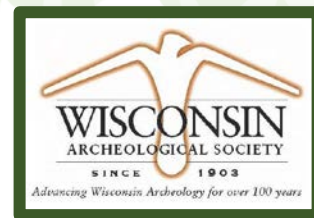


# WisArch News

The Newsletter of the Wisconsin Archeological Society

With Spring being Late,  
Some Fieldwork will have to Wait



Read this issue to learn what the  
season has to offer.

From the Editor

As we publish the fourteenth year of the newsletter of the Wisconsin Archeological Society I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your new editor. The newsletter provides a forum for the announcement of upcoming events, news of interest to the membership, photographs or short articles on interesting research or unique finds from the winter research season. Submissions from anyone with a fascination with the past in all its forms are encouraged. I would like to thank everyone who has graciously contributed to the newsletter and look forward to receiving additional submissions in the future. Copies of past WisArch News are available at the Societies web site.

Norm Meinholz

Museum Archaeology Program, Wisconsin Historical Society  
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## Save the Date! Spring Society Meeting Information

**When: Saturday**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Where: Lizard**  
**Mound County**  
**Park**  
**2121 County**  
**Hwy A**  
**West Bend, WI**

Meeting will run  
10AM to 11AM

**Details:**  
Short Business Meeting  
Park Open House  
Tours

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Term until spring of 2016

**President Elect:** Open Position

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## Message from the President: Kurt A. Sampson



The Wisconsin Archeological Society just finished up its 110<sup>th</sup> year of existence in 2013. We had a very busy and successful year with increased membership participation in my society sponsored events around the state which included: mound site clean ups and mound site tours, various lectures around the state at various WAS chapters, tours of other archaeological sites around the state, two successful spring and fall society business meetings where our board of directors and at-large advisors made important decisions that affect the direction of the society and put us in a more secure position for the future. We implemented a liability insurance policy that will help protect the society, its board, and our members. We also awarded three Increase A. Lapham Awards for distinguished contributions to Wisconsin archaeological research to: Drs. John Richards, Pat Richards, and Robert Jeske of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The entire editorial staff committee also helped to complete one of the most comprehensive double issue journals we as a society have ever produced. I would like to thank outgoing journal editor Dr. Joseph A. Tiffany of the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for his outstanding job as WAS journal editor from 2011-2013. Joe did a great job with the initial editing of the massive and ambitious 2013 Fred Edwards issue. He has left the journal in excellent shape and in great hands with Katherine Stevenson, Connie Arzigian, and Vicki Twinde-Javner of MVAC.

The WAS spring business meeting is set for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Lizard Mound County Park near West Bend, WI. The address of the effigy mounds park is 2121 County Hwy A, West Bend WI. The board business meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and last for one hour to 11:00 AM. This will be followed by an afternoon of special tours and exhibits of Lizard Mound County Park. Please refer to the informational poster on Facebook and on the society website for additional information.

I would like to personally thank the board of directors, the at-large advisors, chapter presidents, and our membership for all you do in terms of advisement and volunteer time put forth in efforts related to the society. I look forward to serving another term as president and I welcome any help and advisement from everyone in matters related to the society. Please stay tuned to the society Facebook page and Website for upcoming 2014 events.

Sincerely Yours,  
Kurt A. Sampson

### A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS OF THE WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGIST

The editors would like to once again thank Joseph A. Tiffany for his 2011–13 service as editor of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*, including taking on the ambitious 2013 Fred Edwards issue. After his retirement from the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, Joe received MVAC's 2013 James P. Gallagher Award for Archaeological Excellence, and recently he was chosen to receive the Distinguished Fellow award from the Iowa Academy of Science. We wish him the best as he continues his research from his new home base in Iowa.

Joe left the journal in excellent shape, with a number of submissions for the upcoming January–June issue, currently in preparation. The issue will feature a variety of articles on topics of interest, as well as "Archaeology Around Wisconsin 2013." The fall 2014 issue will be a festschrift honoring the contributions of James L. Theler, Professor Emeritus at UW–La Crosse.

We are currently looking for submissions for 2015, so please keep those contributions coming in!

