Archaeology Month Events

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are free and open to the public. Economic valuation or written authentication of artifacts will not be given.

Bridgeton—September 3, 7:00 p.m.
Rediscovering the Atlatl
Eric Smith has extensive experience in the use of atlatls and is one of the first people in Missouri in modern times to kill a deer using one. Sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Archaeological Society.
Bridgeton Trails Branch, St. Louis County Library, 3455 McKelvey Rd
Contact: Alan Banks, abanks7@att.net

Bridgeton—September 10, 7:00 p.m.
Public Program
Stan Prater will portray General U.S. Grant at a program for the Bridgeton Historical Society. Mr. Prater had been involved in Civil War re-enactment and portraying General Grant since 1987 and has participated in many re-enactments and as a movie and television show extra. His program will be educational and entertaining.
Bridgeton Recreation Center, 4201 Fee Fee Road
Contact: 314-291-1165; Alan Banks, abanks7@att.net

Byrnes Mill—October 5, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Byrnes Mill Fall Festival
Featuring historical displays, demonstrations, and music, the Three Rivers Chapter will have a booth of artifacts, children's activities, and demonstrations.
Contact: Eric Smith, EricSmithTRC@gmail.com

Columbia—September 22, 2 p.m.
Ozark Bluff Dwellers: A Legacy of Mark R. Harrington
Presented by R. Bruce McMillan.
Museum of Anthropology, University of Missouri
2002 Mizzou North, 115 Business Loop 70 W
Contact: Candy Sall, 573-882-3764, or sallc@missouri.edu

Danville—September 14, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Archaeology Day at Graham Cave State Park
Visitors of all ages are invited to help celebrate at one of Missouri's most significant early landmarks. The event will begin with a Dutch-oven cooking demonstration with food to follow. Other activities will include an atlatl demonstration and tryout by the World Atlatl Association; Osage culture games and presentations featuring the Osage traveling trunk; flintknapping; deer-bone fish hook-making demonstration; pre- and post-contact artifact displays; and a hands-on archaeological excavation model.
217 Hwy TT; 2 miles W of Danville off I-70 (Exit 170)
Contact: park staff, (573) 564-3476

DeSoto—September 14, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Washington State Park Archaeology Day
The Three Rivers Chapter and park staff will host archaeological displays, demonstrations, and activities including atlatl throwing.
13041 State Hwy 105
Contact: park staff, (636) 586-5768; Eric Smith, EricSmithTRC@gmail.com

Eminence—Month of September, open Saturdays
Shannon County Artifact Exhibit
A small display of artifacts including projectile points, pottery sherds, and axes found in Shannon County. If the museum is closed when you visit please call one of the numbers on the door and a volunteer will open up for you.
Shannon County Museum, 18451 Main St (Hwy 19), one block south of the courthouse
Contact: Alan Banks, (314) 291-1165, or abanks7@att.net

Eminence—September 27, 7:00 p.m.
Archaeological Program at the Shannon County Museum
Presented by Jessica Fry from the Ozarks National Scenic Riverways, the program will be about the Museum's collections and past archaeological projects in the park.
Shannon County Museum, 18451 Main St (Hwy 19), one block south of the courthouse
Contact: Alan Banks, (314) 291-1165, or abanks7@att.net

Fertile (Old Mines)—October 6, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Annual Fete de l'Automne (Autumn Festival)
Food and booths steeped in French Heritage with live Creole music. The Three Rivers Chapter will host archaeology and history displays, demonstrations, and children's activities.
1 mile east of Washington State Park on Hwy CC
Contact: Eric Smith, EricSmithTRC@gmail.com

Greenfield—September 26–29
Annual Bois D'Arc Primitive Skills Camp and Knap-In
Dedicated to the research, practice, and teaching of ancient lifeways and wilderness skills, this event features a free knap-in/native arts-crafts show with top-notch knappers, artists, and craftsmen making and selling their work. In the for-fee Workshop Area, a pool of some of the area's finest instructors offer workshops on various wilderness skills and crafts.
Hulston Mill Historic Park, County Rd 92
Contact: Don, (417) 234-0666, boisdarc@firstearth.org
Website: http://www.boisdarc.info/
Cost: Overnight camping and vendor-knapper setup: $5–$15/night; Workshop Area admission: $60/day or $150/3 days

Imperial—September 9, 7–8 p.m.
Three Rivers Chapter Meeting: Artifacts from the NGA West Facility in St. Louis, Missouri
Presented by Joe Harl of the Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis.
Mastodon State Historic Site, 1050 Becker Dr
Contact: Eric Smith, EricSmithTRC@gmail.com
**Imperial**—September 21, 10 A.M.–3 P.M.
*Mastodon Museum Archaeology Day*
The Three Rivers Chapter and park staff will host archaeological displays, demonstrations, and activities including atlatl throwing. Museum admission will be free on this day only.

