state of Arkansas, with special emphasis on the recent work conducted in Northwest Arkansas (Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, and Van Winkle's Mill). Follow driving signs within the park.

Rogers

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arkansas

Event located at Hobbs State Park, 20201 East Hwy 12, Rogers, 479-789-5000

March 6, 1-3pm

Program: The Archeology of Van Winkle's Mill

Dr. Jamie Brandon, Arkansas Archeological Survey — UAF Research Station, will give a brief presentation at Hobbs State Park Visitors' Center followed by a guided tour of the Historic Van Winkle's Mill trail—a relatively easy, 5-mile loop with interpretive signage. This is an OLLI Course, contact OLLI to enroll. <http://olliuark.edu>

Hobbs State Park

20201 East Hwy 12, Visitors' Center, Rogers, 479-789-5000

March 11, 2pm

Program: Archeology of Arkansas Ozark Bluff Shelters

Dr. Jamie Brandon, Archeologist, Arkansas Archeological Survey — UAF Research Station, Lydia Rees and Jared Peabworth (ARAS-SRP) will give a talk about archeology in Arkansas bluff shelters. Examples of prehistoric technology will also be on display.

Rohwer

Desha County 4-H

Rohwer Relocation Center Memorial Cemetery, Rohwer, 870-224-5478

March 24, 10am-3pm

Youth and families are invited to learn about Rohwer, a World War II Japanese American Internment Camp, and the science of archeology as they participate in hands-on activities. Lunch will be provided.

Russellville

Arkansas Tech University Anthropology Club

407 West Q St., Ste. 348, Arkansas Tech Bell Tower, Russellville, 479-968-0462

March 7, 11am-1pm

Program: Arkansas Tech University Anthropology Club Archeology Day

The Anthropology Club at ATU will host an Archeology Day event on campus where replicas of regional artifacts will be on display; hands-on activities will include games of stick ball, bracelet-making and more!

Lake Dardanelle State Park

100 State Park Dr., Russellville, 479-890-7477 or 479-967-5516

March 18, 7pm

Program: Trail Where They Cried

Join a park interpreter in the Visitor Center, Lakeview Room, and get a glimpse of what life on the Trail of Tears was like for those who traveled it.

March 20, 6:30pm

Program: Arkansas Traveler

Lake Dardanelle is the site of many unique events in history, and the Arkansas Traveler is one that has molded Arkansas Folklore for years. The Painting is thought to have been painted from the banks of this very park. A park interpreter will discuss the history and sentiment that accompany this famous painting.

March 23, 10am

Program: Native American Games

Have you ever thought about the daily lives of Native Americans and how they spent their free time? Meet a park interpreter in the grassy area across from the Visitor Center to learn some of the Games Native Americans played. All ages welcome!

March 22, 12pm

Program: Pioneer Play

Join us in the grassy area across from the Visitor Center to celebrate Archeology Month as we take a look at area history. Discover what pioneer kids did to pass the time.

Scott

University of Arkansas Little Rock/ARASTM/Toltec Mounds State Park

Toltec Mounds State Park, 490 Toltec Rd., Scott, 501-961-9442 or 501-569-8322, email ehorton @uark.edu or kxlewis@ualr.edu

March 12, 1-5pm

Program: ArcheOlympics!

Archeological themed Olympic-style games at the Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park. Teams will compete in events including

atlatl/spear throwing, archeology unit setup, tool making and use and more.

Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park

490 Toltec Mounds Rd., Scott, 501-961-9442

March 11, 8:30am-4:30pm

Workshop: Boy Scout Archeology Merit Badge Workshop

Attention Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders: Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park is offering to help you earn the Archeology Merit Badge. \$7 per participant. Call for more information.

March 18

Program: Artifact ID Day - 4-5pm

Solve a mystery! Have you ever wanted to know more about those "arrowheads" and pottery pieces that you found as a kid? Bring them to the Visitor Center to let our station archeologist take a look at them. Up to 5 artifacts. Note: *No appraisals.*

Program: Spring Equinox Celebration - 4-7:30pm

Visit this prehistoric mound site to celebrate the spring equinox with interpreter led programs, an archeological speaker, a tour, and a chance to watch the sunset over Mound A.

Fee: \$4 adult, \$3 kids (ages 6-12) Under 6 free.

Statewide

University of Arkansas Press

www.uapress.com or 479-575-7258

March 1-31

Sale: Archeological Book Sale!

To help celebrate Arkansas Archeology Month, the UA Press is offering seven outstanding books for 50% off in the month of March. Enter code ARKARCH17 at checkout on www.uapress.com or mention the code when you call 800-621-2736. Also, receive 25% off all other UA Press books. Use the code of YOUOFA.

Washington

Arkansas Archeological Survey — SAU Research Station

Historic Washington State Park, Washington, 870-983-2684

March 17-19, 9am-5pm (9am-4pm on Sunday)

Program: Historic Archeology Display

Visit the ARAS-SAU table at the 49th Annual Jonquil Festival where archeologists have a display on historic archeology and information on Arkansas Archeology and volunteer opportunities. \$5 parking fee for the festival.

March 20-25, 10 am daily

Program: Gopher Archeology

Participants will explore gopher mounds in the guided hands-on use of archeological principles to scoop, screen, classify, map, and document actual historical artifacts to add to the park's collection.

Information:

Late additions to the Events Brochure, as well as information and activity ideas, can be found on the Arkansas Archeological Survey's web site:

www.arkansasarcheology.org

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