Archaeology at the Indiana State Fair - Saturday, August 21, 2004, 2 p.m.- 6p.m. Front porch and/or small shelter at the DNR building, Indiana State Fair grounds, Indianapolis. Bring your artifacts to the Natural Resources Building for identification. This is an opportunity for Hoosiers to learn more about prehistoric and historic artifacts that they have found or own. Join DHPA archaeologist Jim Mohow at this event just prior to the beginning of Indiana Archaeology Month as he shares what he knows in a format similar to the popular PBS show. Unlike antique roadshows, financial appraisals will not be provided. Jim will also record site information from those who would like to share information about archaeological sites in our state (the more we know about where sites are, the easier it is to try and afford protection for them). For additional information, contact Jim Mohow at 317/232-1646.

Indiana Heritage Symposium: Indiana’s African American Heritage and Archaeology - The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is pleased to be a co-sponsor, along with Martin University and the Indiana Humanities Council, of this important symposium. One of the many events during Indiana Archaeology Month, the symposium will be held September 18, 2004 from 12:00- 4:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Martin University in Indianapolis. The objective of the symposium is to strengthen Indianapolis’ communities and families through archaeological education. For scholars and educators, the symposium provides the opportunity to gain an understanding of Indiana’s African American heritage revealed through archaeological research within the state, Midwest, and U.S.A.. For Indianapolis’ citizens and families, the symposium provides an opportunity to learn about our shared heritage and to interact with individuals who have dedicated their professional lives to seeking an understanding of our cultures. Indianapolis African American communities have histories and traditions that contribute to what those communities are today and will become tomorrow. Everyone is welcome. For information on the symposium, speakers, and specific presentation topics, contact Harry Murphy, Martin University, 317/917-3305.

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- **9th Annual Indiana Archaeology Month in September Approaches**

The 2004 “theme” for Indiana Archaeology Month is “Preserving Indiana’s Past.” This year’s Indiana Archaeology Month poster focuses on the many different ways to preserve information about Indiana’s past through archaeology. Specifically, the office of the Indiana State Archaeologist, the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, is highlighted. The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is the lead archaeological agency in Indiana. Some are not aware that Indiana has such an office, and this poster provides the public with information about just a few of the many services which the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology offers in terms of archaeological resources, and illustrates how the Division is preserving Indiana’s past. Through our work, the work of the many archaeologists working in our state, and the support of the public, we will continue to learn so much about the rich and varied cultures that make up the past, and in many ways have helped shape the future.

Have you made your plans to attend Indiana Archaeology Month events? This year there will be numerous activities around the state to experience. Don’t hesitate to access the official Indiana Archaeology Month webpage to see all the latest news about the Month, including soon the official calendar of events. The webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/creaseomonth.html) has recently been updated and redesigned.
to coordinate with the DNR and DHPA websites, and now even features a Power Point slide presentation about Indiana Archaeology Month and archaeology in our state. To access the materials that are available, the order forms for the materials and shirts, and more, check the webpage.

In 2003, over 5,400 people attended Indiana Archaeology Month activities, and we hope that as many or more will enjoy the many opportunities that are going to be available during this coming September. Participate, learn, share, and enjoy!

- **FY2005 HPF Archaeology Grant Applications**: Application packets for the Historic Preservation Fund matching grants program will be available in early August. Applications can be requested from the DHPA or downloaded from the DHPA’s website: www.IN.gov/dnr/historic.

  Eligible applicants include municipal government agencies, educational institutions, and not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Historic properties requesting grant assistance must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the time of application. Private individuals and active religious organizations are not eligible to receive grant funds. Questions about eligibility requirements and proposed work items should be directed to the DHPA Grants Staff: 317-232-1646.

  Project categories include: “Architectural and Historical” (paper-based products such as surveys, National Register nominations, feasibility studies, public education programs, etc.), “Archaeological” (surveys, investigations, National Register nominations, public education activities, etc.), “Acquisition and Development” (rehabilitation activities). When requesting an application, please specify the appropriate category. The Grants Staff is available to give guidance on preparing a proposal.

  **The grant application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2004.** Grant proposals must be received by the DHPA by this deadline; this is not a postmark deadline--late submissions cannot be accepted.

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

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