



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

March 2014

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, March 13th 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 scheduled for the second Thursday of each month and are **Free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

Dr. Kevin Smith

who will present

Treasures of the Otto C. Giers Collection

Our speaker will be Dr. Kevin E. Smith (Middle Tennessee State University) who will present a slide-accompanied lecture titled Treasures of the Otto Giers Collection in the National Museum of the American Indian. While doing research at the Cultural Resource Center of the National Museum of the American Indian in Suitland, Maryland, Dr. Smith discovered a previously unknown artifact collection from Nashville. In this lecture, Dr. Smith will provide an overview of his research trip but will focus on this "lost collection." In 1885, Otto Giers was among the group of young men who dug a large number of stone box graves at the Noel Cemetery site (40DV3) in Nashville -- later Gates P. Thruston would sponsor further excavations at that cemetery to create his enormous collection now on display at the Tennessee State Museum. Although the existence of Giers' collection has been known, its modern disposition was not -- until now. In 1916, George Gustav Heye purchased the entire Otto Giers collection from Paul Hunter -- a bookseller and some-time artifact dealer of early 20th century Nashville. The collection includes over 250 spectacular objects from Middle Tennessee ranging from boatstones to bannerstones to marine shell gorgets to negative painted effigy bottles. To our knowledge, only one of these objects has ever been exhibited.

See you next Thursday, Mark

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

Tennessee Archaeology Network & Online Journal

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

Moundville Knap-In and Ancient Arts - March 7-9, 2014

<http://moundville.ua.edu/programs-events/moundville-knap-in/>

Earth Wide Open -Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

April 26-27, 2014 www.memphisgeology.org

Mound Bottom Guided Hike - March 9 & 16

<http://tnstateparks.com/about/events> rsvp -615-952-2099

Sellers Farm Mound Complex Guided Tour - March 15

<http://tnstateparks.com/about/events>



Tennessee State Museum

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



Mound Bottom



Sellers Farm