



Archaeology News



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

- **Indiana Archaeology Month-** If you are planning an event during September, Indiana's 12th annual statewide archaeology event, please begin to send in the information to our Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, Amy Johnson (ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov). The form to complete and submit is now available online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archoeventhost.html>. The official Calendar of Events is being compiled, and we will be pleased to add your event(s). If you have never hosted an event before, please check out the information at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archoeventhost.html>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Amy.
- **New archaeologist joining staff-** Laura Black will be joining the DHPA staff on April 9th. Laura has a Master's degree from Purdue University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and she specialized in historic archaeology. She will be handling the records checks in our office, so many of you will get to know her during your visits here. Please join us in welcoming her.
- **Website updates-** If you haven't checked our Division webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic) lately, you might wish to see the new information which has been added. For example, at http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archo_pro.html#record, there is new information for professional archaeologists. You can learn more about past Historic Preservation Award for Archaeology winners at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/awards.html#2004>. The Qualified Professionals list has also been updated and is available on the webpage.
- **Preserving Indiana-** The latest edition of the Division's newsletter, *Preserving Indiana*, is now available online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/dhpanwsltr.html#>. In this edition you will



Cover of the latest edition of the DHPA newsletter.

find various articles regarding archaeology, as well as other preservation topics.

- **Presentation to the Master Naturalists**- On the evening of March 6th, Dr. Rick Jones conducted a course session for the Indiana Master Naturalist training program at the Lilly Nature Center Celery at the Bog Natural Area, West Lafayette, Indiana. The program was hosted by staff Mary Cutler and Brian Abrell. The presentation was titled *Archaeology in Indiana and Tippecanoe County* and the three hour course covered basic archaeological concepts and techniques, Indiana prehistoric and historic archaeology in the state and the county, and state and federal statutes protecting archaeological sites. The large class was enthusiastic and asked many pertinent and thoughtful questions.
- **Earthworks Meeting**- The DHPA is working with DNR property holding divisions to discuss best management practices regarding earthworks. On March 23rd, Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson represented the DHPA at Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville. Numerous landholding DNR properties were represented, and the discussion included: best management practices, heritage tourism, archaeology law, and more. Additional meetings are anticipated, and discussions are planned in the future to share ideas with non- DNR landowners.

Earthwork at Angel Mounds State Historic Site. To read about stabilization efforts at Angel, go to http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/bin/nwsltr_sprsum2005.pdf.



Staff from Mounds State Park, Ball State Univ., and the DHPA at a previous meeting to discuss earthworks.

- **DNR educational outreach**- Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson represents the DHPA archaeology section at the meetings of the Department of Natural Resources' Outreach/Education/Interpretation group. This group meets regularly and allows educational/outreach staff from the various DNR divisions to brainstorm, coordinate efforts, talk about new initiatives, etc. The most recent meeting was March 12th and was held at the Indiana State Museum.

Amy Johnson representing the DHPA at an outreach event.



- **Section 106 training**- Archaeologists Dr. Melody Pope, Cathy Draeger and Amy Johnson, and other DHPA staff members, will be taking a course titled Section 106: Principles and Practice on April 16th and 17th in Indianapolis. This course will be taught

by Dr. Lynn Sebastian, a former State Historic Preservation Officer and a nationally known expert in cultural resource compliance. This is an excellent professional development opportunity, and the staff will be provided with up to date information which they will bring back to their review work in the DHPA.

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. An archive of past *Archaeology News* issues is available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeonwsltr.html> . If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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