"Digging into the Past" Opens April 2

The 25th Anniversary of the Center for Archaeological Investigations (C.A.I.) will be celebrated in a major exhibition opening April 2. "Digging into the Past" looks at the cultural investigations in Southern Illinois and beyond by the Center's archaeologists since its founding in 1978.

Supported through a major grant to the University Museum, the exhibit includes traveling exhibit components suitable for display in schools, museums, libraries and other public institutions. Exhibit Curator Michael Hernandez, Ph.D. student in Anthropology, Dona Bachman, museum director, and Lori Huffman, curator of collections/development officer wrote the grant, which was funded by the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.

Visitors to the exhibit will find four major sections, each exploring an important research site undertaken by the Center's staff and associated archaeologists. The Carrier Mills site provides insight into early Southern Illinois life from the Archaic (8,000 B.C.E.) through the Mississippian periods (1,000-1,600 C.E.). The Black Mesa site will showcase the Native American cultures of the Southwest from the Archaic period to the historic period. The artifacts displayed in this part of the exhibit will include pieces from the C.A.I.'s astonishing black and white pottery collection from the Arizona site. The exhibit will also present the work of archaeologists in the Department of Anthropology, continued on page 3.
Spring Exhibits

North Hall

*Mitchell Gallery*

Through January 26
COMBINED SIUC FACULTY: Art and Design, Cinema and Photography, Theater, Architecture and Interior Design
February 1 – March 7
SCULPTURE: ALDON ADDINGTON, Professor Emeritus, School of Art and Design
April 5 – 27
RICKERT-ZIEBOLD TRUST WINNERS, Sponsored by the SIUC School of Art and Design
May 1 – 11 and June 9 – June 20
MFA SHOWS (tentative)

June 25 – August 1
A COMMUNITY COLLECTS, Curated by the Museum Ambassadors

*Atrium Gallery*

Through January 26
GLASS EXHIBIT, Southern Glass Works
February – May
Selections from the University Museum’s RICHARD HUNT AFRICAN ART COLLECTION
April
REMEMBRANCE QUILT by Goreville Community School Students

*Southern Illinois Gallery*

Ongoing
W.P.A. PIONEER DIORAMAS

Through April 25
BASLER, CRAIG, AND TANNER: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FOLK ARTISTS, Curated by Museum Studies Students. Works from the Museum’s Permanent Collection.

May – July 27
RECENT ILLINOIS ACQUISITIONS
Gifts to the Museum.

March 25 – May 2
9TH CLAY CUP, national juried competition and exhibition sponsored by the SIUC School of Art and Design. The concept of the cup may be interpreted either sculpturally or functionally.

May 9 – June 29
RECENT WORKS: MARY PACHIKARA, Murphysboro

*Permanent Collection Gallery*

January 13 – March 9
THE HUMAN CONNECTION: A HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, Curated by Kara Firestone

April 2, 2003 – September 28
DIGGING INTO THE PAST, 25th Anniversary Exhibition on SIUC’s Center for Archaeological Investigations, Michael Hernandez, Curator. This exhibit and its accompanying programs are made possible by a grant to the University Museum from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.

*South Hall*

*South One Gallery*

Through January 26
MFA PREVIEW
February 10 – March 26
A SAMPLER OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS, Curated by Lori Huffman
The exhibit is a part of the SIUC Women’s Scholarship Benefit Program under the leadership of the SIUC Women’s Caucus, Women’s Studies, American Association of University Women — Carbondale, and the University Museum.

April 1 – 13, April 15 – 28, April 30 – May 11, June 9 – 20
MFA SHOWS

June 25 – August 1
A COMMUNITY CREATES: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ARTISTS. A juried exhibition.

Details from Goreville Students’ Quilt commemorating September 11, 2001

“Profile of a Standing Woman” Mary Pachikara
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including Prudence and Don Rice, Izumi Shimada, and John Muller.

The fourth section will look at current explorations by the Center with emphasis on the excavation of a flatboat in Southern Illinois. Museum, C.A.I. staff, museum studies students, theater and anthropology students are busy working on the exhibit and its traveling components, a speakers’ series, and hands-on activities to accompany the exhibit.

The Theater Department has created background murals of early Southern Illinois and Black Mesa for the exhibit. Working on the murals with Ron Naversen, Associate Professor of Scenic Design, SIUC Theater Department, are Hilary Chandler, Adjunct Theater Faculty and Mural Artist for Guido Bernstein, Jason Allen BA, Therese Howard MFA, and Sandy Leppin MFA.

Speakers will interpret the exhibit throughout its run: Dr. George Gumerman, founding director, and Dr. Brian Butler, current director of the Center, will speak at the Public Reception April 15. The Reception will take place from 6-9 p.m. Gumerman and Butler will speak at 7 p.m.

Dr. Richard Jeffries, University of Kentucky and former associate of the Center, will speak on “Hunters, Gatherers, and Gardeners of Southern Illinois’ Past: A 25th Year Retrospective of the Carrier Mills Archaeological Project” at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29.

Sampler of Women in the Arts
February 10 - March 26

The exhibit is a part of the SIUC Women’s Scholarship Benefit Program, which is organized under the leadership of the SIUC Women’s Caucus, Women’s Studies, the University Museum, and the American Association of University Women — Carbondale. The museum’s Curator of Collections, Lori Huffman, is the curator for the exhibit.

The 2003 “A Sampler of Women in the Arts” exhibit features thirty-two artists from thirteen Southern Illinois communities. According to Huffman, “One of the strengths of this year’s exhibit is the diversity of the medias represented — from watercolor to copperplate etching from pyrography to paper pulp, from photography to woodcarving.”

