



# Minnesota Archaeology Week Calendar of Events

May 9 - 17, 2009



## BENTON COUNTY

### Foley

#### Excavations at the Keefe Farmstead

Come and watch or volunteer to excavate with archaeologists as they expand excavations begun in 2007. The goal is to gather information about the archaeological potential of the Keefe Farmstead. The information gathered will help shed light on 19<sup>th</sup> century rural lifeways in Central Minnesota.

Date: **Thursday, May 14 through Saturday, May 16**, 9 am - 4 pm each day  
Sponsor: St. Cloud State University and Stump Road Acres, LLC  
Location: Keefe Farmstead, take TH 25 north 1.9 miles from TH 23 in Foley, turn right on County Road 43/85<sup>th</sup> St. NE, go east 0.5 mile. Site is on the left shortly after road turns to gravel.  
Contact: Dr. Mark P. Muñiz at 320.308.4162 or [mpmuniz@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:mpmuniz@stcloudstate.edu)  
Note: The event is free and open daily from 10 - 4 for visitors. A small number of volunteers to work on the site will be accepted (8 per day). Experience is preferred, but not required. Contact Dr. Muñiz for more information.



## BLUE EARTH COUNTY

### Mankato

#### Archaeology of the Minnesota River Valley

Dr. Ronald C. Schirmer, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Minnesota State University, Mankato, will present a short overview of the local archaeological sequence and then examine ongoing research on the period from A.D. 700 to 1400.

Date: **Thursday, May 14**, 6 pm  
Sponsor: Blue Earth County Historical Society  
Location: Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center Museum, 415 Cherry Street  
Contact: Shelley Harrison at 507.345.5566  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## CASS COUNTY

### Walker

#### Digging the Past

Colleen Wells, Field Director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Heritage Sites Program, will discuss recent archaeological investigations in the Leech Lake area.

Date: **Monday, May 11**, 7 pm  
Sponsor: Cass County Historical Society  
Location: Cass County Museum, 201 Minnesota Ave. W.  
Contact: Renee Geving at 218.547.7251  
Note: The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so be sure to arrive early to guarantee a good seat.



## COOK COUNTY

### Grand Portage

#### Archaeological Tour of Grand Portage National Monument

Join park archeologist David Cooper and members of the Canadian Archaeological Association for a special walking tour of Grand Portage National Monument, focusing on the site's 18<sup>th</sup> century fur trade history and archeology.

Date: **Sunday, May 17, 9:30 am**  
Sponsor: US National Park Service  
Location: Grand Portage National Monument Heritage Center, 170 Mile Creek Road  
Contact: David Cooper at 218.475.0123  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## COTTONWOOD COUNTY

### Jeffers

#### Archaeology Discovery Day

Visitors can "Become Archaeologists" for the day by taking part in simulated digs at 1 and 4 pm and at 2 pm are given the opportunity to go through the process of identifying projectile points. At 3 pm take a guided tour of the petroglyphs at the site.

Date: **Saturday, May 9**, beginning at 1 pm  
Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society  
Location: Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic Site, 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 507.628.5591  
Note: There is an admission fee to the site.

### Windom

#### Survivor: 7000 B.P.

#### Jeffers Petroglyphs: 7000 Years of History

Tom Sanders, Manager of Jeffers Petroglyphs historic site, will help you travel through time investigating how early Indian people faced daily challenges of survival through five time periods defined by climate change: Paleo-Indian, Archaic, Woodland, Mississippian and time of Contact.

Date: **Wednesday, May 13**, 7 pm  
Sponsor: Cottonwood County Historical Society  
Location: Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue  
Contact: Linda Fransen at 507.831.1134  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## DAKOTA COUNTY

### Mendota

#### Hands-on Archeology for Kids

In this popular annual activity, children will work with site staff in simulated digs to find and identify artifacts. Dig into the dirt, operate the sifter or take a turn sorting the finds and try to put some broken finds back together. Wear washable clothing and sunscreen, and bring gloves if possible.

Date: **Saturday, May 9** and **Sunday, May 10**, 1 - 3 pm  
Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society  
Location: Sibley Historic Site, 1357 Sibley Memorial Highway (Hwy. 13)  
Contact: Ted Bores at 651.452.1596  
Note: There is a nominal fee for the event, \$2 for the public, \$1 for MHS members. The event will be repeated in the fall on October 10 and 11.



## FARIBAULT COUNTY

### Winnebago

#### Archaeology Week Museum Open House, 2009

An open house will be held at the new museum location at 16 South Main. The new museum is not yet open regular hours following its relocation, this is your opportunity to see the archaeology displays in their new space.

Date: **Tuesday, May 12**, 10 am - 12 pm  
Sponsor: Winnebago Area Museum Board and Volunteers  
Location: Winnebago Area Museum, 16 South Main  
Contact: Pete Haight at 507.893.3381  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## HENNEPIN COUNTY

### Fort Snelling

#### Minnesota Archaeology Fair

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Minnesota Archaeology Fair will be the kick-off event for Minnesota Archaeology Week 2009. The two-day event will include a variety of poster and artifact displays illustrating and explaining the archaeology of Minnesota. On Saturday only, there will be demonstrations of flintknapping and pottery-making, an atlatl toss, canoe rides, artifact identification and archaeology lab tours. A simulated dig will take place across the Minnesota River at the Sibley House Historic Site on both days.

