Moundville Archaeological Park

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The Jones Archaeological Museum

Opened and dedicated on May 16, 1939 at what was then known as “Mound State Monument,” built with labor from the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1999, The University of Alabama Museums began a comprehensive effort to rebuild and redefine the museum, resulting in a $5 million renovation completed in 2010. Today, the museum combines the latest technology with more than 200 stunning artifacts to describe one of the most significant Native American archaeological sites in the United States. Outside, visitors are greeted by symbols of the Native American culture mounted on enormous wooden heraldic poles. Inside, visitors will find life-size figures displaying the clothing and jewelry of Mississippian cultures, ceremonial feather decorations hand-sewn by Native-American artists, stunning pottery and other artworks placed in display cases that light up when recorded narratives talk about them and three-dimensional, moving depiction of a Native American maker of medicine who appears in a reconstructed earthlodge, taking them on a journey into the afterlife.

Moundville Archeological Park Director Bill Bomar says what’s really old is new again after a $5 million dollar renovation. Click the link below to see a video about the new Museum:

Moundville: Something Special

Click the link below to view an article about Moundville that appeared in the Tuscaloosa News:
EDITORIAL: Moundville Museum A Must To Visit

The museum was reopened and rededicated after a $5 million renovation May 14, 2010. Scroll through the gallery below to see photos of the new museum: