Archaeology News

from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)

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• New Staff Member - Rachel Sharkey joined the DHPA staff in October as the new Records Check Coordinator. She holds a B.S. in Archaeology and Anthropology (2007) and a M.S. in Human Biology (2010) from the University of Indianapolis. Her research interests include bioarchaeology, specifically Archaic-period warfare and trophy taking practices, and keeping things organized! Please join us in welcoming her to the Archaeology Team.

• Archaeology Grant Applications - Three of the DHPA archaeologists will be part of the DHPA team which will review the proposals for the Historic Preservation Fund archaeology grants submitted to our office this year. We were pleased to receive several applications in this category. Recommendations regarding the proposed grants will be provided to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board.

• Call for papers - The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is currently accepting article submissions for Volume 7 (1) of the journal Indiana Archaeology. For those who are interested in submitting an article for consideration, please submit your draft to the DHPA no later than March 1, 2012.

The target audience of the journal includes: the general public, professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, and anyone else interested in the history and prehistory of Indiana. This journal continues a tradition of scholarly research, and important contributions, in the science of archaeology. The topics are primarily specific to Indiana, but they also have importance in the broader context of Midwestern archaeology.

The journal, edited by Indiana State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, includes articles written for a broader audience, while still maintaining a high scholarly constitution. In order to share information regarding the archaeology which is being conducted using monies from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service’s Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), a requirement of each archaeology HPF grant in Indiana is to submit an article summarizing the goals and accomplishments of the project. Additional articles, on archaeological topics or
projects which did not utilize HPF funds, are also included. Although the title of the journal is Indiana Archaeology, the journal editors also welcome articles on archaeological topics related to surrounding states. The journal is one that can incorporate information on a regional level, and the public and professionals both can benefit by having access to these types of articles on archaeology in our neighboring states.

With Volume 6 (1), which will come out by the end of 2011, the editors will be introducing a new feature—occasional “reports” or “features” on various archaeological topics pertinent to specific regions, counties, or city/towns of Indiana—to disseminate further archaeological information of local, topical, and community interest. If qualified professional archaeologists, professionals in fields related to archaeology, avocational archaeologists, and knowledgeable individuals with expertise in relevant topics wish to tender a credible submission for Vol. 7 (1), please contact the editors for consideration prior to submission. If individuals or groups have particular topics or ideas they wish to offer, the editors welcome suggestions.

This electronic publication will be available on the DHPA website (http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3676.htm). For questions regarding the journal, submissions of articles, or article specifications, do not hesitate to contact Amy Johnson at ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov or Dr. Rick Jones at rjones@dnr.IN.gov.

**Archaeological Site of the Month** - 12Hn1, the New Castle site, has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1976. This significant complex of earthworks has been studied by archaeologists for many years. This site and the earthworks at Mounds State Park have been described as “the best preserved Middle Woodland earthwork complexes in east central Indiana” (McCord 2008:ii). To learn more about the unique New Castle site, go to:
http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CentersandInstitutes/AppliedArchaeology/Publications/73MoundsExcavations.aspx;  
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/3673.htm. 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- http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm


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