March 11th
James Rees talks about “Drums Along the Arkansas”

Our Arkansas Archeology Month program will be James A. Rees, Jr., retired Arkansas educator and immediate past Vice-President of the state-wide Arkansas Archeological Society. Mr. Rees is a returning speaker who gave us an excellent talk on the Davidson Methodist Camp Meeting ground in Clark County and what it might tell us about ancient ceremonial spaces in 2009 and talked to us about one of the earliest Native-American flutes found in the Ozarks in 2011. This visit Mr. Rees will tackle our season theme—iconography. Rees will talk about “Drums Along the Arkansas” which explores possible depictions of membrane drums in the engraved shell art at the famous Spiro Mounds site in eastern Oklahoma near Fort Smith.

Come hear about how ancient Arkansans made music—Tuesday, March 11th, 7:00pm in the Magnolia Room on the second floor of the Reynolds Center on the campus of Southern Arkansas University.

March is Arkansas Archeology Month!

Arkansas Archeology Month is an annual celebration commemorating Arkansas’s cultural heritage as revealed through archeology. Exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, tours, open houses, workshops, and other activities are scheduled throughout the state at museums, historic sites, state parks, libraries, and colleges. The event began as “Arkansas Archeology Week” in 1991 and was expanded to cover a month in 2002. It has been held in both the spring and the fall, but since 2003 Arkansas Archeology Month is held in March.

Archeology month events in south Arkansas include James Rees’ talk (detailed above) and the volunteer Spring Break Dig at the Taylor House near Monticello (detailed below). For more events and information see our website:

http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/archmonth.html

March 24-30 2014:
Spring Break Dig at the Taylor House

Dr. Brandon from the SAU Station will be joining the UAM Station to host the 2014 Spring Dig at the Taylor House. Also known as Hollywood Plantation, excavations in 1982 by Skip Stewart-Abernathy made it the first plantation site to be excavated in the state. Built in 1845, the Taylor House is a two story, dogtrot style, log house near Bayou Bartholomew in Drew County. The 2014 Spring Dig will focus on the root cellar, the ell, the rear porch of the house and the smokehouse. This research has the potential to provide important information about the antebellum period in southeast Arkansas. Volunteers welcome.

The Taylor House is located on Hwy 138 about 40 miles east of Monticello. For google maps directions:

http://tiny.cc/TaylorHouse

Contact Dr. Barnes at: jabarnes@uark.edu or 870-460-1290, or Dr. Brandon at jbrando@uark.edu for additional information and to sign up.

Kadobadachcho Speakers Spring 2014

• March 11—James Rees, Vice-President of the Arkansas Archeological Society and archeomusicologist, will talk about iconography and music in the southeastern US.

• April 8—Dr. Elizabeth Horton, AAS-Toltel Station Archeologist, will talk about iconography in Native American basketry.
March 29: Kadohadacho Open Lab Saturday

By request of the AAS-SAU Research Station Board of Advisors we launched a Kadohadacho Chapter Laboratory Saturday once a month starting last month. Our February Open Lab Saturday was a success and we managed to rebox and inventory the last of the artifacts excavated from the Paw Paw site—a Woodland period site in Ouachita County excavated in 1971.

This Month’s open Lab Saturday will happen the last Saturday in March—March 29th. Drs. Brandon & Drexler and volunteers will be working in the lab that Saturday from 9am until 4pm at the AAS-SAU Research Station in room 103 of the Bruce Center on the Southern Arkansas University campus in Magnolia. If you are interested in getting hands-on experience with artifacts, this is your chance to volunteer and take part in ongoing research and inventorying of materials that have been excavated over the last 46 years right here in in our own back yards! Contact Dr. Brandon at brando@uark.edu or 479-879-6229 to participate.

56th Caddo Conference and 21st East Texas Archeological Conference

We invite you to attend the joint Caddo Conference and East Texas Archeological Conference will be jointly held March 27-29, 2014, in Tyler, Texas, on the University of Texas at Tyler campus. Ornelas Activity Center; 3402 Old Omen Rd. The registration fee for the conference is $20, either before the conference or at the door. More information can be found online:

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Thomas H. Guderjan tguderjan@uttyler.edu 817-831-9011.

June 7-22:
2014 AAS Training Program
Site 3MN298 near Oden, AR

This summer the Arkansas Archeological Society Summer Training Program will return to the Ouachita Mountains in Montgomery County to continue our work at 3MN298 near Oden. The Training Program in Archeology is a research project where individuals interested in archeology can gain experience in all phases of archeological excavation, site survey, and laboratory processing under professional supervision. For more information see the Arkansas Archeological Society’s website:

April 3-5: Arkansas Historical Association Annual Conference

The Arkansas Historical Association’s 2014 annual conference will be held, April 3-5 in Historic Washington State Park. The theme is in-line with the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial theme—“The Homefront.” Additionally, our own Dr. Jamie Brandon will be the Keynote Speaker for the Saturday luncheon. Dr. Brandon’s talk will be entitled “Archeologies of the Home Front: Excavations at Historic Washington State Park” and will talk about the usefulness of historical archeology in general, with specific examples from our recent work at Historic Washington State Park and the 2011 and 2012 Arkansas Archeological Society. For more information about the conference see the AHA website:
http://arkansashistoricallassociation.org/?page_id=17

Dr. Brandon, President-elect of the HPAA

At the February Board meeting of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas, Dr. Brandon was voted in as President-elect of the organization. The HPAA is the only statewide nonprofit organization focused on preserving Arkansas’s architectural and cultural resources. Founded in 1981, the Alliance’s mission is to educate, advocate and assist preservation efforts across the state. Through educational
programs centered on architectural heritage, advocating for preservation legislation in the halls of the State Capitol and at the local level, and assisting owners of historic properties with the means and expertise to preserve and restore historic structures, the Alliance has been a statewide voice for preservation in Arkansas for three decades.

**Picture of the Month:** A turn-of-the century photograph of the Taylor House near Monticello. This will be the site of our upcoming joint AAS-UAM/AAS-SAU Spring Break Dig, March 24-30. For more information contact Dr. Barnes at jabarnes@uark.edu or 870-460-1290, or Dr. Brandon at jbrando@uark.edu

**Join the Southwest Arkansas Archeology E-Mail List**

You can keep track with the latest local archeology news by joining the Southwest Arkansas Archeology e-mail list.

The Southwest Arkansas Archeology List [SWAR_ARCH] is meant to help spread information about archeological news and activities in southwestern Arkansas...and, of course, the list will remind members of the Kadohadacho Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society about the monthly meetings.

To join simply send an e-mail message to:

SWAR_ARCH-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You may also join be e-mail list by contacting Jamie Brandon at jbrandon@saumag.edu

**Upcoming Conferences & Events**

- March 24-29—Spring Break Dig at the Taylor House, Monticello, AR.
- April 3-5—Arkansas Historical Association Conference, Washington, AR. Info: [http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org/?page_id=17](http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org/?page_id=17)

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