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
300 South Ninth St, Batesville, 870-793-2121
March 1-31
Program: Digging into the Past
Vicki Garland, Humanities Educator, presents a specially 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 St 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.grandviewprairieconec.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-Charte of the Arkansas Archeological Society
Fayetteville Public Library, 401 W. Mountain St., Walker Community Rm., Fayetteville, 479-203-5720 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 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, 479-755-3556 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 & Pins. Note: No appraisals.

University of Arkansas Museum Collections
2475 N. Hatch Ave., Fayetteville, 479-755-3556 or 479-283-5720
March 30, 7-8:30pm
Program: UA Museum Collections Open House & Tour
The collections room will open for a rare opportunity for the general public to tour the vast museum collections.

Fort Smith
Ark-Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society
University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, 504 N. Wadron Rd., Echoles Conference Center. 479-788-7012
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 latest prehistoric archeology of the Mulberry River and discuss the upcoming Society Training Program to be held in that area.

Gillett
Arkansas Past Museum State Park
5530 Hwy 165 South, Petersen 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: Pennycook 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 Knudson, retired Ozark National Forest Heritage Program archeologist, 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 Rd., Park Amphitheater, Hot Springs, 501-844-4176
March 18, 7pm
Program: NoviceGuide: Priced by Man for Centuries

Jenksboro
Arkansas State Museum/Arkansas Archeological Survey – ASU Research Station
300 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 Research 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 Drive, 870-237-4520
March 11, 7am-6pm
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
Seavy County Historical Society
First Christian Church, Hwy US 65 N, behind Simmons Bank, Marshall, 479-462-3949
March 31, 7pm
Program: Civil War Archeology in Arkansas Emphasizing the Ozarks
Dr. Jamie Brandon, Archeologist, Arkansas Archeological Survey – UAF Research Station will present 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
Tunicio 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 jbares@uark.edu or 870-460-1290. $5 fee.

Parkin
Parkin Archeological State Park
60 Hwy 148, Parkin, Frister Center, 870-755-2500
March 11, 1-4pm
Program: Artifact and Fossil ID Day
Parkin Station Archeologist, Dr. Jeff Millich, 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: Archaeology 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 State Station, WRI Station 1 Rockerbell Dr., Morrilton on Petit Jean Mountain, Teaching Barn, 501-727-6259
March 11, 10-3pm
Program: WRI Station Open House
There will be archeology related activities including spear throwing with atlatls, flintknapping, make your own rock art, cardage 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. Staff will provide participants with in-depth instruction on changing foodways in Arkansas. Curriculum booklet will be provided. Registration required. Contact Emily Beathe at beathe@uark.edu or 501-727-6250.

Petit Jean State Park
1283 Petit Jean Mountain Rd., Morrilton, 501-727-5441
March 4, program at 9am, 11am, 2pm and 6pm
Program: Paleontology 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 – UAF 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, unearthling, handling, reconstituting, 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 Art 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://OLLI.uark.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 Pebworth (ARAS-SP) will give a talk about archeology in Arkansas bluff shelters. Examples of prehistoric technology will also be on display.

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Hobbs Relocation Center Memorial Cemetery, Hobbs, 870-224-5470
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 G St., Ste. 348, Arkansas Tech Bell Tower, Russellville, 479-968-0462
March 7, 11am-5pm
Program: Arkansas Tech University Anthropology Club
Archeology Day
The Anthropology Club at ATU will host an Archeology Day event on campus where replaces 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 accompanied 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 a park interpreter 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 501-569-3232, email senior.arts@ark.edu or kalew@uark.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 archery, spear throwing, archery 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 – 4:30pm
Save 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. Free. No reservations.

Program: Spring Equinox Celebration – 4:30pm
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.
Fen: $6 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 all the month of March. Enter code ARKARCH 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 YOUDA.

Washington
Arkansas Archeological Survey – SAU Research Station
Historic Washington State Park, Washington, 870-983-3664
March 17-19, 9am-5pm (9am-4pm on Sunday)
Program: Historic Archeology Display
Visit the ARAS-SAU table at the 49th Annual Jambalaya Festival where archeologists have a display on historic archeology and information on Arkansas Archeology and volunteer opportunities. $3 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 sweep, 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