



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

February 2011

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 pm** at the Old Stone Fort Museum in Manchester, Tennessee. The purpose of this Society is to learn more about prehistoric Native American cultures and the early historic period of Tennessee. We meet on the second Thursday of each month and our meetings are **Free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

Mark Norton
who will present
Chichen Itza

Chichen Itza, one of the most recognizable Mayan sites is located in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Built in two major episodes: during the Classic period AD 495-800 and in the Post-Classic period AD 900 – 1250. It was during the Post-Classic period that Chichen Itza became the most powerful city in the Yucatan.

The pyramid of Kukulcan was built with a north-south orientation, with two huge serpent heads at the base of the northern staircase. On the Equinox sunrises (March 21 and September 21) the sun cast light and shadow on the northern staircase, giving the appearance of Kukulcan (the plumed serpent) descending.

This presentation will highlight the major features of the site and will hopefully inspire you to travel to this or other magnificent monuments of prehistory.

See you Thursday,

Mark

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Old Stone Fort State Park 931-723-5073

<http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/OldStoneFort/>

Tennessee Archaeology Network

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/>

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<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/tennesseearchaeology.html>

Chichen Itza

<http://www.mesoweb.com/chichen/index.html>

Mesoweb – An Exploration of Mesoamerican Cultures

<http://www.mesoweb.com/welcome.html>

FAMSI – Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies

<http://www.famsi.org/>

Introduction to Mayan Hieroglyphs

<http://www.mesoweb.com/resources/handbook/index.html>



Equinox Sunrise and the appearance of Kukulcan



The Observatory – El Caracol

