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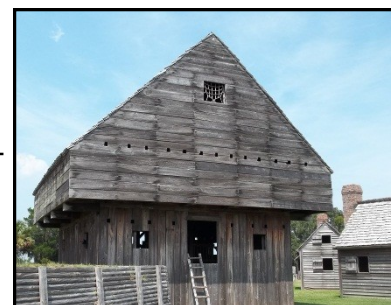
In the last newsletter we mistakenly wrote that Leslie Perry was the new President of SGA. Tammy Herron is the new President of SGA, and Leslie Perry is the new Vice President. Congratulations! We are sorry for any inconvenience this might have brought.

GARS Monthly Meeting

The GARS monthly meeting, which is open to the public, is held on the second Thursday at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Building located at 75 Langley Road in Lawrenceville. Gathering at 7PM with program starting at approximately 7:30PM.

The **February 14** meeting will feature a presentation by the Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS) archaeological advisor and Fort Daniel site archaeologist, Jim D’Angelo. Entitled **Fort Design & Construction in Early America: Fort King George (1721) to Fort Daniel (1813)**, the presentation will show how both military traditions and the unique requirements of the American frontier contributed to the design and construction of forts in this time of change. Additionally, updates on the Fort Peachtree project, the recent acquisition of the Fort Daniel property, and planned field trips will be discussed at the February meeting.

Those familiar with the historical and archaeological investigations at the Fort Daniel site have heard Jim speak of the Fort Daniel footprint, revealed during archaeological excavations as the “Knox plan.” This refers to a frontier fort plan ascribed to President Washington—recommended for frontier situations—and sent by Secretary of War Henry Knox to the Governor of Georgia in 1794. (For more on this go to the [Fort Daniel Foundation Web site](#).) How we got from the different fort design seen at Georgia’s Fort King George (and others like it) to the type of fortification we see at Fort Daniel (and similar ones) is a story not yet fully told.



Fort King George Blockhouse

Upcoming meetings: On **March 14** GSU Prof. Jeff Glover will be our presenter. Many of you know Jeff for his work at the Fort Daniel site with his GSU students. However, what you may not know is that Jeff’s primary research interest and field experience is in Maya archaeology, and this will be the subject of his presentation. Jeff was in Valladolid, Mexico, for the “end of the world” on December 21, 2012. Fortunately, it was a false alarm, and Jeff made it back to Atlanta. On **April 11** Claude Terry, the flintknapper who demonstrated at the 2012 Frontier Faire, will be our speaker and demonstrator. More on Mr. Terry, a retired Emory prof, closer to April. ■

Video News from The Archaeological Conservatory

Latest installment available now on TAC's nonprofit streaming-media Web site, [The Archaeology Channel](#), as well as on cable TV in cities across the US:

- ⇒ Lay volunteers catalog artifacts through the Forest Service Passport In Time (PIT) program at the Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum in Blanding, Utah.
- ⇒ The rocky island of Inishark (off the west coast of Ireland) was inhabited for thousands of years and then abandoned in 1960. Archaeologists fortunately can bring three former residents to the island to help them document the very visible ruins.
- ⇒ An imaginative film brings to life a Native American tale from the Amazon rain forest about a young girl who falls in love with the moon.



The remnants of a post-WWII
Moonshine Still

Cultural Resource Management

Archaeological sites are being discovered and recorded all the time here in Gwinnett County. Of course, sites are being destroyed as well (See [Georgia Heritage Loss](#)). In each issue we focus on site discoveries in recent years and the context of those discoveries.

How many of you have watched *Moonshiners* on the Discovery Channel? Moonshiner sites are often encountered by archaeologists when carrying out archaeological surveys. These days they are most likely to be long ago abandoned sites and are rarely intact. Sometimes they may consist of only a rusting 55-gallon drum and a few artifacts—such was the case with site 9GW99.

Archaeological site 9GW99 was recorded in June 1997 by the firm of R. S. Webb & Associates for a housing development project. The site was situated on a slope within the floodplain of the Chattahoochee River and, according to the UTM coordinates and Google earth map, is now a subdivision located north of Ashmore Lake.

