



Archaeology News



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

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- **Indiana State Museum Archaeology Fest Event** – On September 27th Cathy Carson, DHPA Records Check Coordinator, participated in an Indiana Archaeology Month event held at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis as part of their seventh annual Archaeology Fest. Cathy had a table top display that highlighted the activities, function of and services provided by the DHPA. She had many handouts available on archaeological topics for the public. She also answered many people’s questions about archaeology in general, as well as those concerning what educational resources DHPA has to offer to the public. Over 75 people stopped by the DHPA table!



- **Cornelius O’Brien Conference**- Members of the DHPA Archaeology Team were involved in several ways at the 2008 Cornelius O’Brien Historic Preservation and Indiana Mainstreet Conference that was recently held in Bloomington, IN on October 16-18th. Senior Archaeologist Amy Johnson was a speaker at the *Primer on Section 106 Related Transportation Projects* and the moderator for the *Archaeology in Your Community* session. Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, gave a presentation at the *Indiana Mounds* session, and moderated the session titled *Differing Perspectives: Archaeologists and Native Americans Discuss Indiana’s Prehistoric Heritage*. Both of those portions of the conference were well attended, and the audience asked great questions. Ms. Johnson also helped lead a group of attendees to the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology for a guided tour by Dr. Monaghan.



Chris Glidden (IUPUI), standing, and Bill Wepler (Indiana State Museum), seated right, gave presentations during the *Archaeology in Your Community* session.



Staffan Peterson (DNR), standing, gave a presentation, as did State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones, during the popular *Indiana Mounds* session.

Dr. G. William Monaghan, second from left, led a tour of the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, I.U., for a group of Conference attendees.



- Archaeology Award-** Also at the recent Cornelius O'Brien Conference was the DHPA's presentation of the *Stewardship of Archaeological Resources Award*. Amy Johnson, DHPA Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, announced the award at the banquet held on October 17th. This honor was given to the property owners, John and Mary Hodson, as well as the Kankakee Valley Historical Society, for the preservation of land containing the Collier Lodge Site (12Pr36) and continued support of, and community involvement in, archaeological research and investigations at this important site on privately owned property in our state. To learn more about this important project, and how to become involved, go to www.kankakeevalleyhistoricalsociety.org/ and www.nd.edu/~mschurr/Collier_Lodge/Collier_Lodge.htm.



Dean Illingworth, center, receiving the *Stewardship of Archaeological Resources Award* on behalf of the Kankakee Valley Historical Society. Presenting the award are Dr. Jim Glass (left), Director of the DHPA, and John Davis, DNR Deputy Director, Land Management Team.



John and Mary Hodson, recipients of the *Stewardship of Archaeological Resources Award*.

Archaeological investigations at the Collier Lodge site, Porter County.



- Upcoming Event-** State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will give a presentation on November 1st for the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Indiana (<http://www.gscw.org/>; <http://www.gscw.org/Indiana.htm>). The topic of Dr. Jones' presentation will be Native American, French, British, and territorial archaeology, in relation to cultural interaction, occupations, treaties, areas of conflict, and forts.



- Prophetstown Presentation-** On September 27, 2008, Dr. Rick Jones presented an Indiana Archaeology Month talk titled "The Rich History of Prophetstown" at the Coneflower Shelter at Prophetstown State Park in Tippecanoe County. Attendance was a record for a presentation at a shelter in the park. Dr. Jones also provided a DHPA information and Indiana archaeology table and artifact identification.





- **Eiteljorg Archaeology Day**- On September 20, at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis, Dr. Rick Jones provided an Indiana archaeology and DHPA information table and gave a talk titled “The Myths and Facts of Archaeology.” The event was part of the Eiteljorg *Archaeology Day* during Indiana Archaeology Month.

- **Presentation of Award**- The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) received the Section 106 Achievement Award from the DHPA for archaeological investigations and relocation of the Wright-Whitesell-Gentry Cemetery. The cemetery, in Indianapolis near I-69 and I-465 (where expansion is planned), was archaeologically excavated and relocated to the Pioneer Cemetery within the Crown Hill Cemetery (Indianapolis) where it will remain in perpetuity. Headstones were removed, repaired, and relocated, and the graves were placed in their original configuration. The project was an outstanding example of family, public, professional, and agency cooperation to respectfully treat an important aspect of Indiana and family heritage.



Dr. Rick Jones announcing the award on October 17th at the Cornelius O’Brien Conference in Bloomington.



Mary Kennedy, INDOT, accepting the award from DHPA Division Director Dr. Jim Glass (left) and DNR Deputy Director John Davis.



The Wright-Whitesell-Gentry Cemetery in its new location.

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage- www.in.gov/dnr/historic/10316.htm

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