

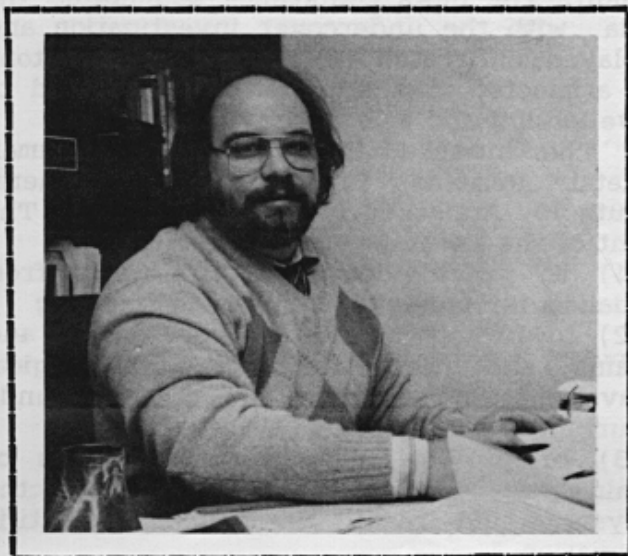
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LEWIS EDWARDS SELECTED FOR JOFFRE COE AWARD



FRIENDS is very proud to announce that Lewis Edwards has been selected as the 1988 recipient of the Joffre Lanning Coe Award. This prestigious award recognized his outstanding contributions in public education in archaeology. The award consists of a commemorative plaque and a \$500 cash payment to be presented to him during Archaeology Month in April.

Lewis Edwards is the Director of Continuing Education at Randolph Community College in Asheboro and also serves as Chairman of the Education Committee for the Uwharrie Archaeological Society. Lewis' deep interest in archaeology has led to his involvement with many different activities at the local and state level. These include field work, laboratory analysis, and educational programs presented at archaeological society meetings, public schools, and special events, such as the annual Heritage Day activities in Asheboro.

Two years ago his commitment to the promotion of North Carolina archaeology led Lewis to create a formal course in archaeological assistant training that could be offered through Randolph Community College. His goal was to offer class participants an opportunity to gain academic, field, and laboratory training in

archaeology that would enable them to serve as qualified assistants to professional archaeologists, as well as to deepen the students' appreciation of their archaeological resources.

The Archaeological Assistant Training class, offered through Randolph Community College as a three-semester course from January, 1988 to January, 1989, was the result of Lewis' extensive efforts. Taught by Steve Claggett and Bill Oliver of the Office of State Archaeology, the course was divided into segments of academic instruction in Southeastern archaeology, field methods, and laboratory analysis. Over seventy-five people registered for the course, with twice that number on a waiting list, attesting to the interest generated by Lewis' intensive involvement in the project. His efforts have resulted in a class that was a pilot program and a one-of-its kind achievement for community colleges in the United States.

Lewis is currently seeking grant funding to make the videotapes of the lectures available as part of teaching packages for public schools. He is also planning public school teacher workshops in archaeology to be offered this spring.

Lewis Edward's achievements in public education and community involvement, as well as his zeal and enthusiastic devotion to the promotion of North Carolina's archaeological resources truly embody the spirit intended to be recognized by the Joffre Lanning Coe Award.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Coe Award is presented annually by the Friends of North Carolina Archaeology to recognize outstanding contributions to North Carolina archaeology. Both professional and non-professional archaeologists are eligible for this award. Nominees are considered for their contributions in the areas of identification, preservation, interpretation, and understanding of North Carolina's archaeological resources and for public education in the appreciation of our archaeological heritage.

----NANCY KING

N. C. "BURIAL LAW" ENFORCED

A six-month undercover operation by the Rowan County sheriff's department and the SBI culminated in early January with searches of two homes in Salisbury and the arrest of one man for violating the N.C. "burial law", (General Statute 70, Article 3).

Acting on information provided by concerned citizens and the Office of State Archaeology, sheriff's deputies and SBI agents were able to infiltrate a group of relic collectors, one of whom sold two prehistoric Indian skulls to the agents. That case, a clear violation of the law which prohibits disturbance of unmarked graves and trafficking in human remains, has now been bound over to a March grand jury.

