

# Minnesota Archaeological Society

The inscriptions below are from a 1,000-year-old pot that was discovered in 1957 near Red Wing, Minnesota by an MAS member.  
The thunderbird motif is representative of Middle Mississippian iconography.



## Fall 2014



### This Issue



Archaeology  
Fair at Ft.  
Snelling  
pp.1, 6-7

Letter from  
the President  
p.2



In Memory of  
Alan Woolworth  
p.3

Dates to  
Remember  
p.4



Central States  
Anthropology  
Meeting To Be  
Held in St. Paul  
p.5



Archeologists **Jim Cummings** (MAS Board Member) and **Joe McFarlane** (MAS Past Board Member) paddle a birch bark canoe on Gillespie Lake this week before making the 1,700 foot portage to Portage lake just like travelers have done it for hundreds of years. The canoeists were part of the official opening of the Portage Lake Trail near Riverton.

*Reprinted from the Brainerd Dispatch/Steve Kohls*

## Archaeology Fair at Ft. Snelling, 2014

Photos by Pat Emerson



From September 12 to 21 this year, Minnesota Archaeology Week offered programs and activities throughout the state, including Minnesota Archaeology Fair, held each year at Ft. Snelling. Archaeology Week is sponsored every year by the Office of the State Archaeologist.



*Archaeology Fair continued on page 6*

## Fall 2014 Newsletter

### Letter from the President

*The Letter from the President is intended as a vehicle to inform the general membership of the Minnesota Archaeological Society of recent Board of Directors activities. The following is a brief recap of the events, discussions, and decisions that transpired during the past quarter.*

#### ***MnArch:***

The publication calendar of *The Minnesota Archaeologist* was discussed at the September meeting. There has been a recurring problem in publishing MnArch on an annual schedule. There are conflicting priorities between the current schedule, the end of each year, and the archaeological field season, ending mid to late fall, the concern being that submitters and editors are not given enough time to meet a calendar year deadline.

One proposed solution was to set a publication deadline date near the end of the first quarter of the following year, so that, for example, the 2014 issue would be printed in March of 2015, allowing a more realistic schedule for participation by professional authors and editors. **The Board would like to hear from the membership on this proposal before making any decisions. Comments about the date of publication of MnArch and what it means to you should be sent to the email address below.** We are eager to hear from you.

#### ***Frequency of Board meetings:***

The question of the need to maintain a rigid monthly meeting schedule was also brought before the Board. There are occasions where little business other than standard reports are addressed at our monthly meetings. There are also members of the Board who drive considerable distances to attend these meetings. Consequently, is there a need to hold a meeting when little business is before the board? The by-laws of the Minnesota Archaeological Society state in "ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS - Section 3: A regular Board of Directors meeting shall be held monthly, unless designated otherwise by the Directors."

The conclusion of this discussion was that a non-formal online meeting can be held for the approval of standard business items when appropriate. It was also agreed that no more than two consecutive online meetings will be held. If this situation arises, a formal round table meeting will be held at Ft. Snelling on the third month.

Additionally, please note that ALL Board of Directors meetings are open to the general membership. If you wish to attend, please forward your intent to my email address below or contact any Board member you know to ascertain if there is a formal meeting planned for your date.

#### ***Occasional Publications:***

During the June meeting, Dr. Ron Schirmer, Mankato State University, proposed a joint publication titled Red Wing, Minnesota Archaeology. Dr. Schirmer provided a draft Table of Contents, with status notes on each paper already collected, as he has been working on this volume for some time. He is currently waiting for some authors to complete their drafts. Dr. Schirmer indicated that he has funding available toward publication costs and was also considering applying for a Legacy grant. The Board of Directors agreed that we could publish this as an Occasional Publication, and if we do, late 2015 would be the most likely print date.

#### ***New Board Member:***

I am pleased to announce the election of Jeremy L. Nienow, Ph.D., RPA to the Minnesota Archaeological Society Board of Directors. Among Jeremy's many credentials, he holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota and is currently employed as a Heritage Preservation Consultant, formerly a full time faculty member at Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove, Minnesota. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Council for Minnesota Archaeology, where he chaired several committees, including Ethics, and Membership. Jeremy's consultation work lies primarily in the realm of historical archaeology and 3D laser scanning.

***Rod Johnson:*** President

*Nifty Quotes: "IT'S HARD TO MAKE A COMEBACK WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE" (unknown)*

#### **Visit us on Facebook**

For comments or suggestions, send a letter to President: Minnesota Archaeological Society, Ft. Snelling Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55111 or email [rodjohn33@msn.com](mailto:rodjohn33@msn.com)

## In Memory of Alan Woolworth

by Anna Morrow

After reading the *Pioneer Press* obituary August 17, 2014 for Alan, it seems amazing that he could have taken on any other assignment; but his work with the Minnesota Archaeological Society is only briefly mentioned.