Date: **Saturday, May 9**, 10 am - 5 pm and **Sunday, May 10**, noon - 5 pm  
Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Archaeological Society  
Location: Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center  
Contact: Patricia Emerson at 612.725.2410 or [patricia.emerson@mnhs.org](mailto:patricia.emerson@mnhs.org)  
Note: The archaeology week events are free and open to the public.

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#### Rock Art of the Upper Mississippi River Valley's Driftless Area (2009 Elden Johnson Distinguished Lecture)

Robert Boszhardt, of the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, will present an overview of the history of rock art research in the Driftless Area and summarize the recent deep cave finds as well as unfortunate examples of very recent vandalism to these irreplaceable works of art.

Date: **Saturday, May 9**, 5:30 pm  
Sponsor: Council for Minnesota Archaeology and the Minnesota Archaeological Society  
Location: Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center  
Contact: Patricia Emerson at 612.725.2410  
Note: The event is free and open to the public. There will be a public reception prior to the event from 4:30 to 5:30 pm with refreshments.

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## KANDIYOHI COUNTY

### Willmar

#### Archaeological Breakthroughs Radically Re-writing American Prehistory

The accelerating pace of technological developments is making more archaeological breakthroughs and forcing fundamental revision of long-held assumptions. Frank Joseph tackles these issues in his presentation describing the latest archaeological discoveries. While you're at the museum take the opportunity to view some of the museum's exhibits.

Date: **Saturday, May 16**, 2 pm  
Sponsor: Kandiyohi County Historical Society  
Location: Kandiyohi County Historical Museum, 610 NE Business Hwy. 71  
Contact: Andria Carlson at 320.235.1881  
Note: The event is free and open to the public. There will be a freewill donation.

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## NOBLES COUNTY

### Worthington

#### Collecting the Collectors: Public Archaeology in Nobles County, Minnesota

Nobles County native Jared Langseth, graduate student at Minnesota State University, Mankato will present the results of his research on the private artifact collections of Nobles County. His goal is not only to document the collections and site locations, but also teach the collectors to better document their collections. As a result of his efforts the number of recorded archaeological sites in the county has almost doubled. Follow-up investigations are planned to make new contacts and gather additional information about the county's archeological past.

Date: **Sunday, May 17**, 7 pm  
Sponsor: Nobles County Historical Society  
Location: Farmers Room, lower level of the Nobles County Government Center, 315 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Contact: Patrick Demuth at 507.372.2781  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## OLMSTED COUNTY

### Rochester

#### **Artifact Identification and Flint Knapping Demonstration**

Robert Boszhardt, archaeologist at the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, will be on hand to identify artifacts brought in by visitors. There will also be an ongoing flint knapping demonstration, showing how stone tools were made.

Date: **Thursday, May 14**, 11 am to 2 pm  
Sponsor: History Center of Olmsted County and the Rochester Downtown Alliance  
Location: Peace Plaza, 1st Avenue & 1st Street SW Downtown Rochester  
Contact: James Lundgren at 507.282.9447 or [director@olmstedhistory.com](mailto:director@olmstedhistory.com)  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.

#### **Hands-on Archaeology, Help Survey a Known Archaeological Site**

Robert Boszhardt, archaeologist at the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, will lead a group of volunteers doing surface reconnaissance on an important, early archaeological site in the Rochester area. Participants will receive instruction on site about how to recognize artifacts and the guidelines for doing surface survey before actually walking the site. This is in preparation for later test excavations at the site.

Date: **Friday, May 15**, two sessions, Session 1: 9 am to 12 pm and Session 2: 1 to 4 pm  
Sponsor: History Center of Olmsted County  
Location: Participants will be informed where to meet for the event.  
Contact: James Lundgren at 507.282.9447 or [director@olmstedhistory.com](mailto:director@olmstedhistory.com)  
Note: Pre-registration is required and there is a fee for the event. Participants should be able to stand and walk over uneven ground during the 3 hour session. Dress appropriately for the weather. The event is limited to 20 participants for each session.



## STEARNS COUNTY

### St. Cloud

#### **Minnesota's Earliest Inhabitants**

People have been living in Minnesota since the end of the last Ice Age, about 13,000 years ago. Dr. Mark Muñoz, professor at St. Cloud State University, will explain how people adapted to survive in a changing environment.

Date: **Wednesday, May 13**, 9 am  
Sponsor: Stearns History Museum  
Location: Stearns History Museum, 235 South 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. For directions see <http://www.stearns.history.museum>  
Contact: Steve Penick at 320.253.8424  
Note: There is a \$5 admission fee for non-museum members.



