- **Archaeology News**

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

- **Official Indiana Archaeology Month shirts and posters** - We are excited to present the commemorative poster and shirt designs for the 2007 Indiana Archaeology Month. The images, designed by Nicole D. Arb, Graphic Designer of PEN Products, Indiana Department of Correction, focus on the theme of “Moving through Time” and how archaeology can provide connections between the past, present and future. These vibrant designs are for the 12th annual celebration of archaeology in our state. Posters will be available from our office, and the shirts will be available for purchase. To learn more, check our division webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic) in the coming weeks for further details.

- **Calendar of Events** - The official Calendar of Events for Indiana Archaeology Month 2007 will soon be available. To find out which exciting events you would like to plan on attending, go to our webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html) in the next few weeks.
There will be many events, for the young and young at heart, which you may choose from, and each will offer unique opportunities to learn about, and participate in archaeology in our state.

- **Cornelius O’Brien/Indiana Main Street Conference** - The 2007 Cornelius O’Brien Conference on Historic Preservation and the Indiana Mainstreet Conference (Oct. 18-20, Richmond, IN) will provide many opportunities to learn more about preservation and archaeology. Amy Johnson, Research Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will be chairing an archaeology session titled *Archaeology and Heritage Tourism* ([http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/obrien_agenda_detail.html#s15](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/obrien_agenda_detail.html#s15)). For further information on the Conference, go to [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/obrien.html](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/obrien.html). We hope to see you at this important gathering of individuals interested in preservation and archaeology.

- **Grant Awards for Archaeology Projects** - Indiana’s historical and cultural heritage will once again be strengthened this year through projects paid for in part by federal funds allotted by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

  A total of 23 federal grants for historic preservation have been awarded to 18 Indiana communities. The $500,726 in grants provides a match of $459,979 in local and state funds, for a total projected investment of $960,705.

  These projects have received final federal approval and are to start immediately. The federal funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. Since 1974, the state has awarded more than $15 million to Indiana communities through this program.

  “When people think of the DNR, they often think of hunting, fishing, and state parks, and they often don’t realize that the DNR is also charged with preserving our state’s historic and cultural resources,” said DNR director Rob Carter. “We consider historic preservation and archaeology a vital part of our mission, and these worthy projects help revitalize communities, provide local jobs and investment, and allow Hoosiers to explore the cultures and people of Indiana’s past.”

  Six archaeology projects were awarded this year, totaling $152,259 in grant funds. These projects are:

  **Clark County:** The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a $44,358 grant to identify and assess undocumented and poorly documented cultural resources in Clark County. This area, which contains important archaeological resources ranging from the Paleoindian to the historic periods, has a rapidly expanding local economy and the pace of development continues to increase. The areas included in this project reflect major prehistoric, colonial, and early nationhood cultural movements in eastern North America. (Contact: Josh Wells, IPFW, 260-481-6892)
**Fort Wayne:** The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a $25,000 grant to conduct an intensive archaeological survey of two locations in Fort Wayne to identify the remains of two of the city’s 18th century military installations: the original Fort Wayne and Fort St. Philippe des Miamis (Fort Miamis). (Contact: Kip Andres, IPFW, 260-481-6892)

**Hamilton County:** The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a $10,000 grant a two-week educational archaeology program at the Strawtown Koteewi Park near Noblesville in Hamilton County. The project will also result in a National Register nomination for a site near the Strawtown enclosure. During the past six years, IPFW has worked with the Hamilton County Parks Department to assess and explore the unique archaeological heritage of the 750-acre park. The goals of this project are to: clarify the Late Prehistoric population dynamics of central Indiana; create a cultural and educational resource at the park for central Indiana; and develop the archaeological resources of the park as a destination for regional tourism. (Contact: Bob McCullough, IPFW, 260-481-6892)

**Hamilton County:** Ball State University’s Department of Anthropology received a $15,446 grant for a systematic archaeological survey of approximately 400 acres of eastern Hamilton County, which is one of the fastest growing parts of the state. (Contact: Don Cochran, Ball State University, 765-285-5328)

**Harrison County:** University of Kentucky was awarded $47,455 to conduct survey and investigation activities at two archaeological sites in Harrison County. The project is part of research focused on the development of “Complex Hunter-Gatherers” during the Middle to Late Archaic periods in the Lower Ohio River valley. If determined eligible, a National Register nomination for one of the sites will also be prepared. (Contact: Rick Burdin, University of Kentucky, 859-321-5376)

**Posey County:** Indiana University received a $10,000 grant to fund a public archaeology program in Southwestern Indiana. The educational project will coincide with archaeological investigations at the Hovey Lake site, near Mt. Vernon in Posey County. Small-scale investigations during Indiana Archaeology Month 2007 will be used as an opportunity for educating children and adults about archaeological methods, Indiana prehistory, and the importance of preservation. (Contact: Cheryl Munson, IU, 812-855-0528)

For more information on the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and the Historic Preservation Fund Program, please go to [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/).

- **Prehistoric Artifact Roadshow**- If you plan on visiting the Indiana State Fair this year, and are interested in archaeology, why not go to the fairgrounds in Indianapolis on August 18th? From 2pm – 4pm, DHPA archaeology staff will be identifying artifacts for the public (no fossils please) at the DNR building. Free archaeology outreach materials (and the official poster) will be available, and official Indiana Archaeology Month t-shirts
will be available for purchase. For further information, contact Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, at ajohnson@dnr.in.gov.

- **State of Indiana web page**: We are pleased to learn that the State of Indiana's webpage (http://www.in.gov/kids_info.htm) now features a link (DNR’s Kids Corner) to our archaeology page for children.

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](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)

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**Mission Statement**: The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana’s cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.
THE INDIANA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana’s finite and fragile archaeological resources.
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains.
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources.
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance.
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations.
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects.
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database.