Archaeology News

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

- **Indiana Archaeology Month Proclamation** - On July 7th, Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. issued an official Proclamation declaring that September 2005 will be Indiana Archaeology Month. Governor Daniels is the fourth Indiana Governor to issue a proclamation highlighting the importance of archaeology in our state, and to declare September as the time to recognize the accomplishments of archaeologists and acknowledge how much is being learned about the rich prehistoric and historic cultures of our state.

- **Commemorative poster and shirts for Indiana Archaeology Month 2005** -

Beginning in September of 1996, there has been a yearly statewide celebration of archaeology and what can be learned from it in Indiana. This year’s “theme” or focus harkens back to the early archaeologists and other individuals who worked here to preserve critical information: “A Decade of Celebration ~ Centuries of Discovery.” Without the efforts of early “pioneers” in archaeology, the science would not be what it is today. So, in
commemoration of a decade of marking the contributions of archaeology to our state, it is fitting that we look to the past in order to understand the future. We have had ten years of September celebrations of archaeology, but we’ve had centuries of important investigations and discoveries!

To find out about ordering either the poster or shirt, in addition to other materials [including soon the Calendar of Events] available during Archaeology Month, go to www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html, or contact us at 317/232-1646.

- **Archaeology and the Indiana State Fair (in Indianapolis)** - The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology will hold an artifact road show at the Indiana State Fair again this year. Bring your artifacts (2 per person please) to learn more about their age, what they are made out of, and who might have made them. Unlike a popular show on television, financial appraisals are not provided. Remember, it’s the information, not the monetary value of these items which makes them so important! Archaeologists will be at the DNR building (on the north side of the fairgrounds) from 2pm-4pm on August 20th. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Outreach to Language Teachers now online** - On our website [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/adobepdf/frenchbooklet.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/adobepdf/frenchbooklet.pdf), a document titled “Teaching the French Language Using Architecture, Archaeology, and Heritage (Revised 2004) is now available. Feel free to check out this information which highlights the rich French and French/Canadian cultural heritage of our state.

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