



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

September 2009

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, September 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. Our meetings are **Free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

Mr. Gary Barker
who will present
Stone Features at the Walden Site (40RD222)



Mr. Barker, Region III Archaeologist with the TDOT Environmental Division, will discuss the Walden Site identified in 1995 during archaeological assessment of a portion of SR 840 in Rutherford County, TN. There, unusual stacked stone circles and other stone configurations were identified across an area of approximately 17 acres. Archival research reveals similar stacked stone circles (cairns) occur across the Eastern Woodlands. The ages and purposes of these curious stone circles remain largely mystery. Some researchers contribute them to early Euro-American settlement activity while others believe they are of prehistoric origin. Descriptions of the stone features at Walden will be presented along with possible explanations of their age and use.

Thanks to Dr. Kevin Smith for his presentation on the Ohio Heritage Center at our August meeting.

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Archeofest – Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area September 19-20, 2009

Information: 731-988-5614
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/PinsonMounds/index.shtml>



Old Stone Fort Knap-In September 25 – 27, 2009

Archeoskills, Atlatl Competition and Dugout Canoe Demonstration.
Information: 931-723-5073
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/OldStoneFort/>

