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Anna Morrow — In Memoriam 1930-2021

By Dan Wendt, MAS Board President

Anna was born in Ohio in 1930 and spent her career as an educator. She received degrees in Education from Ball State University in Muncie and Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Early in her career she taught in Hammond, and then Michigan City, Indiana. She then took a teaching position at the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in Belcourt, North Dakota where she also mentored graduate students at the University of North Dakota. Anna finished her teaching career at the Andersen School in Minneapolis. In addition to her career in teaching, Anna had an avocation and passion for archaeology and nature.

Anna Joined the Minnesota Archaeological Society (MAS) in the early 1980s and between 1990 and 2000 she served as the secretary of MAS. In the mid 1990's she led communication and membership for MAS. In that role she was the primary source of nearly all communications to membership. Anna always warmly greeted members at our annual meetings and members received a personal note from Anna during our annual membership renewal. Anna also served as assistant to the editor of the Minnesota Archaeologist, both as a



Anna enjoying nature.

proofreader and technical editor. Anna contributed three articles to the Minnesota Archaeologist in a series titled: “The Society and The Journal”. Each article in the series chronicled a new chapter in MAS history. She was our historian and continuity particularly in times of change, guiding us on publications, mailing, annual meetings, and other traditions.

Anna's volunteer service was much broader than just the MAS. In 1982, she volunteered with the Institute for Minnesota Archaeology (IMA) and she served as a laboratory analyst and field technician for multiple IMA projects. In 2002, the IMA recognized Anna for her 20 years of service as a volunteer. In 2000, Anna joined the Science Museum of Minnesota (SMM) volunteer core in the Archaeology Lab with archaeologists Orin Shane and Ed Fleming and in 2007 she was recognized as the SMM volunteer of the year. *(Continued pg. 4)*

Letter from the President — February 2022

By Dan Wendt (MAS Board President)

The letter from the MAS 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 and future plans.

I am deeply saddened that Anna Morrow passed away. Anna was the voice of MAS in her important role of membership communication. Please see the memoriam within this newsletter for a remembrance of Anna. Mandy Wintheiser has volunteered to pick up Anna's membership responsibilities.

We published Volume 78 of the *Minnesota Archaeologist* which contained a memoriam for Professor Guy Gibbon from the University of Minnesota. The outstanding volume included articles by many of his Graduate Students and Colleges representing a fitting tribute to Professor Gibbon. Volume 79 is being planned for 2022 with a compilation of articles on Fort Snelling Archeology. We are working hard to catch up with our publication schedule, thank you for your patience.

In the fall, we hosted a series of archaeology lectures using Zoom to broadcast around the state virtually. We will continue that program in 2022. If you missed a lecture you can catch up by watching them on our MAS YouTube Channel. Watch for upcoming lectures on Facebook and our web page.

Dianna Johnson has generously offered to donate Rod Johnson's Minnesota stone tool replicas to MAS to be used in public archaeology programs. We are excited to see the materials used much in the manner that Rod has used them for his countless public flint knapping events and public outreach programs.

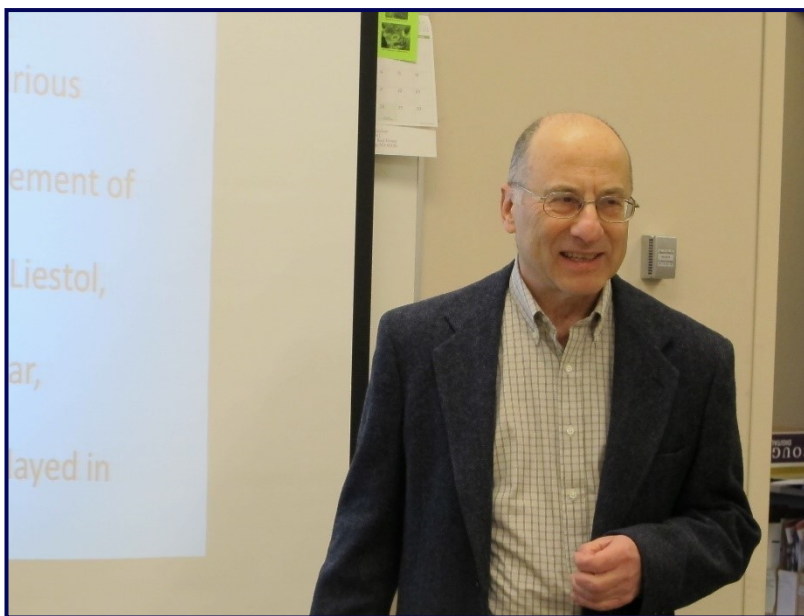
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Sharing, preserving, and honoring Minnesota's richly diverse archaeology and heritage through publication, education, and outreach.