--Connie Arzigian, Kathy Stevenson, and Vicki Twinde-Javner

## Society Business News

### Society Protected by New Insurance Policies

By Treasurer, Jake Rieb

Effective January 1, 2014, the Society is covered by two new insurance policies covering both general liability and directors & officers. The cost of these policies is substantial (combined \$832 per year) but extended deliberation among the board members has resulted in the majority conclusion that investment into these policies is necessary in order to both legally and financially protect the Society in today's world. The new policies will protect the Society in a number of potential worst-case scenarios. I shopped around with numerous carriers in order to obtain the best value in these policies for our money.

The general liability policy will provide financial and legal assistance in the event that the Society is found responsible for accidents/injuries to members of the general public at Society events or damage to rented venues (i.e. semi-annual meetings). This policy will also protect the Society from accidents to the general public at the Society's Heim Mound property in Middleton. This policy will cost \$382 per year.

The directors & officers policy will provide indemnity coverage for any person volunteering to serve as an officer or director of the Society. Wisconsin law requires that all corporations (the Society was incorporated in 1903) provide indemnity for all of its directors, in order to legally/financially protect individuals serving on the board from negligent decisions/actions of individual board members. This policy will cost \$450 per year.

### 2014 WAS Budget

Enclosed is the approved annual budget determined during the February 15<sup>th</sup> board budget-meeting. I greatly appreciate all of the input we received. Finances remain tight for the Society. Once again we are going into the year with a *projected* deficit (\$1,418), although I am optimistic we will be able to reduce this amount through efforts to increase membership. Our recent updates/additions to the website put us in a better position than ever to share our mission with the public and recruit new members.

All committees requesting funds have received them, although generally at more modest levels than last year. Our traditional \$500 donation to the Wisconsin Historical Society has also been temporarily reduced to \$250. Also due to the projected deficit we have decided to not reprint paper copies of recent (sold-out) back issues. As an alternative we will post digital copies for sale on the website. In fact, the majority of our 100+ year catalog of back issues already available for digital sale online.

The projected cost to print/ship Volume 95 of the journal will by itself use 97% of our expected dues and 83% of our expected net income. This leaves very little left in the coffers for our other worthy functions. Printing and postage costs continue to rise and we are going to be paying more than ever to get two issues of the journal mailed out to the membership. On a more positive note, the forecast from the editorial committee is that this will be an outstanding year for journal content!

Treasury changes for the year include moving our banking accounts to a more competitive and convenient bank (Bank of Prairie du Sac) and opening a number of CD accounts with \$30,000 of reserve money in order to once again earn interest (estimated at \$250/year) to help offset the projected deficit.

The need to soon raise dues will be a central point of discussion in this year's official business. Please consider your position on reasonable dues rates and justifications for your position.

If you have any specific questions about this budget feel free to contact me directly.

## WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET

Wisconsin Archeological Society 2014 Annual Budget (Approved at February 15, 2014 Budget Meeting)	Approved Budget Amounts	Actual Final Amounts (TBD@ year end)
Actual Checking Account Balance	(Jan 1st) 56820	
Actual Paypal Account Balance	0	
<i>Sub</i>		
<b>Total</b>		
<b>2014 Estimated Dues</b>	<b>7500</b>	
<b>Winter Dinner</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>General Donations</b>	<b>200</b>	
<b>WAS Store Sales (based on 2013 actual)</b>	<b>900</b>	
<b>Estimated CD account(s) (\$30,000) interest income</b>	<b>250</b>	
<i>Sub Total Annual revenue</i>	<b>9032</b>	
<b>2014 Estimated Expenses</b>		
2014 Vol 95 (1) Printing & Postage	3280	
2014 Vol 95 (2) Printing & Postage (Theler Festschrift)	4000	
Reprint Selected Back Issues (MVAC Proposed)	0	
Awards Committee (WASRA/Lapham/Ritzenthaler)	600	
Preservation of Sites Committee	200	
Outreach Committee (educational, event tables, etc.)	300	
Marketing Committee (recruitment, merchandise)	0	
Web/Multimedia Committee (website hosting)	288	
Digitization of Remaining Journals	0	
Wisconsin Archaeology Month Donation to WHS	250	
General Liability & D&O Insurance Policies	832	832
Spring and Fall Meeting Expenses (room rental, snacks, etc.)	100	
WAS Stores (supplies, mailing, etc. -- off set by sales revenue)	300	
Misc. (PO Box; tax filing fee, etc.)	300	
<i>Sub Total Annual Expenses</i>	<b>10,450</b>	
<b>Annual Budget Balance (deficit)</b>	<b>-1,418</b>	

