

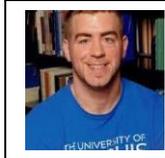
Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

October 2015

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society normally meets on the second Thursday of each month 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. Our meetings are **free** and open to the public.

Our October Meeting will Coincide with the Old Stone Fort Knap-In and Atlatl Event October 2-4, 2015

Speaker: Dr. Ryan Parish
who will present
Chert Resources in Tennessee
Saturday- October 3rd – 1pm



Dr. Ryan Parish, professor at the University of Memphis has been conducting research on the extensive chert resources found throughout Tennessee. Dr. Parish is actively mapping out these chert deposits and comparing their chemical signature with Native American artifacts to better understand chert procurement, mobility, and trade. I encourage all with agate artifacts to bring them to Dr. Parish's presentation on Saturday. A special thanks to Andret Dinon for bringing two delicious pies (yes, I sampled both) to the September meeting.
See you at the Knap-In, Mark



Tennessee Agate

Prehistoric Native American artifacts made from Tennessee agate - found in Franklin County (left) and Bedford County.

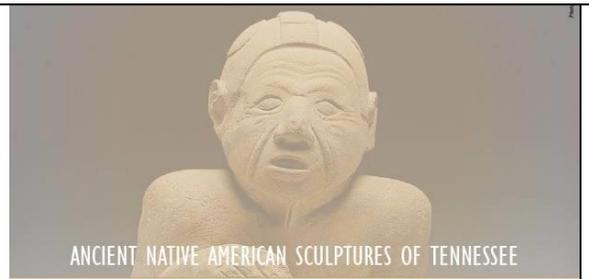
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Tennessee Archaeology Network
<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/index.html>
Tennessee Archaeology – Online Journal
<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/tennesseearchaeology.html>
Tennessee Division of Archaeology - Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/TNArchaeology>

Moundville Native American Festival October 7-10, 2015

<http://moundville.ua.edu/>

Southeastern Archaeological Conference 72nd Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN November 18-21, 2015

<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/details/>
Preliminary Program: http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/wp-content/uploads/SEAC2015_PreliminaryProgram_092815.pdf



ANCIENT NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURES OF TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM
OCTOBER 30, 2015 – MAY 15, 2016

An exhibition of ancient Native American statues, on view together for the first time, will open at the Tennessee State Museum this fall. Admission is free.

Ancestors will showcase a Pre-Columbian stone statuary tradition that was found primarily between the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. The statues were often found in ancestral pairs, each containing a male and a female. All have long been separated since their discovery, and most have been taken far outside the state. The exhibit, which will reunite some of the pairs, will include many which have never been shown.

The exhibit will feature a male sculpture considered to be among the greatest pieces of ancestral Native American art found in the United States. At 19" high, he has made way onto numerous covers of books and magazines, and is included on a U.S. postage stamp for the Art of the American Indian series. In 2014, this statue on loan from the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, officially became recognized as the State Artifact. He will join his female mate, which has been graciously loaned by John C. Waggoner, Jr. of Carthage, Tennessee. They were discovered at the Sellars Farm State Archaeological Area in Wilson County, Tennessee, which was once a Native American village from the Mississippian period occupied approximately 700 to 1,000 years ago.

The 28 stone sculptures in this exhibit represent the largest group of Tennessee-Cumberland style statuary, including 14 from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., two from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, two from the McClung Museum, five from the State Museum's collection, and five that are held in private collections.

Ancestors: *Ancient Native American Sculptures of Tennessee* will be on view in the museum's Changing Galleries through May 15, 2016. For more information of the museum's exhibitions and events, visit tnmuseum.org.



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