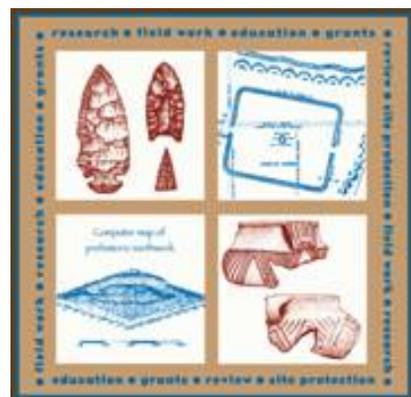




Archaeology News

- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*



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- **Event Hosting for Indiana Archaeology Month 2008-** Information was recently distributed regarding hosting an event during this year's Indiana Archaeology Month in September. Thank you to those groups that have already completed and returned their event host confirmation form! This information is being added to the official Calendar of Events for 2008. For those who are considering hosting during September, feel free to contact Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator at 317/232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov. We hope to hear from many more of you!



- **Archaeology Fest-** Cathy Draeger, Archaeologist, will represent the DHPA on May 9th, 2008, from 9:30am – 2pm, at the Indiana State Museum's Archaeology Fest. Unlock the secrets to Indiana's hidden history and explore the world of archaeology at the Indiana State Museum. Take part in a variety of hands-on activities including spear throwing, making your own cordage, creating rock art, unraveling a cultural history mystery, and much, much more. Meet archaeologists and discuss recent excavations and discoveries. Watch demonstrations of ancient life through flint knapping, ground stone technology and other skills. Discover Ice Age animals and learn about paleontology. Included with museum admission and free for members. School group and homeschool group reservation is required to receive the \$1 per student admission fee. To learn more, contact Gail Brown at gbrown@dnr.IN.gov. For more information about the Museum, you may access <http://www.in.gov/ism/>.



- **Angel Mounds' Archaeology C.S.I. Day-** May 16 will be the 2nd Annual "Archaeology C.S.I. Day" at Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville, IN. The event is open to 6th and 7th grade classes, and the day offers local students the chance to work on a hands-on basis with the tools, methods, and implementation of archaeology. Amy Johnson,

Students outside the visitor center learning about archaeology at the 2007 event.



Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will represent the DHPA at the event, and she will discuss archaeology as a career opportunity. For more information, contact Haley Tallman, Cultural Administrator at the site, 812/853-3956 or htallman@dnr.IN.gov.

- **Archaeology Grants awarded**- The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helps strengthen Indiana's historical and cultural heritage through annual federal grants it administers to local communities and not-for-profit groups that these organizations put toward preservation projects. This year, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has awarded 23 federal grants for historic preservation to 25 Indiana communities (see list below). The grants, totaling \$540,862, provide a match of \$381,013 in local and state funds, for a total projected investment of \$921,875.

The funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. Since 1974, the state has awarded more than \$16 million to Indiana communities through this program.

"Preserving our state's historic and cultural resources is a vital part of our mission," said DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Rob Carter. "These worthy projects help revitalize communities, provide local jobs and investment, and allow Hoosiers to explore the cultures and people of Indiana's past." The archaeology grants which have been awarded are:

Allen County: The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a \$43,950 grant to conduct an archaeological investigation of three sites in Allen County. All three sites represent large and important elements to the Late Prehistoric Western Basin settlement system. [Contact: Bob McCullough, IPFW, (260) 481-6892].

Hamilton County: The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a \$10,000 grant for a two-week educational archaeology program at the Strawtown Koteewi Park near Noblesville in Hamilton County. During the past several years, IPFW has worked with the Hamilton County Parks Department to assess and explore the unique archaeological heritage of the 750-acre park. The goals of this project are to clarify the Late Prehistoric population dynamics of central Indiana; create a cultural and educational resource at the park for central Indiana; and develop the archaeological resources of the park as a destination for regional tourism. [Contact: Bob McCullough, IPFW, (260) 481-6892].

Hamilton County and Marion County: Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$9,187 grant to prepare National Register nominations for two prehistoric habitation archaeological sites. [Contact: Don Cochran, Ball State University, (765) 285-5328].

Huntington, Miami, Wabash Counties: Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$40,412 grant to conduct an archaeological survey of 900 acres in the upper Wabash River Valley to record threatened archaeological resources, do a survey of mound sites in the southern half of the drainage basin, and document three mounds at Roush Lake in order to nominate them to the State and National Registers. [Contact: Don Cochran, Ball State University, (765) 285-5328].

Porter County: The University of Notre Dame was awarded \$4,842 to prepare a National Register nomination for the Collier Lodge archaeological site. The archaeological portion of the site is a multi-component area that has produced artifacts from most time periods in Indiana's prehistory and history. [Contact: Mark Schurr, University of Notre Dame, (574) 631-7638].

Warrick County: Indiana State Museum Foundation received a \$33,437 grant to conduct a reconnaissance survey of 75 hectares to identify archeological sites at the Yankeetown site (12 W 1), a large village occupation dating between AD 700 and 1000 and threatened by erosion. The Indiana State Museum is dedicated to the long term preservation of the site. A better understanding of the Yankeetown phase will help also improve understanding of the development of agricultural societies in Indiana and provide an opportunity to interpret these people at State Historic Sites and the State Museum. (Contact: Michele Greenan, Indiana State Museum Foundation, 317-233-8971).

For more information on the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and the Historic Preservation Fund Program, please go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic>.

Historic Preservation Fund GRANTS

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- **Historic Preservation Month-** May is Historic Preservation Month in our state. Several events during the Month feature archaeology and Native American related events. For additional information, feel free to go to www.IN.gov/dnr/historic.
- **Spring Workshop Presentation-** On April 5, 2008, Karie Brudis, Assistant Director for Environmental Reviews, presented the Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) at the Indiana Archaeology Council's Spring Workshop. SHAARD allows users to search cultural resource information on known historic and archaeological resources throughout Indiana. It contains data on archaeological sites, cemeteries, historic bridges, properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and historic theaters that has been collected from previously conducted cultural resource inventories, National Register nominations, grant projects, and cultural resource management projects.

Access to the Archaeology data in the application is restricted by state law to Qualified Professional Archaeologists that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards with a specialty in prehistoric, historic, and/or underwater archaeology or geomorphology. Information regarding how to become a Qualified Professional Archaeologist can be found at www.IN.gov/dnr/historic. For those that do

not meet the Qualified Professional Archaeology standards but are asking for access to the Archaeology data as an associate to a Qualified Professional, the Qualified Professional must send an e-mail to SHAARDAdmin@dnr.IN.gov affirming that you are working under their supervision.

For more information on SHAARD, visit www.IN.gov/dnr/historic. Users are also encouraged to provide comments to the DHPA at SHAARDAdmin@dnr.IN.gov. For questions, please contact Karie Brudis, assistant director for environmental review, (317) 233-8941, kbrudis@dnr.IN.gov.

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. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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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.*

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THE INDIANA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database