**MULTIMEDIA COMMITTEE - WEBSITE and FACEBOOK** Wisconsin  
Archeological Society Fall 2013 Meeting September 28, 2013  
UW-Baraboo/Sauk County

Chair: Jake Pfaffenroth

[www.wiarcheologicalsociety.org](http://www.wiarcheologicalsociety.org)

**Introduction:**

The Facebook page continuously gains new followers and has over 500 right now. I'd like to see an increase in followers in the 18-24 age category. Perhaps generating some content tailored to college students is something worth exploring.

The website receives a great amount of traffic. Since October 2012 there have been 10,500+ page views, with an average of nearly 900 page views per month. Those 10,500 page views have come from over 3000 unique visitors - an average of 250 unique visitors per month. This means an average of 250 visitors monthly who have never been to the website before. This is an incredible opportunity to communicate with new people, and we should keep that in mind as we add content to the site.

**Updates and Ongoing Projects:**

1) The e-commerce function was recently activated and Jake Rieb has posted all available back issues for sale on the website. The website inventory is fully synced with the inventory that MVAC has. Currently, the prices for large-size issues is the same as in the past (\$12.50 per single, \$25 per combined issue), and the small-size issues have a lower price point of \$2 per single and \$4 per double. It may be desirable to decrease the cost of the large issues if they do not sell well.

The website is also ready for merchandise to be added when it is created.

2) Digital back issues are slowly being added. The process is fairly easy, but takes longer than expected. They will hopefully all be uploaded by January 2014. Digital issues are available for purchase immediately after they are uploaded, and are priced at \$5.99 per volume, or \$1.99 per individual issue.

3) A donations button was added to the webpage that permits donations to be made online. Donors are required to decide if they would like to remain anonymous. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone. Donors can also indicate any specific purposes they would like their donations used for, such as for student research grants, site preservation, etc. We recently received two \$500 donations from Kevin Bokay with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The committee recommends that the Society formally thank donors.

4) I would still like to create individual Chapter pages with as much or as little information as the chapters would like. Chapter officers should contact Jake Pfaffenroth to discuss this further.

5) I would like to create more educational resource pages. A good place to start would be a page on Heim Mound, including the history of the property, a summary of Effigy Mound builders, and the role of the Society in preserving the mound. The committee seeks a volunteer to create a 350-500 word draft of content for this page. Contact Jake Pfaffenroth to discuss this further.



**WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHAPTER EVENTS****Kenosha County Archaeological Society****2014 Schedule of Events**

- \* Friday - February 21 - 2 p.m. Continuation of lab work at Parkside. Work consists of sorting artifacts from 2013 excavation at a cabin in Petrified Springs.
- \* Saturday - April 5, 2014 - Farm field work looking for artifacts. Hargraves site in the morning, Potter site in the afternoon.
- \* Sunday - April 13 2014 - 1:30 p.m. Tamara Thomsen, Underwater Archaeologist at the Wisconsin Historical Society, presents "The Wreck of the SS Wisconsin in 1929 Off the Kenosha Harbor." SS Wisconsin contained new Nash's.
- \* Saturday - April 19, 2014 - Farm field walk looking for artifacts. Zelenski site.
- \* Saturday - May 10, 2014 - Momper Wood Jambau Trail cleanup. Meet at 1 p.m. Mompoer Woods.
- \* Saturday - June 7, 2014 - Bike Trail clean-up meeting at Kenosha North Side Library at 10 a.m.
- \* Saturday - June 28, 2014 - Field trip to open house at Lake Koshkonong excavation site. Professor Jeske will be doing more excavations at an Oneota village on Lake Koshkonong.
- \* Saturday - July 19, 2014 - Field trip to Henschel Museum and mass burial site.
- \* Saturday - August 2, 2014 - Pike River Rendezvous on Simmons Island, KCAS will have a display and "chunky" demonstration.
- \* Saturday - August 9, 2014 - Bike Trail clean-up meeting at Kenosha North Side Library.
- \* Saturday - October 11, 2014 - 1:30 p.m. - Jennifer Picard presents - "Floral remains at Aztalan."
- \* Saturday - October 18, 2014 - Bike Trail clean-up meeting at Kenosha North Side Library at 10 a.m.
- \* Saturday - December 13, 2014 - 1:30 p.m. - Richard Edwards presents "Results of 2014 Excavations at Lake Koshkonong."