Alan joined the MAS in the early 1960s, and through his efforts the group was able to move to the “Mule Barn” at Fort Snelling, where their work could be centered. During the 1970s and 1980s, Alan was the Chief Archaeologist at the Minnesota Historical Society where he had access to equipment, was able to recruit speakers for meetings, and could encourage MAS members to write articles for publication in *The Minnesota Archaeologist*. Further he had access to illustrations, maps, and other materials at a minimum cost. Through his efforts, along with others, the journal began to appear with regularity and became through the years much more professional in appearance and content. Grants were written and won under his tutelage. Alan formally became the editor of the journal in 1976 and retired from that post in 1982.



(Photo Courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society)

Along with Randy J. Peterson, Alan also developed a para-professional educational program so that the members could participate in excavations and in the cataloging process. This enabled the group to move from collection to serious record keeping.

Alan served two terms as president of the MAS with the stipulation that he continue to edit the journal, and so he also chaired many of the regular meetings. In addition, he edited the majority of MAS Occasional Publications, such as Fred Blessing’s many papers gathered under one title, *The Ojibway Indians Observed*.

In 1983, Volume 42 (no.s 1 and 2) of *The Minnesota Archaeologist* featured the Red Pipestone Quarry of Minnesota. This issue was very popular and out of print almost immediately. In 2011 Alan, along with his partner in Prairie Smoke Press, Charlie Bailey, decided that this publication needed a revision, and he came to MAS to make it happen. An updated version of the popular journal as a new Occasional Publication was funded by a Minnesota Legacy grant, and the new volume, compiled and with an introduction by Alan, was finished in the summer of 2013. In a sense, this is an appropriate memorial.

So, hats off to Alan Woolworth for being a truly major stimulus in the growth of The Minnesota Archaeological Society.

# Minnesota Archaeological Society

## Join the Minnesota Archaeology Society

### USA

Standard: \$30.00 (one person)  
Household: \$40.00 (two or more)  
Senior: (65 plus) \$15.00  
Active student: \$15.00  
Institution: \$60.00

### Both USA and Canada

Sustaining: \$100. (Receive free MAS mugs.)  
Benefactor: \$250. (Receive free MAS mugs plus a seat at the annual dinner meeting as an honored guest.)

### Canada

Standard: \$40.00 (one person)  
Household: \$50.00 (two or more)  
Institution: \$70.00

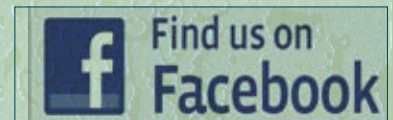
•If you receive your newsletter by email and do not know when you renewed your membership, please let me know.

•Getting the newsletter by snail mail or by e-mail? Prefer the other? Let me know.

Thanks so much. Anna Morrow, [anmorrow@q.com](mailto:anmorrow@q.com)

Send your MAS news & notices to the Editor: Deborah Schoenholz  
[schoe030@umn.edu](mailto:schoe030@umn.edu)

[www.mnarchsociety.org](http://www.mnarchsociety.org)



## Dates To Remember

### Archaeological Institute of America, Minnesota Society Events



Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6pm: Greg Brick, "The Rediscovery of French Saltpeter Caves in Minnesota," Hewitt Hall, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, Macalester College

Friday, December 5, 2014 at 6pm: Joan Breton Connelly, "Tombs and Temples: Death, War and Remembrance on the Athenian Acropolis," O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium, University of St. Thomas

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 at 6pm: Robert Blanchette, "Tombs, sunken ships and historic huts: studying ancient wood reveals secrets from the past," in Davis Court, Markim Hall (1595 Grand Ave), Macalester College

Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6pm: Jimmy Schryver, "The Petra Garden and Pool Complex," in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall in the Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center at Macalester College

Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 11am: Richard Buckley, "Richard III, The King Under the Car Park: the story of the search for the burial place of England's last Plantagenet king," in the Pillsbury Auditorium at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts

## Central States Anthropology Society 2015 Annual Meeting

April 9-12, 2015



Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Paul – Riverfront, St. Paul, MN

The 94th Anniversary Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 9 through April 12, 2015. Faculty, students, independent scholars, and practitioners are encouraged to submit abstracts for papers, posters, organized sessions, workshops, and roundtables in all four fields of anthropology, as well as applied. The annual CSAS conference is student-friendly and features a paper competition for both undergraduate and graduate students (go to Awards page for more information). It also offers an opportunity for anthropologists from throughout the central states area, from institutions large and small, to meet, talk, and network together in a welcoming and professional environment.

The 2015 conference will be hosted by the University of Minnesota, Macalester College, Minnesota State University, and the Science Museum of Minnesota. Most of the events will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul – Riverfront located in downtown St. Paul, overlooking the beautiful Mississippi River.

