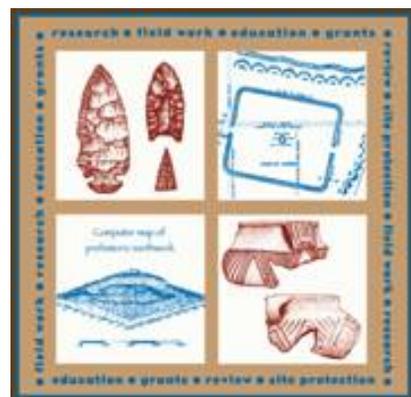




Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)*

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- **Archaeological site of the month-** The Angel Mounds Site has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1966, is a National Historic Landmark and an Indiana State Historic Site. This Mississippian village site and mound complex, which dates from between A.D. 1050 and 1400, was occupied by over 1,000 inhabitants, was the center of trade, government, and religion for the surrounding area, and was the largest prehistoric settlement in Indiana. The site was purchased in 1938 by the Indiana Historical Society with financial assistance from Eli Lilly. The site was first scientifically excavated in 1941 by Glenn A. Black, with the aid of WPA workers. Archaeologists from the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology at Indiana University (GBL-IU) continue to do research at the site today. The GBL-IU archaeological field school was conducted at Angel Mounds in 2009, in which the excavations were based on the results of previous geophysical work at the site.



Archaeological investigations at the site in 2007.

To learn more about this important site, go to:
<http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/ange.html>

<http://www.angelmounds.org/>

<http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/ve/exhibit1/vexmain1.htm>

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/travelsarchaeo.pdf>



One of the mounds at the Angel Mounds site.

- **Event in Terre Haute-** On Sunday March 14, 2010, Cathy Carson assisted Dr. Bill Mangold with a workshop he conducted for local artifact collectors. The workshop was held at the Native American Museum in Terre Haute and focused on the instruction of proper archaeological field methodology and techniques for recording archaeological sites. Recent changes in the law regarding artifacts and archaeological sites were also discussed, and several participants brought in artifacts to be identified.



Dr. Bill Mangold (left) and Cathy Carson examining artifacts which were brought in by visitors for identification.

- **Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service-** On April 20th, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson, will participate in the Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The event is coordinated by Ball State University's Department of History. Ms. Johnson will be discussing archaeological resources and opportunities for the elementary classroom setting.



Indianapolis Museum of Art.

- **Academic Conference-** Archaeologists Cathy Carson and Amy Johnson will attend the 2010 Academic Conference of the National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture on April 17th in Portland, Indiana. The conference will focus on the Eastern Woodlands treaties and give a view into the interrelationship between the tribal peoples, the settlers and the federal government. For further information go to <http://www.ncglnac.org/frameset.html>.



- **Conference in New Harmony-** Some of the DHPA archaeology staff will be involved in the *Preserving the Past* conference in New Harmony, April 7-9. Cathy Draeger-Williams will be a speaker at a workshop titled *Section 106 Reviews of Federal Projects*, and Amy Johnson will be the moderator of an educational session titled *Harmonist Redware Pottery: Archaeology at the Harmonist Kiln Site*. To learn more about this conference, the official forum on preservation issues in our state, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4463.htm>.

- New Archeology Preservation Trust Fund Logo-** Indiana's Archeology Preservation Trust Fund has a new logo! The design, featuring artifacts from Indiana, was created by William C. Marsh, DNR Graphic Designer. One of the artifact photographs (second from left) was taken by Frank Oliver, DNR Photo Editor, and another (second from right) was photographed by John Maxwell, DNR. Other images in the logo courtesy of The Archaeology & Quaternary Research Laboratory at Indiana State University and William Deilkes. You will begin to see the logo associated with materials from our Division regarding the Fund. For information regarding the fund, how to donate to it, feel free to go to: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2764.htm> and http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-FallWinter_2009.pdf.



- Hoosier Field Archaeology Program-** On Saturday April 24, 2010, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson will join staff members from Hamilton County Parks and Recreation to assist with their Hoosier Field Archaeology Program. The program will be held at the Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown-Koteewi Park near Noblesville and will show how to identify and properly record archaeological sites while investigating a simulated site. There will be a sessions for both children (8 and up) and adults. To read more about this and other programs which are available at the park, go to http://www.co.hamilton.in.us/upload/contents/308/47629.HCPR_Chatterbox_Spr10.pdf.
- Awards-** On March 19th, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams delivered, on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources and Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, two awards to archaeologist Harry Murphy. Harry was given a Distinguished Merit Award in recognition of his outstanding efforts in historic preservation and public education through archaeology. He also received a plaque recognizing his distinguished service as a member of the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board from 2003-2010.

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

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Cathy Carson. Photo at Terre Haute event courtesy of Michelle Carson.

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- 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