## WADENA COUNTY

### Verndale

#### **Wheat Trail Tour**

Join the Wadena County Historical Society and the Verndale Historical Society for a bus tour of sites across the county pertaining to the historic Wheat Trail. See physical evidence of this historic trail and learn some of its history. The trail was in existence only during the late 1800s when it moved wheat south from the Shell prairies.

Date: **Saturday, May 16** starting at 10:30 am  
Sponsor: Wadena County Historical Society and Verndale Historical Society  
Location: Bus will leave from Verndale  
Contact: Sandy Pratt at 218.631.9079  
Note: You must pre-register for the event by contacting Sandy Pratt at the number above. There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of transportation and the meal which will be provided. The last time this event was offered the bus filled quickly so be sure to make your reservations early.



## WISCONSIN

### Superior

#### **Excavation of a Native American Encampment in Wisconsin**

Chuck Revak will present a public lecture on salvage excavations of a fur trade period site in Wisconsin.

Date: **Monday May 11, 7 - 8:30 pm**  
Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archaeological Society and Superior Public Library  
Location: Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue  
Contact: Dr. Susan Mulholland at 218.624.5489 or [suemulholland@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com)  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.

#### **Artifact Identification Workshop**

The public is invited to bring in artifacts for identification. Larry Furo will be the event leader. This is your opportunity to find out just what that thing is you found.

Date: **Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archaeological Society and Superior Public Library  
Location: Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue  
Contact: Dr. Susan Mulholland at 218.624.5489 or [suemulholland@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com)  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.

#### **Minnesota's Ice Age Megafauna**

David Mather, of the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, will present a lecture about Late Pleistocene fauna including recent finds in southeastern Minnesota of saber-tooth tiger and stag-moose.

Date: **Wednesday, May 13, 7 - 8:30 pm**  
Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archaeological Society and Superior Public Library  
Location: Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue  
Contact: Dr. Susan Mulholland at 218.624.5489 or [suemulholland@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com)  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## CANADA

### Thunder Bay, Ontario

#### **Canadian Archaeological Association Annual Meeting 2009**

Join our neighbors to the north for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association.

Date: **May 13-17**  
Sponsor: Canadian Archaeological Association  
Location: Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario  
Note: For event details check out the event web site at <http://flash.lakeheadu.ca/~pnhollin/CAA2009.html>

## BEFORE & AFTER ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK



## HENNEPIN COUNTY

### Minneapolis

#### **Minneapolis Riverfront Rebirth - Panel Discussion**

By the early 1970s the Minneapolis riverfront was an industrial wasteland. Thirty-five years later, high-end condos stand next to cultural landmarks like the Guthrie Theater. Journalist Linda Mack will lead an "interactive history" event bringing together some of the people involved including former Minneapolis City Council Members Kathleen O'Brien and Louis DeMars, Minnesota State Archaeologist Scott Anfinson, and longtime Nicollet Island resident John Chaffee. Audience members will be encouraged to ask questions and contribute to the discussion.

Date: **Thursday, May 7, 7 pm**  
Sponsor: Mill City Museum  
Location: Mill City Museum, 704 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Contact: Museum staff at 612.341.7555

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



## KANDIYOHI COUNTY

Spicer

### **Kandiyohi Archaeology Day**

Frank Joseph will give a presentation titled "The Early Native Americans of Minnesota". Joel Osmond will be on hand demonstrating flint knapping and there will also be various displays and exhibitors relating to Earth Day which is also being celebrated at the event.

Date: **Saturday, April 18, 8 am - 1 pm**  
Sponsor: Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center and Indian History Club  
Location: Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, 2 miles west of TH 71, on County Road 29  
Contact: Steve Erickson at 320.593.4612  
Note: The event is free and open to the public.



## PINE COUNTY

Pine City

### **Arrowheads and Stone Tools: Pine City Knapp-in**

Learn about the skilled art of making spear points and arrowheads and how modern flint knappers keep this ancient craft alive. This annual event attracts knappers from around the country who will demonstrate their skills, the same as those used thousands of years ago to create the tools used to hunt wild game. On Friday, an archaeologist will identify artifacts for visitors who bring in their collection materials.

Date: **Friday, June 26, 12 -5 pm and Saturday, June 27, 10 am - 4 pm**  
Sponsor: North West Company Fur Post  
Location: North West Company Fur Post, 1.5 miles west of I-35, at Pine City exit 169  
Contact: Site Interpretive Center at 320.629.6356  
Note: The event is free, but there is an admission charge to the site.



## WISCONSIN

LaCrosse

### **Field Survey Opportunity**

Help survey LaCrosse area fields to find unreported archaeological sites. Each day will end in the archaeology lab to wash the artifacts recovered. Connie Arzigian of the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center will lead the event.

Date: **Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 8:30 am - 4 pm**  
Sponsor: Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC)  
Location: LaCrosse Archaeology Center and Laboratories, 1725 State Street  
Contact: Jean Dowiasch at 608.785.8454  
Note: The event is free and open to the public, but advanced registration is required. Participants are invited to become MVAC members.

**Major Sponsors: Council for Minnesota Archaeology; Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, Office of the State Archaeologist, US Army Corps of Engineers-St. Paul District. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Minnesota Department of Administration.**

