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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
SLOTHS, MAMMOTHS, AND SABER-TOOTHED CATS: THE ICE AGE
MAMMALS OF ALABAMA BY JUN EBERSOLE
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon on Thursday, September 20, 2012**, as **Jun Ebersole** presents ***Sloths, Mammoths, and Saber-toothed Cats: The Ice Age Mammals of Alabama.***

For over 150 years we have had hints of an Ice Age fossil record in the state - Mammoth bones from Dallas County, a Giant Ground Sloth from a cave near Tuscumbia, and Ice Age plants from central and southern Alabama. However, due to the isolated and fragmentary nature of these finds, the Pleistocene fossil record in Alabama had been largely overlooked by researchers. Only within the past 35 years have significant Pleistocene deposits been discovered, excavated, and researched in the state. This recent research has helped piece together a record of Ice Age mammals that rivals that of any state in the southeastern U.S. Join Jun Ebersole, Collections Manager at McWane Science Center, on a journey back to the Alabama Ice Age to meet the many curious creatures that once roamed our state.

Since 1999, Jun Ebersole has held the position of Collections Manager overseeing the Alabama Collections Center at McWane Science Center. Currently the second largest natural history collection in the state, the Alabama Collections Center houses over 500,000 objects relating to the natural history of the state. Ebersole holds a degree in Anthropology with a concentration in paleoanthropology from St. Lawrence University in upstate New York. Outside of the museum, Ebersole is an adjunct instructor in the Anthropology Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He works closely with both the Birmingham and Alabama Paleontological Societies, is on the council of the Alabama Museums Association, and is currently vice president of the Birmingham Archaeological Society.

This ArchiTreats presentation is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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