



August 27 Volunteer Dinner & Exhibit Opening

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 27 at 5:00 PM** for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. All are invited for a barbeque dinner and presentations on Museum activities over the past year and plans for the future. A central component of our plans for the next year will be the Friends of Chucalissa campaign to place a reconstructed prehistoric house on top of Chucalissa's platform mound during the 2012 University of Memphis centennial celebration. At the dinner, Friends President Ron Brister will report on the project status along with the group's plans for a fund raising event on **November 13th** the ever popular Chefs and Chiefs. For more information about the Chefs and Chiefs Fundraiser contact the Friends of Chucalissa at kumaon@hotmail.com or Friends President, Ron Brister at bristerr@bellsouth.net.

Also, we are also very pleased to announce that on August 27th a new Museum exhibit will premier that features stone tool artifacts from the Robert Ford collection. The exhibit will also contain information about the importance of avocational archaeologists, such as Mr. Ford, to public education about the prehistoric past. Portions of Mr. Ford's collection are already used in our Museum's Stone Tool education program. We also thank the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society for their generous financial support in making the new stone tool exhibit possible.

. . . from the Director

Hard to imagine that we are already thinking about school starting up for another year! This summer has been particularly active at the C.H. Nash Museum. Despite the record heat, we once again had a very good visitation for our summer programs at the Museum. Visitors continue to respond positively to our many new programs and exhibits at the C.H. Nash Museum. As well, we have launched a campaign to address the biggest critique long-time visitors have of our current operation - the lack of reconstructed prehistoric houses. Our staff and supporters have been very intentional in addressing this issue. We all want to be certain that the reconstructions does justice to the Native Americans who first built and occupied the Chucalissa site. As well we must be certain that the reconstructions will be sustainable long into the future. We have now laid the groundwork for this process and invite you to visit with us on August 27th to hear about the plans.

Another important activity for the Museum over the past several months has been our self-study as part of the Collections Component of the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) sponsored by the American Association of Museums (AAM). Our participation in this program allows Chucalissa to be evaluated and receive recommendations on the national standards and best practices for curating and preserving collections at the Museum. During the first week of September we will be visited by a peer reviewer from the AAM who will then issue a report evaluating the collections at the C.H. Nash Museum. You will remember that last year we completed the Institutional Component of the MAP program. We have already instituted many of the recommendations from that report. We look forward to completing the Collections Component this fall.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 901-785-3160 or e-mail at rcnnolly@memphis.edu with your comments, suggestions, and questions.

- Robert Connolly

The mission of the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa, a division of the University of Memphis, is to protect and interpret the Chucalissa archaeological site's cultural and natural environments, and to provide the University Community and the public with exceptional educational, participatory, and research opportunities on the landscape's past and present Native American and traditional cultures.

For August . . .

. . . we have some remaining openings in our calendar of summer group activities. The C.H. Nash Museum offers a wide array of programs for day camp, civic, school, and church groups. Visit the [link on our website](#) for the full list of program offerings. As well, we launched a new offering to bring one of our programs to your school or group location. The link with more information on these programs is also available on our [website link](#).

Through our Family Days Program, every **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. through August 27**, visiting families experience the same learning and interactive opportunities provided to visiting school groups. Families visit our Hands-on Archaeology Lab, participate in the Drumming Across Cultures activity, join in a scavenger hunt, create a pinch pot ceramic bowl to take home, and more. No advance registration is necessary for groups of 10 or less. The Family Day Program is included in the price of regular museum admission

Events Calendar

August 13 - Volunteer Day from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Join us as we process artifacts collected from sites in West Tennessee, assist with our arboretum, herb garden and medicinal plant sanctuary, help with our digital photo project, or express your creativity in painting one of our trash cans.

August 23 - Stop by and say hi to Administrative Assistant Sonny Bell - it's his birthday!

August 27 - Volunteer Dinner & Exhibit Opening, 5:00 PM

All are welcome. See Page 1 for more details.

September 17 - Volunteer Day 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



September 30 - The Westwood Neighborhood Association will hold their 25th Anniversary Banquet. Join with our neighbors as we celebrate this milestone. For more information contact owh@bellsouth.net

November 13 - Chefs & Chiefs Fundraiser Event

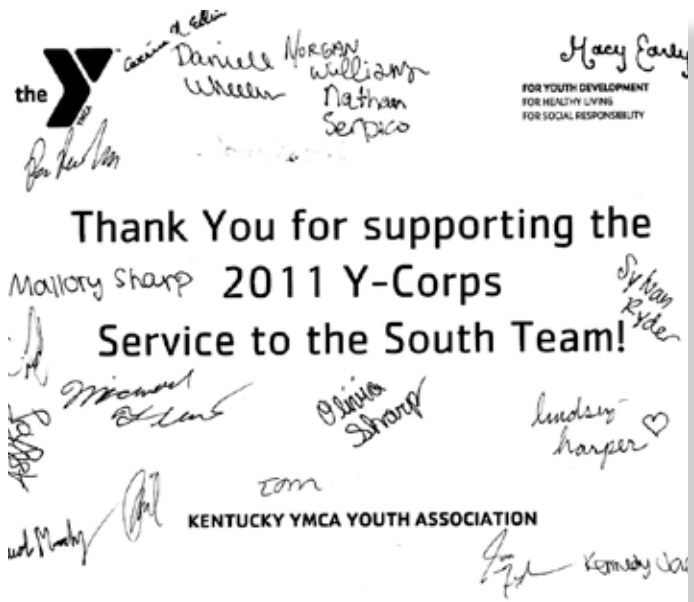
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This Summer . . .



Megan Keener and Varnessa McCay built a trellis for the herb garden.



Youth from the Y-Corps in Kentucky visited Chucalissa and performed service work



Angel Conway returned this summer to continue work with the African American Cultural Heritage Exhibit.