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TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM BRINGS ETOWAH ARTIFACTS BACK TO GEORGIA

Cartersville, GA, October 27, 2016—Hidden away in the vaults of the Smithsonian for nearly 100 years, artifacts from the Etowah Indian Mounds will finally return to Georgia for a special exhibit at Tellus Science Museum. Opening Saturday, November 5, 2016, the exhibit *From Clay to Copper: Minerals and Artifacts of Etowah* will run through October 1, 2017.

The never-before-seen exhibit will have more than 60 archaeological objects on loan from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. The objects were excavated from the Etowah Indian Mounds in Cartersville, GA during the late 1880s and early 1900s. The local site dates back to the Woodland and Mississippian periods and was home to Native Americans for more than 500 years. The artifacts reveal the early mining heritage and rich trading culture of the area.

The collection includes a copper plate embossed with the classic “Birdman” image, which is often associated with powerful leaders. Pottery, tools, and exquisitely carved ceremonial objects used by the native people will also be on display, providing a glimpse into Mississippian culture.

Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site is the most intact Mississippian Culture site in the Southeast, protecting six earthen mounds, defensive ditch, and village site. The site is 9 miles south of Tellus Science Museum.

Tellus Science Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is a 120,000 square foot science museum located in Cartersville, just north of Atlanta. For more information about Tellus Science Museum call 770-606-5700 or visit www.tellusmuseum.org or www.facebook.com/tellusmuseum.

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