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SPRING MEETING APRIL 11-12

The 1987 Spring Meeting of the Archaeological Society of North Carolina will coincide with the 50th anniversary celebration of archaeological work at Town Creek Indian Mound. Several outstanding speakers and slide presentations are scheduled for Saturday, April 11, at the Sheraton Inn in Southern Pines. An additional event will be held on Sunday, April 12, at Town Creek Indian Mound. Although we will not have the opportunity to hold a regular business meeting, no one will want to miss this program. A letter from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources concerning the weekend's activities, and a registration form, are provided at the back of this Newsletter.

SUMMARY OF FALL MEETING

The 1986 ASNC Fall Meeting was held at Town Creek Indian Mound and was attended by over 60 people. Several society members exhibited artifacts from their personal collections. Randy Daniel, an anthropology graduate student at UNC-CH, talked and showed slides of a Paleo-Indian site--Harney Flats--excavated near Tampa, Florida. The site is important because of its excellent stratigraphy and an abundance of stone tools. Archaeologists gathered valuable information about Paleo-Indian tool kits and the manufacturing sequence for projectile points and other tools.

Dr. Allen May of the Schiele Museum spoke about the Gaston County Archaeological Project. Volunteers and help from the Gaston County Archaeological Society were instrumental in discovering 30 new sites and helped excavate sites which may be at the boundary of two different Woodland cultures.

David Fuerst, also an anthropology graduate student at UNC-CH, spoke and showed slides of an archaeological excavation at Fort Scammon, an earthen Civil War fortification built by the 23rd Ohio Regiment in 1863. The excavation revealed many details about the fort's construction as well as several artifacts from the period.

Finally, Dr. Steve Davis from the Research Laboratories of Anthropology at UNC-CH gave a talk and slide presentation about the now

completely excavated site of Occaneechi Town near Hillsborough. Occaneechi was a Siouan village that traded with early European settlements in Virginia. This work, funded by the National Geographic Society, is part of a larger study being conducted by the Research Labs to study culture change among Piedmont Siouans during the Historic period. ASNC volunteers were able to provide assistance during several phases of the excavation.

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

(submitted by Friends of North Carolina Archaeology, Inc.)

April, 1987 has been proclaimed by Governor Martin as Archaeology Month. A calendar of events has been planned which will increase public awareness about North Carolina's rich archaeological heritage and to point up the efforts of groups like Friends of North Carolina Archaeology and the Office of State Archaeology to preserve and protect that heritage.

The following list notes many of the lectures, exhibits, and other events that will occur across the state during Archaeology Month. Please plan to attend any or all of them. Additional information on times, places, and an expanded list of events may be had by calling or writing the Office of State Archaeology at 919/733-7342 or 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27611.

APRIL

1. Reception in the lobby of the Archives and History Building from 8:00-10:00 PM; opening temporary exhibit on Phelps Lake Indian canoes (Friends of North Carolina Archaeology).
4. Artifact identification clinic at the Boy Scout Exposition, Laurenburg National Guard Armory (Margaret Houston).
- 4-5. The Museum of the Cape Fear in Fayetteville is having an Arsenal Military Re-enactment and Encampment covering all periods of military history (Kenneth Robinson).
5. Interview on J. C. Knowle's radio talk show, WPTF (Stephen R. Claggett).
6. Archaeological Society of Cumberland County's regular meeting, to learn how to fill out archaeological site forms.
6. Talk at Richmond County Historical Society in Rockingham (Billy L. Oliver).
8. Talk at South Mountains Sierra Club in Morganton, Western Piedmont Community College (David G. Moore).
- 11-12. Town Creek 50th Anniversary, Southern Pines and Town Creek, Mt. Gilead [also Spring Meeting of the Archaeological Society of North Carolina].

14. The Archaeological Society of Cumberland County is sponsoring a talk at the Museum of the Cape Fear on 1986 fieldwork (David G. Moore).
14. Talk at the Museum of the Albemarle - "Taste of History" luncheon in Elizabeth City (John W. Clauser, Jr.).
16. Talk at Old Salem in Winston-Salem (Mike Hammond).
16. Talk at the Indian Museum of the Carolinas in Launenburg (Mark A. Mathis).
17. Talk at the Museum of Man, Wake Forest University (J. Ned Woodall).
18. Open house and artifact identification clinic at the Museum of Man, Wake Forest University.
21. The Uwharrie Archaeological Society will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 PM at the Randolph County Library in Asheboro.
23. Artifact identification clinic at Brevard College in the cafeteria (Ruth Wetmore).

MAY

2. Heritage Day at Randolph Hall in Asheboro (Uwharrie Archaeological Society).

During the Month:

Exhibits at Brevard Public Library (Ruth Wetmore)

Adult continuing education course on the Upper Cape Fear region at the Fayetteville Institute (Kenneth Robinson).

Exhibits on archaeology at the Cumberland County Public Library.

ASNC MEMBERS IN ACTION

Jack and Kitty Wells, Ken Suggs, D.H. Baker, and Bill Jackson put on a display of artifacts from their private collections at the 6th Annual Indian Pow-Wow in Fayetteville last Fall. They had a sign announcing that the display was in honor of the ASNC. This dedicated group gave out 273 society brochures to people who showed significant interest.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to these society members who have given their time and energy to further the efforts of our organization. Keep up the good work.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The ASNC Executive Board will meet on Saturday, April 11, after the last afternoon program event (approx. 5:00 PM).