Meet a Board Member: Mike Michlovic



Lecturing at Minnesota State University Moorhead

MAS Board Position:
Journal Team

Background: Mike is originally from North Braddock, PA., a steel town outside of Pittsburgh. He earned an anthropology degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1975. For the next 40 years he taught and conducted archaeological field research at Moorhead State University. During that time Mike served a term as president of the *Council for Minnesota Archaeology*, and edited several

issues of *The Minnesota Archaeologist*. From 1999-2011 he was chair of the newly formed department of Anthropology and Earth Science at Moorhead. His field studies were mostly in the Red and Sheyenne River Valleys of Minnesota and adjacent North Dakota. Mike directed or co-directed surveys and excavations along the Red, Sheyenne, and Maple Rivers. He also co-directed two Legacy grant projects in Swift County, and in the Minnesota River Valley.

Reason why he wanted to be on the MAS Board: Mike has a long association with the *Minnesota Archaeological Society* and with the North Dakota Archaeological Association, and has always enjoyed interacting with avocational archaeologists, the main reason he volunteered for membership on the *MAS* Board.

Now: Mike retired in 2015 and is now emeritus professor of anthropology. He recently published *Archaeological Cultures of the Sheyenne Bend* with George Holley, and is working on an overview volume on the archaeology of the Red River of the North. He currently lives in Otsego, MN.

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One of Anna's favorite volunteer experiences was working with the University of Minnesota Anthropology Department staff on replicating an Iron Age smelting furnace with archaeologists Carl Blair and Guy Gibbon. She recalled the night they ignited the furnace, which lit up the sky and glowed red through the night. Outside of Archaeology Anna was a volunteer with the Nature Conservancy and she volunteered with the Uptown Joyce Food Shelf.

When Anna wasn't volunteering in Minnesota, she was traveling the globe doing archaeological tourism and volunteer digs. Anna spent a month in Hudson Bay excavating the Hudson Bay Company Store with archaeologist Virginia Petch, where she vividly recalled being stalked by polar bears. She spent a month at the Maritime Museum Fort on

Bermuda working on mitigation of mold and worm damage to records and books. A favorite destination for Anna was the annual summer dig at Piddington, England with archaeologist Friendship Taylors. At Piddington, a Roman era villa was slowly and methodically unearthed over 44 field seasons that included a record of the British Islands starting in the Mesolithic.

She also worked several summers helping excavate smithing and smelting furnace sites

in Snowdonia, Wales. Anna was also involved in smaller excavations at various sites in Scotland, Wales, and England. In her decade of travel around the British Isles, Anna also had the opportunity to serve as Assistant Warden for the Royal Society for the protection of birds at several sites in and around the UK such as South Stack in Anglesea and Ramsey Island off the western coast of Wales.



Anna's spirit of volunteerism and dedication to Minnesota Archaeology were recognized by the Minnesota Archaeological Society in 2020 by awarding her with the Hill Lewis Award. We were pleased that MAS was able to recognize her many years of service and contributions to Archaeology.

Anna left me with a note to share:

“The Minnesota Archaeological Society has been a part of what I do for such a long time and especially with the advent of Covid, it has been my reason for getting up in the morning. Thank you to all my friends, both virtual and real. Anna Morrow 2021.”

