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In this edition of the museum's newsletter,

- Alabama Archaeology Society Southwest Chapter Talks:
 1. Tuesday, March 28th, "Artifacts for Dummies," at the Archaeology Museum at 5:30 pm
 2. Tuesday, April 4th, "The Navajo Water Project & Chapter House Work," at the Marx Library at 2:00 pm
- Movie in the Park: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Thursday, April 6th

"Artifacts for Dummies"

Tuesday, March 28th @ 5:30pm

When: Tuesday, March 28th at 5:30 pm

Where:

University of South Alabama Archaeology Museum
6050 USA South Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36688

What: Alabama Archaeological Society, Southwest Chapter Talk: "Artifacts for Dummies"

David Johnson is the author of *The Handbook of Alabama's Prehistoric Indians and Artifacts*. In November of 2009, he found a prehistoric site on his property. In attempting to learn more about the artifacts he was finding, he discovered that the only information readily available to the public was in the form of placing a monetary value on the items as opposed to a historic value. Working with members of the Alabama Archaeological Society (a group of professional archaeologists, avocationalists, and collectors), the Handbook was developed to provide information regarding prehistoric Indian artifacts to the public in such a manner as to educate the public not only about the artifacts but the artifacts importance in filling in the pieces of the puzzle that makeup Alabama's prehistory. David and his wife April are now retired and spend most of their time working on archaeological projects around the state, along with sponsoring field trips for school age children, and encouraging the public to learn more about the benefits of preserving our past.

The Museum has copies of *The Handbook of Alabama's Prehistoric Indians and Artifacts* available for sale in the Museum Gift Shop for \$35.

FREE and OPEN to the public!

Alabama Archaeological Society Southwest Chapter Meeting



"Artifacts for Dummies"



David Johnson
Author, "Handbook of
Alabama's Prehistoric Indians
and Artifacts"

Tuesday, Mar. 28 | 5:30 p.m.

**University of South Alabama
Archaeology Museum
6050 USA South Drive**

This presentation is free and open to the public!.



Emma Robbins, Diné Artist, Activist, & Community Organizer **Tuesday, April 4th @ 2:00pm**

When: Tuesday, April 4th at 2:00 pm

Where:

University of South Alabama
Marx Library Auditorium
5901 USA Drive North
Mobile, Alabama 36688
Ph: (251) 460-7028

What: An Art History Lecture Series & Alabama Archaeological Society, Southwest Chapter Talk Featuring Emma Robbins

Diné artist, activist, and community organizer Emma Robbins will discuss her visual art practice as well as her activist work with The Navajo Water Project and The Chapter House. Robbins navigates many different worlds in her interdisciplinary work, always with a commitment to Indigenous rights and her Diné community. Her efforts in these spheres are braided together by the issues many Native women face, both on and off the reservation – and, crucially, by their potential solutions. In her work, Robbins strives to raise awareness about concerns ranging from the lack of clean water on Native Nations, to health hazards caused by abandoned uranium mines in the American Southwest, to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women crisis and broad issues regarding the representations and misrepresentations of Native Peoples in American culture. **FREE and OPEN to the public!**

Emma Robbins

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Library Auditorium



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Art History Lecture Series

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Movie in the Park: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade***When:** Thursday, April 6th

The event begins at 6 pm and the movie starts at sunset.

Where:

Robert Hope Community Center

850 Edwards Street

Mobile, Alabama 36610

Africatown, USA

What: Rated PG-13: In 1938, after his father Professor Henry Jones, Sr. goes missing while pursuing the Holy Grail, Professor Henry "Indiana" Jones, Jr. finds himself up against Adolf Hitler's Nazis again to stop them from obtaining its powers.Thanks to the City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Department for sponsoring this event which is **FREE and OPEN** to the public; we are also excited to have the USA Center for Archaeological Studies join us for this very special event!To see the Spring 2023 list of Movies in the Park happening every Thursday, March 2-April 20, visit: <https://www.cityofmobile.org/parks-rec/events/movies-in-the-park-spring-2023/>.



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APRIL 6: HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER
**INDIANA JONES &
THE LAST CRUSADE** PG-13
PARTNER: USA Archaeology Museum

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Before going to see *Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade* Movie in the Park, do you know Fact VS Fiction between Archaeology in the movies and Archaeology in reality?

ARCHAEOLOGY and Indiana Jones

FACTS VS FICTION

Indiana Jones has popularized Archaeology which is the study of past people and the materials they left behind. These movies about Indiana Jones, however, are not based in reality and offer a fantastical account of an archaeologist's work. Can you tell which of the following statements are Factual and which of them are Fictional?

1. ARCHAEOLOGISTS ONLY WORK IN OTHER PLACES, SUCH AS EGYPT, ROME, OR MEXICO CITY.

FICTION!

Archaeologists work all over the world including here on the Gulf Coast! Evidence of human activity in this area dates to 14,000 years ago. Archaeologists study everything from the oldest sites to those that are as recent as 50 years old.

2. ARCHAEOLOGISTS ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN ARTIFACTS THAT ARE VALUABLE.

FICTION!




Archaeologists rarely recover gold or precious gems from archaeological excavations. In fact, archaeologists are really interested in what people leave behind, most often their trash and not their treasures. These artifacts help us better understand the daily lives of people who lived in the past.

3. ARCHAEOLOGISTS CONSULT WITH AND ASK DESCENDANT COMMUNITIES TO COLLABORATE WITH THEM BEFORE EXCAVATING AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE.

FACT!

Unlike Indiana Jones, archaeologists consult with descendant communities to preserve and protect their cultural materials, resources, and heritage.

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Admission is Free!

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Parking:

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