

Indiana Archaeology Month

September 2009

Calendar of Events



The **Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology** (DHPA), part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is proud to have coordinated Indiana Archaeology Month, the fourteenth annual statewide archaeology event.

Again this year, many exciting events will be available for the public to attend. We hope that more and more people will gain a greater appreciation for the science of archaeology and what it may teach us about the past. We encourage you to call either the contact person listed for the event or the Division (317/232-1646) to obtain information regarding the various activities.

A note for those bringing archaeological artifacts for identification to events- Monetary values will not be provided. The value of artifacts lies in what they can tell us about the past and the people who made them.

A list of those who have made Indiana Archaeology Month 2009 events possible is provided at the end of this document. We appreciate all that the event hosts, and participants, have done to make this another successful Archaeology Month.

You might want to double-check with event hosts regarding whether their location is on Central Time or not. When it was provided, we have included the Central Time information with the relevant events. To access a helpful map, please feel free to go to <http://www.state.in.us/core/files/Timezonespring.pdf>.

Note: Additional events may be added to the calendar after the date at the end of this document. Feel free to contact Amy Johnson, ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov, regarding any events which may be added later than the date this document was compiled.

Single day events are listed below first, followed by multiple day events.

Single Day Events

September 5. Archaeology Day. Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN. 10am-4pm. DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams will be on hand to identify artifacts for visits and distribute free archaeology outreach materials. There will also be activities such as: atlatl throwing, a mock dig, petroglyph face painting, and more. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. Standard gate fees apply; \$ 5/Indiana, \$7/non-resident car. For additional information, contact Barbara Cummings at bcummings@dnr.IN.gov or 765/597-2654.

September 5. Archaeology Identification program. 1-5pm. Come to Fort Ouiatenon (298 River Road, Lafayette, IN) and help the Tippecanoe County Historical Association kick-off Indiana Archaeology Month. You can speak with an archaeologist and see how artifacts are identified at this free event. For further information, contact Amanda Devine at Amanda@tippecanoehistory.org or 765/476-8411, ext. 204.

September 5. Archaeology Day at Falls of the Ohio State Park. 10 am-4pm EDT. Sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society and hosted by the Falls of the Ohio State Park. This is a day of archaeological activities for adults and children of all ages. A sample of activities includes: artifact identification, flintknapping and atlatl demonstrations, making pottery vessels, and much more! There is a special guest speaker at 2pm in the auditorium. \$ 5 admission to the Interpretive Center. DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Carson will be on hand to identify artifacts for visitors and distribute free archaeology outreach materials. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. Parking cost is \$2. 201 W. Riverside Drive, Clarksville, IN. For further information, contact Bett Etenohan, 812/280-8689 or betenohan@dnr.In.gov.

September 12. What Do Archaeologists Do? Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Fort Ouiatenon, 298 South River Road, Lafayette, IN. 1-3pm. Archaeologist Dr. Kory Cooper from Purdue University and anthropology students

will be on hand to answer questions about archaeology and how to become an archaeologist. For further information about this free event, contact Amanda Devine at Amanda@tippecanoehistory.org or 765/476-8411, ext. 204.

September 12. Archaeology Day. Dubois County Museum, 2704 N. Newton (Highway 231 N), Jasper, IN. 10am- 2pm. 10:15-11:30 am (EDT) “Archaeology in Dubois County”, a panel discussion with State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Carson and local artifact collectors. 1-2pm (EDT) Artifact Identification will be conducted by Dr. Jones and Ms. Carson. 10am-4pm (EDT) Museum will be open. Visit the Archaeology and Native American exhibit “People of the Woodlands.” Free archaeology outreach materials will be available. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. No admission charge. For more information, contact Mary Ann Hayes at 812/634-7733 or mhayes@duboiscountymuseum.org.

September 12. Laboratory Open-house and Exhibits. Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University, Bloomington (423 North Fess Ave.). The Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology will hold an open-house from 9am to 3pm in honor of Archaeology Month. Guided tours of the exhibits on Indiana archaeology will be given on the hour. Tours of the collections and laboratory areas, which are not usually open to the public, will be held on the half hour. In addition, there will be a special exhibit on “How Archaeologists Discover and Map Sites” displayed in the Lobby. This exhibit will show how research on archaeological sites by scientists from the Laboratory, the Department of Anthropology, and the Mathers Museum. These projects range from the Paleoindian through historic periods and from sites across North and South America. For additional information, call the Laboratory at 812/855-9544.