Other evidence in the cases includes some two hundred fifty whole or partial human skeletons, plus numerous artifacts such as carved stone pipes, shell ornaments and projectile points removed from grave sites in Davidson and nearby counties. Steve Claggett and Bill Oliver of the OSA assisted agents with the seizure, identification and inventory of those materials. Drs. David Weaver and Ned Woodall, Wake Forest University, also donated their time and expertise in safeguarding and analyzing the skeletons and related artifacts.

It now appears that many more graves at several major Indian village sites have been systematically looted by relic hunters over the last 10-15 years in clear violation of state laws. Some artifacts from the looted NC sites may have been sold or traded to individuals outside our state, which could constitute violations of the federal Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

Law enforcement agents are now working closely with local district attorneys in drawing up additional charges against at least two men: each separate violation may result in a Class H felony charge, punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment, plus a fine. Investigations of other violations and individuals continue as well.

Numerous news media releases have covered these events and follow-up editorials have been supportive of the cooperative efforts to curtail grave looting and desecration. Through the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs, native Americans have likewise expressed their outrage over these instances of grave desecration, while noting their appreciation for official efforts to stop such practices.

Our archaeological protection laws clearly are working up to their potential. Continued public support for archaeology, plus cooperation

from law enforcement agencies and prosecutors may yet stem the tide of site looting and grave desecration in North Carolina.

---- STEVE CLAGGETT

To better acquaint FRIENDS with the important role played by the OSA in both the investigation and continued efforts to educate the public, here are excerpts from a statement given by Steve Claggett given at a news conference held January 13 at the OSA in Raleigh. The news conference acquainted the media with the undercover investigation and displayed confiscated whole and partial skeletons and artifacts, plus other materials related to grave looting and sale of grave contents.

"The Unmarked Human Burial and Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act' (General Statute 70, Article 3) became law in 1981. The intent of the law is basically threefold:

1) to provide adequate protection from vandalism for unmarked burial and remains;

2) to provide protection for burials and remains encountered during archaeological excavations, construction and other ground-disturbing activities; and,

3) to provide for adequate analysis of remains removed from unmarked burials if the analysis would result in valuable scientific information."

"North Carolina's "burial law" sets forth in considerable detail the procedures to be followed by medical examiners, law enforcement officials, archaeologists and others when identifying, reporting or removing human burials."

"The state's Chief Archaeologist and the Executive Director of the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs work in cooperation to protect or provide for the respectful removal, analysis and ultimate disposition of human remains that are determined to be Native American, or Indian."

"Many copies of the law are provided each year by the OSA to government agencies, officials and the general public. Some 20,000 brochures with details of archaeological laws have been distributed state-wide by the OSA and the Commission on Indian Affairs."

"Many thousands of prehistoric and historic archaeological sites have been, and continue to be systematically looted on public and private lands. One solution to this problem lies with the passage and enforcement of tough protective laws, like N.C.'s "burial law", and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. More important is an increased concern among N.C.'s citizens to the existence and nature of archaeological looting. Public education and support for stopping this tragedy is urgently needed."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you are as pleased with the new "Newsletter" as I am. Suggestions are welcome so we can serve you better. I urge everyone to take part in Archaeology Month by participating in as many activities as possible. Many are listed elsewhere in this "Newsletter". Invite others to attend with you. Perhaps you would like to put on a program in your area for an interested organization. Call the State Office and help with materials and suggestions.

You are needed at our Annual Meeting on May 20th. Input from members will insure that we move in the direction you desire. The meeting will be informative and you will become acquainted with some fine North Carolina people interested in preserving our archaeological heritage.

We have discussed field trips or bus trips to well known archaeological exhibits. We need your suggestions on the type, length, preferred day of the week, etc. Drop us a line so we can arrange a spring trip.

Thanks for the chance to visit with you again.

-----JOHN MCCLAIN

DEAR FRIENDS,

If you are interested in the European trip planned in the fall by the UAU and FRIENDS, please express your interest by contacting Mark Wilde-Ramsing, (919)458-9042 or Dr. Bill Sleight (919)579-2626 or write to UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT, Division of Archives and History, P.O. Box 58, Kure Beach, NC 28449.

