

History Matters Day Recap by Mandy Winthelser



Mandy Winthelser (L) and Mara Taft (far R) at the MAS History Matters Day booth.

At the beginning of March, members of the Minnesota Archaeological Society participated in History Matters Day at the state capitol. This event was a chance for individuals to speak with their representatives about the importance of history funding in our state. The Minnesota Archaeological Society had a table at the event where we were able to display our organizational information and talk to others. We were able to speak with state and county historical societies, legislators, historic preservation groups, and many other interested individuals.

Additionally, we were able to show video clips from our upcoming documentary project.

This documentary will be a 30-minute video whose central theme is Minnesota archaeology and the importance of using rigorous academic standards, scientifically-acquired data, and testable hypotheses to understand the past. The Minnesota Archaeological Society is excited to partner with Twin Cities Public Television on this project. The project is being funded by a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Program Grant. Securing and increasing funds for programs like this grant is the reason we support History Matters Day.

We would like to thank our members for their support, either by visiting the capitol, or by calling and writing to your legislators. Securing funds for history projects will ensure that the Minnesota Archaeological Society and all our partners in history can collect, preserve, and share our Minnesota History.

Letter from the President

By Dan Wendt

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.

September is Archaeology Month! MAS members will be involved in programs and activities around the state. Check the State Archaeologist's website for a complete schedule and check our MAS website and Facebook page for updates. Key MAS activities will include:

Sept. 14 & 15: Archaeology Fair at Fort Snelling State Park. The event will include activities and displays of archaeology around Minnesota and will offer demonstrations of pottery and stone tool making by traditional methods.

Sept. 26: MAS Lecture at 6pm in the Steele County Historical Society. Bob Suchanek (MAS Board Member) will provide an introduction to his study of stone tools in Steele County.

Sept. 28: Archaeology Day at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park. The archaeology of the state park will be explored and its key role in the understanding of Minnesota's rich history. Demonstrations and displays will highlight the variety of ways archaeologists pull together multiple lines of evidence to better understand the past.

October will bring the Midwest Archaeological Conference to Mankato, Minnesota. Events and lectures are planned from Thursday October 10th to Saturday October 12th. Key lecture symposia will explore Native American perspectives on Archaeological Practice and results of recent large scale survey studies in Minnesota counties.

This fall we will be completing the Public Television Video "Science and Critical Thinking in Minnesota Archaeology". The public television video is being supported through Minnesota Legacy Grant funds in the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Program. We are excited to be working with Twin Cities Public Television and are presently in the process of completing filming. We are planning to release the video in multiple forums in April 2020 including your local Minnesota Public Television channel. We are excited to have the opportunity to share in the current public conversation about the explosion of popular culture 'fake archaeology' programs and present what archaeology can tell us about the exciting stories of the people who really lived in Minnesota.

The 2016 issue of the Minnesota Archaeologist will be printed and shipped this fall and the 2017 volume completed later this year. Thank you for your patience.

We have offered complete historical record of the Minnesota Archaeologist on a flashdrive. We learned from several people who bought the drive that there were gaps in the files. We apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced and we will be happy to send you a new corrected drive if you need one.



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ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS

Be sure to check the Office of the State Archaeologist website for event updates.

Clay County—Moorhead

Cinnamon Whiskey and the Archaeological Study of Alcohol Use along the Red River, Moorhead

Dr. George Holley of Minnesota State University Moorhead will present a lecture concerning the recent archaeological work at the Saloon Row site in downtown Moorhead.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Location: Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, 202 1st Ave. N.

Contact: Georg R. Holley at holley@mnstate.edu

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

Cottonwood County—Windom

New Insights into Ancient Lifeways on the Red Rock Ridge

Tom Sanders will discuss the results of this summer's survey on the Red Rock Ridge by the Red Rock Ridge Research Group. The survey has produced new insights into Indigenous people's activities on the Ridge.

