NCAS Grants-in-Aid Program for 2006-2007
Randy Daniel and David Moore
Co-chairs, NCAS Endowment Committee

This fall, the North Carolina Archaeological Society will continue its Grants-in-Aid Program designed to fund research pertaining to North Carolina Archaeology. At least one grant up to $1000 will be awarded each year. Applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria: (a) a graduate or undergraduate student actively pursuing a degree in archaeology or a related field; (b) an individual enrolled in an internship program with a museum, a state historic site, an archaeological park, or a Native American group (with state or federal recognition); or (c) an avocational archaeologist who is a member of the North Carolina Archaeological Society and has over time demonstrated a concern for the protection or study of archaeological resources within the state. The next deadline for proposals is November 1, 2006. Full details and application instructions appear on a flier enclosed with this newsletter and also can be found on the web at http://www.ria.unc.edu/ncas/Grants/index.html.

Grant recipients will be selected by the NCAS Endowment Committee, whose members currently include Randy Daniel (co-chair), Rick Langley, David Moore (co-chair), Ken Robinson, Vin Steponaitis, and Ann Tippit.

The grants are underwritten by the NCAS Endowment Fund which was established in 2001 from the proceeds of the sale of the “Blue Banks” property near Greenville. The sale took place largely through the efforts of then-president Robert Graham. We owe him our thanks for making these grants possible!

From the President

Fall is almost upon us and that means the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh starting on October 13th and running through October 22nd. Again this year the NCAS is sponsoring a booth and is in need of volunteers to man the exhibit and represent the NCAS to the fairgoers. Because of some problems in the past and the rental costs of the space, the NCAS Board debated continuing this activity, but because it provides important public outreach it was decided to again sponsor the booth. If you have never participated before you are in for a real treat. First, you will be given a complimentary pass for the day(s) that you work, which means that you have access to the fairgrounds before or after your shift. Second, you get to meet many interesting fairgoers who bring artifacts to show and tell of sites that they have or have knowledge of. Third, you have the opportunity of representing the NCAS and the work that we do. The booth opens at 9:00AM and closes at 9:45PM each day. Shifts run approximately four hours; however, many like to work two shifts together. You can also bring a friend who is not a NCAS member to work with you during your shift, and they will receive a free pass as well. For information and available shifts contact Dee Nelms at 919-733-7342. Please help us keep this important program intact. Volunteer today! You will be glad that you did.

Tom Oakes
2006 NC State Fair

We are pleased to announce that The Friends of Fort Dobbs State Historic Site will partner with the North Carolina Archaeological Society and sponsor our State Fair booth this October! As a site with a rich history of archaeological investigations, 2006 represents the 250th anniversary of the original construction of this French and Indian War fortification. This site has recently undergone a reinterpretation by Larry Babits of East Carolina University and been the focus of new investigations by Wake Forest University Archeology Laboratones.

In addition to the new interpretation of the fort, this exhibit will feature artifacts from the excavations that relate to the life of a soldier on the colonial frontier of Iredell County in the 1750s and 1760s.

To be a part of this exciting and timely exhibit, be sure to contact Dee Nelms to reserve a time you can volunteer several hours to help us staff the exhibit. Remember, those who help staff the booth receive free passes to the State Fair, which provides plenty of good hunting and gathering opportunities for a variety of food and fun.

2006 Annual Fall Meeting
North Carolina Archaeological Society
Saturday, October 7, 2006
Town Creek Indian Mound
Mt. Gilead, North Carolina

Schedule

**Saturday**

9:15 AM  Registration

9:30 AM  NC Archaeological Society Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM  NC Archaeological Society Business Meeting and Election of Officers

10:45 AM  Steve Davis - An Introduction to the Town Creek Photographic Mosaic

11:00 AM  Gerald Schroedl - Remote Sensing Techniques and Their Application at Town Creek

11:15 AM - 4:30 PM  Excavations and Remote Sensing at Town Creek – participation welcomed

12:00 PM  Lunch

4:30 PM  Adjourn

**Sunday**

Excavations begin at 8:30 AM and continues until 4:00 PM. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.

In case of inclement weather bring rain gear. Canopies will be on site. Wear comfortable, appropriate clothing, and bring gloves and camping chairs if needed.
Town Creek Indian Mound
509 Town Creek Mound Road
Mt. Gilead, NC 27306
(910) 439-6802

Directions to Town Creek:

220 North

From 220 take Candor exit, onto 211 west, left at the traffic light onto 220 business, 1 mile bear right onto NC 731, left on Town Creek Mound Rd. 1 mile to site.

From Rockingham:

Exit 220 north of Ellerbe onto NC 73 continue on 73 to Indian Mound Rd. Right turn 2 miles to site

Albemarle:

24-27 East cross the PeeDee river bridge, then right onto NC 73 to Mt. Gilead, continue on to Indian Mound Rd about 5 miles, Left on Indian Mound Rd. 2 miles to site

Local Hotels/Motels

Best Western Executive Inn
735 Nc 24/27 Bypass
Albemarle, NC
(704) 983-6990

Ellerbe Springs Inn
11 miles North of Rockingham
on US #220
Ellerbe, NC
(800) 248-6467

Holiday Inn Express
400 West Broad Avenue
Intersection of US #74
and US 220
Rockingham, NC
(800) 465-4329

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Lunch Form to be returned by September 25th
North Carolina Archaeological Society's 2006 Fall Meeting
Hosted by Town Creek Indian Mound, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina
Saturday, October 7, 2006

Name(s) as you would like it to appear on nametag ________________________________

Buffet lunch catered by Jordan Catering consisting of BBQ, fried chicken, two slaws, green beans, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, tea/lemonade, and dessert. $8.00/each.

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Mail form with payment to: Dee Nelms, NCAS, 4619 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4619 or for further information call @ 919/733-7342.
2006 Election of Officers

The 2006 Election of Officers ballot is enclosed. Please return the ballot to Dee Nelms, NC Archaeological Society, 4619 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-4619 by September 25th. As in previous years, we will take nominations from the floor at the members meeting at Town Creek on October 7th. You will get a chance to cast your vote at the meeting if you do not send it in by mail.

NCAS Newsletter
Publication Schedule
All NCAS members are encouraged to submit articles and news items to Dee Nelms, Associate Editor, for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please use the following cut-off dates as guides for your submissions:

Spring Issue February 28
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Fall Issue August 31
Winter Issue November 30

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