September 17. Archaeology in Your Community. Elkhart County Historical Museum, Bristol, IN. 7pm (EDT). DHPA Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will give a presentation titled “Archaeology in Your Community” at the Elkhart County Historical Museum. Ms. Johnson will also have numerous free archaeology outreach materials available as well as official Indiana Archaeology Month 2009 commemorative shirts for sale. For additional information, contact Rebecca Oestreich at 574/848-4322 or rebecca@elkhartcountyparks.org.

September 17. Archaeology presentation at the Greensburg Public Library, Greensburg, IN. Chris Baltz, of Gray & Pape, Inc. will give a presentation titled “Early Farmers of Decatur County: Excavations at Site 12De772 Along the

Rockies Express Pipeline.” 7pm (EDT). Presentation is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Chris Baltz at 812/339-7300.

September 18. “Digging for Freedom: Archaeology and the Underground Railroad.” 3-4:30 pm. Indianapolis, IN. This is one session of the third annual national Underground Railroad Conference. This session, moderated by Dr. Cheryl LaRoche, will include three archaeological presentations. To learn more about the session, and the conference, go to <http://www.ugrfriends.org/agenda.php>.

September 19. Artifact Identification at the Pendleton Historical Museum, Pendleton, IN. 1-5 pm. DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Carson will be on hand to identify artifacts for visitors and distribute free archaeology outreach materials, as well as discuss Indiana archaeology. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. For additional information, contact Julie Nice at 765/778-4935.

September 19. History Under the Stars. Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Battleground, IN. 7-8pm at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum. Archaeologist Dr. Matt Coon, Indiana Department of Transportation, will present a program and answer questions about archaeoastronomy. The free event will take place outdoors at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park. For further information, contact Amanda Devine at Amanda@tippecanoehistory.org or 765/476-8411, ext. 204.

September 19. Archaeology Presentation. Jackson County Public Library, Seymour, IN. 2 pm (EDT). DHPA Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will give a PowerPoint presentation on Jackson County Archaeology. This free event is open to the public. Ms Johnson will also have free archaeology materials for distribution, as well as Archaeology Month 2009 shirts available for purchase. For additional information, contact Becky Brewer at 812/522-3412, ext. 239.

September 19. Archaeology Day. The Starve Hollow State Recreation Area (Vallonia, IN), is hosting an Archaeology Day at the Nature Center with artifact identification and crafts. The event begins at 9am (EDT). There is a gate fee of \$5 per car. For additional information, contact Sandy Derringer, 812/358-3464, 812/358-5435 or sderringer@dnr.IN.gov.

September 19. Archaeology Day. George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, Vincennes, IN. 1-4 pm (EDT). Archaeology Day is part of the park’s Summer Junior Ranger Day Series through the National Park Service. Open to kids of all ages and completely free. Participants will earn a Junior Ranger Day certificate for

attending. For additional information, contact Andrea Capps-Henke at 812/882-1776, ext. 207 or Andrea_Henke@nps.gov.

September 19. Archaeology Day. Noon -2pm (EDT). Native American Museum, 5170 E. Poplar St., Terre Haute, IN. DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams will be at the Museum to discuss the early history of Indiana and identify artifacts brought in by the public. She will also distribute free archaeology outreach materials. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. For further information, contact Jane Creedon at 812/877-6007.

September 19. “Artisans Day.” The Rush County Historical Society & Museum is hosting Artisans Day. 1pm – 3pm, Rush County Historical Society, 619 North Perkins Street, Rushville, IN. Activities at this free event will include: traditional crafts such as flintknapping, rug hooking, woodcarving, and much more. The Museum and carriage house are open to visitors. In the Museum there is an exhibit on prehistoric Rush County and Indiana generally. Artifacts from Rush County, with interpretation, are featured. For additional information, contact David Northam at 765/561-3011, 765/932-2013 or denortham@hotmail.com.

September 19. Atlatl Introduction and Throwing. 9am- 3pm (EDT). Come to the Strawtown Koteewi Park (Hamilton County, IN) and take part in the ancient activity of spear throwing. Atlatls were Native American hunting tools and were used for thousands of years. Erik Vosteen will begin by introducing participants to the equipment and techniques, history, and other interesting tidbits. Everyone can practice casting some darts. Spectators and enthusiasts are welcome at this free event. Please check in at the Taylor Center’s front desk when you arrive for information regarding atlatl “tee” times. For additional information, contact Amanda Smith at 317/774-2501 or amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

September 20. Archaeology Lab Open House. 11am – 6pm (EDT). The Indiana University-Purdue University Archaeological Survey is hosting an open house at their archaeology lab. Come and see a real archaeological laboratory at Kettler Hall G33 on the campus, Fort Wayne. For additional information, contact Craig Arnold at 260/481-6194 or arnoldc@ifpw.edu.

