

Arkansas Archeological Society 2017 Annual Meeting September 29 – October 1, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Meeting at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

This year the Arkansas Archeological Society is holding its Annual Meeting at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. Located on the bank of the Arkansas River, just blocks from Verizon Arena and Downtown Little Rock, the Wyndham is next door to Dickey Stephens Ballpark, and within walking distance to both Historic Argenta and the Rivermarket Entertainment Districts.

The meeting will include all of the usual fun—we'll open with our traditional Friday evening reception, followed by interesting papers on Saturday, the ARF silent auction, awards, a delicious banquet and keynote presentation.

So, mark your calendars, register and join your friends for a weekend of fun and frivolity combined with learning!



Accommodations

The Wyndham is located at 2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, just a few miles south of I-40. The room rate for Annual Meeting attendees is \$89.00 for single or double occupancy and \$10.00 for each additional person, plus tax. Breakfast is included. The maximum number of people per room is 4. Be sure to mention that you are with the Arkansas Archeological Society. To make your reservations you can call 1-866-657-4458 or 1-501-907-4823 or reserve online using this link:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/arkansas-archeological-society-annual-meeting> and select "AR Archeological Society Annual Meeting" under the "By Rates" tab. Rooms will be held for the meeting at this rate only until **9/8/2017**. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy.

Hotel Features: Free on-site parking, complimentary airport shuttle, outdoor pool, fitness

center, 2 restaurants: Riverfront Steakhouse and Benihana, and 2 lounges. The hotel is situated close to the river and along the METRO Streetcar route, a 3.4-mile streetcar system connecting the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock and costs \$1 to ride each way.

Room Details: Free wifi, 32" flat screen TV, in-room refrigerators and coffeemakers, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, an in-room safe, and all rooms are non-smoking.

Friday Evening Reception

The Friday evening reception will be held in the Silver City 6 room from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Refreshments will include a variety of hors d'oeuvres as well as veggies and fruit. Cash bar will offer beer, wine, and mixed cocktails.

Saturday Papers & Presentations

A variety of interesting papers and a panel discussion will be presented on Saturday in Silver City 1-4. Here's a sampling of Saturday's presentations:

- J. Brandon – Looking for Leetown
- M. Brennan and T. Mulvihill – 2017 Training Program
- M. Trubitt – Two Caddo Mound Sites
- Panel Discussion – 50th Anniversary of the Arkansas Archeological Survey

Award Nominations

Nomination forms and descriptions for Society awards can be found on the Society website at: <http://www.arkarch.org>. Please mail or email your nominations to reach Marilyn Knapp by Tuesday, **August 15**.

Saturday Evening Banquet

The banquet will begin at 7:00 pm in Silver City 6 & 7. The banquet menu includes:

Herb Roasted Chicken
Pineapple Glazed Ham
Three Vegetables – Chef's Choice
Garden Tossed Green Salad
Pasta Salad
Waldorf Salad
Three-Bean Salad
Hot Rolls and Butter
Assorted Desserts
Iced Tea and Coffee
A Cash Bar will be available.

Reservations for the banquet must be received and prepaid by **September 15**. There will be no late walk-ins to the banquet.

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jan F. Simek is the Interim Head; Professor and Distinguished Professor of Science at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He has a M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from the State University of New York at Binghamton. Simek generally publishes and presents about rock art in the Southeast, discussing iconography and associated meanings, with additional emphasis on the Paleolithic and cave archeology.

Dr. Simek's presentation will immediately follow the banquet. Conference attendees who choose to dine elsewhere are welcome to rejoin the group for the presentation. Please mark your registration form accordingly.

Registration Information

Early registration for the meeting is available at a reduced rate until **September 15**. In order to get this rate, you must pay at the time you register. Cancellation of your registration, with no penalty, is allowed until September 15. After that date, you will forfeit your registration fee. The higher late registration rate can be paid any time after September 15 up to and at the meeting itself.

All adults must pay the individual registration fee, but children under 18 years old, accompanied by a paying adult, are admitted free.

Archeological Research Fund

Don't forget that there are always lots of goodies available at the ARF Silent Auction and Raffle! Past items have included books, art, handcrafts, and special surprises. The ARF committee appreciates all the items donated by Society members over the years to make the auction a great success. This year will be no exception! The Silent Auction will be set up in Silver City 1-4 beginning Friday afternoon. Those attending the reception will be able to preview the auction items.

Please contact ARF Chairman David Jeane (318-464-6290) or Marilyn Knapp (479-575-3557) for any questions or to make arrangements.

Exhibits, Displays, and Vendors

Exhibits, displays, and vendors are also welcome, but please contact Marilyn Knapp (479-575-3557) in advance to ensure there will be appropriate space and tables that meet your needs. Vendors will be charged \$15 per table per day.

Sunday Tours

Plum Bayou Garden – Toltec Mounds

Archeological State Park, Scott, AR, 9:30 am. A permanent new interpretive landscape, the Plum Bayou Garden highlights the several thousand-year history of plant domestication and gardening and farming among the Indians of Arkansas. It features wild progenitors of ancient Eastern North American crops, modern varieties of crop plants that are similar to ancient ones, as well as a smaller selection of key wild plant resources used intensively for both food and technological purposes. Dr. Elizabeth Horton will conduct the tour. Preregistration is required on the registration form.

Old State House Museum – 300 West Markham, Little Rock. Hours: 1:00 – 5:00 pm. On own.

Exhibit: "Cabinet of Curiosities: Treasures from the University of Arkansas Museum Collections" shows diverse collections that range from dinosaur toes to Ming Dynasty pottery to a machine gun allegedly taken from Bonnie and Clyde's car. Other exhibits include "The Legacy of Arkansas Women: As Long as Life Shall Last," "Pillar of Power," "On the Stump: Arkansas Political History," the 1836 House of Representatives Chamber, and "First Families: Mingling of Politics and Culture." Admission is free.

Historic Arkansas Museum – 200 E. 3rd, Little Rock. Museum Center Hours: 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Free admission. Historic Grounds Hours: 1:00 -5:00 pm. \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children under 18. On own.

Historic Arkansas Museum is a historic site museum of Arkansas's frontier days. Five pre-Civil War houses, on their original block, are restored to antebellum appearances, so you can learn about pre-Civil War life in Arkansas. Exhibits include "We Walk in Two Worlds," the Knife Gallery, "The Great War: Arkansas in World War I," and "A Diamond in the Rough: 75 Years of Historic Arkansas Museum," to name a few.

Tentative Schedule

(Times and locations are tentative; please check your program after arrival.)

Friday, September 29

1:00p	Survey Staff Meeting – Silver City 5
4:00p	Society Executive Board Meeting – Silver City 5
3:00p – 9:00p	Registration – Foyer West
7:00p – 9:30p	Reception (cash bar) – Silver City 6

Saturday, September 30

7:00a	Board of Advisors Breakfast – Riverfront Steakhouse (Attendees on your own.)
8:00a	ARF Silent Auction & Raffle Sales – Silver City 1-4
8:00a	Registration – Foyer West

8:30a – 10:30a Papers and Presentations – Silver City 1–4
 10:35a – 11:45a Business Meeting; Presentation of Awards & Certificates – Silver City 1–4
 11:45a – 1:30p Lunch on your own
 1:00p – 4:20p Papers and Panel Discussion – Silver City 1–4
 4:20p Drawing for ARF Raffle – Silver City 1–4
 4:30p ARF Silent Auction Ends
 7:00p Banquet – Silver City 6 & 7
 8:00p Keynote Address: Dr. Jan Simek

Sunday, October 1 Tours

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel Meeting Rooms

