



Archaeology News

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



- **Archaeology C.S.I. School Day-** Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson represented the DHPA at Angel Mounds State Historic Site's Archaeology C.S.I. School Day. This one day event on May 18th was exclusively for 6th and 7th grade science classes. The day allowed approximately 170 students a unique opportunity to witness science in action at a working Indiana University archaeological field school. Amy gave a Powerpoint presentation on careers in archaeology, and she had packets of archaeology information available for each student and educator. Representatives from Angel Mounds, the Indiana State Museum, DHPA and several universities participated in this unique and popular day.



Excavation unit opened at the site. Students and other visitors were able to see archaeologists in action.



Amy Johnson giving a presentation for one group of visiting middle school students

- **Approved plans for archaeology-** For those archaeologists conducting archaeological fieldschools, don't forget to keep your approved plan letter to conduct the investigations (under Indiana Code 14-21-1) with you in the field. We also encourage you to have a copy of the approved plan correspondence somehow on display in the field. This could provide an additional, excellent opportunity to initiate discussion with visitors to your excavations regarding conducting archaeological investigations in our state.
- **Public Input Opportunity for Grant Evaluation Criteria-** The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is once again seeking public input regarding the priorities that are used to evaluate the grant proposals received under the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Matching Grant Program that is administered by our office. You are invited to review these priorities and evaluation criteria and give

us your input. This way, the priorities are guaranteed to reflect the programmatic needs identified by our staff as well as the preservation concerns of our constituents.

The draft priorities will be available on the Internet at the DHPA's website at www.IN.gov/dnr/historic on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. You may also request a set of the priorities by writing to the DHPA Grants Staff at the address at the top of this letter, you may fax your written request to us at 317-232-0693 (attention Grants Staff), you may call us at 317-232-1648 or 317-232-6981, or you may request the priorities by sending an e-mail message to msavarino@dnr.IN.gov or skennedy@dnr.IN.gov.

Once you have reviewed the draft priorities, please mail, fax, or e-mail any comments to the Grants Staff no later than **Monday, July 23, 2007**. All public comments must be received in writing. We will present all public input to the State Historic Preservation Review Board for consideration during its meeting on July 25, 2007. Thank you for helping us continually improve and refine the grants program in order to keep it responsive to the identified preservation needs in Indiana. If you have any questions about the proposed evaluation criteria, please do not hesitate to contact the Grants Staff at 317-232-1648 or 317-232-6981.

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- **Presentation at Carmel Care Center in Hamilton County**- Cathy Draeger, DHPA archaeologist recently gave a presentation on archaeology at the Carmel Care Center as part of their elder appreciation week with Treasure Your Elders as the theme. The residents were interested to hear about the prehistoric and historic resources of the surrounding area and were excited to look at a sample of artifacts of different types and time periods. Living, studying, and preserving history (through archaeology) is a continuous movement. It is important for all of us to be involved, including the young and the young at heart. Ms. Draeger posed a few questions via a survey: "What does heritage mean to you?" and "What of our past and present should be preserved for the future?" We are anxious to hear the responses.

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. An archive of past *Archaeology News* issues is available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeonwsltr.html> . If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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



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