



# Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

February 2012

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at the Old Stone Fort Museum in Manchester, Tennessee. The purpose of this Society is to learn more about prehistoric Native American cultures and the early historic period of Tennessee. Our meetings are **Free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

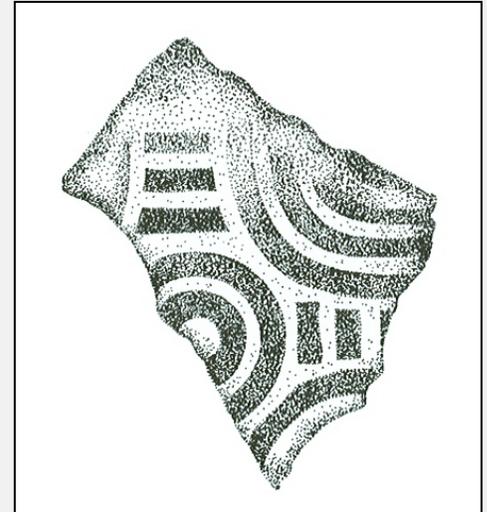
**Mark Norton**

*who will present*

## Swift Creek Designs at Pinson Mounds Point to the Sun

Swift Creek specialist Frankie Snow has suggested that concentric circles found on complicated stamped pottery represent the sun. At Pinson, a number of the sherds recovered from the Ducks Nest Sector have this sun design and may represent either Pinson and/or rituals taking place at the site. The most logical explanation may be the connection with the Equinox sunrises, March 21 and September 21 when the sun rises over Mound 29. The vessels with the sun design may have been utilized during equinox rituals – possibly within the Eastern Citadel, where Mound 29 is located. This presentation will include the Pinson designs and an updated stamp and vessel replication.

See you Thursday, Mark



Swift Creek Sherd with Sun Symbol  
Artist: Susan Kwas

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<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/OldStoneFort/>

**Tennessee Archaeology Network**

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/>

**Archaeoastronomy**

<http://www.archaeoastronomy.com/>

**The Leake Site – Georgia Swift Creek**

<http://www.bartowdig.com/index.html>

**Santa Rosa Swift Creek in Northwest Florida**

<http://uwf.edu/anthropology/research/prehistoric/bernath/bernath2.cfm>

**Northeastern Florida Swift Creek – Ashley and Wallis**

<http://www.unf.edu/~kashley/Other%20Files/2006-SwiftCreek.pdf>

**Society for Georgia Archaeology**

<http://thesga.org/tag/swift-creek/>

**Alabama Archaeological Society**

<http://alabamaarchaeology.org/>

**Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society**

<http://mtgms.org/>

**Coffee County Historical Society**

<http://bellsouthpwp.net/C/a/CanCofHist/coffee/pubs.htm>

**Grundy County Historical Society**

<http://grundycountyhistory.org/>

**Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society**

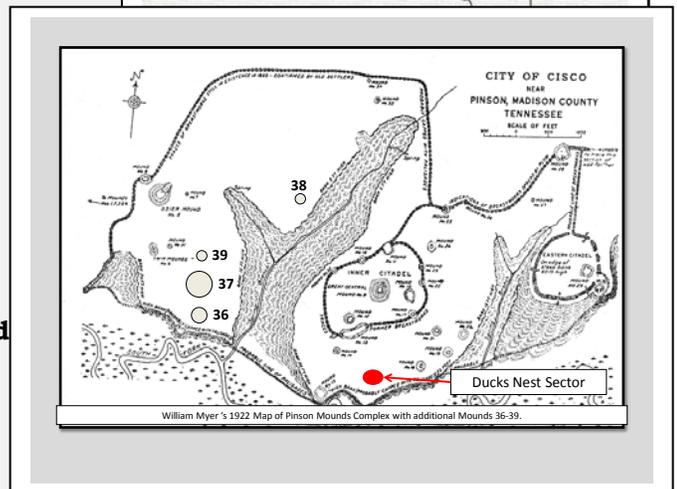
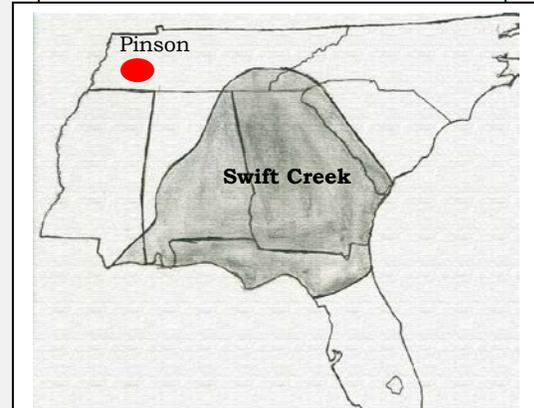
<http://www.memphisgeology.org/>

**MAGS -33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Earth Wide Open– Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show – April 28&29, 2012 -Memphis**

<http://www.theearthwideopen.com/>

**Archaeology News**

<http://www.archaeologynews.net/>



**Society for American Archaeology – 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – April 18-22 - Memphis, TN**  
<http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx>