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USA Archaeology Museum Newsletter - January 2024

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Remembering Our Ancestors

Deanna Byrd, Choctaw Nation

Monday, January 8 at 12:15 pm at the USA Archaeology Museum

Free and Open to the Public!

"Remembering Our Ancestors," with Deanna Byrd, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Liaison Coordinator, Choctaw Nation. Deanna Byrd is currently working with several institutions across the United States for the respectful repatriation of Choctaw ancestors as part of a comprehensive search, entitled the No Stone Unturned project. Deanna works to educate on the importance of Choctaw Historic Preservation, Indigenous Archaeology, Tribal Advocacy, and NAGPRA in classroom settings across the country. Deanna regularly mentors graduate students on ongoing projects and has authored several articles. She also has a monthly column in the National Choctaw Publication, Biskinik, on topics related to the Choctaw community. Most recently Deanna authored a collaborative article in a Cultural Anthropology journal that will be published early this year.

Documenting Plateau's Cemetery

Volunteer with us for a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service!

Monday, Jan. 15, 10 am - 3 pm at the Historic Plateau/Africatown Cemetery, 459 Bay Bridge Road

Join Dr. Alexandra Jones and the USA Archaeology Museum for Africatown's Cemetery Documentation Program. This collaborative project will provide college students with the knowledge and skills needed to digitally document and preserve the Africatown/Plateau Cemetery for many generations to come. Volunteer at the historic Africatown Cemetery at 10 a.m. for a special Dr. MLK, Jr. Day of Service.

Please bring:

- A tablet/cell phone to use for documenting
- Dress appropriately for the weather and wear South gear (if you have it)
- Come prepared to learn about the rich history of the Africatown community and help preserve it for future generations

For more information, please contact Jen Knutson, USA Archaeology Museum Assistant Director

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Alabama Archaeological Society, Southwest Chapter Meeting

Free and Open to the Public!

Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. at the USA Archaeology Museum

They Are Not Forgotten: Working With Historic Cemeteries

When people think of cemeteries they often think of neat rows of uniform headstones manicured grass and tidy plantings, however for historic cemeteries Historic cemeteries are dynamic environments, they have seen the changes of time, and sometimes the ravages that time has wrought. They require care for them, time, dedication, and concern. This talk will cover the basics from finding or documenting a "forgotten" cemetery, through maintenance and

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introduction to cemeteries and their documentation. In her work with the Archaeology Institute, she has supported Pensacola area cemeteries through GIS maps, disaster response following hurricanes and in helping care for some of Pensacola's Historic African American cemeteries. Additionally, she serves or Historic St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation which provides support including restoration and maintenance to St. Michael's cemetery in downtown Pensac

Alabama Archaeological Society Southwest Chapter Meeting



They Are Not Forgotten: Working with Historic Cemeteries



Jennifer Melcher
University of West Florida
Archaeology Institute

Tuesday, Feb. 6 | 4 pm

University of South Alabama
Archaeology Museum
6050 USA South Drive

Research presentation free and open to the public.



Unwritten:

Archaeology and Oral History of Jim Crow Mobile

A National Endowment for the Humanities Funded Exhibit

From now until the end of April 2024, visitors to the University of South Alabama Archaeology Museum have the opportunity to see the exhibit, *Unwritten History of Jim Crow Mobile*.

The exhibit introduces three families who lived in different parts of Mobile but who shared much in common. As Black families, they navigated Jim Crow s owned homes at a time when many Black Americans did not, and their homes were excavated by archaeologists. In the mid-20th century, development tra neighborhood, erasing homes, schools, and shops from the landscape. Though their houses are no longer standing, we can learn their stories through Arch

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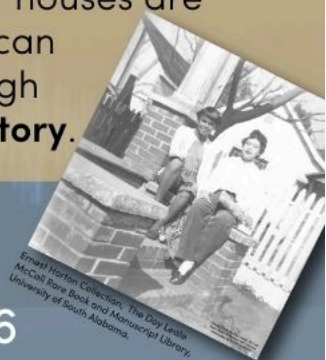
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Until April 2024

Meet the Lewis, Owens, and Griffin families from Africatown, Down the Bay, and Davis Avenue in Mobile, Alabama.

