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## **USA Archaeology Museum Newsletter - October 2023**

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In this edition of the Archaeology Museum's newsletter,

- **Choctaw Nation Visits the Museum, Friday, Oct. 6**
  - Choctaw Foodways: Cooking Demonstration, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
  - Choctaw Traditional Arts: Open Pit Pottery Firing, 7 pm
  
- **Alabama Archaeology Day, Saturday, Oct. 7**
  - Free & Open to the Public, with activities for all ages including: Hands-on archaeology laboratory activities, I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeology Project Open House, Bioarchaeology, Flintknapping Demonstration, Throwing, Native American Game of Chunkey, Choctaw Arts, Living History, and more!
  
- **Alabama Archaeological Society Southwest Chapter Fall Speaker Series**
  - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 14: "We are the land, and the land is mother to us all: Native American and Environmental Justice in the Work of Four Artists"
  
- **Halloween at the Museum, 10 am - 3 pm, Saturday, Oct. 21**
  
- **Stretch & Relax with Yaupon Tea Tasting**
  - 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Tuesday, November 1
  
- **On Exhibit**
  - "Unwritten: Archaeology & Oral History of Jim Crow Mobile"
  - Speaker Series Recordings now on YouTube:
    - ["Positioning Africatown in Post-Emancipation Black Mobile"](#) by Madison Aubey, UCLA Anthropology
    - ["Maritime Archaeology in the 21st Century: Exploring the History and Heritage of our Underwater World,"](#) by Justin Dunnivant, Ph.D.
  
- **[Giving to the Archaeology Museum](#)**

## [Archaeology Museum Upcoming Events Calendar](#)

### **Choctaw Nation Visits the Museum, Friday, Oct. 6 & 7**

On Friday, Oct. 6 from 10:30 - 1:30 at the Native Plants Garden at the Archaeology Museum, Choctaw citizens Dr. Ian Thompson, Karen Downen, Vangie I and Carole Ayers will hold a cooking demonstration using traditional Choctaw methods and ingredients - please join us for a tasting!

Also on Friday, Oct. 6, starting at 7:00pm they will demonstrate the traditional Choctaw art of open-pit firing using ceramic vessels made from local clays. Firing will also take place in the Native Garden outside the Archaeology Museum.

**Choctaw Foodways:  
Cooking Demonstration**

**FRIDAY, OCT 6  
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**USA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM  
NATIVE PLANTS GARDEN**

Logos for the USA Archaeology Museum and other partners.

**CHOCTAW TRADITIONAL ARTS  
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Free & Open to the Public, with activities for all ages including:

- Hands-on archaeology laboratory activities
- I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeology Project Open House
- Flintknapping Demonstrations
- Atlatl Throwing
- Native American Game of Chunkey
- Choctaw Arts with the Choctaw Nation
- Living History
- and more!

Thanks to the team at [Studio10 for supporting Alabama Archaeology Month at the Museum!](#)

# Alabama

# Archaeology Day

## Saturday

### 10 AM - 3 PM, Oct. 7



**All are welcome!**

**USA ARCHAEOLOGY**



USA ARCHAEOLOGY  
**MUSEUM NATIVE**  
**6050 USA DRIVE SOUTH**




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**Alabama Archaeological Society  
Southwest Chapter Speaker Series**

**Nov. 14, 5:30 pm:** 'We are the land, and the land is mother to us all: Native Feminisms and Environn the Work of Four Contemporary Diné Artists,' by Dr. Betsy Hawley, USA Art History Faculty

# Alabama Archaeological Society Southwest Chapter Meeting



“We are the Land,  
and the Land is Mother to Us All”

**FREE PUBLIC EVENT!**

**Tuesday, Nov. 14 | 5:30 p.m.**

**Archaeology Museum  
6050 USA South Drive  
(251) 460-6106**

**Presentation by  
Elizabeth S. Hawley  
USA Art History Faculty**

**Works of Art, L-R: Diné Artists  
Natani Notah and Nenibah Yazzie**



## 3rd Annual Creepy Crawley Halloween at the Museum

**10 am - 3 pm, Saturday, Oct. 21**

**Open & Free to the Public of All Ages**

**Dr. Jason Strickland, USA Dept. of Biology,  
will show & tell creepy crawlies at NOON**

**Pumpkin Painting with USA Center for Archaeological Studies**

**Trick or Treat Trail, Photo Station, Crafts, & More**

Third Annual

# Creepy Crawley Halloween At the Museum

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
USA Archaeology Museum

Featuring a show and tell at **NOON** by Dr. Jason Strickland with the USA Biology department about our own Gulf Coast “creepy crawlies,” an all day pumpkin painting with the Center for Archaeological Studies, and a walk through the trick or treat trail.

Admission is free and open to the public.

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**ARCHAEOLOGY  
MUSEUM**

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USA Center for Archaeological Studies

**Stretch & Relax followed by Yaupon Tea Tasting with USA Campus Recreation**

Please join us in the Museum's Native Plants Garden

2:30 - 3:30 PM

TUESDAY, Nov. 1

**Stretch & Relax**  
*followed by*  
**Yaupon Tea Tasting**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

2:30 PM/STRETCH & RELAX  
3 PM/YAUPON TEA TASTING

USA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM  
NATIVE PLANTS GARDEN  
6050 USA DRIVE SOUTH

**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**





# Unwritten:

## Archaeology and Oral History of Jim Crow Mobile

**A National Endowment for the Humanities Funded Exhibit**

Meet the Lewis, Owens, and Griffin families. They lived in different parts of Mobile, but they shared much in common. As Black families, they navigated Jim Crow segregation. They all owned homes at a time when many Black Americans did not, and their homes were excavated by archaeologists in the mid-20th century, development transformed their neighborhood, erasing homes, schools, and shops from the landscape. Though their houses are no longer standing, we can learn their stories through archaeology & oral history.

**September 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024**

**Museum Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 am - 4 pm**

**Free Admission**

*Unwritten:*  
Archaeology and Oral History of Jim Crow Mobile

**Free Admission**

**Special Exhibit:**  
**September 2023**  
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**April 2024**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
MUSEUM**

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### The Native Plant Garden Needs a New Sign!



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 of 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 o visit <https://giving.southalabama.edu/archaeology> to make a secure, online donation to the museum. Every dollar counts! Some of our ongoing funding n supplies, paying student assistants, exhibit maintenance, and bringing new exhibits to campus.

### Admission is Free!

#### Contact Us:

[www.southalabama.edu/org/archaeology/museum/](http://www.southalabama.edu/org/archaeology/museum/)

Open Tuesdays - Fridays, 10 am - 4 pm.

(251) 460-6106

[archaeologymuseum@southalabama.edu](mailto:archaeologymuseum@southalabama.edu)

### 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 and Luci Archaeology Building.



Facebook: [@TheArchaeologyMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheArchaeologyMuseum)

Instagram: [@SouthArchaeology](https://www.instagram.com/SouthArchaeology)

YouTube: [@USAArchaeology](https://www.youtube.com/USAArchaeology)