



# Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

March 2008

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, March 13<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:

## **Marcy Welch**

### **The Future for the Past at the Hermitage**

Over the past 30 years, more than 800,000 artifacts have been excavated at The Hermitage. These artifacts represent one of the largest and most significant collections of African American archaeology in the United States. These finds have offered new insights concerning life in and out of slavery that have helped to define our understanding of the development of African American culture. The Department of Archaeology at The Hermitage is now forging a new future focused on three primary goals: 1) The analysis, cataloguing, and uploading of all archaeological data to the free, online Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery (DAACS); 2) The creation of a GIS program to integrate all existing spatial data for research, management, and interpretive purposes; and, 3) The growth of Project Archaeology and other archaeology education programs. This presentation will highlight these current initiatives as we develop a future for the past at the Hermitage.

Invite your friends and family; see you at the meeting - Mark

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**Old Stone Fort Archaeological Area** - 931-723-5073 -

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

**Tennessee Archaeology Network**

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

**The Hermitage**

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

**The Society for Historic Archaeology**

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

**McClung Museum - Special Exhibit - Forensic Anthropology - through May 7th**

[http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu/newspecial\\_exhibit/forensic\\_anthro/index.htm](http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu/newspecial_exhibit/forensic_anthro/index.htm)

**Birmingham Museum of Art - March 30 - July 27, 2008**

**Vanishing Worlds: Art and Ritual in Amazonia**

<http://www.artsbma.org/vanishingworlds/>

**Chucalissa News - March**

<http://cas.memphis.edu/chucalissa/newsletters/march08news.pdf>