Mastodon State Historic Site, 1050 Becker Dr
Contact: park staff, (636) 464-2976; mastodon.state.historic.site@dnr.mo.gov

**Jefferson City**—September 4, 7 P.M.
*The Landing: History and Archaeology in Missouri’s Capital City*
Three buildings on north Jefferson Street in Missouri’s capital are all that remains of the once-bustling river port now known as Jefferson Landing State Historic Site. The buildings at Lohman’s Landing are the last surviving structures that witnessed the early development of the capital city. Archaeological excavations surrounding the surviving buildings have occurred periodically since the 1970s. By utilizing historic documents, photographs, and previous archaeological investigations, a more complete history of the Landing and Jefferson City can be told. Presented by Archaeologist Rachel Campbell, Missouri State Parks.

Lohman Building, 100 Jefferson Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Contact: John Peterson, john.peterson@dnr.mo.gov

**Revere**—September 7, 9 A.M.–?? P.M.
*Fall Symposium*
Details on Page 3.
12378 Athens State Park Rd
Contact: mas@missouristate.edu, or (417) 836-3773

**Springfield**—August through April 2020
*ART 485: Art of Mesoamerica*
Two large glass exhibit cases will display the final course projects by Spring 2019 ART 485: Art of Mesoamerica students. The students had the choice of researching five Mesoamerican objects and then designing an exhibit on or reproducing a Mesoamerican object using traditional methods and materials. Nine exhibit models with photos, labels, and exhibit texts for each of the researched Mesoamerican art objects and reproductions of six Mesoamerican art objects along with labels and exhibit texts will be displayed. Sponsored by the Art and Design Department, MSU.

Brick City Building 1 on the corner of Mill and Campbell, Contact: BillieFollensbee@MissouriState.edu

**Springfield**—September through December
*Exhibit of Art and Artifacts*
Exhibit of over 75 objects featuring Native art and artifacts from throughout the Americas along with student-researched labels and exhibit texts about the objects. The art and artifacts generously loaned by area museums and collections range from Andean textiles and basketry, to Mesoamerican ceramic figurines, to Kuna molas from Panama, to American Southwest ceramic vessels. This research is the final product of the best student course projects from the Fall 2018 ART 385: Art of the Americas class and the Spring 2019 ART 485: Art of Mesoamerica class, which are both Citizenship and Service-Learning courses. Sponsored by Special Collections and Archives, Meyer Library and Department of Art and Design, MSU.

Special Collections and Archives Gallery, Meyer Library, MSU, 901 S National Ave
Contact: BillieFollensbee@MissouriState.edu

**Warrensburg**—September 14, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.
*UCM Archaeology Field Day*
Come to Pertle Springs for a day of experimental archeology: flintknapping, atlatl throwing, blacksmithing, spinning, and weaving demonstrations—with opportunities for attendees to take home their own attempts at flintknapping and weaving. There will also be guided tours of the WPA camp archaeological site at Pertle Springs.

Sponsored by the UCM Anthropology Program and the McClure Archives and University Museum.

Pertle Springs Park: From Business 33/Maguire St, turn west on Hale Lake Rd, then left on Pertle Springs Rd, travel to the Eastern picnic shelter
Contact: Jeff Yelton, yelton@ucmo.edu; Amber Clifford-Napoleone, clifford@ucmo.edu

**Warrensburg**—September 23, 2 P.M.
*Recent Excavations in Oman*
Krista Lewis from University of Arkansas, Little Rock, will deliver the annual Paul and Colleen Nance lecture. Krista Lewis has actively excavated in Oman and Yemen for over a decade, and will present her current findings on an ongoing excavation at the site of Al Baleed in Oman.

Sponsored by the McClure Archives and University Museum and the UCM Anthropology Program.

University of Central Missouri, Elliot Union Ballroom, corner of Clark and Holden Sts; free parking in red kiosk visitor lot at southeast corner of Clark and Holden Sts intersection
Contact: Amber Clifford-Napoleone, clifford@ucmo.edu

These state parks and historic sites have interpreted archaeological components—Archaeology Month is a great time to visit!