Artists include Kathy Belletire, Marion; Jeanette Brandon, Herrin; Sarah Capps, Belle Rive; Laurie Carver, Carbondale; Sue Casebeer, Carbondale; Teri Clarke, Jonesboro; Pam Conklin, O’Fallon; Roberta Elliott, Cobden; Brenda Fleming, Pittsburg; Sherrie Grob, Murphysboro; Burghilde Gruber, Carbondale; Robin Haller, Carbondale; Liz Harren, Carbondale; Pat Hawkins, Mt. Vernon; Elna Holder, Harrisburg; Rebecca Houseright, Jonesboro; Jennifer Johns, Carbondale; Jeannette Johnson, Carbondale; Joyce Kirkpatrick, McLeansboro; Nicole Klinge, Murphysboro; Susan Korich, O’Fallon; Karen Linduska, Carbondale; Beverly Luecking, Venedy; Brenda McCollum, Benton; Mary Pachikara, Murphysboro; Marie Samuel, Herod; Sue Spurlock, Carbondale; Sue Stotlar, Benton; Susan Swisher, Murphysboro; Loretta Vincent, Cobden; Carolyn Wentzel, Harrisburg; Noveda Wentzel, Harrisburg.
Upcoming Community Artists Exhibits

The end of the semester will see several exhibits highlighting the artistic breadth of Southern Illinois. Mary Pachikara, Murphysboro, will have a one-woman show May 9 – June 29.


“Parts of a World: Images from a Larger Work” will showcase poetic works and the photography of Richard Lawson, Carbondale, August 14 – October 19. A Public Reception is set for August 15.

HELP US SOLVE THIS MUSEUM MYSTERY

A recent donation from the University of Illinois Extension Office, Jackson County, brought six unified paintings of Southern Illinois farm landscapes to us. Done in mural style on canvas with a combined length of over 29 feet, the paintings reflect the American Regionalism of the 1930s and 40s (think Thomas Hart Benton). All we know is that a woman student painted them in the 1940s for the Dean (?) of the College of Agriculture. Does anyone know who the artist might be? The paintings are temporarily on view in the Museum’s Orientation Room.

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Programs

Lectures & Receptions

Friday, April 11
Public Reception for RICKERT-ZIEBOLD TRUST WINNERS, 4 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Talk by archaeologist George Gumerman, 7 p.m. and Public Reception for DIGGING INTO THE PAST, 6 – 9 p.m.

Friday, March 28
Public Reception for 9TH CLAY CUP, 4 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
“Hunters, Gatherers, and Gardeners of Southern Illinois’ Past: A 25th Year Retrospective of the Carrier Mills Archaeological Project” by archaeologist Richard Jeffries, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 9
Public Reception for Mary Pachikara, 4 – 8 p.m.

Friday, June 27
Public Reception for A COMMUNITY COLLECTS and A COMMUNITY CREATES exhibits, 4 – 7 p.m.

Learning Adventures

Unless otherwise noted, Learning Adventures are primarily for children age 6 and above accompanied by adults. Group rates available, please call if interested. To register, just call the University Museum, at 453-5388, or email Museum Education Coordinator Bob DeHoet drhoet@siu.edu.

Saturday, May 10 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Fossil Hunt — Return to the Inland Ocean
Instructor: Harvey Henson
Lab Study: 10 – 11 a.m. Field Trip: 12 – 4 p.m.
Place: University Museum
Cost: Preregister. $20 per adult/child pair, plus $8 per additional child. $12 for adults registering as individuals. Price includes cost of materials.

In the morning, learn about fossils. In the afternoon, search for actual fossils of creatures hundreds of millions of years old on the field trip.

Note: Wear long pants; bring a hammer and a small, sturdy plastic bag if you can. A break at 11 a.m. will allow time for eating before the field trip. A sack lunch is recommended.

Saturday, May 17 10 a.m. – noon
Preserving the Prehistoric — Making A Fossil Collection
Instructors: Harvey Henson/Bob DeHoet
Place: University Museum/Parkinson Lab
Cost: Preregister. $5 per student (no cost for Fossil Hunt students), $12 for adults registering as individuals.

Bring your own fossils and work with fossils from the Museum’s Learning Collection. Students in this workshop will learn how to preserve, organize, and display their fossils. A must for those who care about fossils and wish to preserve them for the future. Students enrolled in past Fossil Hunt Learning Adventures can enroll in this class for free.

Family Programs

Completely Free Saturday Afternoon Programs

For age 7 and above. Sometimes the best things in life are free! Participants in the Completely Free Saturday Afternoon Programs see Museum exhibits, take part in creative activities, and have a great time! Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. and finish at 3:30 p.m. Limit for each program is 15. Small group enrollments are welcome. To register, just call the University Museum, at 453-5388, or email Museum Education Coordinator Bob DeHoet drhoet@siu.edu.

February 22
Making the News — Five Star Spring Edition
First, students become M.I.R.’s (Museum Investigative Reporters) who track down Museum objects by figuring out visual riddles. Student stories become the Museum's Saturday paper. Copies of the paper will be mailed to participating students. All the news that fits!

March 8
Young Architects
Architectural excitement! Young architects will produce a 3D building design using basics of architecture.

March 22
Creative Digital Printmaking
Students will combine various media to produce imaginative art prints using digital xerography.

April 5
Dinosaurs Return! Making Prehistoric Dinoramas
Using images and backgrounds taken from the age of dinosaurs, students will create 3D dinoramas.

A class views the Petty exhibit (photo by Bob DeHoet)
Spring & Summer Hours

Regular Hours:
Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, Monday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed University breaks and holidays:
May 12 – June 8
July 4
August 1 – 13

Admission: Free, donations welcomed

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