Call for Nominations: MAS 2022 Hill-Lewis Award

The Hill – Lewis Award is given annually to a living avocational archaeologist who has made outstanding contributions to Minnesota archaeology, by the Minnesota Archaeological Society at their Annual Meeting. The Hill - Lewis Award epitomizes the MAS goals of increasing public involvement in archaeology and in promoting the stewardship of the unique and irreplaceable archaeological record of Minnesota.

Nominees for the award should have made important contributions to our knowledge of Minnesota archaeology (prehistoric or historic) through original research or publication, collaboration with professional archaeologists, site stewardship, public outreach, or exceptional K – 12 teaching. Nominees do not have to be members of the Minnesota Archaeological Society. Nominators should submit a nomination letter detailing the nominee and their accomplishments, as well as at least one letter of support for the nomination.

In 1881, A.J. Hill, a Civil Engineer and T.H. Lewis, a surveyor, initiated the Northwestern Archaeological Survey to collect and preserve information on prehistoric earthworks throughout the Upper Midwest. For the following 15 years, Hill and Lewis gathered data on more than 14,000 mounds and amassed an archival record that



2021 Hill-Lewis Award Recipient, Larry Furo
Photo Courtesy of Robin Hammer Mueller

preserved these data for future generations. Although neither Hill nor Lewis was formally trained in archaeology, they set standards of commitment and excellence that still inspires us today.

Our 2021 recipient of the award was Larry Furo from Duluth. Larry has become one of the Midwest's leading authorities on replicating the process to make copper tools. Larry has shared his copper research in numerous venues ranging from academic to public. He has created replicas for museums and university displays in Wisconsin and Minnesota, amongst many other achievements.

MAS is now seeking nominations for the 2022 Hill - Lewis Award. Please forward your nomination to Dan Wendt, MAS President at Wendt001@gmail.com.

The 2022 submission deadline is May 1st.

Field School Announcement

Minnesota Field Schools

As part of their undergraduate training all archaeologists participate in a field school. There are field schools held in Minnesota by various state institutions during summer. Below is one of the opportunities available in the summer of 2022:



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SUMMER 2022 FIELD SCHOOL COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

WHAT: ANTH 4696, Field Research in Archaeology, University of Minnesota Duluth. This is a 6 week/6 credit course held between July 5 and August 19, 2022 (one week is a break). The course offers a week of classroom lectures/demonstrations (July 5-8) and a week of lab work (August 15-19). Four weeks of field work include survey (walkover and shovel testing) and excavation, focusing on a pre-Contact site (or series of sites) north of Duluth but historic site information will also be incorporated as possible. Call or email for more information.

WHEN: July 5 – August 19, 2022

CONTACT: Susan Mulholland, smulholl@d.umn.edu or suemulholland@aol.com, 218-355-0153

APPLICATIONS DUE: May 1, 2022

APPLICATIONS: email or call Sue Mulholland [as soon as possible!] for an [application form](#) OR visit University of Minnesota Duluth – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences - Anthropology webpage at <https://cahss.d.umn.edu/departments/studies-justice-culture-social-change/anthropology>.

Also of Interest ...

Editor's Corner

by Danielle Kiesow

Lead Editor, *The Minnesota Archaeologist*

If you are a current member of MAS, or were a member in 2019 but did not receive a volume of MnArch, you should have received your copy of Volume 78 earlier this year, which is a wonderful memorial to the life and work of Dr. Guy Gibbon. I am pleased to give an update on the two upcoming volumes anticipated to be published this year. Volume 79 will be a volume centering on archaeological work and general environmental and precontact context surrounding Fort Snelling at Bdote. Volume 80 will be a general volume with articles spanning a myriad of topics, from historical Ojibwe ricing at Big Rice Lake, to an account of a 1971 field school at the Big Slough (21MU1) and Great Oasis (21MU2/17) sites. These two volumes will get us closer to catching up on years when we did not publish.

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