**Danville**
*Graham Cave State Park*
Graham Cave State Park features a prehistoric site and includes displays on natural and cultural cave features.
217 Hwy TT, 2 miles west of Danville off I-70 (Exit 170)
Contact: park staff, (573) 564-3476

**De Soto**
*Petroglyphs at Washington State Park*
Washington State Park was the location of prehistoric ceremonies associated with Mississippian Indian culture. Petroglyphs remain as evidence of their beliefs. The park contains the largest group of petroglyphs yet discovered in Missouri and is on the National Register of Historic Places.
13041 State Hwy 105
Contact: park staff, (636) 586-5768

**East Prairie**

**Exhibits at Towosahgy State Historic Site**
Exhibit panels overlook the Towosahgy site, a civic-ceremonial center and fortified village dating to A.D. 1000–1400. 13 mi SE of East Prairie, off Hwy 80 on Hwy 77
Contact: park staff, (573) 748-5340

**Imperial**

**Exhibits at Mastodon State Historic Site**
The site is the home of the Kimmswick Bone Bed, a Pleistocene Ice Age deposit containing fossils, including bones of mastodons. Interpretive trails and a museum tell the story of the Clovis culture, which existed in the area about 13,000 to 13,500 calendar years ago.
Mastodon State Historic Site, 1050 Becker Dr
Contact: park staff, (636) 464-2976

**Jackson**

**Exhibit on the Trail of Tears**
Trail of Tears State Park commemorates the 1837–1839 removal of Cherokees to Indian Territory. A portion of the trail has been preserved in this park.
Trail of Tears State Park, 429 Moccasin Springs
Contact: park staff, (573) 334-1711

**Kirksville**

**Petroglyphs at Thousand Hills State Park**
Park naturalists provide scheduled interpretive programs about park petroglyphs.
20431 State Hwy 157
Contact: park staff, (660) 665-6995

**Miami**

**Exhibits on Native American Culture in Missouri**
Van Meter State Park preserves and interprets sites associated with the Oneota Culture and the Missouria.
Van Meter State Park, 12 miles NW of Marshall on Hwy 122
Contact: van.meter.state.park@dnr.mo.gov

**Nevada**

**Exhibits at Osage Village State Historic Site**
Open-air exhibit panels overlook the Osage Village State Historic Site, a village dating to 1700–1775.
9 miles east of Nevada (near Walker), 6 miles north of Hwy 54 on Route C, west 3 miles on a gravel road
Contact: park staff, (417) 682-2279

**Pilot Knob**

**Exhibits at Fort Davidson State Historic Site**
The Fort Davidson State Historic Site preserves Fort Davidson and the Pilot Knob battlefield associated with an 1864 Civil War battle.
Off Hwy 21 on Route V
Contact: park staff, (573) 546-3454

**Sibley**

**Fort Osage National Landmark**
Built in 1808 under the direction of William Clark, the Fort served as a military garrison and trade center. Overlooking the Missouri River, this site has been reconstructed to portray Fort Osage ca. 1812. Authentically attired interpreters provide insight into the daily life of the inhabitants.
107 Osage St
Contact: site staff, (816) 650-5737, fortosage@jacksongov.org

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**Fall Symposium**

The 2019 Fall Symposium will be Saturday, September 7 in Rever, Missouri at Battle of Athens State Historic Site, the location of the most northernmost Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River.

The theme for Archaeology Month 2019 is *Vessels of the Past*. Morning presentations will be held in the shelter house at the park.

Presentations will be followed by a picnic lunch at the same shelter house. Lunch will be beef BBQ and buns, au gratin potatoes, pasta salad, tea or lemonade, and chocolate cake for $10 catered by Steve’s Family Restaurant.

Following lunch, attendees will join in a guided tour of the Battle of Athens Site. Next, attendees will caravan 24 miles to Iliniwek State Historic Site for a presentation and tour. Iliniwek represents the only known Illinois (Peoria and Moingwena) Indian village in Missouri. This village was visited by Marquette and Joliet in 1673. The visit was noted in a journal of the expedition and indicated that it had perhaps 8,000 inhabitants at that time.

Be sure to make plans to attend and learn more about topics relative to Missouri archaeology and these two unique state historic sites.

Pre-registration is required for those joining us for lunch; an RSVP is requested for those attending, but not having lunch. There is no cost to attend. Registration materials will be mailed to all members and will also be available on the MAS website.

The 2019 Fall Symposium is sponsored by Missouri State Parks and the Iliniwek Chapter.