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Flotations: The Little Things Matter

Interview by Larry Lane - Photos by Meg Gaillard

Liz Horton, Ph.D., a paleoethnobotanist with Rattlesnake Master LLC, has been assisting the SCDNR [Heritage Trust Program](#) archaeologists researching the cultural material from the [Pockoy Island Shell Ring Complex](#) at Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve, Edisto Island, S.C. Here, Dr. Horton discusses her work and her recent visit to help the SCDNR archaeologists fine-tune their flotation procedures.

Flotation is a lab technique using water to process material from an archaeological site to collect botanical material and other small artifacts. SCDNR archaeologists use two methods for flotation – the Flote-Tech, a machine-assisted flotation (MAF) machine and the Shell Mound Archaeological Project (SMAP), an older technique using a simple barrel with running water. Dr. Horton helped run flotations using both methods and provided guidance on how to better collect samples.

Read the full article [here](#).



Spring 2023 Archaeology Internship Program

Applications Available Now

Applications for the Spring 2023 SCDNR Archaeology internship program are now available [here](#). Applications close at 5 p.m. EST on Friday, November 4, 2022. This 15-week, in-person internship will begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 and end on Friday, April 28, 2023. Interns may work up to 20 hours per week at SCDNR's Parker Annex Archaeology Center (2025 Barnwell St., Columbia, SC 29201), and must be enrolled at the time of the internship as an undergraduate (BA/BS and Associates) or graduate (MA/MS and PhD) student. Please email SCDNR archaeologist Meg Gaillard with any questions or concerns (GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov).



17th Annual Native American Studies Celebration: "Native American Popular Culture"



Selected dates throughout November

17th Annual Native American Studies Celebration Native American Popular Culture

The 17th Annual Native American Studies (NAS) Celebration will take place from Tuesday, Nov. 1 - Friday, Nov. 16, 2022. Each November, the University of South Carolina Lancaster (USCL) hosts this annual signature event. Through the efforts of the NAS faculty, staff, and committee, USCL offers a series of events celebrating local Native American history, culture, art, music, and dance on campus and at the [USCL Native American Studies Center](#).

The theme of this year's celebration is *Native American Popular Culture*. Events include a film screening, artist talks, and lectures on topics such as Indigenous Gaming. Events, both virtual and in-person, are free and open to the public. More information can be found [here](#).



Expressions of Power: Face Vessels of Edgefield District An Exhibition at the Greenville County Museum of Art

From Oct. 14, 2022 - Jan. 22, 2023, you can visit the exhibit [Expressions of Power: Face Vessels of Edgefield District](#) at the [Greenville County Museum of Art](#) (420 College Street, Greenville SC 29601). A [face jug nose](#) from the SCDNR Archaeology team has been loaned to GCMA and will be on display within the exhibition. The face jug nose from SCDNR can also be viewed virtually on our [Sketchfab](#) portfolio.

[Expressions of Power: Face Vessels of Edgefield District](#) presents sixty face vessels, the least understood and most mysterious examples of early 19th century Edgefield pottery. Largely attributed

to enslaved Black makers, these objects were not made for commercial purposes and were primarily created as “ritualistic” or “conjuring” objects that embodied spiritual traditions derived from the many cultures of the African Diaspora as adapted to life in South Carolina.

Read more about the exhibition [here](#).



Volunteer Archaeology Lab Nights

Hosted by the University of South Carolina

Did you know that for every day archaeologists spend in the field they spend about a week in the laboratory washing, sorting and analyzing the artifacts that they uncover? The laboratory component of archaeology is where the story of the past starts to come together as archaeologists analyze artifacts and add to our knowledge about human history. Now you can help archaeologists at the University of South Carolina (UofSC) as a laboratory volunteer!

UofSC lab volunteers will help wash artifacts excavated by university students during their Summer 2022 archaeology field school at [Sesquicentennial State Park](#), and artifacts excavated by the SCDNR Archaeology team at [Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve](#). Volunteer lab nights will take place on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lab nights will start on Tuesday, August 30 and run throughout the Fall 2022 semester.

Space is limited, so please email Kelly Goldberg, Ph.D. at goldbeke@mailbox.sc.edu for location details and to reserve your volunteer seat. Anyone is welcome to stop by, but you must be 12 years or older to wash artifacts.



SCDNR Archaeologist Participates in International Leadership Course for Cultural Heritage Stewards

SCDNR archaeologist Meg Gaillard participated in the [Leadership Course for Cultural Heritage Stewards in Challenging Circumstances](#) held in The Hague (The Netherlands) from Oct. 10 - 14, 2022. Organized by [Cultural Emergency Response](#) (formerly of the [Prince Claus Fund](#)) and [Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative](#), the course is designed to equip participants with the tools and techniques needed to create effective project proposals and management plans, garner more resources, and develop a professional network of colleagues dealing with similar issues as they manage cultural resources under threat around the world.

Selected through a competitive international application process, the 12 participants actively work on a diverse range of cultural resource projects in Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Spain, Ukraine, and the United States.

Image of the 2022 Leadership Course for Cultural Heritage Stewards in Challenging Circumstances cohort. Photo courtesy of Almicheal Fraay.

Questions about archaeology events and programs? Please visit the [Heritage Trust website](#), or email ArchaeologyOutreach@dnr.sc.gov.