

The Jackson Archaeological Society will meet Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm at Gander Mountain – The Columns, 1523 Vann Drive, Jackson, Tennessee. The purpose of this Society is to learn more about past Native American cultures and the early historic period of Tennessee. Our meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month and are Free and open to the public. Our program this month:

Mark Norton
who will present

Archaeoastronomy at Moonshadow Rock Shelter

Richard Mooney was hiking a trail on the Cumberland Plateau one afternoon and passed by a sandstone outcrop with an ancient Native American petroglyph. He was aware of the petroglyph from previous hikes, but noticed the late afternoon sun casting a shadow across the glyphs and began wondering if ancient Native Americans created this petroglyph to mark an astronomical event – like what had been documented at other sites such as the Sundagger petroglyph at Chaco Canyon. He began observing this panel of petroglyphs for a Solar solstice connection but found the best alignments with the full Moon casting a shadow across key features of the petroglyph. This presentation will **highlight Richard Mooney's findings at this important Native American site.**

See you Tuesday, Mark

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