September 20. 10am- 4pm at McCormick’s Creek State Park, Spencer, Indiana. The White River Valley Archaeological Association will hold their 2009 archaeological program at the Nature Center. The program will include: artifact and chert exhibits; literature illustrating the archaeology of southwestern Indiana; replicas of prehistoric tools; flintknapping demonstrations; an exhibit of excavation equipment and documents, and much more. In addition, the public is invited to bring artifacts for identification and to participate in activities such as

flintknapping and atlatl throwing. For additional information, contact Curtis Tomak at 765/342-9794.

September 21. Archaeology Lecture. Noon (EDT). Indiana State University, Science Building Room 174, Terre Haute, IN. Dr. Karla Hansen-Speer will give an archaeology lecture titled “The Antelope Trap and the Juniper Tree: Using Dendrochronology to Investigate Hunting on the High Plains of Wyoming.” For additional information, email Dr. Hansen-Speer at khansenspee@indstate.edu.

September 23. Presentation at the Franklin County Public Library, 919 Main Street, Brookville, IN. Dr. Karen Niemel, Gray & Pape, Inc., will present “Exploring Prehistoric Lifeways: The Archaeology of the Whitewater River Basin.” The talk will cover local archaeology and recent excavations near Brookville, Franklin County. Free presentation will begin at 6:30 pm (EDT). In addition, during normal business hours, visitors to the library can see archaeological artifacts on display. Items will be on display for one week following the talk. For additional information, contact Dr. Niemel (513) 287-7700 or the Franklin County Public Library at (765)647-4031.

September 24. Monon Public Library, Monon, IN. 7pm (EDT). Gail Brown, Education Program Coordinator at the Indiana State Museum, will give a presentation titled “Uncovering Indiana’s Secrets: Archaeology at the Indiana State Museum.” For further information on this free program, contact Peggy Horton at 219/253-6517 or phorton@monon.lib.in.us.

September 26. Holliday Park, Nature Center (6363 Spring Mill Rd.), Indianapolis, IN. 9:30am – 4:30 (EDT). Join the fun by helping to investigate and excavate a 19th century archaeological site in Holliday Park. Indiana State Archaeologist, Dr. Rick Jones, will help participants get their hands dirty with archaeological techniques, mapping, limited excavation and artifact recovery. Registration is required for the day-long program, or park visitors can stop by at 2 pm for a short presentation on archaeology and the artifacts being investigated. Fee is \$10/individual. For additional information, contact Frank Rouse at 317/327-7180 or frouse@indy.gov.

September 28. Geophysics and Cemetery Recordation/Preservation. 9am- 3pm (EST) (school groups must schedule in advance). The Indiana Army National Guard and AMEC are co-hosting this event at the Stone Arch Cemetery. The day will include demonstrations of geophysical equipment, short presentations on cemetery preservation and hands-on examples experience recording a historic cemetery. The event is free and open to the public. To reach the cemetery: Turn west off of US 31 on Hospital Road and go 2 miles west of the main Camp

Atterbury (Edinburgh, IN) entrance. Turn north onto Stone Arch Road, and the cemetery is ¼ mile north of Hospital Road. Contact Kirsten Lewis, 812/526-1499, ext 2191 or kirsten.lewis@us.army.mil for general questions; Diana Hazelwood, 812/526-1744 or diana.hazelwood@us.army.mil for school groups.

September 30. Grand opening of the University of Evansville Archaeology Lab and Tin City Excavation Tours. 4pm (Central). University of Evansville (1800 Lincoln Ave.), Evansville, IN. The tours will take place in front of Neu Chapel. For additional information, contact Alan Kaiser at 812/488-1049 or ak58@evansville.edu.

September 30. The Archaeology of Bartholomew County. Bartholomew County Public Library (536 Fifth St.), Columbus, IN. 7-9 pm (EDT). Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will be giving a Powerpoint presentation and answering questions regarding the archaeology of Bartholomew County. Dr. Jones will also have free archaeology materials for distribution, as well as Archaeology Month 2009 shirts available for purchase. For additional information regarding this free event, contact Mary Clare Speckner at 812/379-1266 or mcspeckner@barth.lib.in.us.

Multiple Day Events

September 12 -13. Andersontown Powwow and Indian Market, Athletic Park (410 E. 8th. Street), Anderson, IN. 11am-11pm (EDT), Saturday, and Sun. 11am-4pm. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will be available on September 13 to identify artifacts. Dr. Jones will also answer questions about archaeology and distribute free archaeology outreach materials. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. For additional information, contact Debbie Webb, 765/617-4923 or debbie.webb@att.net.