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH IS UPON US. You will have received your invitations to the reception FRIENDS is giving our legislators on April 4. Please plan to attend. This reception is very important to us and we need your financial support to help cover the costs of food, flowers, and publicity. Your generous donations would be greatly appreciated. And if you want to help with the work and necessary clean-up, please call Dee Nelms at the State Office at 733-7342. Also, the calendar being sent out to all our members should be helpful in helping you plan your activities in April. SEE YOU AT THE RECEPTION AND THE MAY MEETING.

- - Janet Foushee

Summer Field Schools Offer Training

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL. Sponsored by ECU's Program in Maritime History and Underwater Research. June 28-August 4, 1989. Focus on Civil War naval activities in the Cape Fear area. Open to divers and non-divers. College credit offered. Contact Gordon P. Watts or Dr. William N. Still, History Dept., ECU, P. O. Box 2744, Greenville, N. C. 27834. (919)757-6097.

APPLACHIAN ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL. Extensive field work with classroom and lab. Focus will be on Upper Catawba River Valley near Marion in McDowell County. June 5-July 15, 1989. \$150.00 deposit required by April 15th. Credit offered. Contact Ken Robinson, Director, McDowell Archaeology Project, Box 5277, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N. C. 28788. (704)298-3325, ext. 274 or Jane Moser, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Warren Wilson College. (704)298-3325 ext. 265.

ETHNOARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL IN GASTONIA. Sponsored by the Carolina Piedmont Archaeology Project the Southeastern Native American Studies Program of the Scheile Museum in Gastonia. Study site will be the Catawba River Valley and the group will be based on the grounds of the Schiele Museum. Non-credit, but program offers a wide range of archaeological experiences, field work and demonstrations, as well as lectures, slide and video presentations. June 11-25, 1989. Fee \$250. Contact Dr. Alan May, Carolina Piedmont Archaeology Project, P. O. Box 953, Gastonia, N. C. 28053.

Opportunities to Volunteer

MCDOWELL COUNTY-CATAWBA RIVER VALLEY-WESTERN N.C. Project has recorded about forty prehistoric and historic sites. Excavation will continue this spring and summer. Contact: Ken Robinson, Warren Wilson College. Home phone: (704) 253-1674.

AMITY SITE, HYDE COUNTY - EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA, POSSIBLE SITE OF POMEIOOC. Excavation currently underway at this small historic period village. Some weekends in March open for volunteers. Weather has delayed progress, so contact Paul Gardner on weekends (919)757-0377 or leave a message at (919)925-2151.

QUAKER MEADOWS-NEAR MORGANTON-BURKE COUNTY. On-going project needs volunteers throughout April and May. For information contact the Historic Burke Foundation at (704)437-4104.

FNCA ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 20TH MUSEUM OF THE CAPE FEAR IN FAYETTEVILLE. Guest speaker is Ken Robinson whose program will include a slide presentation entitled "Highlights of Archaeology in the Upper Cape Fear Region". Prehistoric research, urban archaeology, research into plantation life, archaeology's role in the preservation of historic buildings, military site archaeology and the public's role in archaeological research will be included. Hosted by the Museum of the Cape Fear and the Archaeological Society of Cumberland County, the meeting should be attended by all FRIENDS members.

FRIENDS INVITED TO ARCHAEOLOGY MEETING AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL ON APRIL 15. All members are cordially invited to the joint meeting of the Archaeological Society of N. C. and the N. C. Archaeological Council. Hosted by the Research Laboratories of Anthropology on campus, the meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th. The program will include slide lectures on recent N. C. archaeology and an open house at the Research Laboratories to view their collections. Bring family and friends and any artifacts you want identified to Howell Hall and the Alumni Building located behind Morehead Planetarium. Parking is readily available on and off campus and it should be FUN!

APRIL IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH IN NORTH CAROLINA

Special Events Lectures Exhibits Field Work Movies Demonstrations Meetings Legislative Reception

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