The site was one of three recorded by Webb during that survey and was “recommended ineligible” for the National Register—meaning that recordation of the site had exhausted its information potential and that the site did not, in the archaeologist’s opinion, meet the criteria for significance that would have led to further work and possible preservation of the site. The only artifact recorded was a 55-gallon drum. Having only the site form and not the full report of the archaeological survey, we assume that there was something about the drum, such as modifications to it or associated piping, along with its remote location, that led to the conclusion that this was the site of a Still.

While a single 55-gallon drum seems hardly worth recording, it is through the accumulation of data about many such sites (whether county-wide, by State, or by region) that archaeology can aide in the historical study of this aspect of our culture. Besides bootlegging does hold a certain fascination for many of us.

I actually recorded my one and only Still site during a 2006 reconnaissance survey near Camp Creek Parkway in Fulton County. It consisted of two large tanks set in the ground, a 55-gallon drum, and a cut up truck frame. The tanks and drum had been put out of commission with an axe! (See picture left) Interestingly, wood framing used to support the tank was “dimensional lumbar” meaning it dated post-WWII.

Bootlegging is usually associated with Prohibition, which began with the ratification of the 18th Amendment in 1919. Yet, the practice continued after repeal of that Amendment with the 21st Amendment in 1933. Thereafter, the moonshiners (and their customers) were seeking to avoid the taxes on alcoholic beverages. However, it is clear from watching the Discovery Channel’s *Moonshiners* that “hootch” is more than that. It is a cultural tradition dear to those who practice it beyond any consideration of avoiding taxes. ■ JJD

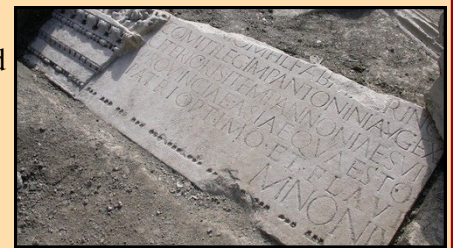
More Diggin's

- ◆ From our sister Chapter in Atlanta: The next Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society (GAAS) meeting will be at 6:30PM on Tuesday, February 12. Jeff Glover will be presiding, and the plan is to view, discuss, and provide hands-on lab experience with a sampling of the extensive MARTA excavation now housed at Georgia State.
- ◆ From Allen Vegotsky at GAAS about a short course in advanced metal detection for the archaeologist: This three-day course will be offered April 19–21, 2013 in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Participants can earn either 16 (two-day) or 24 (three-day) RPA continuing education credits. The fees are: \$250 for the two-day course and \$350 for the three-day course. The faculty will consist of seven instructors, and there will be additional lecturers on military archaeology and other topics. The training entails a day of lectures on best practices for metal detecting for the professional archaeologist and either one or two days of field instruction. For more information refer to www.newsouthassoc.com/amda/index.html.
- ◆ A GARS/FDF family field trip is being planned for March 30 or April 20 to the Gwinnet Environmental and Heritage Center. We hope our friends from GAAS will join us too! In addition to the Center, where the Exhibit “Peanuts . . . Naturally” will be featured February thru April, we will hike the trails and visit the archaeological site of a mill and other outdoor attractions. For admission prices or more on the Peanuts exhibit visit the [Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center Web site](#).
- ◆ The SGA Archaeology Month meeting will be held at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in Macon on Saturday, May 18. The theme for 2013 will be “Preservation,” and that is perfect for us now that the County has acted to preserve the Fort Daniel site! We are hoping to have an overnight trip to Macon to coincide with that meeting. This will include a visit to the Ocmulgee Mounds and the excellent museum that is there as well as Fort Hawkins. Stay tuned . . .
- ◆ Our archaeological advisor, Jim D’Angelo, reports that he is plugging away on the Fort Daniel book. He is also working on the Fort Daniel Technical Report, which he would like to have done before the book comes out. The target date for that is the Bicentennial of the October 1813 order to build Fort Daniel. The Berkmar Site report is almost ready to print, and the Graves Soapstone Site report for 2009 and 2010 is well on the way to completion. As soon as the Graves Soapstone report is handed over to the State and the County, Jim will schedule a return to that site. Archaeology is like an iceberg: Excavation is the 1/10 that everyone sees; the rest is research, artifact processing, and reports!

