



# Cultural Heritage Trust Program

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



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**February 2023**  
**Archaeology News**



## **National Groundhog Job Shadow Day** **with the SCDNR Archaeology Team**

National Groundhog Job Shadow Day is on Thursday, February 2, 2023, and the SCDNR Archaeology team has put together a video of short interviews to give students a glimpse of what a career as an SCDNR archaeologist is like. SCDNR archaeologists answer common questions from students specific to National Groundhog Job Shadow Day, talk a bit about their daily working lives, and give advice to students who might be interested in becoming an archaeologist. View the video [here](#).

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## **Archaeology STEAM Studio Program at Richland Library, Wheatley Branch**

The SCDNR Archaeology team is partnering with Richland Library, Wheatley Branch (931 Woodrow Street, Columbia, SC 29205) to host a free STEAM Studio [Pottery Re-Fit](#) program on Monday, February 20, 2023 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Participants (ages 6 - 12 years old) will decorate small ceramic pots and "accidentally" drop them... oops! Using glue, a brush, and puzzle power they will reassemble their pots just like archaeologists in the lab.

Registration for the [Pottery Re-Fit](#) program is now open [here](#).

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## Summer 2023 Archaeology Internship Program

### Applications Available Now

Applications for the Summer 2023 SCDNR Archaeology internship program are available [here](#). Applications close at 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 10, 2023. This six-week internship will begin on Monday, June 5, 2023 and end on Friday, July 14, 2023. The internship is in-person and will take place at SCDNR's Parker Annex Archaeology Center (2025 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC 29201).

Up to eight interns will be selected for this term. Applicants must be enrolled at the time of the internship as a rising high school junior or senior, undergraduate student (B.A./B.S. and Associates), graduate student (M.A./M.S. and Ph.D.), or a recent graduate (high school to Ph.D.). Interns at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and those who have recently graduated, are paid \$12 per hour. High school interns are unpaid. All interns may work up to 40 hours per week. Housing is not provided.

The primary focus of the summer internship is for interns to gain a greater understanding of the diverse field of archaeology and to discover if archaeology, or a closely related field, is the right career path for them. Interns will attend guest lectures that cover topics including, but are not limited to terrestrial and maritime archaeology, forensic anthropology, visual anthropology, archaeology public engagement, museum studies, geographic information system (GIS), and disaster preparedness and recovery. Summer interns will also assist the SCDNR Archaeology team with ongoing public engagement projects and research in the field (e.g., shovel testing) and/or laboratory settings (e.g., processing artifacts).

Please email SCDNR archaeologist Meg Gaillard ([GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov)) with any questions or concerns.

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**A Pile of Rocks and a Pit-full of Fire:  
A Connection to the Past Like No Other**  
by Angelina Towery-Tomasura, SCDNR Archaeology Intern

Have you ever taken a moment to look around, truly observe the environment around you, and ask how the rocks at your feet and the branches above your head were once transformed into tools? Have you ever wandered the halls of a museum, enamored by jewelry of the past, such as hand-crafted beads made of shell, and contemplate how did someone pierce a hole through the shell's thick exterior without the use of a power tool? If you ever spent time thinking of the ways people from the past transformed the rocks on the ground into projectile points now found on museum shelves, wonder no further – begin to transform the world around you and find possibility in the tiniest of twigs.

Read Angelina's full article [here](#).

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