



Archaeology News



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

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- **Hoosier Heritage Day** – Thursday, Aug. 13, is “Hoosier Heritage Day” at the Indiana State Fair and will be marked by special events and presentations that will celebrate a variety of historical aspects of Hoosier living. State Fair Boulevard will be packed with displays and presentations from a number of groups, including over 12 state agencies (including the DHPA) and 3 not-for-profits. There will be costumed interpreters, games and activities, and history clinics to teach fair goers about Indiana’s rich tradition. For a schedule of events, go to http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-Schedule_of_Events.pdf.
- **Artifact Roadshow**- Come to the Indiana State Fair on August 16, from 1-3 pm to participate in the DHPA’s Artifact Roadshow. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will be available in the Amphitheater area behind the DNR building to identify historic and prehistoric artifacts. Feel free to bring an artifact (no fossils please), and they will help provide you with information on the item, its age, etc. Monetary values will not 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.
- **Archeology Preservation Trust Fund**- We are pleased to announce that the first monies have been deposited in the Archeology Preservation Trust Fund. If you are interested in making a donation, feel free to contact our office. Information regarding the Fund may be accessed at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2764.htm> and in the upcoming issue of *Preserving Indiana*.

- **Archaeological site of the month**- Established in 1930, Mounds State Park contains and preserves some of the finest examples of earthwork and mound building in the state. This is a unique Adena-Hopewell site with the largest mound, the “Great Mound,” dating to circa 160 B.C. This complex and well-organized society had a trade system that reached as far as the Gulf of Mexico. The earthwork complex at the park has been investigated off and on archaeologically since the late 1960s, and many exciting and unique discoveries have been made as a result. For example, prehistoric pottery of unique type has been discovered there, as well as fascinating information regarding use of the earthworks in tracking the seasons and more. The archaeological resources (12-M-2) at this park are so important that the site has been placed in the National Register of Historic Places.



View of the ditch of the Great Mound at Mounds State Park.

The park has a rich historic background too, having been, among other things, an amusement park area in earlier times. In the early 19th century, a family of German immigrants, the Bronnenburgs, arrived and made the property their home. One of the sons built a two-story brick farmhouse that stands to this day. Constructed in the 1840s, virtually every bit of the house came from the surrounding woodlands. Today the park is managed and interpreted for all by the Department of Natural Resources. To learn more about the archaeological investigations and resources at the Park, go to <http://arms.iweb.bsu.edu/RoI61.pdf>.

- **Indiana Archaeology Month**- Planning for Indiana Archaeology Month is still underway. The final call has now gone out for event hosts to get their information to the DHPA so that the official *Calendar of Events* can be wrapped up. We anticipate getting the Calendar online by mid-late August. In addition, continue to check the Archaeology Month webpage (<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>) for information regarding the official commemorative posters and t-shirts. September is going to be a great month to learn more about Indiana Archaeology!

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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