



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

May 2015

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, May 14th 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 scheduled for the second Thursday of each month and are **free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

Mark Norton
who will present
Devil Step Hollow Cave

Devil Step Hollow Cave is located at the headwaters of the Sequatchie River in Cumberland County, Tennessee. This cave contains Native American petroglyphs, pictographs, and mud glyphs dating to the Mississippian period – ca. 800-1500 AD. Archaeologists suggest that these glyphs indicate Native Americans were participating in complex rituals and ceremonies within the dark-zone of this cave. The State of Tennessee recently purchased this cave to preserve this Native American site, which is now protected within the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park. This presentation will highlight the amazing cave art located here and provide at least a partial explanation for these iconographic symbols of prehistoric Native American culture.

See you Thursday, Mark



Petroglyphs



Woodpecker Pictograph

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Old Stone Fort State Park – 931-723-5073
<http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/OldStoneFort/>
Tennessee Archaeology Network
<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/index.html>
Tennessee Archaeology – Online Journal
<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/tennesseearchaeology.html>
Cumberland Trail State Park
<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cumberland-trail>
Cave Archaeology Research Team – University of Tennessee
<http://web.utk.edu/~anthrop/research/cart.html>
Bats – White-Nose Syndrome
<http://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/>
Kingsport Knap-In and Primitive Arts – May 23, 2015
<https://kingsportknapin.wordpress.com/>
Fort Loudoun State Park – Garrison Weekend – May 16-17
<http://www.tnstateparks.com/events/details/garrison-weekend3>

Native Nashville – May 9th, 10am
Toye Heape will present **From Mastodons to the Trail of Tears: An Overview of Nashville’s Native American History**
<http://www.nativehistoryassociation.org/events.php>

Tennessee State Museum – May 9th, 2015 - 2pm
Dr. Michael Adams – The Edge of Sanity: Psychological Trauma in the Civil War
http://www.tnmuseum.org/custpage.cfm/fm/59548/sec_id/59548
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