In the mid-20th century, development transformed their neighborhoods, erasing homes, schools, and shops from the landscape. Though their houses are no longer standing, we can learn their stories through **Archaeology & Oral History.**



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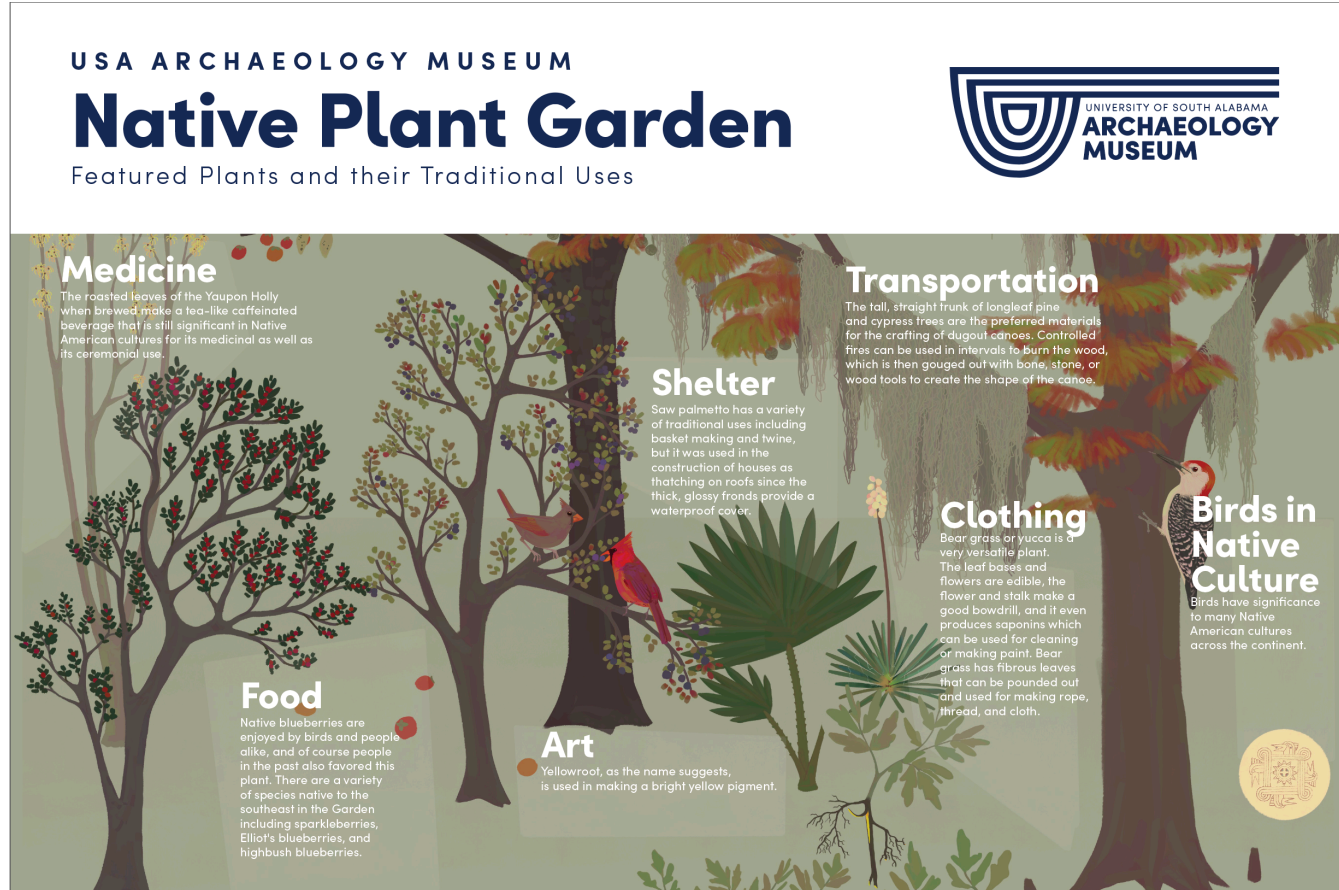
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The Native Plant Garden Needs a New Sign!