Date: Sunday, Sept. 29, 2 pm

Sponsor: Cottonwood County Historical Society

Location: Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 4th Avenue

Contact: Linda Fransen at 507-831-1134 or cchs@windomnet.com

Note: The event is free and open to the public

Dakota County—South St. Paul

Public Archaeology Opportunities in Dakota County

This talk will cover recent archaeology undertaken as part of a legacy grant by the Dakota County Historical Society and discuss upcoming opportunities for the public to get involved in field and lab events. Dr. Jeremy Nienow is the speaker.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Dakota County Historical Society

Location: Leduc Historic Estate, 1629 Vermillion Street, Hastings, MN

Contact: Rebecca Snyder at 651-552-7548

Note: The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP contact Rebecca Snyder at the number above.

Faribault County—Winnebago

Archaeology Month Open House

The Winnebago Area Museum will celebrate Minnesota Archaeology Month by hosting an open house. This is your opportunity to learn more about Faribault County

history and see archaeological displays about the past cultures of the County.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9 am - noon

Sponsor: Winnebago Area Museum

Location: Winnebago Area Museum, 16 Main Street South

Contact: Carol A. Hill at 507-458-8263 or chilli@bevcomm.net

Note: The event is free and open to the public but donations are appreciated.

Hennepin County—Minneapolis

Minnesota Archaeology Fair

The 17th annual Minnesota Archaeology Fair will include a variety of poster and artifact displays, demonstrations and activities illustrating and explaining the archaeology of Minnesota. There will be artifact identification, an artifact toss and demonstrations of pottery-making and flintknapping.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Sept. 15, 11 am to 4 pm

Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Archaeological Society

Location: Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center, Fort Snelling State Park

Contact: Patricia Emerson at 612-725-2410 or patri-cia.emerson@mnhs.org

The event is free but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park. Check the park calendar to ensure event location before attending.

Minnesota's Underwater Archaeology and Maritime History

Not-for-profit organization Maritime Heritage Minnesota has been identifying, documenting, researching, and interpreting wrecks and other submerged archaeological resources in Minnesota's lakes and rivers for 15 years. Learn about our shared Maritime History from the only two nautical, underwater, and maritime archaeologists working in the state.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Sept. 15, 11 am to 4 pm

Sponsor: Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Location: Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center, Ft. Snelling State Park

Contact: Ann Merriman at 651-261-2265 or mhm@maritimeheritagemn.org

The event is free but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park. Check the park calendar to confirm location



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ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS CONT'D

Mille Lacs County—Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

Archaeology Day

Come enjoy a full day of demonstrations and activities highlighting archaeology and the rich heritage of the Mille Lacs area. Check out the event web site at: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=61269

Date: Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 am to 3 pm
 Sponsor: Minnesota DNR Parks & Trails, the Minnesota Archaeological Society and St. Cloud State University
 Location: Mille Lacs Kathio State Park, one mile off of U.S. Highway 169 on Co. Rd. 26
 Contact: Erin Fallon at 320-523-3269 or erin.fallon@state.mn.us

Note: The event is free and open to the public but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park.

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Ramsey County—St. Paul

Public Archaeology Opportunities in Ramsey County

This talk will cover recent archaeology undertaken as part of a legacy grant by the Ramsey County Historical Society and discuss upcoming opportunities for the public to get involved in field and lab events. Dr. Jeremy Nienow is the speaker.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
 Sponsor: Ramsey County Historical Society
 Location: Gibbs Farm, 2097 Larpenteur Ave. West
 Contact: Robyn Priestly at 651-222-0701
 Note: The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP please call Robyn Priestly at the number above.

Office of the State Archaeologist Open House

Come and visit the new home of the Office of the State Archeologist. Meet our staff and tour our new facilities.

