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2015 HUNTSVILLE ARTIFACT SHOW

LARGE TURNOUT FOR THE HUNTSVILLE SHOW

Our thanks go out to David Weinstein for the great job he did in organizing and sponsoring the 2015 Huntsville Indian Artifact Show. There was an enormous turnout for this show in both the number of displays and the number of people who came in throughout the day to view the displays. The quality of the artifacts on display were simply amazing.



SHOW AWARD WINNERS

- Point Type Award:** David Weinstein for his Colbert Dalton.
- Best Recent Find:** Randall More for his Hamilton Triangle Point.
- Best Educational Award:** Andy Odom Family for their extensive collection.
- RSAS Committee Award:** Howard King for his impressive artifact display.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FROM RSAS



RSAS SHOW DATES

**ROGERSVILLE ALA-
BAMA ARTIFACT SHOW**
Sunday, September 27, 2015
Joe Wheeler State Lodge
4403 McLean Dr.
Rogersville, AL
Contact - Rick Weems
256 577-6122

OTHER SHOWS

DOTHAN ARTIFACT SHOW

Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the
Westgate Gymnasium,
501 Recreation Road,
Dothan, AL.
Contact - Troy Futral at T & B Case
Company at (334) 821-5823 or (334)
703-4313, Email:
dothanshow@yahoo.com. Web site is
www.dothanshow.com.

SAVANNAH TN ARTI- FACT SHOW

Saturday, Oct 3rd, at Hardin Co. Mid-
dle School, Savannah, TN.
Contact Roy McKey at (931) 762-
7541).

CORINTH MS ARTIFACT SHOW

Saturday October 17th, at Cross-
roads Arena 2800 South Harper Rd.
Corinth, Ms. Contact Bill Breidinger
at 601-635-3222

PICTURES FROM THE 2015 HUNTSVILLE SHOW



2015 Rogersville Indian Artifact Show.

The 2015 Rogersville Indian Artifact Show will be held once again at the beautiful Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge on Sunday, September 27th.

The Joe Wheeler Lodge offers everything one could ask for at one convenient location. There is a convention center for the show, a restaurant with a great Sunday Brunch, rooms at the Lodge, Cabin rentals as well as camping spaces and motor home hookups.



Recent finds by Marty Williams in Morgan County Alabama, all from the same site.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

If you reserve tables at the shows and discover that you are not going to be able to attend, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** contact the show host as soon as you know so that those tables can be used by someone else.

The Rogersville show is always booked up and I always have people on a waiting list for tables. I also always have a few inconsiderate people book tables, fail to show up and fail to contact me so that I can let someone on the waiting list have their tables. It is too late on the day of the show to contact them when you just don't show up.

This is just inconsiderate and shows lack of character.



South Alabama Artifacts from the collection of Bimbo Kohen.

2015 REBEL STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting will be held immediately following the Rogersville Indian Artifact show. Please attend this very important meeting if at all possible. We will be electing new officers for 2016 as well as discussing any new business, changes to Bylaws, financial statements, show dates, and concerns from the members. If you can not attend and have something you would like brought up at the meeting please contact one of the officers listed below.

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ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES



TALLEY MOUNDS

The Talley mounds (also known as the Bessemer mounds or Jonesboro mounds) were a group of prehistoric Indian mounds located on the bank of Valley Creek in Jefferson County close to the site which was settled as Jonesboro in 1813. Though the site may have been inhabited by paleo or Woodland Indians as early as 5,000 years ago, the mounds themselves are believed to have been constructed about 1100 AD (or about 400 years before the Moundville mounds in Hale County) by Mississippian tribes. The site is thought to have held a village of up to 1,000 inhabitants.

The long-abandoned site was used as a camping place in the era of European settlement and later became part of the property of N. D. Talley, farmed by sharecroppers.

The mounds were fully excavated by David DeJarnette of the University of Alabama's Alabama Museum of Natural History and laborers working under a New Deal program in 1934-1935. Their work, which resulted in the destruction of the mounds, uncovered the remains of a young female in the "ceremonial mound", evidently placed there during its construction. Below the stone base of the mound was found evidence of the earlier village, with post holes revealing several rectangular structures and three additional burial sites, in one of which was interred a dog

More imprints of structures, some circular, were found below the "domiciliary mound", which appeared to have been constructed in six stages with a ramp of shallow steps leading to the top. The "burial mound" contained a total of twenty-three burials, three in the first stage of construction and twenty in a later addition. Only one skull was found among those burials.

Since those excavations much of the former village site has been developed. The Jefferson County Sewer and Garbage Disposal Plant off of Johns Road, the Visionland amusement park, Water Mark Place, and Visionland Parkway all cover parts of the former settlement.

In 2014 Alabama Secretary of State Jim Bennett requested that the Jefferson County Commission, which owns 69 acres of undeveloped land on the site, designate the property as a special historic district to preserve it for future enhancement as an educational attraction.

Information obtained from Wikipedia

