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Georgia's Archaeology Month

Every year in May the state of Georgia celebrates and promotes preservation and stewardship of its hidden archaeological heritage. This statewide archaeology awareness has grown over the years since its creation in 1994. The Society for Georgia Archaeology (SGA) serves as the primary sponsor of Georgia Archaeology Month. Cosponsors include state agencies, private firms, and non-profit and professional organizations.

This year the theme for Archaeology Month is *Technologies in Archaeology*. The events of the last year have demonstrated the importance of technologies in keeping everyone connected. Through their [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages SGA will spotlight the different ways that technologies have been used to interpret Georgia's past and the archaeologists doing the research to bring us these interpretations.

Throughout the month of May some institutions are hosting



public events. Below are some events:

- **New South Associates' Archaeology Day:** In celebration of Archaeology Month New South Associates will host their annual Archaeology Day in-person on Saturday, May 7 from 10AM to 2PM at the main office in Stone Mountain (6150 E Ponce de Leon Avenue).

- **The Ocmulgee Archaeological Society (OAS)** in partnership with the Fort Hawkins Board will hold its 17th Annual Fort Hawkins Archaeology Day on Saturday, May 7 from 12–4PM. This event will be held at Fort Hawkins on the corner of Fort Hill Street and Emery Hwy, Macon, Georgia. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Public outreach is a critical link in encouraging awareness of archaeology and a sense of stewardship for our state's archaeological sites. ■ DMG

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Archaeologists of Fort Daniel

By Anne Dorland, GARS President

In celebration of Archaeology Month a new section to the *Gwinnett Archaeology Bulletin* is being introduced. In each issue “Archaeologists of Fort Daniel” will focus on an archaeologist who has volunteered at Fort Daniel throughout the years by getting to know that person through an impromptu Q&A. For this first installment the focus is on Delana Gilmore, Secretary/Treasurer of Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS), who along with her husband are also site managers at Fort Daniel Archaeological Park.

Educational Background: Masters of Art in Archaeology and Heritage from the University of Leicester in Leicester, United Kingdom

Current Employment: Project Manager-Historian at Environmental Corporation of America located in Alpharetta. (What I tell people what I do: a cultural resources consultant in the telecommunications industry.)



What motivated you to become an archaeologist? I got interested in archaeology to help protect local archaeological sites. When I saw a precontact Native site being destroyed in my hometown so that a big name brand store can be built, I knew that something had to be done to protect other sites like that being lost forever.

What is your favorite thing about being an archaeologist? Seeing artifacts come out of the ground that have not seen the light of day in years.

What is your least favorite thing about being an archaeologist? Doing fieldwork during the hot summer.

What is your least favorite question that you are frequently asked by nonarchaeologists and why? *Have you seen any interesting dinosaur bones?* WHY? Because I study HUMAN history not DINOSAUR history.

What can the general public do to protect and preserve archaeological sites? Do what I did and get involved in your local archaeological society. If there isn't one, start one!

Fort Daniel College Day

Last month approximately 25 college students visited Fort Daniel Archaeological Park enjoying an informal day of excavation and lab experience. Guided tours were given of the fort site and the museum. Thanks to the volunteers and Dr. Jeffrey Glover who came out to help!



Join us for
Archaeology Day 2022!

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 10AM - 2PM

6150 E Ponce de Leon Ave., Stone Mountain, GA 30038

#RunandTellThat
#aDecadeofHiddenHistories
#EveryStoryTold



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Defending the Frontier

Fort Daniel Open House

Saturday, May 14, 2022

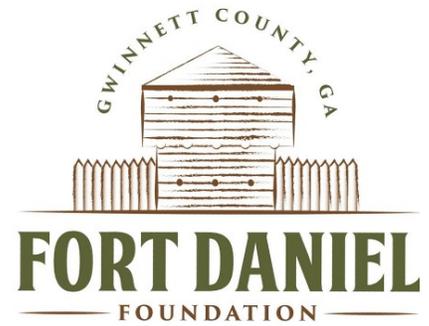
10AM-2PM

Fort Daniel Historic Site

(2505 Braselton Highway/GA 124, Buford)

May is Archaeology Month in Georgia! Explore how archaeology reveals the ways people lived on the frontier during the War of 1812—including tours of the Fort Daniel Museum, Archaeology Lab, active archaeological digs, and living history tours of the fort. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information regarding Fort Daniel!

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People Saving Places: Preservation Month 2022

Though it is Archaeology Month in Georgia, nationally May is Historic Preservation Month, and this year the National Trust of Historic Preservation (NTHP) honors those who work hard in saving the history of the United States. As a nation, we have work to do to fill in the gaps of our cultural heritage. That's why the NTHP shines a long-overdue spotlight on trailblazers who strive to save places where people raised their voices, took their stands, and found courage to change the world.

Historic place-savers pour their time, energy, and resources into protecting places they care about, often without recognition. So, this year's Preservation Month theme of "People Saving Places" is a national high-five to everyone doing the great work of saving places—in ways big and small—and inspiring others to do the same!



NTHP is offering a wide variety of ways to help saving places that showcase the depth and diversity of our nation's history. Throughout the month of May, you can join the celebration in a few easy ways:

- Sign up for the NTHP's weekly email newsletter to enjoy uplifting stories about people saving places across the country.
- Register to attend one (or more!) of NTHP's free virtual events featuring cool people, places, and projects.
- Spread the word about Preservation Month in your own community.

For more information about Preservation Month and other events visit the [NTHP Web site](#). ■ NTHP

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