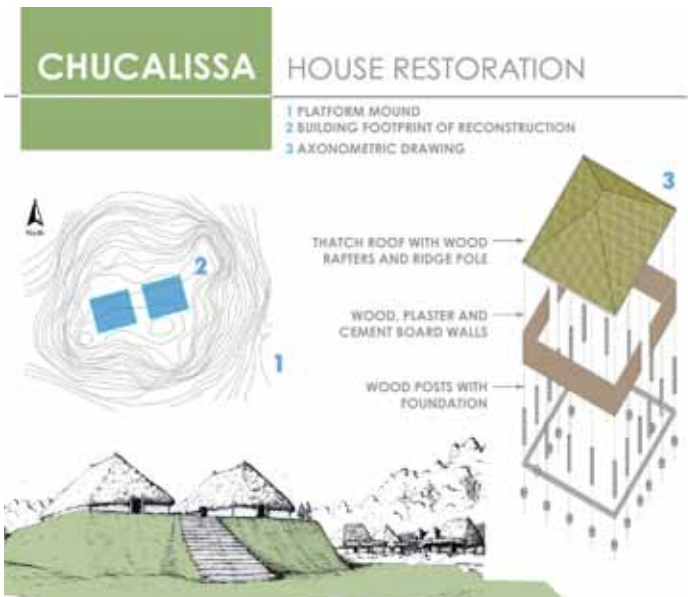


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... from the Director

Our fall is off to a flying start. As the heat of August and September give way to cooler October weather, our calendar typically begins to fill with visiting school groups. This fall is no exception. Although October dates are nearly filled, we still have openings for November and into December. Give the Museum a call to reserve dates and visit our website for more information about *group programs*.

A central activity for us in the coming weeks will be working toward the Chefs and Chiefs event that will launch the fundraising campaign to build a replica prehistoric house on top of the large platform mound at Chucalissa. We will incorporate many innovative and successful construction techniques such as those used at the *Sunwatch Village* site in Dayton Ohio. We will also consult with Native Americans such as the Chickasaw Nation who recently reconstructed replicas of their *traditional houses*. Stay tuned for much more to follow on this exciting project.

This past month we completed our participation in the Collections Component of the Museum Assessment Program. Our reviewer from the American Association of Museums will submit a report in the coming weeks that will allow us to fully implement best practice policies with all of our collections. As one step in this process, Ron Brister, our volunteer extraordinaire, will oversee the re-inventory of all of the collections curated at the C.H. Nash Museum. The University of Memphis awarded the Museum funds to purchase Past Perfect, a state-of-the-art collections software package that will be used in this process. We are particularly pleased that we will be able to train our graduate assistants, interns, and volunteers in the use of this powerful software package.

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

Chefs & Chiefs Fundraiser

Sunday November 13, 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 13 from at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** for the Chefs & Chiefs Fundraiser at the C.H. Nash Museum sponsored by the Friends of Chucalissa. The event is a central component of the Friends campaign to place a replica prehistoric house on top of Chucalissa's platform mound during the 2012 University of Memphis centennial celebration.

The cost of Chefs & Chiefs event is \$65 per person or \$50 per person for two or more. The event will feature an excellent assortment of foods prepared by local chefs, wine and beer, a silent auction, and much more. The event will also honor six individuals who have been instrumental to the success of Chucalissa over the past decades.

All proceeds from the event go toward building the replica prehistoric Native American house. Chefs and Chiefs is always a great event. We hope to see you there! 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. Tickets can be purchased online through the *Friends of Chucalissa homepage*.

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.

Events Calendar

October 15 & November 19 - 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!

November 13 - Chefs & Chiefs Fundraiser Event
See Page 1 for more details

November 19 - Native Food Celebration

Join us for herbal tea and foods - more details in next month's newsletter

Every Saturday at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM-

Join us for Family Day Activities. For the cost of general admission, make a pinch pot to take home, participate in our Drumming Across Cultures musical program, take part in a scavenger hunt through the main hall of the our Museum and more!



New Stone Tool Exhibit Opens

Last month we opened a new exhibit at the C.H. Nash Museum that is a perfect example of one of our many cooperative efforts. The exhibit features stone tools tracing over 10,000 years of prehistory in the region. The artifacts were donated by Robert Ford who surface collected the materials over the past three decades. The exhibit was created by Ron Brister and Richard Whittington, two of our regular volunteers, and Brooke Mundy (left) an intern from the University of Memphis. The project was funded by the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society - a perfect collaboration of many resources to create a project that will be a great educational resource to all.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this project!



Traditional Medicinal Plant Sanctuary Coming to Chucalissa

We are very pleased to announce that with generous funding from the University of Memphis Green Fees Allocation, the next phase for creating our Traditional Medicinal Plant Sanctuary is well under way along the nature trails at Chucalissa. Want to get involved? Give us a call at the Museum.



Graduate Assistants Mallory Bader, Kenya Smith, and Megan Keener

Meet Our Fall Graduate Assistants

Graduate Assistants from the University of Memphis are critical to not just the day-to-day operation of the C.H. Nash Museum but also the many special projects and new exhibits at the site. This fall three of our graduate students are in the Anthropology Department and enrolled in the Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Program. In addition to the Anthropology Graduate Assistants pictured above, Curtis McCoy from the Department of Earth Sciences continues for his second year at the Museum. All Graduate Assistants work 20 hours per week at the Museum in exchange for a stipend and tuition waiver. Graduate Assistants at Chucalissa are given a fantastic opportunity for on-the-job training in museum practices.