

Minnesota Archaeology Month

September, 2017

Anoka County

Anoka

Archaeology, Alpha Sites, and Anoka County

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Date: Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 pm

Sponsor: Metro Area Collaborative consisting of Anoka, Dakota, and Scott County Historical Societies

Location: Anoka County Historical Society Library, 2135 Third Avenue North

Contact: Rebecca A. Ebnert-Mavencamp at 763-421-0600

Note: The event is free and open to the public. There will be time before the event to meet with the archaeologist from 5:30 to 6:30 pm followed by the formal program from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Cottonwood County

Comfrey

Archaeology Day

Visit the Jeffers Petroglyphs site and see symbols and images carved into the stone outcrops by people in past times. Participate in an ongoing simulated archaeological dig. Kids can take part in a "Digging for Artifacts" program.

Date: Saturday, September 9, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Sponsor: Jeffers Petroglyphs and the Minnesota Historical Society

Location: Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic site, 27160 Co. Rd. 2, Comfrey, three miles east of U.S. Hwy. 71 on Cottonwood County Road 10 then one mile south on County Road 2

Contact: Pam Jensen at Pamela.Jensen@mnhs.org

Note: The event is free with a paid admission to the site.

A Tour of the Petroglyphs and Ancient Quarry on the Nature Conservancy's Red Rock Prairie

Ton Sanders will lead an evening walk on the 'Red Rock Prairie' looking for petroglyphs and an ancient quarry.

Date: Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm

Sponsor: Cottonwood County Historical Society



Location: Meet at Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic site parking lot, 27160 Co. Rd. 2, Comfrey, three miles east of U.S. Hwy. 71 on Cottonwood County Road 10 then one mile south on County Road 2

Contact: Linda Fransen at 507-831-1134 or cchs@windomnet.com

Note: The event is free and open to the public and participants are advised to wear walking shoes.

Dakota County

South St. Paul

Dakota County Dirt – Archaeological Site Leads

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Date: Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 pm

Sponsor: Metro Area Collaborative consisting of Anoka, Dakota, and Scott County Historical Societies

Location: Dakota County Historical Society, 130 3rd Ave. North

Contact: Matt Carter at 651-552-7548

Note: The event is free and open to the public. There will be time before the event to meet with the archaeologist from 5:30 to 6:30 pm followed by the formal program from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Hennepin County

Minneapolis

Minnesota Archaeology Fair

The 15th annual Minnesota Archaeology Fair will include a variety of poster and artifact displays, demonstrations and activities illustrating and explaining the archaeology of Minnesota. There will be artifact identification, an atlatl toss and demonstrations of pottery-making and flintknapping.

Date: Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, September 10, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Archaeological Society

Location: Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center, Fort Snelling State Park

Contact: Patricia Emerson at 612-725-2410 or patricia.emerson@mnhs.org

Note: The event is free and open to the public but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park.

Underwater Archaeology & Maritime History with Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Visit the 2017 Archaeology Fair to learn about 1,000 years of Minnesota's maritime history and underwater, maritime and nautical archeology through visual exhibits and video footage – and ask questions of the only underwater archaeologist in Minnesota.

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Contact: Ann Merriman at 651-261-2265 or mhm@maritimeheritagemn.org

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Hennepin History Museum

During the month of September the Hennepin History Museum is offering free admission to any professional archaeologist and a guest as a way of introducing them to the resources available at their facility. They have great archives for anyone doing urban archeology or even house histories. A new exhibit, "Eat Street at 20" opens on September 7, joining two current shows of landscape painting. One is dedicated to landscape painting of early Minneapolis including Loring Park when it was still the Richard Watson homestead in the 1870s, Lake of the Isles from around the same time, early Lake Harriet and others.

Date: Month of September

Sponsor: Hennepin History Museum

Location: Hennepin History Museum, 2303 Third Avenue South

Contact: Kathleen Richert at 612-870-1329 or Kathleen.Richert@hennepinhistory.org

Note: Free admission is limited to professional archaeologists, but the museum is well worth the price of admission. Check out their web site at: <http://www.hennepinhistory.org/>

McLeod County

Hutchinson

Archaeology of a Dugout Canoe

Chris Olson and Ann Merriman of Maritime Heritage Minnesota will present the results of three c14 tests (radiocarbon dating) and a sample 3D scan of our dugout canoe. Radiocarbon testing and documentation has revealed the 12 oldest watercraft known in Minnesota, with the oldest held in our McLeod County History Museum. They explore what these results mean to our local history. The study was completed as part of a Minnesota Cultural Heritage Legacy Grant.