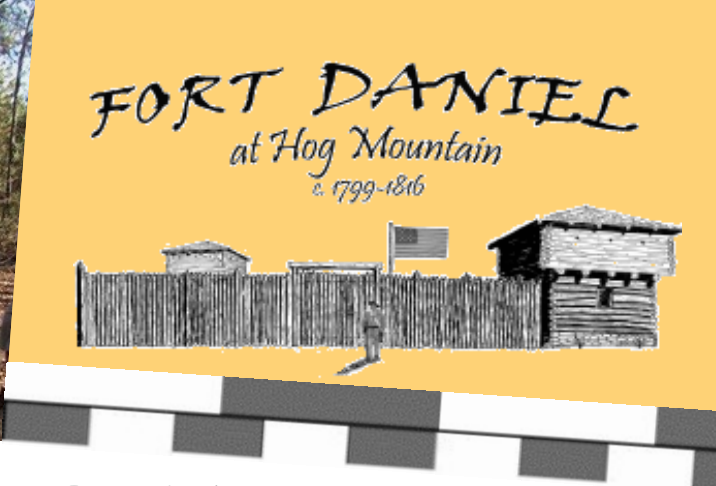
Archaeology News through Social Media

As a social media junkie, I keep up with archaeological news mostly through Twitter. Many archaeological societies, heritage sites, museums, and even archaeologists have Twitter accounts—like the Society for Historical Archaeology, Society for American Archaeology, UNESCO, Smithsonian, US National Archives, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Georgia Trust, Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, and even Stonehenge. Many societies and sites use social media as a way to educate the public about archaeological sites and to advocate for their preservation.

Recently, two tweets articulated both the good and bad of using social media to inform the public about preserving archaeological sites. One was from Darius Arya ([@saverome](#)) who has started a [petition](#) trying to save the tomb of Marcus Nonius Macrinus. This mausoleum on the Via Flaminia road in Rome (*pictured right*) is also known as “The Gladiator Tomb” because it was the inspiration for Russell Crowe’s character in the movie *Gladiator*. Through Twitter Darius contacted Russell Crowe, and he has also stepped in to assist in protecting this Roman site. The second was from BBC ([@BBCWorld](#)) about the [destruction of the library located in Timbuktu](#), Mali, by retreating Islamist militants. However, later the Timbuktu Manuscripts Project director at the University of Cape Town stated that more than 90% of the 300,000 manuscripts located in the region were safe. Through social media people can stay up to date on the happenings in archaeology (good or bad) occurring throughout the world but need to be cautious before “jumping the gun.” Always check the source of the information and decide it is legit. ■ DMG



“The Gladiator Tomb”: Mausoleum of Marcus Nonius Macrinus



Fort Daniel News

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- At the Annual Meeting in January new Board of Directors members were elected. These were Georgia archaeologist Garrett Silliman of Terminus Archaeological Research, LLC, for a second four-year term; Chuck Warbington, PE, Executive Director of Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District (CID); and Leslie Perry, the new President of GARS, who is automatically a member of the Board. The other Board Members are: *Class of 2013*—Paul Willis, Principal of Fort Daniel Elementary School and Carole Boyce, District 1 Board of Education member; *Class of 2014*—Catherine Long, Program Director, the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center and a GARS and SGA past President, and John Hopkins, businessman and direct descendant of Allen Daniel; *Class of 2015*—Richard Lux, representing the Board of the Gwinnett Historical Society. As President of the Foundation, Jim D'Angelo serves as CEO.
- Subsequent to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors held its 2013 organizational meeting. The main topic of business was working on a lease agreement document for the Fort Daniel site that will be submitted to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners for their approval. At the same time, Board members are working on program development including educational outreach, site development, preservation, budget, and fundraising.
- The principle means of fundraising until now have been membership dues, proceeds from the annual Frontier Faire, and donations. This has been sufficient for our modest educational program and for underwriting the Faire each year. However, now with added responsibility for maintaining the house and the grounds, the Board is also looking at possible grants. More on this in March's GAB.

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[Fort Daniel Foundation](#) pages!

