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Field School

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Caroline was a student in the 2001 Berry site field school. Ironically, she was too late to register for the ASU field school that spring and her professor recommended that she sign up for the Warren Wilson field school. Following her stellar performance that summer, Dave Moore hired Caroline as a field school crew member for 2002 and 2003.

Later, after working all over Alaska and the western United States as well as the Topper site in South Carolina, Caroline re-joined the Berry site crew for the NSF-funded excavation of the burned Fort San Juan buildings in 2007 and 2008. Dave Moore had this to say about Caroline's new position, "Rob, Chris, and I are excited and proud to have Caroline become the EJF Executive Archaeologist. I know that many more folks will enjoy working with Carolina through new volunteer opportunities with EJF. The EJF volunteer program will become an important new component of our project."

We're on WFAE - Charlotte Talks

David Moore, Senior Archaeologist for the Exploring Joara Foundation, and Caroline Ketron, Executive Archeologist will discuss the significance of the Berry site and Joara on WFAE, May 14th from 9-10 AM.

Charlotte Talks



Charlotte Talks with Mike Collins is a one-hour talk show produced by WFAE 90.7fm. The program airs live from 9-10am Monday through Friday and is rebroadcast weekday evenings at 9.

Launched in April of 1998, Charlotte Talks has become this region's exclusive forum for the discussion of politics, growth, the arts, culture, social issues, literature, human interest, the environment and more. If something is of interest to people in the Charlotte region, listeners and leaders know the topic is bound to be discussed on Charlotte Talks.

The show is hosted by veteran Charlotte broadcaster Mike Collins, who has been a fixture in local radio and television since 1985. His knowledge of North and South Carolina combined with his 30 years experience in broadcasting has helped to make Charlotte Talks one of this area's favorite call-in programs.

You're invited to join the conversation



Shane Mickey pottery

The First Annual Joara Pottery Festival ... Exploring 500 years of Pottery

The public is invited to the first annual Joara Pottery Festival, to be held at the Burke County Fairgrounds, on Saturday, May 22, 2010, from 10:00 am to 4:00 PM. Forty booths featuring some of the southeast's most notable contemporary and Native American potters.

This event is sponsored by the Exploring Joara Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to provide continued support for the archaeological research in the upper Catawba and Yadkin River valleys, with a primary focus on the investigation of sixteenth-century interactions between European colonists and Native Americans in western North Carolina.

The foundation sponsors public involvement in Foothills archaeology through education programs, archeological surveys, and excavations of Native American and Early European settlements. The Foundation takes its name from Joara; the major Native American town in the upper Catawba Valley visited by sixteenth-century Spanish expeditions led by Hernando de Soto and Juan Pardo. Pardo built Fort San Juan near the town in 1567, creating the oldest European settlement in the interior of the United States. Evidence of Joara and Fort San Juan has been unearthed at the Berry archaeological site in northern Burke County. Evidence from the Berry site is changing history textbooks and has been covered in National Geographic, Smithsonian and Archaeology magazines and the UNC TV documentary "The First, Lost Colony."

Numerous examples of Native American and European pottery and shards have been uncovered at the Berry site, including Blue Spanish Majolica. One of the goals of the Foundation is to preserve and promote the region's rich pottery history and to encourage present day talented artisans working in this ancient art form. Activities during the day include pottery demonstrations, talks by archaeologists, displays of Berry site artifacts and music.

The entrance fee is \$4, children under 12 are free. Food will be available. Directions: Take Exit 105 off I 40 to Morganton. Turn on Sterling Street, which become Green Street. Travel 4.4 miles to Bost Road and turn right. The fairgrounds are on the left. For more information go to joarafoundation.org or call 828-439-2463.