



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

December 2008

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, December 11th 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:

Mark Norton

who will present

Devil Step Hollow Cave – Cumberland County, Tennessee

Recently, the State of Tennessee purchased for preservation the Devil Step Hollow Cave, which contains Native American petroglyphs, pictographs, and mud glyphs dating to the Mississippian period – ca. 800 – 1000 years ago.

Archaeologists think these glyphs indicate that Native Americans were participating in complex rituals and ceremonies within this cave. I will have a Xerox copy of a recent archaeological report on this cave by Dr. Jan Simek at the meeting.

Thanks to Sam Smith for his presentation on historic period Tennessee pottery making at the November meeting. Also, thanks to Charles Fulks for displaying his historic stoneware whiskey jugs at the meeting.



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Old Stone Fort Archaeological Area

931-723-5073 - <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/OldStoneFort/>

Tennessee State Parks

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

Tennessee Archaeology Network

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

Issues in the Study of Southeastern Cave Art

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3904/is_200110/ai_n8962063

Mesoamerican Cave Archaeology Network

<http://www.mesocave.org/links.html>

Nashville Grotto – National Speleological Society

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

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

Current Research in Tennessee Archaeology – January 30 – 31, 2009

Tentative Schedule

Friday, January 30

2:00 pm Governor's Archaeological Advisory Council Meeting

3:30 pm Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology Business Meeting

Saturday, January 31

8:30 am Current Research Presentations

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