**Archaeology News**

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

**Oct. 2009**

- **Indiana Archaeology Month** - September was another great Indiana Archaeology Month. Once attendance numbers have been reported by the event hosts, we will share that information with you. Across Indiana, people had numerous opportunities to experience archaeology in new and unique ways. We hope that you participated!

DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Carson at the DHPA table at the Archaeology Month event at the Falls of the Ohio State Park. Cathy was able to interact with hundreds of individuals interested in archaeology.

A very interesting panel discussion on archaeology was held at the Dubois County Museum. DHPA’s Cathy Carson and Dr. Jones are seated in front of the screen.

Members of the interested public picking up DHPA archaeology outreach materials at an event.

Young homeschool students learning about archaeology at an event held at the Danville Public Library.
• **Professional Development** - State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Senior Archaeologist Amy Johnson will be attending the 2009 meeting of the Midwest Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology Association (BARFAA) November 6-8. The meeting will be held in Indianapolis at the University of Indianapolis. The topical focus of the organization and the annual meeting is the excavation, curation, and analysis of human skeletal remains. For additional information, contact Dr. Chris Schmidt at cschmidt@uindy.edu.

• **Indiana Archaeology** - Three of the four volumes of the journal *Indiana Archaeology* are online at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3676.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3676.htm). The remaining journal, from 1998, is available in digital format upon request from our office by contacting ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov. If you are interested in submitting an article for the 2010 volume, don’t hesitate to contact Amy Johnson at ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov, or Dr. Rick Jones (rjones@dnr.IN.gov) for information regarding article submission specifications.

• **Archaeological Site of the Month** - Bone Bank (12Po4) in southwestern Indiana was a large Mississippian Caborn-Welborn village site from ca. AD 1400-1700. The first archaeological excavation in Indiana, and one of the first in the U.S., was carried out at the site in 1828 by Charles Alexandre Lesueur. To learn more about this fascinating site, and the important archaeological work which has been conducted there, go to [http://www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/bone_bank/](http://www.indiana.edu/~archaeo/bone_bank/) and [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/inyourcommunity.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/inyourcommunity.pdf).

• **Presentation for Recruits** - Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will be giving an overview of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and state statutes regarding archaeology to the Indiana Conservation Officers recruits on October 21st. The presentation will be held at the Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana.
• **Outreach to Girl Scouts**- On October 8th, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson will present an archaeology program to Girl Scout Troop 1900 in Indianapolis. She will help multiple age levels of girls earn their Girl Scout Archaeology badges. Cathy and her daughter are active Girl Scouts themselves, and Cathy designed the Archaeology Try- It for Brownie Girl Scouts for the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Council.

• **Outreach during event in Hamilton County**- Archaeologist Laura Black represented the division at an event at Strawtown Koteewi Park on Saturday, September 19th. She gave away lots of archaeological informational material including this year's Archaeology Month posters. Visitors to the park got to listen to Native American flute and drum music, as well as visit the ongoing archaeological dig and try their hand at spear throwing.

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.

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage- [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm)
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