Archeology News

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

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- **Frankfort Community Public Library**-- On April 15th at 6:30 p.m., the public library is hosting an event to explore Indiana's prehistory. Cathy Draeger, DHPA archaeologist, will be available to discuss archaeological topics, identify artifacts, and answer questions. For further information, please contact Flo Fowler Caddell, Arts Director at the Frankfort Community Public Library, at 765-654-8746.

- **Understanding Section 106** - A meeting was held March 5th for the Lake Michigan Coastal Program at the Indiana Dunes State Park to discuss the process of reviews for environmental and cultural resources in projects funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's grants. Cathy Draeger of DHPA’s Archaeology Team and Holly Tate of DHPA's Structures Review Team were present to discuss and answer questions regarding cultural resources and the Section 106 process. The grants are geared towards improving environmental resources and recreational facilities for Indiana, and these meetings allow better communication and thus a smoother review to help implement these types of projects.

- **Upcoming Presentation in Portland**- As part of the Great Lakes Native American Workshops, presented by the National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will teach a class regarding ancient Native American cultures. Ms. Johnson will discuss examples of earthworks from around our state, culture periods in Indiana and representative artifacts, laws which protect archaeological sites, and more. The class will be April 6th at the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland, Indiana.
Changes to Indiana Code (IC) 14-21-1- Changes were recently made by the Indiana General Assembly to IC 14-21-1 in House Enrolled Act 1129. To read about these amendments, signed into law by the Governor on March 3rd, go to http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/HE/HE1129.1.html. A number of portions of the Act directly affect those who conduct archaeological investigations in Indiana. These amendments take effect July 1, 2008.

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage- 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