



Archaeology News

- from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist

- **Event Hosting for Indiana Archaeology Month 2004-** As was stated in last month's Archaeology News, this will be the ninth year commemorating Indiana Archaeology Month. This year we are especially encouraging archaeologists, and non-archaeologists, who have never hosted an event to consider doing so. There are many different types of archaeology activities and events which can be hosted. For example, did you know that there are three National Park Service sites in Indiana (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore [Porter, IN], George Rogers Clark National Historical Park [Vincennes, IN], Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial [Lincoln City, IN])? Archaeological investigations have been conducted at all three of these locations, and perhaps the Superintendents of those properties would be interested in co-hosting an event for Archaeology Month. Cultural resources management companies are encouraged to host something such as an open-house for the community to come and learn more about what they do, and why it is important. Local historical organizations and civic associations or clubs might also be contacted to see if they would wish to co-host an event with your assistance. In a greater attempt to work with college anthropology or archaeology students, why not consider working with the Anthropology Club at a University to coordinate a brown-bag lunch archaeological lecture or archaeological hands-on project? We have many more brainstorming ideas regarding event hosting, so don't hesitate to contact our office with questions. Last year, over 5,400 people attended events statewide, and we hope more and more individuals and organizations will become hosts this year! We look forward to hearing from you.



An artifact "road show", identifying type and age of artifacts for the public, is just one of many types of activities which could be hosted during Indiana Archaeology Month.



Our late Governor, Frank O'Bannon presenting then DNR Director Larry Macklin with the official Proclamation designating Indiana Archaeology Week, 1998. DHPA Director Jon C. Smith holds the commemorative poster from that year. Archaeology Week in later years became Archaeology Month, and we keep building on the success of the Month each year. Photograph courtesy of the Division of Public Information and Education.

- **Nominating Indiana archaeological sites to the National Register of Historic Places**- Indiana currently has less than fifty archaeological sites included in the National Register of Historic Places. Current types of sites included in that Indiana listing are: rockshelters, Wabash and Erie Canal sites, a shipwreck, mounds, earthworks and more. There are many more archaeological sites in our state which are certainly worthy of being included in the National Register, and we are therefore encouraging additional nominations.

Nominating archaeological sites could be an excellent project for archaeological graduate students and professional archaeologists alike. Remember, too, that nominating archaeological sites is a high priority under Subcategory II of archaeological projects considered for Historic Preservation Fund Grant monies administered by our office.



As you may know, the National Park Service administers the National Register for the nation, and the Survey and Registration Section of the DHPA manages the Register for our state. Our Survey and Registration staff would be

happy to assist you with any questions you might have about nominating a site or archaeological district. Archaeological questions can always be directed to our archaeology staff members. We can be reached on the web at

www.in.gov/dnr/historic/common/register.html or at 317/232-1646.

This information is distributed via email by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). This is meant to provide information on current archaeological topics and issues in which the DHPA is involved. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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