The conference will feature a distinguished lecture by Dr. Leith Mullings, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology in the Graduate Center at The City University of New York, and former President of the American Anthropological Association, serving from 2011 to 2013.

Submission of abstracts for both organized sessions and individually volunteered presentations is encouraged. The conference can accommodate standard paper presentations and some posters, so consider what would be the best format for your research.

Abstracts must be submitted online. You must register (and pay registration fees) before you can submit an abstract. (If your submission is not accepted for the program you may ask for a refund.) Submissions deadline: December 17, 2014.

Online early registration rates (until March 20, 2015) are: CSAS regular member: \$70; CSAS student member: \$30; non-member: \$90; student non-member: \$40. On-site registration rates are: CSAS regular member: \$90; CSAS student member: \$40; non-member: \$110; student non-member: \$50.

All participants (presenters, co-presenters, discussants, etc.) should register online. Those who cannot register online must contact CSAS Secretary/Treasurer Harriet Ottenheimer mahafan@ksu.edu to apply for a mail-in registration form.

To register, go to [http://www.aaanet.org/sections/csas/?page\\_id=22](http://www.aaanet.org/sections/csas/?page_id=22)

## THE NORTHERN LAKES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Presents

“More Shades of Grey:

Additional Geoarchaeological Investigations at  
the U.S. Knife Lake District”

Presented by:

Dan Wendt, Susan Mulholland, and Kevin Schneider

November 17, 2014 at 7 pm  
Superior Public Library  
1530 Tower Avenue  
Superior WI

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Contact the Duluth Archaeology Center for more information,  
624-5489

**MAS is in dire need of two members to become the Audit Committee that oversees the Board finances. Once a year said volunteers agree to look at our accounting to make sure everything is as it should be. This committee is required by our bylaws, and as we have been without one for some time, we are very eager to have it re-established. Please consider giving one evening a year toward such a noble end, and we will agree to buy the donuts. Board members are specifically prohibited from serving on this committee. If you are interested, please contact Rod Johnson at [rodjohn33@msn.com](mailto:rodjohn33@msn.com) to sign up.**

## Visit the Office of the State Archaeologist



<http://www.osa.admin.state.mn.us>

### Legacy Amendment documents (Sample)

- 2010 archaeological reconnaissance survey of Olmsted County, Minnesota: Study funded by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, January 19, 2012. (7.02 M, .pdf)
- Age of Brainerd ceramics: Study funded by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, June 28, 2012. (3.05 M, .pdf)
- Archaeological prospection for precontact burial mounds using Light Detecting and Ranging (LiDAR) in Scott and Crow Wing Counties, Minnesota: Examines the feasibility of using publicly-funded LiDAR as a tool for identifying precontact earthworks, March 1, 2011. (10.26 M, .pdf)
- Archaeological survey of Steele County, Minnesota: Study funded by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, August 15, 2013. (7.5 M, .pdf)



### *Archaeology Fair at Fort Snelling continued from page 1*

The 11th annual Minnesota Archaeology Fair was a two-day event that included a variety of poster and artifact displays, demonstrations, and activities illustrating and explaining the archaeology of Minnesota. The well-attended event treated hundreds of visitors to artifact identification, an atlatl toss, and demonstrations of pottery-making and flintknapping.



**Thanks to the many  
volunteers who  
make the Fair  
happen!**



Minnesota Archaeological Society  
Fort Snelling History Center  
St. Paul MN 55111



# 50+ Years of The Minnesota Archaeologist

\$100

CD Set in 48 volumes(1935-1989)

includes all nine Minnesota Archaeological Society

### Occasional Publications in Minnesota Anthropology:

1. *The Objjway Indians Observed: Papers of Fred K. Blessing Jr.* 1977.
2. *Some Studies of Minnesota Prehistoric Ceramics: Papers Presented at the First Council for Minnesota Archaeology Symposium.* 1978.
3. *The Lake Bronson Site (21KT1): A Multi-Component Prehistoric Site on the Prairie-Woodland Border in Northwestern Minnesota.* 1978.
4. *The Alton Anderson Site (21WW4), Watonwan County, Minnesota.* 1983.
5. *A Handbook of Minnesota Prehistoric Ceramics.* 1978.
6. *The Dead River Site (21OT51).* 1979.
7. *Ojibwewi-Ikidowinan: An Ojibwe/English Word Resource Book.* 1979.
8. *Bibliography of Ojibwe Resource Material.* 1981.
9. *Current Directions in Midwestern Archaeology: Selected Papers from the Mankato Conference.* 1981.



Contact Anna Morrow at [anmorrow@q.com](mailto:anmorrow@q.com) or 612 922 7006