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The electronic supplement of *Archaeology News* is published three times each year to inform MVAC members of new finds and upcoming events. Members who would like a hard copy of the supplement mailed to their homes can contact me at (608) 785-8454 or dowiasch.jean@uwlax.edu.

Enjoy the newsletter!
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Artifact Show a Success!

Thanks to fifteen Midwest artifact collectors, the 2006 Artifact Show held on March 11 was quite a success. A steady flow of individuals brought in artifacts for identification, and many artifact displays were extensive and exotic. Most collections are of prehistoric artifacts recovered by collectors, with some historic artifacts on display as well. The Prairie du Chien Historical Society displayed many historic artifacts from the Fort Crawford Museum. Over 2,000 people stopped by the tables to view and discuss the artifacts on display.

The 2006 mystery artifact was a stone hoe (see image at right) which was donated to MVAC last year by the Gary Tischer family of La Crosse. Gerald Hiebich of Ettrick correctly guessed that this tool was used for hoeing corn and other crops by late prehistoric cultures. Congratulations to Mr. Hiebich, who will receive a free MVAC membership for the year.



Thanks to Valley View Mall for letting MVAC host this event at the mall; and to the collectors and MVAC staff members who volunteered to share their knowledge with the public.

2006 Collectors

Chad Burroughs
Bob Halseth
Clair Jacobson
Bob Keiper
James Losinski
William Meyer
Ellsworth Olson
Prairie du Chien Historical Society
Ron Rodenberg
Keith Searce
Noel Snyder
Hoyt Strandberg
John & Otto Swennes
Stan Teske



Images from the Artifact Show



Public Field Survey

Record attendance made this year's Public Field Survey one of the best ever! Over forty people attended this two-day event on May 6-7. After a quick introduction at the lab each morning, MVAC archaeologist Connie Arzigian and the crew headed out to the field. LeVern DeVries provided a presentation on lithics and raw materials during the lunch hour. After lunch and more surveying, the artifacts were washed back at the lab, and everyone was able to see what had been collected from each field.

One new upland site was discovered with several flakes collected along with the base of an early (possibly Paleo) projectile point. One known site in the Long Coulee area was re-visited, resulting in a large amount of stone flakes and several tools collected. Other fields in the Holmen area were also surveyed, and many artifacts were recovered, despite poor surveying conditions. According to Connie, those people who come back each year "really know what they're doing," and they never give up on finding artifacts.



2006 Field Survey Volunteers

- Miranda Alexander
- Caroline Anfinson
- Mike Bailey, Allana
- Gene Buksa
- Debbie Butzler, Matt
- Jim & Nicole Cox
- Robert & Patti Dunning
- LeVern DeVries
- Lee Grosskreutz, Joe
- Mike Hansen, Matthew & Aaron
- Mary Hatfield
- Mike Kiffel, Emma
- Chuckie Kohanek
- Andy Kranz
- Mike Lahner
- Jean Levissee
- Doug & Ben Patschall
- Ron & Julie Pronsinski, Avery
- Amoreena Rathke
- Emily Richison, Cedric, Angus, Greta, Izaak
- Jacquelyn Schnabl
- Annette Thiede
- Andrea Trocinski, Grace
- Tony Welhouse
- Daphne Williams, Nick



Thanks to the landowners who permitted us to survey their fields!

- Wayne & Linda Anderson
- Roy & Donna Grade
- Paul & Diane Jostad
- Todd and Andrea Trocinski



Upcoming Events

SUMMER YOUTH CLASSES

Register for classes with UWL Continuing Education & Extension at (608) 785-6508 or <http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/html/youth-programs.htm>. All summer classes meet in Room 311 Wimberly Hall, UW-La Crosse campus. Call Jean at (608) 785-8454 for scholarship information.

Introduction to Archaeology, grades 5 - 9

July 19, 2006; \$50

Middle School Field Experience, grades 5 - 9*

July 20-21, 2006; \$125

Temples and Tombs, grades 4 - 6

July 24, 2006; \$50

*Introduction to Archaeology class must be taken prior to taking the Middle School Field Experience.

PUBLIC FIELD EXPERIENCE: multi-age

Participate in an actual archaeological excavation working alongside professional archaeologists in the field. Test units will be excavated, lab work will be explored, and an experimental archaeology component will be included. Supervised dorm facilities are available for high school students at an additional cost. Register with UWL Continuing Education & Extension at (608) 785-6508 or <http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/> click on "Register Online Now!"

Three Day Experience

July 17- 19, 2006; \$300

Five Day Experience

July 17- 21, 2006: \$450

KING TUT EXHIBIT: Chicago Field Museum Bus Trip

The King Tut exhibition consists of more than 130 artifacts from King Tut's tomb as well as Egypt's Valley of the Kings (and other Field Museum exhibits). If interested please contact Jody Bruce at bruce.jody@uwlax.edu or (608) 785-8463, or send check to MVAC, 1725 State St, La Crosse, WI 54601 by **June 26, 2006**.

Date: Friday, September 8, 2006

Cost: \$75, includes bus fare and all museum fees

Time: 6:30 a.m. - late that evening

Meet: UWL Archaeology Center & Laboratories

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT SILVER MOUND

Date: Saturday, October 7

Cost: \$4/adult; children under 6 free

Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Hixton-Alma Center KOA, STH 95 north of Hixton, WI

MVAC staff archaeologists will provide tours of one of Wisconsin's oldest, largest, and most important archaeological sites. Atlatl throwing, arrow making & flintknapping demonstrations; artifact displays, traditional basketry, beadwork, and food for sale.