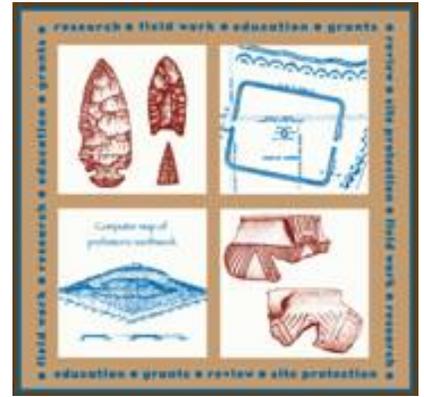


## Archaeology News



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

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- **Indiana Archaeology Month 2010**- Less than a month from now the 15<sup>th</sup> statewide celebration of archaeology in our state will begin. We hope you plan on attending events during the month of September. You'll find information about Indiana Archaeology Month at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>. Soon we will be sending out information regarding the availability of the commemorative posters and shirts.



- **Archaeology site of the month** - The Lick Creek settlement in Orange County was an integrated pioneer community of free African Americans and Quakers located in what is now the Hoosier National Forest. The area was first settled in 1811 and the majority of the inhabitants left in 1862. The settlement was completely abandoned by the early 1900's. Neighbors purchased and continued to farm the land until the 1930's, when the land became tax delinquent. The federal government then purchased the land and created the Hoosier National Forest. The forest has since reclaimed the area and little remains in evidence of the once-thriving community.

Archaeological excavations, performed in cooperation with the Hoosier National Forest, the Indiana State Museum, Ball State University, Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and numerous volunteers, have been conducted on just a small portion of the area. The work has revealed exciting insights into the lives of rural 19<sup>th</sup> century free African Americans. Additional research, using historic documents and oral histories, has corroborated some of the results of the archaeological work, and vice versa. This additional research has also uncovered possible ties of the Lick Creek settlement to the Underground Railroad. This is an excellent example of how collaboration between archaeological work, historic documents, and oral histories can work together to give a clearer picture of the past. To learn more about this important site go to:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/history/lick\\_creek.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/history/lick_creek.htm)

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/history/lick\\_creek\\_fieldstudy.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/history/lick_creek_fieldstudy.htm)

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

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

<http://www.electricconsumer.org/Archive/TheBestofArchivespriorito2006/tabid/320/ctl/Details/mid/1279/ItemID/149/Default.aspx>

- **Hoosier Heritage Day** – August 12<sup>th</sup> is Hoosier Heritage Day at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. There will be an interesting array of activities available at State Fair Boulevard in the fairgrounds. To learn more, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/6080.htm>.
- **Archaeology Roadshow** – State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will be hosting an archaeology roadshow at this year's Indiana State Fair. They will be in the Amphitheater behind the DNR building from 1-3 pm on Sunday, August 15th. Feel free to bring an archaeological artifact for identification. No monetary values will be provided. In addition, a variety of free archaeological handouts will be available to those who stop by. This event provides a good preview of the types of activities which will be available around the state during the following month, September, which is Indiana Archaeology Month.
- **Outreach in Putnam County**- On Monday July 26, 2010, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson assisted the staff of the Putnam County Museum in Greencastle, IN with the identification of an artifact collection that was donated to the museum. The collection belonged to Grafton Longden, who was a knowledgeable avocational archaeologist and Mr. Longden, a native of Greencastle, provided assistance and information during the archaeological survey of the proposed Big Walnut Lake in Putnam County, which was conducted by Indiana State University in 1975. The museum is planning on creating a Native American display with the donated artifacts.
- **Outreach in Clark County**- On Wednesday, July 14, Archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams presented a talk titled "Archaeology in your Community," at the Clarksville Historical Society's monthly meeting. The focus of the talk included the role of the DHPA, archaeology in Indiana and in Clark County, and the importance of joint efforts it takes to understand and protect archaeological resources.
- **Archaeology Day in Parke County**- On Saturday August 14, Turkey Run State Park will host its annual Archaeology Month event with various activities, including fire starting, petroglyph painting, and a mock archaeological dig. Staff archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams will be there to hand out educational materials, discuss archaeology in Indiana, and to identify artifacts. The event is free after standard gate fees (\$ 5/Indiana resident car, \$ 7/out-of-state car). For additional information, contact Barbara Cummings at 765/597-2654 or [bcummings@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:bcummings@dnr.IN.gov).



- **Changes to Delivery from Archaeology e-lists**- As you probably noticed with our last *Archaeology News*, if you are included on our archaeology e-lists, you will now receive information from the MyDNR account, rather than directly from Amy Johnson. Because of aggressive email filters, we suggest adding the email address [mydnr@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mydnr@dnr.in.gov) to your email address book to ensure that our newsletter and other archaeological information will reach you. See how at [add to address book instructions](#).

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- **Archaeological Site Forms**- For professional archaeologists, please be aware of the following information. Archaeological site forms should be recorded directly into SHAARD (<https://secure.in.gov/apps/dnr/shaard/welcome.html>). Hard copy site forms, which were formerly obtained from the DHPA, are no longer being distributed.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archemonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archemonth.html)

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