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By Nena Powell Rice and Christopher Judge

The SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) at the University of South Carolina is finalizing the coordination of the 20th Annual South Carolina Archaeology Month to be held in October 2011. The fall event focuses on cultural programs offered in every corner of the state. Each year the month-long event produces a topical poster focusing on current archaeological research in the Palmetto state. This year's theme is entitled *Making Artifacts Talk: The Archaeology of the Johannes Kolb Site*, which features archaeological investigations at the Johannes Kolb site in Darlington County and the Great Pee Pee region of South Carolina. The editors of the poster articles are Christopher Judge, Assistant Director of the Native American Studies Program at University of South Carolina-Lancaster, with the assistance of Andrea Palmiotto as Copy/Content Editor, and Brittany Taylor as Designer of the poster.

On the back of the poster, Christopher Judge, will introduce us to the importance of the Johannes Kolk site, which spans over 10,000 years of continuous occupation. Geoarchaeologist, Christopher Young, will explain what he has learned from Early Archaic period (10,000-8,000 year-old) rocks and artifacts made from those rocks at the site. Chris uses geology and chemistry to tell us where the rocks used to fashion Kolb site artifacts come from. Project Principal

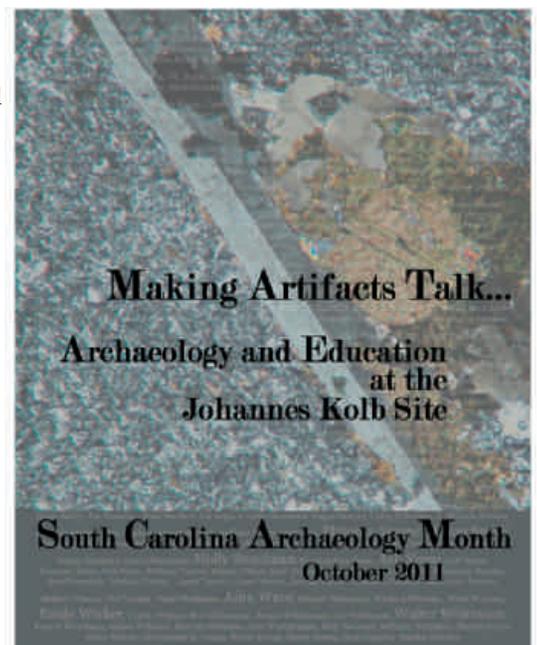
Archaeologist, Sean Taylor, will discuss how various prehistoric artifacts were manufactured and used in the replication of hafted spears, clay pots, and other objects. We will also learn about the dynamic behavior that the static artifacts are talking to him about. Lead Project Archaeologist, Carl Steen, will combine the lifebloods of inquiry—field archaeology, laboratory analysis, and historical research—that will weave those arteries together to tell us about those who lived at Kolb in the historic period. Some names are known and others are anonymous, but his research is revealing their stories and giving them a voice, nonetheless. Archaeologist, Site Interpreter, and Project Conservator, Tariq Ghaffar, will explain how he cleans, conserves, and preserves Kolb site iron objects from the historic periods at the Camden Conservation Institute in Camden, SC. Tariq's careful work allows these artifacts to speak up and share their unique stories. The poster will also highlight a Lecture Series.

Archaeology Month activities will begin in October 2011 with a variety of statewide events focusing on prehistory, history, culture, and historic preservation. The 24th Annual South Carolina Archaeology Field Day sponsored by the Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC) will be held at Lynches River County Park

in Florence County, South Carolina on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Please check the ASSC website for details: <http://www.assc.net/events/fall-field-day>.

There will be the usual demonstrations of Native American, African, and European technology, as well as new programming, of which details are now being finalized.

For a list of scheduled events in connection with Archaeology Month, contact Nena Rice (nrice@sc.edu) at SCIAA at (803) 576-6573 for further details. Please come by SCIAA at 1321 Pendleton Street in Columbia, and pick up free posters!



2011 SC Archaeology Month Poster. (Design by Brittany Taylor and Andrea Palmiotto)