



JACKSON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

December 2012

The Jackson Archaeological Society will meet **Monday, December 17th at 6:00 pm** at White Hall, Room 101, Union University, 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 **Free** and open to the public.

The Adena Culture

At the last meeting we decided to take a closer look at the Native Americans of the Adena Culture of the Southeast. Archaeological investigations throughout the region securely place the Adena Culture in the early Woodland period which approximately dates from 1000 – 200 BC. Adena cultures throughout the eastern woodlands shared burial and ceremonial traits and produced magnificent works of art –such as effigy pipes and stone palettes with intricately carved designs. Adena culture evolves into the much broader complex know as Hopewell in the middle woodland period.

The signature Adena projectile point produced during this time-frame typically has a rounded base with varying lengths of the stem. Regional variants in style are noted, which display very distinct attributes.

Bring examples of the signature Adena projectile point to the December Meeting. We will compare and contrast these examples to see if we can identify chert resource and regional, stylistic variants. A replica of this famous Adena pipe will be on display at the December meeting.

Meeting Night Changed for 2013

We are very fortunate to have our meetings at Union University – thanks to Dr. Michael McMahan, professor of Biology here. The classroom where we meet will be utilized on Monday nights with the new school year – so we have decided to move the meeting night to the Third Tuesday of each month –starting in January 2013. Thanks again to Michael and Union University.

See you Monday, Mark

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Tennessee Archaeology Network

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

Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/PinsonMounds/>

Union University Campus Map

<http://www.uu.edu/jackson/map.cfm>

The Woodland Period – National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/history/seac/outline/04-woodland/index.htm>

The Mayan Calendar

<http://www.webexhibits.org/calendars/calendar-mayan.html>

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

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<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/CRITA.html>

