Archaeology News

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

- **New subscribers**- We have had quite a few new subscribers to our archaeology e-list, and we welcome them all. Please make sure to check out our webpage (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic) if you haven’t already. There is a wide variety of information that is available regarding archaeology in our state. As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

- **Requirements under IC 14-21-1**- For those professional archaeologists who last year obtained approved plans for investigations under Indiana Code (IC) 14-21-1, this would be a good time to do a follow-up. Please refer to the letter you would have received from our office regarding an approved plan about time frames for any required products to be submitted to our office. Feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

- **DHPA working with the Indiana Humanities Council**- The DHPA is proud to work with the Indiana Humanities Council on their new portal project, smartDESKTOP, an innovative educational service providing smart tools designed to improve teaching and student performance. Planning for instruction, finding standards-aligned resources, assessing student learning, and connecting to other professionals has never been easier. The portal catalogues and organizes the websites of various history organizations (like DHPA) in a format that educators can use to build lesson plans and help share our State’s past. To learn more about the project, go to www.smartdesktop.org.

- **Contacting DHPA staff members**- If you need to contact us, please refer to our new staff phone directory (http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/staffdirectory.html). For enhanced customer service, this will provide you with the direct phone numbers to DHPA staff. You are also welcome to still call the general office number (317/232-1646) and ask for the party you’d like to be connected with.
• **Presentation by Dr. Jones** - On January 13th, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones taught an Indiana Master Naturalist certified class at the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve in Hammond. The Indiana Master Naturalist program is designed to provide participants with many hands-on opportunities to learn about our Hoosier natural (and cultural) resources. The approximately 45 people present were a great group, and Dr. Jones enjoyed this opportunity to present archaeological information, as well as information on Native Americans to them. This type of presentation is just another way that the DHPA reaches out to various sectors of the public to make them aware of archaeology in our state. Information about the Indiana Master Naturalist program in general can be found at their website, [http://www.in.gov/dnr/masternaturalist/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/masternaturalist/).

• **Indiana Archaeology Month 2007** - Early planning is already underway for Indiana Archaeology Month 2007 in September. For those who have held events in the past, it is not too early to begin planning for 2007! As soon as you have firm up a date(s) for your event, do not hesitate to provide that information to Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson at [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov). If you have never hosted an event, please consider doing so. Last year over 11,000 people attended archaeology-related events around the state during September. An event during the Month allows people to learn, share and participate in archaeology in new and exciting ways.

• **Fudge Archaeological Site (12R10)** - The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board officially nominated the Fudge Site to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will soon be sent to the National Park Service for review. All nominations must be listed in the Federal Register for 45 days before action can be taken, but the DHPA fully expects it to be listed some time in April.

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](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeonwsltr.html). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.
Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html


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