8-2010

19th Annual South Carolina Archaeology Month
2010

Nena Powell Rice
University of South Carolina - Columbia, ricen@mailbox.sc.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/sciaa_staffpub

Part of the Anthropology Commons

Publication Info
http://www.cas.sc.edu/sciaa/
© 2010 by The South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology
By Nena Powell Rice

The SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) at the University of South Carolina is finalizing the coordination of the 19th Annual South Carolina Archaeology Month to be held in October 2010. The fall event focuses on techniques used in archaeology with various programs and events throughout 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 "Technology in Archaeology." The editors of the poster articles are Jonathan Leader, State Archaeologist at SCIAA, with the assistance of Christopher Moore, Archaeologist at the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program at SCIAA. The cover will feature several different images that express the unique techniques and methodologies archaeologists use in the field and laboratory. The theme of the articles on the back of the poster will focus on recent papers given at the Archaeological Society of South Carolina’s annual conference that was held in April 2010. Some of these articles will include information on remote sensing of hidden site features, geomorphology by way of LiDAR, ground penetrating radar, the use of gradiometers on archaeological sites and historic cemeteries, artifact authentication by archaeometry, artifact wear analysis, and archaeobotanical analysis.

Archaeology Month activities will begin in October 2010 with a variety of statewide events focusing on prehistory, history, culture, and historic preservation. The 23rd Annual South Carolina Archaeology Field Day sponsored by the Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC) will be held at Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site on Saturday, October 9, 2010. 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 and Archaeology Field Day, visit the SCIAA website: http://www.cas.sc.edu/sciaa or the ASSC website: www.assc.net. Also, contact Carl Steen (carl.steen@gmail.com) Archaeologist at Diachronic Research Foundation, at (803) 782-8789 for more detailed information on Archaeology Field Day, and contact Nena Rice (nrice@sc.edu) at SCIAA at (803) 576-6573 for further details on South Carolina Archaeology Month. Another website of archaeological interest in South Carolina is the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists http://coscapa.org. Please come by SCIAA at 1321 Pendleton Street in Columbia, and pick up free posters!