Date: Monday, Sept. 30, 10 am to noon.
 Sponsor: Office of the State Archaeologist
 Location: 328 W. Kellogg Boulevard
 Contact: Bruce Koenen at 651-201-2264 or bruce.koenen@state.mn.us

Note: There will be short program at 10:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

Redwood County—Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site **Lower Sioux Indian Community: Protecting Cultural Legacy**

Learn more about archaeology and Tribal preservation in Cansayapi; current and past efforts to protect and expand Lower Sioux's cultural legacy. What's been done, what's being done and how you can help. Steven Blondo of Blondo Consulting, LLC will be the speaker for the event.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 12, 5 to 7 pm
 Sponsor: Lower Sioux Indian Community/Tribal Historic Preservation Office
 Location: Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site, 32469 County Highway 2, Morton. Two miles east of Jackpot Junction.

Contact: Cheyanne St. John at 507-697-8672 or lowersiouxthpo@lowersioux.com

Note: Admission is \$6 and includes museum exhibits and the event. The event is free for citizens of Federally Recognized Tribes. The event is limited to 50 participants.

Scott County—Shakopee

Public Archaeology Opportunities in Scott County

This talk will cover recent archaeology undertaken as part of a legacy grant by the Scott County Historical Society and discuss upcoming opportunities for the public to get involved in field and lab events. Dr. Jeremy Nienow is the speaker.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 5, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
 Sponsor: Scott County Historical Society
 Location: Scott County Historical Society, 235 Fuller Street South
 Contact: Rose James at 952-445-0378

Note: The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP please call Rose James at the number above.

Steele County—Owatonna

Arrowheads in the Fields

Bob Suchanek of the Minnesota Archaeological Society will present an introduction to the prehistoric stone tools in Steele County. This illustrated talk provide an overview of the prehistory of the county and what we can learn by studying the artifacts the previous residents left behind.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 26, 6 pm
 Sponsor: Steele County Historical Society and Minnesota Archeological Society
 Location: Steele County History Center, 1700 Austin Rd
 Contact: James Lundgren at 507-451-1420

Note: Admission to the event is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and Steele County Historical Society members get in free .

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS CONT'D

Wadena County—Wadena

Archaeology in Wadena County

Lina Belar of the Wadena County Historical Society will provide an overview of the reports that have been written about Fur Trade Era excavations in Wadena County and explain why they are important to our knowledge of the past.

Date: Thursday, September 26, noon to 1 pm

Sponsor: Wadena County Historical Society

Location: Wadena County Museum, 603 Jefferson Street North

Contact: Lina Belar at 218-631-9079 or

603wchs@arvig.net

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

Check out the historical society's web page at <http://wadenacountyhistory.org/wchs-museum/>

Museum Exhibit

During the month of September the Wadena County Historical Museum will host an exhibit of artifacts excavated from Fur Trade Era sites in Wadena County. The artifacts were recovered from excavations done by the University of Minnesota, the Science Museum of Minnesota and others.

Date: Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm for the month of September

Sponsor: Wadena County Historical Society

Location: Wadena County Historical Society, 603 Jefferson Street North

Contact: Lina Belar at 218-631-9079 or

603wchs@arvig.net

Note: Check out the historical society's web page at <http://wadenacountyhistory.org/wchs-museum/>

Winona County—Whitewater State Park

Whitewater Valley Archaeology and History Festival

Celebrate the fascinating history of the Whitewater Valley! Through demonstrations, hands-on activities and special guest presenters, visitors will be transported back in time. Try your hand at archery or atlatl throwing. Observe traditional flint knapping techniques. Tour the former camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the German POWs who stayed here. Visit the historic Marnach House or take a selfie with Smokey Bear at the Elba Fire Tower. Pick up a schedule of the activities at the park office.