Date: Sunday, September 17, 2:00 pm

Sponsor: McLeod County Historical Society and Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Location: McLeod County Historical Society and Museum, 380 School Rd. NW

Contact: Lori Pickell-Stangel at 320-587-2109 or asa@hutchtel.net

Note: The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the McLeod County Historical Society check out their website at www.McLeodhistory.org

Mille Lacs County

Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

Archaeology Day

The Minnesota Archaeological Society will host a full day of demonstrations and activities highlighting archaeology and the rich heritage of the Mille Lacs area. Demonstrations of flint knapping, prehistoric pottery, birch bark canoes, primitive bows, guns of the fur trade, spears and spear-throwers and kids' activities. Displays include artifacts, books and pamphlets from the Minnesota Archaeological Society,



archaeology & research of the Minnesota Historical Society, Office of the State Archaeologist, Maritime Heritage Minnesota, and St. Cloud State University. The event will take place at the Interpretive Center. Check out the event web site at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=52981

Date: Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sponsor: Minnesota State Parks & Trails, the Minnesota Archaeological Society and St. Cloud State University

Location: Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

Contact: Park Staff at 320-532-3523

Note: The event is free and open to the public but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park.

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Morrison County

Little Falls

Archaeology Close to Home

As part of the Morrison County Historical Society (MCHS) annual meeting Jim Cummings, archaeologist and park naturalist who spent his career at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park, will present a program examining archaeology in Minnesota's State Parks, including Morrison County's Lindberg State Park.

Date: Friday, September 15, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Sponsor: Morrison County Historical Society

Location: Little Falls Care Center

Contact: Morrison County Historical Society at 320.632.4007 or staff@morrisoncountyhistory.org

Note: Please RSVP by calling the number above by September 9. General admission to the event is \$10 for non-members and \$7 for MCHS members. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the MCHS check out their website at www.morrisoncountyhistory.org

Camp Ripley

Camp Ripley Archaeology Day



As part of the Camp Ripley Open House, Patrick Neumann, MNARNG Cultural Resources Manager will provide a display of Camp Ripley archeological and historical resources as well as several demonstrations of artifact and tool use and manufacture.

Date: Sunday, September 17, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sponsor: Camp Ripley Cultural Resources Office

Location: Camp Ripley, 15000 Highway 115, Little Falls

Contact: Patrick Neumann at 320-616-2719

Note: The event is free and open to the public, but you will need some form of ID for access at the front gate.

St. Louis County

Duluth

Adventures with Field School Students: Archaeological Sites of the North Shore and Duluth Area

Todd Lindahl will lead a program on his experience with the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) field schools. The UMD archaeological field school course focuses on local and regional sites in northeastern Minnesota.

Date: Monday, September 18, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archeological Society and the UMD Anthropology Department

Location: Rom 224, Cina Hall, UMD

Contact: Susan Mulholland at 218-624-5489 or suemulholland@aol.com

Note: The event is free and open to the public.

Scott County

Shakopee

Sites in Scott County – Archaeological Leads

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Date: Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm

Sponsor: Metro Area Collaborative consisting of Anoka, Dakota, and Scott County Historical Societies

Location: Scott County Historical Society, 235 Fuller Street South

Contact: Kathleen Klehr at 952-445-0378

Note: The event is free and open to the public. There will be time before the event to meet with the archaeologist from 6:30 to 7:00 pm followed by the formal program from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Todd County

West Union

Sauk Valley Man and the History of Minnesota Archaeology



David Mather, National Register Archaeologist at the Minnesota Historical Society, will lead a discussion on the discovery of the Sauk Valley Man in 1938 as interpreted then and now. Information from more recent investigations of the site will be presented.

Date: Sunday, September 17, 2:00 pm
Sponsor: Sauk Centre History Museum
Location: Sidewalks Bar & Grill, 27 Main Street, West Union
Contact: Jill Abahsain at 320-351-8777 or scahs@mainstreetcom.com
Note: The event is free and open to the public.

Wadena County

Wadena

Archaeology in Wadena County

Join the Wadena County Historical Society for a roundtable discussion about archaeology in Wadena County. Artifacts from archaeological excavations in the county will be on display for the roundtable and for the entire month of September.

Date: Thursday, September 21, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Sponsor: Wadena County Historical Society
Location: Wadena County Museum, 603 Jefferson Street North
Contact: Lina Belar at 218-849-1454 or 603wchs@arvig.net
Note: The event is free and open to the public. Check out the historical society's web page at <http://wadenacountyhistory.org/wchs-museum/>

Winona County

Whitewater State Park

Whitewater Valley History and Archaeology Festival

Take a step back in time to learn about the history of the Whitewater Valley. You will be able to participate in a variety of programs and hands-on activities including atlatl throwing, archery, cane pole fishing, old time tools and more. See a full event schedule at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=52823

Date: Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sponsor: MnDNR Whitewater State Park
Location: Whitewater State Park
Contact: Sara Holger at 507-312-2308 or sara.holger@state.mn.us
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