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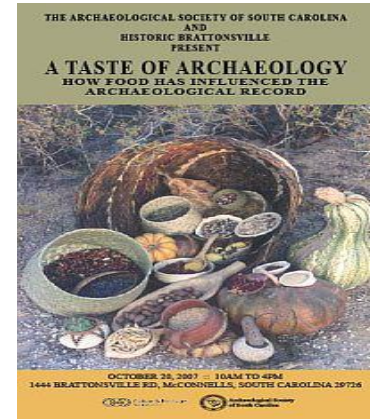
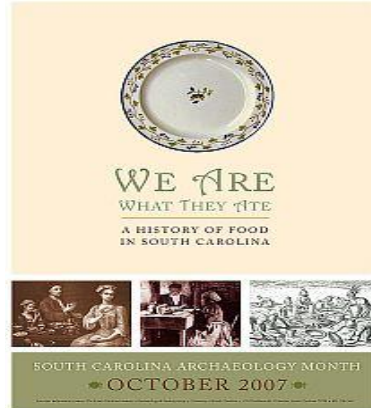
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South Carolina Archaeology Month 2007



Have you ever wondered what is archaeology? What can it tell us about our past? Join the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology in celebrating the 16th Annual Archaeology Month from October 1-31. This year's theme is "Foodways: We Are What They Ate--A History of Food in South Carolina." Throughout the month of October there will be exciting events open to the public such as lectures, tours, and demonstrations dedicated to the celebration and understanding of South Carolina's unique heritage. Bring the whole family for an exciting day at Historic Brattonsville Park for the 20th Annual Archaeology Day on October 20. We invite you, the interested

public, to meet archaeologists from around the state while they discuss South Carolina foodways of the last 12,000 years. Demonstrations, presentations, and lectures will include Revolutionary War Camp Kitchen, Kitchenware from the Blacksmith, 18th Century Scots-Irish Archaeology, Artifacts from Spanish Wells, 19th Century Moonshine, and Moravian Kitchenware's. There will also be demonstrations on hot rock cooking, friction fire, forests, and food, cooking with Aboriginal clay pots, Catawba foodways, atlatl and blowgun hunting, and archaeology of fishing. The public will also see actual excavations of a country store. Kids can participate in a dig, make bricks, turn rope, shuck and grind corn, and much more. Hope to see you there! For More information : Archaeology Month Program Link For more information:

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Program Link
<http://www.cas.sc.edu/scia/archmonth.html>
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New Website

The Maritime Research Division (MRD) of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology will soon be launching a new and improved website. The new website features current research and past projects, the South Carolina Underwater Antiquities Act, listing of current staff, and a page devoted to the Sport Diver Archaeology Management Program (SDAMP). The

SDAMP page on the MRD website will provide access to the hobby diver license forms, online reporting, listing of online resources for sport divers, downloadable trail guides for the Copper River and Ashley River heritage trail, and current events schedule



Excavation of the Malcom Boat

Letter from the SDAMP Office

Greetings Divers,



Hope everyone had a great summer and welcome to the second issue of the SDAMP news. We are excited to feature our first diver submitted article thanks to Gus Dunlap. Help us keep this forum going. This is a great way to share your interests with others. If you would like to submit an article, book review, announcement, pictures, or anything else of interest contact Lora Holland email: hollank@gwm.sc.edu or phone: (843)762-6105 or Carl Naylor email: canaylor@gwm.sc.edu. This newsletter is for you the passionate public so get involved! We will be sending periodic e-newsletters, program information, and project updates so please keep your e-mail address current with the SDAMP office.

Lora Holland
Archaeologist/ SDAMP Manager

My Most Valuable Diving Find

By Gus Dunlap

When Lora suggested that she would be interested in stories for the SDAMP newsletter, I thought of this article that I wrote for the Bottom Time Scuba Club newsletter, "The Surface Interval." The topic of the article was to be an account and description the most important recovery I made while diving. It took me awhile to consider.

The mastodon tooth, the shard of lead-glazed slipware, the Indian rock with picture writing on it, or the large buffalo nickel belt buckle? Which one was it? Then it came to me and I knew.

Early on in my diving career I applied for a hobby diver license from the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology. Back then I wasn't much interested in logging dives because I had been diving for several years before I became certified and never developed the habit. Anyway, reports had to be turned in to maintain the hobby license so I bought a small loose leaf notebook and began "My So Called Log." This was nothing to compare with the current PADI diver's log book. Far from it, and crude doesn't even begin to describe my log. The book is formatted something like this; each trip was logged on one or more pages, a trip could be from one to four dives in a day, an index number for each trip is on the top of the page, then the date and location is noted with the names of the other people on the trip. Some dives were multiple tank dives on the same site and some were multiple site dives on the same tank or a combination, then a list of recovered object (when we could find any) would be recorded with observations and comments and sometimes a hand drawn picture or description of a landmark or an artifact was added. It is important to add that the information was not always in any particular order. Here are some excerpts as best as I can render them with a keyboard.

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Cooper River

Me and Caleb got up 5:30 left Hartsville 6 in at Dock Restaurant 8:45 – ½ hr to Strawberry ½ hr to power lines. First dive too far up. Not in good spot. Second dive anchored at delta, current coming in still too far up. Third dive moved down 50' OK! The spot is down from the delta. Two big logs and some clay hunks. Rock & clay bottom with beds. First dive found wt belt + 10 lbs. Second dive 3 or 5 nice teeth. Third dive found anchor & rope some nice teeth & 4-point mastodon tooth with root. Left power lines 3:00 pm tried ½ tank East Branch at landing & also by Abbey--nothing found. Out at dock 6:30 pm

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Big Pee Dee River

US 301 Bridge 2tanks 2 dives

First went N. past RR trestle saw two piles of brick on E. bank anchored at Northern most & let out all rope 75'-100'. Boat stood about 30' from several log pilings on E. bank also some old army surplus steel mat was pointing out of bank at an angle right towards the boat. Went down anchor rope and found clear flask bottle right off. It was full of cracks. Lucked out and was on gravel bed, lots of petrified wood & pretty rocks, also some iron or steel. Later in same (only) bed found plate shard brown and yellow glaze on one side no glaze on bottom & serrated edge. Second dive down river to second brick pile (smaller) no gravel, sand & logs & brick went past anchor looking found 2 pieces of pottery. That's all. Saw large piece of iron like a wash pot shard. Water low & clear (for Pee Dee) 2' visibility. Moderate current. Full wet suit hood 18 lbs wt & river tool (new). It worked good. Put buddy line on anchor rope & river tool on buddy line. Depth 10'-12' max, no light first dive 4 pm EDT. Was on gravel bed also looked as far as rope in all directions no more gravel. Bottom time 1hr 12 min. Second dive found bricks but no gravel, just sand & logs. Found pottery under logs. Went past anchor looking, surfaced in front of new trailer house, bottom time approx 50 min. Needed light sun getting low.

That's it! It's January and I just looked through 176 great dive trips and relived each of them to pick out four that yielded extraordinary artifacts. But really in truly, they were all good, and they are all right there in the greatest treasure I ever found diving, **My Log Book!**

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