Date: Saturday, September 14, 12 to 3 pm

Sponsor: MnDNR Whitewater State Park

Location: Whitewater State Park

Contact: Park staff at 507-312-2300

Note: The event is free and open to the public but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park. To learn more check out the event web site at: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=56342

BONUS: Wisconsin

Douglas County—Superior

Carlton County Fur Trade

David H. Peterson will do a presentation on the history of the Fur Trade in Carlton County Minnesota as documented by artifacts recovered in the County

Date: Monday, September 16, 7 to 8:30 pm

Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archaeological Society

Location: Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue

Contact: Susan Mulholland at suemulholland@aol.com

[land@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com)

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

Around the State

Check out these web sites for more information about Minnesota archaeology and upcoming events around the state.

Council for Minnesota Archaeology: <http://mnarcheology.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CouncilforMinnesotaArchaeology/>

[CouncilforMinnesotaArchaeology/](https://www.facebook.com/CouncilforMinnesotaArchaeology/)

Minnesota Archaeological Society: <http://mnarchsociety.org/events.html>

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MnDOT Archaeology, MnModel an archaeological predictive model: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnmodel/index.html>

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MN Fieldnotes a blog about Minnesota archaeology and events: <http://mnfieldnotes.com/>

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A Facebook page about the Marshall Mountain Triple Point map in northern Minnesota and its interpretation: <https://www.facebook.com/steve.benassi/posts/900506856973928>

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Coming in October the Midwest Archaeological Conference is holding its annual meeting in Mankato, Minnesota. The dates are October 10-12, 2019. The meeting is open to non-members. Check out the conference web site for more information: <https://www.midwestarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/upcoming>

Check out the Office of the State Archaeologist web site for updates and additional events:

<https://mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/the-public/events/archaeology-month/>



In Memory of Christina Harrison

By Pat Emerson



Long-time Minnesota archaeologist Christina Harrison passed away in July at the age of 80. Christina was born in Sweden and attended the University of Uppsala before receiving her training in archaeology at London University, where she developed her distinctive Anglo-Swedish accent. She and her husband immigrated to the United States in the 1960s after he obtained a teaching position at Carlton College in Northfield.

Christina served as adjunct faculty at several schools, including the University of Minnesota, Hamline University and Carlton College. She became one of the founding members of the Council for Minnesota Archaeology in the 1960s, and later formed her own consulting business, Archaeological Research Services (ARS), as one of the first cultural resource management firms in Minnesota.

In the mid-1970s, Christina volunteered to conduct salvage excavations at the Silvernale Site (21-GD-3), a major Mississippian village site near Red Wing that was threatened by industrial development.

She worked throughout the state, doing survey projects for Federal agencies including the Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as State and local government agencies and private companies such as land developers. Her interest in history spurred Christina to serve on the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Committee and become a co-founder of Friends of Minnesota Barns.

Perhaps against her better judgement, Christina conducted three surveys at Runestone Park in Douglas County, the site at which the Kensington Runestone was purportedly discovered. This led her to comment on how irritating she found it when Runestone supporters assumed that, because she was Scandinavian, she would automatically believe that the Runestone was an authentic Norse artifact.

Christina was a colleague, friend and mentor to many in the preservation community in Minnesota. She will be missed.

Kathio Ceramics from Alexander Lake

By LeRoy Gonsior (MAS Board Member)



(Photograph from the Minnesota Historical Society Archaeology Department)

Kathio ceramics are from the Late Woodland Period and occur in east-central Minnesota with the most extensive archaeological presence at the outlet of Lake Mille Lacs in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park. According to *A Handbook of Minnesota Prehistoric Ceramics*, Kathio ceramics chronologically occur from 800 to 1200 A.D. They are recovered with Blackduck and Clam River ceramics with which they have been linked, however they distinctly are not found in northern Minnesota. Rims are typically decorated with a cord-wrapped object often over a smoothed surface. The lip may or may not be decorated. Chevrons are often seen, as represented in the two upper sherds here recovered in 2019 from the Lake Alexander site in Morrison County by the Minnesota State Parks and Trails Cultural Resource Program.

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