



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

March 2012

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, March 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. Howard King

who will present

The Archaeology of Archaeology

Mr. Howard King will discuss the history of archaeology and archaeological finds, and how some of those early discoveries have been redefined through modern archaeology. One example is the Folsom discovery in 1926 in association with extinct Bison bones, which at the time was thought to represent the oldest culture in the Americas. Through many years of archaeology, radiocarbon dating, and other modern techniques, we now know Clovis is older than Folsom, as well as Preclavis, which is currently being defined as the original colonists of the New World. This will be a fascinating program where all will learn interesting facts about prehistoric Native American cultures.

See you Thursday, Mark



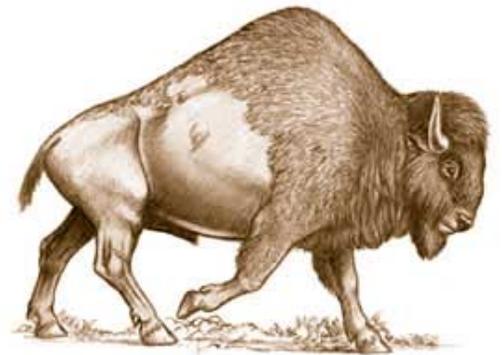
Folsom Point found with extinct Bison antiquus bones

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

Tennessee Archaeology Network

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



Bison antiquus

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society
33rd Annual Earth Wide Open – Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show
April 28&29, 2012 Memphis <http://www.theearthwideopen.com/>

John Dowd to Receive Crabtree Award

Avocational archaeologist John T. Dowd has been chosen by the Society of American Archaeology to receive the 2012 Crabtree Award. The Crabtree Award was established in 1985 to recognize significant contributions to archaeology by an individual who has little if any formal training in archaeology and little if any wage or salary as an archaeologist. The award is named after Don Crabtree of Twin Falls, Idaho. The award will be formally presented at the SAA Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony, Friday, April 20th, 2012 at 5pm in Ballroom A at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee (from Middle Cumberland Archaeological Society Newsletter, Vol. 37, No.1, January/February 2012).

Society for American Archaeology – 77th Annual Meeting – April 18-22 - Memphis, TN

<http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx>

Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area **Equinox Sunrise – March 20, 2012**

Join us for the Equinox sunrise at Pinson Mounds – March 20, 2012. Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11 – so the sunrise time for Jackson is 6:58 am. I encourage all to arrive early enough to allow time to walk to and climb the stairs of Sauls Mound.

The Native Americans who built this mound complex appear to have built Mound 29 as the Equinox marker.

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Equinox Sunrise over Mound 29