With special thanks to the South Coast Alabama MENSA Chapter, some funding for a new Native Plant Garden Sign has been secured, however, sponsors miss this opportunity to feature your organizations name on the new sign where it will be seen by over 6k visitors to the Museum each year and the USA C

In the USA Archaeology Museum's Native Plant Garden, visitors can enjoy native plants year round as there are always new native plants and wildlife to o

the seasons. The garden's outdoor interpretive sign needs replacing and USA Alumnus, Chris Peterson, has created a new work that explores the traditions found in the garden (see below). The Museum is looking for a sponsor to replace the sign provide an artist reception at the museum. For corporate sponsor be added to the design. Please spread the word and help fund the new sign! Interested in donating to the museum's sign project? Every little bit helps! Please visit <https://giving.southalabama.edu/archaeology> to make a secure, online donation to the museum and make sure you specify the Native Plant Garden S



USA Archaeology Museum Native Plant Garden: Featured Plants and their Tradition Uses. Art by Chris Peterson.
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Giving to the Archaeology Museum

If you enjoy the Archaeology Museum's free public programs and want to add us to your end of year donations list, giving to the museum is now possible or visit <https://giving.southalabama.edu/archaeology> to make a secure, online donation to the museum. Every dollar counts! Some of our ongoing funding needs include supplies, paying student assistants, exhibit maintenance, and bringing new exhibits to campus.

Museum Admission is Free!

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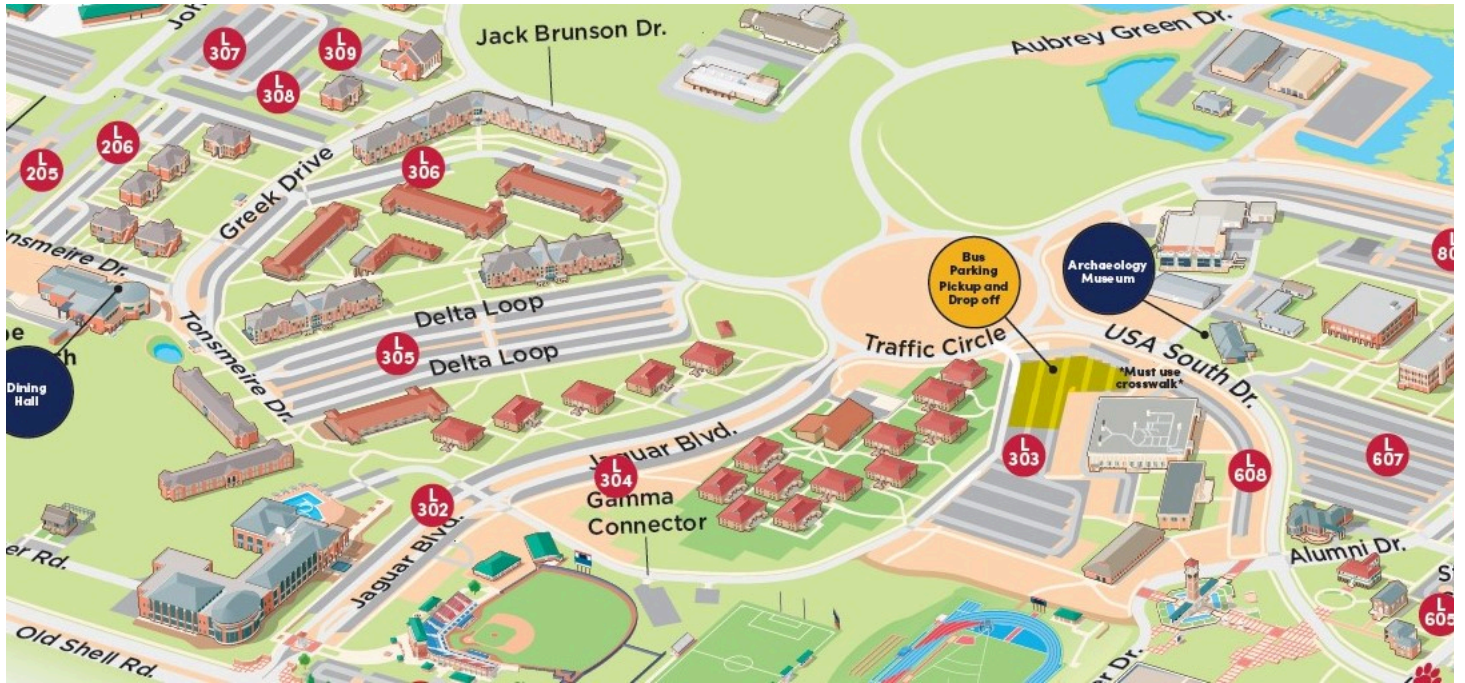
Open Tuesdays - Fridays, 10 am - 4 pm.

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Parking Info & Parking Map

Please park in **Lot 303 (the lot entrance is located off of the roundabout)** and use the crosswalk to get to the entrance of the Museum in the Alfred Archaeology Building.



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