



Archaeology News



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

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- **Indiana Archaeology Month 2010** - This is a special anniversary year for Indiana Archaeology Month. This September will be the 15th annual statewide celebration of archaeology in our state. Planning has already begun regarding this year's commemorative shirts and posters. In addition, we hope to hear from many, many event hosts during this special year. Please start thinking about events you might wish to host or be involved in. For more information regarding Indiana Archaeology Month in general, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>.
- **Archaeologist of the Month** - Where would Indiana archaeology be without Glenn A. Black? Black was the only professional archaeologist in the State of Indiana until the 1960s. He is particularly known for his work at Angel Mounds in Evansville and is considered to have played a pivotal role in the advancement of archaeology on a national level, including the pioneering of geophysical studies on archaeological sites. For over four decades, with the friendship and financial support of Eli Lilly, Black contributed more to the understanding of Indiana archaeology than any other person. The Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology at Indiana University in Bloomington is named in his honor.

To learn more about Glenn A. Black, and the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, go to: <http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/glennblack.html> and <http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/>.



This photo of Black in the field was on display at the Angel Mounds State Historic Site interpretive center.

- **New Archaeology Team member** - Archaeologist Wade Tharp has joined the DHPA Archaeology Team. He holds a BA degree in Liberal Arts (Anthropology major, Classical History minor) from Indiana University (Indianapolis), has completed all degree coursework for a MA degree in Historical Archaeology at Illinois State University, and is presently writing his master's thesis, *A Sequence of French Vernacular Architectural Design and Construction Methods in Colonial North America, 1690-1850*. He has worked at the IUPUI Archaeology Laboratory as a volunteer, at Indiana State Museum as an archaeological technician, at Illinois State University as a graduate research assistant, and at Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program/Illinois State Archaeological Survey as a survey crew member and historical records researcher. His research interests include critical theory in historical archaeology, the archaeology of internal colonization, comparative colonization, French vernacular architecture, historical alcohol distillation practices, public engagement archaeology, and web design and development. Wade will be reviewing Indiana Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration projects. Please join us in welcoming him to the DHPA.

- **Outreach at Angel Mounds SHS** - On Friday, May 14, 2010, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson will participate in Archaeology CSI Day at Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville. Archaeology CSI (Cultural Scene Investigation) Day is designed for 6th and 7th grade math and science students and will allow the students to experience the science of Archaeology in action. Cathy will run a station on lithics, and students can learn how archaeologists identify and classify chipped and ground stone artifacts. To find out more regarding the event, go to <http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/angeduc.html>.



One of the mounds at Angel Mounds State Historic site.

- **Master Naturalist presentation** - On Friday, April 23, 2010, at Ft. Harrison State Park, from 7:30-8:30 P.M., State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones gave a presentation to Master Naturalists titled "Ancient Rhythms," about historic and precontact Native American connections to nature. For further information regarding Master Naturalists, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/masternaturalist/>.
- **Round-up** - Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will represent the Archaeology Team at the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's Grassroots Preservation Roundup Idea Exchange in Whiting, IN. Amy will briefly discuss our office's archaeology services and programs, as well as Section 106 reviews. To learn more about the Roundup, on May 1st, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2835.htm>.



- **Cemetery Outreach** - On April 22, 2010, Cathy Draeger-Williams, staff archaeologist, discussed cemeteries in Indiana at the Hamilton County Health Department in Noblesville. This was part of a workshop for consulting soil scientists, who conduct soil surveys throughout the state. She discussed the Indiana codes relevant to cemeteries and archaeological resources.



Grave marker in an Indiana cemetery.

- **New DHPA e-newsletter** - Dying to know about old cemeteries in Indiana? Do you dig archaeology? Are you built for old buildings? Then the DNR's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's (DHPA) e-newsletter is the thing for you. The DHPA (the state's historic preservation office that offers events, classes, grants, and information about the built environment) has launched its own quarterly e-newsletter called *Eavesdropping*, to give you a heads up on what's new in the old. To sign up, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2811.htm>. Questions to dhpaconnect@dnr.in.gov.
- **Archaeology Site added to the National Register** - Windsor Mound archaeological site (12R1) in Randolph County has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Windsor has the potential to contain further information on the ceremonial landscape of east central Indiana and understanding how the landscape was constructed and used. The mound still contains intact, unexplored deposits that can further our understanding of the site, the east central Indiana New Castle Phase, and Adena and Hopewell complexes in the Ohio River Valley. Although extensive amateur excavations occurred, Windsor remains one of the best preserved earthworks in east central Indiana. To learn more about this site, go to <http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CentersandInstitutes/AppliedArchaeology/Publications/37WindsorMound.aspx>.
- **Archaeology Grant Projects** - Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grants for 2010 have been awarded, including the following Indiana archaeology projects. HPF is a program of the U.S. Department of the Interior-National Park Service and is administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

Clark County: Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW) will receive \$36,442 for an intensive survey at the Smith-Sutton Farm site. Both geophysical survey and limited subsurface investigation will be conducted to prepare a nomination for the site to the National Register of Historic Places. The farm is 312 acres and contains other recorded sites that will also be field verified and/or geophysically surveyed. The project will also continue public outreach to residents of Clark County.

Hamilton County: Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW) will receive \$40,623 to assist with two weeks of a public archaeology program during Indiana Archaeology Month in September 2010 and eight weeks of on-site field school investigations during IPFW's second summer season in 2010. Archaeological

investigations will focus on the Strawtown enclosure, an earthen-banked Late Prehistoric village and its environs, in order to develop a more comprehensive inventory of Late Prehistoric structure types represented within the archaeology park. In 2009, the public archaeology program drew more than 4,000 visitors.

Lawrence County: Indiana University will receive \$8,139 for archaeological research at Spring Mill State Park and to conduct a public archaeology project emphasizing education. The project will include a series of programs including a field school, workshop, and public presentations for area educators, preservationists, interpreters, and visitors.

Montgomery County: Ball State University will receive \$49,594 for a Phase 1 survey of 900 acres in Montgomery County to construct a cultural chronology for the county, refine settlement patterns of the precontact era and enhance our understanding of the early Euro-American period. Montgomery County has a very low number of archaeological sites on record, and through this survey approximately 300-500 new sites will be added to the archaeological database.

To learn more about the HPF program, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3671.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov/hps/hpg/hpf/index.htm>.

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- 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