Archaeology News

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- Indiana Archaeology Month wrap up- Another successful Indiana Archaeology Month has come and gone, and thousands of interested people attended the many events which took place around the state. Much information about archaeology in the Hoosier state was shared with members of the public. Thank you again to all who organized and attended the events. The DHPA archaeologists were pleased to represent the division at several events during September, and we hope you are looking forward to Indiana Archaeology Month 2012.

- Wiping Away the Tears Symposium- State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will be hosting a session and moderating/participating on Friday morning November 5, 2011 in a panel discussion at this symposium at Purdue University (Pfendler Hall Dean’s Auditorium, West Lafayette, IN), Nov. 3-5, 2011. Hear from historians, archaeologists, museum specialists and tribal representatives on the social and historical context of the Battle of Tippecanoe and current efforts to interpret this important event in the history of Native Americans, Indiana, and the United States. For further information, including online registration, go to www.purdue.edu/naecc/wipingawaythetears.html.

Dr. Jones will also be giving a presentation at the 200th Anniversary Battle of Tippecanoe commemoration at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 6, 2011, at Prophetstown State Park.

- Outreach at Museum- Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology archaeologist Wade Tharp represented the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis National Geographic: Treasures of the Earth archaeology exhibit Educator Networking Night on August 31, 2011. Wade discussed resources available from the DHPA, distributed archaeology-related materials to educators, and promoted Indiana Archaeology Month 2011.
• **Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service** - On October 11, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson, will participate in the Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service at the Fishers East Library. She also participated in the Sept. 22 event at the Centerville Library. The events are coordinated by Ball State University’s Department of History. Ms. Johnson will be discussing archaeological resources and opportunities for the elementary classroom setting.

• **Archaeology site of the Month** - Site 12Po1288, the Harmonist redware pottery kiln site in New Harmony, is one of the earliest Euroamerican pottery manufacturing sites in the state. The Harmonists were a millennial and utopian religious group founded in Germany in the late eighteenth century. They immigrated to the U.S. in 1805 and moved to Posey County in 1814. Several archaeological field seasons of investigations by the University of Southern Indiana at this site have yielded fascinating information. To learn more, check out Dr. Michael Strezewski’s feature in the upcoming volume of *Indiana Archaeology*.

A portion of a redware mug found 2010 at the site.

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