- **Preserve America Grant Award** - The Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (the DHPA) has been awarded a Preserve America grant for $180,454 to create an inventory of Indiana’s prehistoric mounds and earthworks. The project will be conducted in partnership with archaeologists at several of the state’s universities and of other affiliations. In addition to creating the inventory, this exciting project will develop a narrative report of findings and recommendations, and establish a webpage to educate the public. The DHPA staff members are looking forward to this important multi-year initiative. Look for additional details in the DHPA’s next newsletter, *Preserving Indiana*, and feel free to go to [http://www.preserveamericagov/](http://www.preserveamericagov/) to learn more about the national Preserve America initiative.

- **Symposium on Ohio Valley Urban and Historic Archaeology** - The DHPA archaeological staff will be attending the 27th annual Symposium on Ohio Valley Urban and Historic Archaeology at the Alumni Center at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. The February 28th conference is free and open to the public. To learn more about the gathering, go to [http://mdgroover.iweb.bsu.edu/OV_HA%20Conf.htm](http://mdgroover.iweb.bsu.edu/OV_HA%20Conf.htm).

- **Feedback regarding *Early Peoples of Indiana*** - Our office recently received positive feedback and reaction to the newly revised and updated *Early Peoples of Indiana* document. A colleague of ours, Jan Northam, took copies of the booklet to the Rush County Historical Society meeting in early January, and she stated that it was well received by all. Copies of the document were also placed with an exhibit on prehistory in the Rush County Historical Museum, and school groups and other visitors will have access to copies while visiting.
• **Presenting the Past conference** - Presenting the Past, a cross-curricular conference on teaching human and environmental influences in history, will take place February 27, 2009 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is a sponsor of this conference, and will have a table there where attendees can pick up information regarding archaeology, preservation, history, and more. To learn more, go to www.indianahumanities.org/iche/events.htm.

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