



# Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

April 2010

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, April 8th 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. Rick Taylor**  
*who will present*

## Replicating Native American Pottery

The earliest Native American pottery vessels have been found on Stallings Island along the south Atlantic Coast, which were tempered with plant fibers and have been dated to around 5,000 years ago. By the beginnings of the Woodland period, approximately 3,000 years ago – pottery is found throughout the eastern woodlands. The early potters quickly found that other tempering agents such as sand, and ground up sherds (grog) or limestone and various other materials made stronger vessels. By the Mississippian period (ca. AD800) crushed mussel shell becomes the temper of choice.

Mr. Rick Taylor has been replicating Native American pottery vessels that have been found throughout the southeastern United States. Rick will explain the entire process, from gathering and preparing clay, tempering, coiling and forming, and firing. Rick will have a wide variety of replicated pottery vessels on display at the April meeting. I encourage all to bring in pottery samples for identification and discussion. See you at the meeting,

*Mark*

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### Tennessee Archaeology Network

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

### Tennessee Archaeology E – Journal

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

### Outline of Prehistory and History – Southeast North America

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

### Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society-Rock and Gem Show

[http://www.memphisgeology.org/the\\_show.htm](http://www.memphisgeology.org/the_show.htm)

### Middle Cumberland Archaeological Society – April 20, 2010

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

### Tennessee Ancient Sites Conservancy – April 21, 2010

### Carl Yahnig – Little River Clovis Complex

7 PM, Cohn School, 4807 Park Ave., Nashville

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## Old Stone Fort – Knap-In – April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

The Old Stone Fort Knap-In and Atlatl Competition will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Information: 931-723-5073

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