1986-1987 Executive Board Members

President	Doug Woodworth	
Vice President	Jack Wells	
Secretary/Editor	Richard Terrell	
Executive Secretary	Steve Davis	
At-Large Members	Vance Eller	Bill Jackson
	Bill Terrell	Allen May
	Kitty Wells	D.H. Baker

WATERCOLOR PRINTS

Town Creek watercolor prints by Tom Stine of Hickory are still available. It is a beautiful print and will make an excellent gift for anyone interested in North Carolina archaeology. The cost is \$25 plus \$2 postage and handling. The proceeds will go towards sponsoring our collections survey. Buy one now and help the survey get started.

SOUTHERN INDIAN STUDIES

The next issue of Southern Indian Studies, Vol. XXXIV, is in its final stage of editing and will go to the publisher in late March. This issue will contain a report by Jane M. McIlanus on an analysis of lithic artifacts from the Forbush Creek site (31Yd1), a Late Woodland village on the Yadkin River that was excavated by the Research Laboratories of Anthropology in 1972. Copies should be mailed to Society members by early summer.

FROM THE EDITOR

Please send us your questions and comments. If you want to make a comment, to express an opinion, or just to announce an upcoming archaeological event in your area, please write to us and we will put it in the Newsletter. We will also be happy to answer any questions which you may have concerning North Carolina archaeology.

Richard Terrell



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Town Creek Indian Mound
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Dear Friend of Town Creek Indian Mound:

On the weekend of April 11-12 the Historic Sites Section, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, the Archaeological Society of North Carolina, and the Friends of North Carolina Archaeology will jointly conduct a special celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Dr. Joffre Coe's initial archaeological work at Town Creek Indian Mound. We extend a special invitation to you to attend this golden anniversary observance.

Saturday, April 11 - Sheraton Inn--Southern Pines, NC

9:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 am - 12:15 am	Addresses from Supporting Institutions
12:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Papers on the Archaeology of Town Creek and Its Role in Southeastern Archaeology
7:00 pm	Banquet Presentation of Annual Award Presented by Friends of NC Archaeology, Inc. Speakers - Dr. James B. Griffin Dr. Joffre L. Coe

Sunday, April 12 - Town Creek Indian Mound--Mt. Gilead, NC

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Welcome Introduction of State Officials Keynote Address Unveiling of New Exhibit
3:00 pm	Native American Dance Group Native American Crafts and Demonstrations Refreshments

An effort is being made to reunite those who have been involved with the development of Town Creek Indian Mound. We hope you will be able to attend this very special occasion. We look forward to hearing from you.

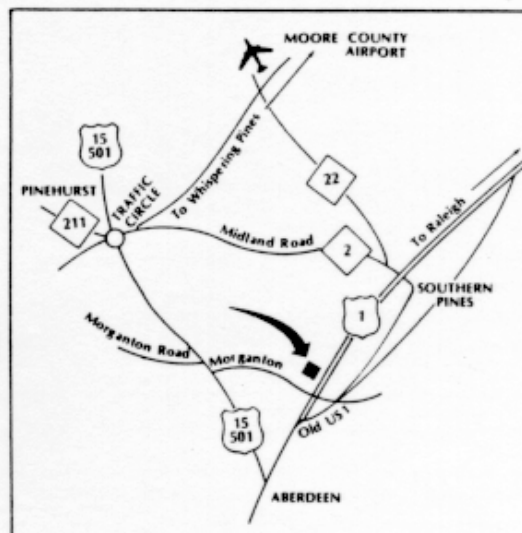
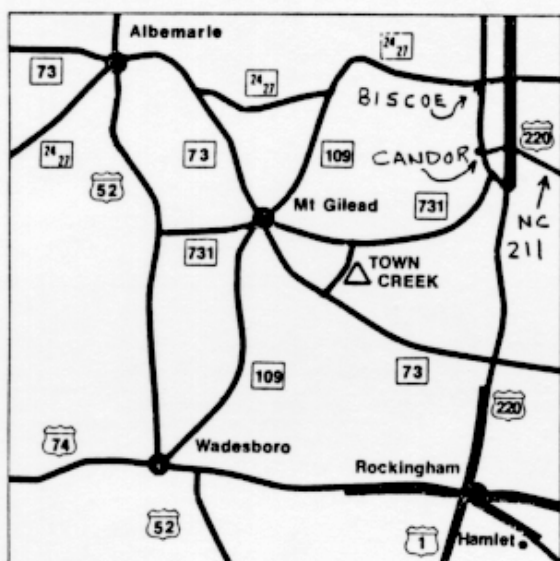
Sincerely,

The Committee for the 50th Anniversary
of Town Creek Indian Mound

If you plan to stay at the Sheraton Inn during the conference, hotel reservations must be made early. When making reservations (919) 692-8585, state that you are attending the Town Creek Indian Mound 50th Anniversary meeting. The Sheraton Inn is located on U.S. 1 at Morganton Road in Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Room Rates: Single \$ 43.00
Double \$ 52.00

Tickets for the banquet are \$12.00 each. Registration for the Saturday session is \$3.00. If you plan to attend the banquet, fill out the reservation form below and return it with your check to Town Creek Indian Mound, State Historic Site, Route 3, Box 50, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306. Please make checks payable to The Friends of Town Creek Indian Mound, Inc. Banquet reservations must be received by March 25.



_____ Yes, I plan to attend the archaeological symposium, April 11, 1987 at the Sheraton Inn in Southern Pines, NC. Please reserve me a space.
\$3.00 - Registration Fee

_____ Yes, I plan to attend the banquet Saturday night at 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Inn, Southern Pines, NC.
\$12.00 - Banquet Fee

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

_____ NAME

_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER

_____ ADDRESS

_____ CITY STATE ZIP

*Return to Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site, Route 3, Box 50, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306 -- Deadline: March 25, 1987