September 12-13. Mounds State Park Archaeology Weekend, Anderson, IN. 11 am – 4 pm EDT. There will be hands-on activities for kids and adults, artifact identification by Archaeologist Jim Mohow, artifact displays, a public dig by the Archaeological Resources Management Service (Ball State University), a dig for kids, pottery workshop, archaeologist-led hikes, and more. DHPA Archaeologists Laura Black and Cathy Carson will be on hand Saturday and Sunday, respectively, to answer questions about archaeology and distribute free archaeology outreach materials. Archaeology Month 2009 shirts will be available for purchase. Standard gate fees apply; \$ 5/Indiana, \$7/non-resident car. For additional information contact Angie Manuel at 765/649-8128 or amanuel@dnr.in.gov.

September 15-October 3. Celebrate Archaeology Month at Strawtown Koteewi Park, Hamilton County, IN. Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm. Free. Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne will be on site conducting archaeological surveys which will be open to the public. Interpretive staff will be available for site tours and discussions about the archaeological sites and the Native American groups who once occupied the area. Pre-registered group tours will take place at the Taylor Center of Natural History located at the Park in Strawtown, IN. Organized groups such as school field trips, scouts, and adult clubs are welcome as well as smaller family and citizen groups. Great for all ages. For more information or to pre-register for an archaeology field trip or tour, call Amanda Smith, Supt. of Natural Resources and Education at 317/774-2501 or amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please confirm early. Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department and the DHPA are proudly sponsoring.

September 18-19. Lincoln's Boyhood Landscape-Archaeology Education and Event. Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, IN. 10am - 4pm (CDT). Visitors will be able to volunteer to help screen for artifacts. DNR park staff will offer tours around the excavation area. Sept. 18th is primarily for school groups and Sept. 19 is open to all. There will also be interesting interpretive events in conjunction with the dig that represent the heritage of the site. Gate fee for park entrance applies. For additional information, contact Vicki Basman, Chief of Interpretation, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, 317/690-6566 or Staffan Peterson, Indiana Department of Transportation, 317/232-5161.

September 23-30. Franklin County Public Library (919 Mains Street, Brookville, IN). During normal library hours there will be archaeological artifacts on display in the Library. For additional information, call 765/647-4031 or Dr. Karen Niemel at 513/287-7700.

September 25-27. Native American Days. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, 8215 Pollack Ave., Evansville, IN. Friday, 9am-9pm; Sat., 11am-5pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm (CDT). A weekend of fun will include a dance circle, Indian market, as well as numerous demonstrators, games, activities, and food vendors. There will be a \$10 per vehicle fee. For additional information, contact Heather Stone at 812/853-3956 or hstone@dnr.IN.gov.

September 26-27. Hoosier Outdoor Experience. Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, IN. 9am- 6pm (EDT). This large scale event offers outdoors experiences for everyone. Parking, admission, activities, demonstrations and

seminars are free to the public. Two full days of the great outdoors with hands on educational opportunities and skill-building activities focusing on natural resource conservation, outdoor ethics and responsibility. Cultural activities will include: flintknapping, jewelry making, historic sports, textiles, historic military displays, a mock excavation, architectural trolley tour, and more. For additional information, call 317/562-1338 or go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm>.

Entire Month Events-

Tuesday - Sat., 10 am -4:30 pm (Central Time). The LaPorte County Historical Society Museum (2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte, IN) is hosting an exhibit of Native American artifacts found in and around LaPorte County. Children under 12-free; Adults, out of county, \$5; in county \$3; Age 12-17, \$3. For additional information, contact James Rodgers at 219/324-6767 or info@laportecountyhistory.org.

Hosts and Participants for 2009 Events

DNR, Turkey Run State Park

Tippecanoe County Historical Association

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department

Pendleton Historical Museum

Dubois County Museum

DNR, Falls of the Ohio State Park

DNR, Mounds State Park

Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne, Archaeological Survey

Bartholomew County Public Library

Indiana Department of Transportation

Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society

Purdue University

National Park Service, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park

Greensburg Public Library

Franklin County Public Library
Holliday Park Nature Center, Indy Parks & Recreation
Andersontown Powwow and Indian Market
Gray & Pape, Inc.
DNR, Angel Mounds State Historic Site
Elkhart County Historical Museum
DNR, Lincoln State Park
DNR, Starve Hollow State Recreation Area
DNR, Division of Forestry
Indiana Army National Guard
AMEC
Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University
White River Valley Archaeological Association
Archaeological Resources Management Service, Ball State University
Department of Natural Resources
Eagle Lake Productions
Natural Resources Foundation
Jackson County Public Library
Native American Museum
Rush County Historical Society & Museum
DNR, McCormick's Creek State Park
Indiana State University
University of Evansville
LaPorte County Historical Society Museum
Friends of the Network to Freedom Association, Inc.
Monon Public Library
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