



## Archaeology News



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

**March 2010**

- **New Option for Professional Archaeologists**- In an effort to reduce time and paper, the DHPA archaeological staff, with the assistance of the INDOT CRS archaeological staff has developed an Archaeological Short Report format. This format may be used for archaeological records checks and Phase Ia reconnaissance regardless of acreage provided that no previously recorded sites are present and that no new sites are found. When an archaeological site, which includes isolated finds, is encountered, a full written report following guidance provided in the Current Guidebook for Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory—Archaeological Sites and the Indiana Cultural Resources Manual will need to be submitted. For projects being conducted under [IC 14-21-1](#), be aware of the requirements of 312 [IAC 21-3-8](#) (d) regarding an abbreviated project completion report and 312 [IAC 21-3-8](#) (e) regarding an archaeological records check or literature search.

Although strongly encouraged, the use of the Archaeological Short Report format is not mandatory and if you choose to complete a full written report, you may do so. The short report should be submitted the same way one would submit an archaeological records check or Phase 1a Reconnaissance report.

If you choose to use the Archaeological Short Report format, please note that all of the fields must be filled in, it must be signed by the principal investigator, and that handwritten forms will not be accepted. Incomplete or inaccurate forms will be returned to the submitter without comment. Additionally, upon review, the form may also be returned to the submitter with the request that a full written report be provided.

The form can be accessed from our website at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2833.htm>. For questions, feel free to contact Karie Brudis at [kbrudis@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:kbrudis@dnr.IN.gov) or 317/233-8941.

- **Archaeological site of the month**- The Strawtown Enclosure (12H883) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. The enclosure has been recognized since the late nineteenth century and today is described as a Late Prehistoric, earthen embanked, ditched, and palisaded village in central Indiana (see McCullough 2009:94 at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-2009archaeologyjournal.pdf> ). Archaeologists

from the Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne Archaeological Survey (IPFW-AS) have been investigating the enclosure and the relationships between the remains of the three Late Prehistoric cultural traditions (Ft. Ancient, Western Basin, and Oneota) that have been recovered from the site.

The Strawtown Enclosure has also provided opportunities over the past several years for the public to participate in archaeology first hand. Indiana Archaeology Week/Month activities have been held at the site since 2001 and have been partially funded by Historic Preservation Fund monies and the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department. These activities have allowed thousands of people (many of them school children) to observe an archaeological excavation up close, interact with professional archaeologists, and to obtain hands-on experience while assisting in the screening of soil for artifacts. To learn more about this important site, go to <http://www.ipfw.edu/archsurv/Home.html>, [http://www.co.hamilton.in.us/parks\\_details.asp?id=2932](http://www.co.hamilton.in.us/parks_details.asp?id=2932), and <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-2009archaeologyjournal.pdf>.



Archaeological excavation at the Enclosure site. Photo from IPFW Archaeological Survey website ([http://www.ipfw.edu/archsurv/LatePrehistoric.html#Strawtown\\_enclosure](http://www.ipfw.edu/archsurv/LatePrehistoric.html#Strawtown_enclosure)).

- **Workshop in Terre Haute-** DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Carson will be helping Dr. Bill Mangold on Sunday March 14, 2010. Ms. Carson will assist Dr. Mangold with a workshop he is conducting for local archaeological artifact collectors. The workshop will be held at the Native American Museum in Terre Haute (<http://www.terrehaute.in.gov/departments/parks/city-parks/dobbs/NAM>) and will focus on the instruction of proper archaeological field methodology and recording techniques.
- **Outreach to Educators-** On February 18<sup>th</sup>, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson gave a presentation titled “Archaeology Resources” to educators of grades 3-5. This presentation was part of the Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service workshop organized by the Ball State University Department of History and Johnson County Museum of History. Ms. Johnson was pleased to be able to share archaeological information, especially details and suggestions regarding integrating archaeological and anthropological subjects into the social studies units, with these educators.



The Johnson County Museum of History (Franklin, IN) where the presentations were held.

- **Archaeological sites in the National Register**- Since the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting in October 2009, the Collier Lodge (12Pr36) and Taylor Ten (12H987) archaeological sites have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. To learn more about these important archaeological sites, go to: [http://www.nd.edu/~mschurr/Collier\\_Lodge/Collier\\_Lodge.htm](http://www.nd.edu/~mschurr/Collier_Lodge/Collier_Lodge.htm) ; <http://www.kankakeevalleyhistoricalsociety.org/>; and the upcoming Volume 5, No. 1 of the journal *Indiana Archaeology*.

- **Intern**- Meredith McGrady, a junior Anthropology student DePauw University, interned at the DHPA during the month of January. She learned about archaeological site forms and records, environmental and cultural variables, chert and artifact types (prehistoric and historic), and the Section 106 process. She was a tremendous help entering site forms into the SHAARD database and re-arranging the CRM report files. We thank Meredith for her interest and assistance.



State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones showing historic artifact types to Meredith.



Meredith working with prehistoric artifacts at the DHPA.

- **Historic Preservation Fund Grant Priorities** - Every year the DHPA revises the priorities by which Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant applications are evaluated. The priorities are established within the parameters of the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, and represent the types of projects that the DHPA view as important to its mission to identify, document, investigate, preserve, and interpret cultural resources in Indiana.

The HPF Program Guidelines and the evaluation criteria for Administrative, Architectural & Historical, Archaeology, Acquisition & Development are being provided on the DHPA website ([www.IN.gov/dnr/historic](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic)) for public review and comment. Please provide any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff by Friday, April 23, 2010. All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by fax to 317-232-0693, by e-mail to [skennedy@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:skennedy@dnr.IN.gov), or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 28, 2010.

Please note that the Priorities are only one part of the grant application packets, and the DHPA is not accepting proposals at this time. Complete packets with application instructions will be available on the DHPA website around August 1, 2010.

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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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**Mission Statement:** *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