## MVAC Events Spring 2014

By Jean Dowiasch  
Education Coordinator, Research Specialist  
Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center

**Lithic Materials Workshop:** Feb. 28-Mar 1

This two day event will feature informal presentations and displays, roundtable discussions, and a lithic materials exchange. Open to anyone interested in regional lithics issues.

**Howard Carter and the Search for Tutankhamen:** March 4

This lecture will discuss Carter's fascinating career within the context of the exploration of the Valley of the Kings, and the development of archaeology in Egypt. Speaker: Dr. David Anderson, UWL Dept. of Sociology/Archaeology

**Artifact Show:** March 8

Local collectors will display their artifacts, and MVAC will bring artifacts recovered from local excavations to Valley View Mall. Archaeologists will be on-hand to identify the public's artifacts.

**India's Oldest Stone Inscriptions:** April 10

This lecture discusses inscriptions in the South Indian state of Karnataka, as well as an experimental project to replicate an "Ashokan Edict." Speaker: Heather Walder, UWL Dept. of Sociology/Archaeology PhD Candidate, UW-Madison

**Archaeology Under the Streets:** April 18

This lecture MVAC archaeologists Dr. Kathy Stevenson and Dr. Connie Arzigian will share their discoveries under the main street in Onalaska, Wisconsin.  
Hamline University, St. Paul, MN (Anderson Hall, Room 111) 8 pm

**Volunteer Field Survey:** May 3 (May 10 rain date)

Volunteers can join MVAC archaeologists in surveying local fields to find unreported archaeological sites during Wisconsin Archaeology Month. Advanced registration required: 608-785-8454.

**Temples and Tombs of the Americas** – grades 4-6 (June 23)

**Introduction to Archaeology** – grades 5-9 (June 24)

**Middle School Field Experience** – grades 5-9 (June 25-26)

**Public Archaeology Field Experience** – adult and high school students (June 23-25)

**Public Archaeology Field School** – adult and high school students (June 23-27)

For more information, contact MVAC at 608-785-8463, website at [www.uwlax.edu/mvac](http://www.uwlax.edu/mvac)



### **Rock River Archeological Society 2014 Schedule**

All meetings to be held at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitors Center auditorium at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

#### **2014:**

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Theresa Mayer and Fr. Ed Sippel, "Nome, Alaska Gold Rush of 1898 and Eskimo Artifacts"

March 26<sup>th</sup> (Please note date is not third Wednesday): Bill Volkert, "Cultural and Natural History of the Horicon Marsh" Please join the Rock River Archeological Society from 6:00-7:00 at the Satterlee Clark House, 322 Winter Street in Horicon to view a great artifact display. Then, join us at Horicon City Hall, 404 East Lake Street, at 7:00 to hear our speaker, Bill Volkert.

April 16<sup>th</sup>: Ray Glazner, "Early Man/Native Americans"

May: Effigy Mound bus tour, dates and information TBA

October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>: Archeology Weekend

### **Upcoming Ritzenthaler Chapter Meetings**

We try to schedule our monthly meetings well in advance. As soon as a program is arranged, it is added to the current calendar. Sometimes, specific programs may shift to other months, as the schedule is finalized or adjustments are needed to accommodate one or more speakers. If you are interested in presenting a program or have suggestions for a program speaker, please contact the Program Committee: Dick Mason (920-725-4710, [rpmason@milwpc.com](mailto:rpmason@milwpc.com)) or Jeff Behm (920-424-1365, [behm@uwosh.edu](mailto:behm@uwosh.edu)) or bring your information to the next meeting. If at all possible, please include all of the necessary contact information. While the majority of the Ritzenthaler monthly programs have dealt with some aspect of Wisconsin archaeology, we will gladly consider any program on World archaeology or research in other disciplines that relate to archaeology (e.g., ethnography, ethnohistory, geology, paleontology, etc.).

**April 8, 2014:** Aimee Jansen and Connor Hilbert, Undergraduate Anthropology Majors, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Topic: Two archaeological site excavations in Poland, Summer 2013. Title and abstract forthcoming.

**May 13, 2014:** Jennifer R. Haas, President, Great Lakes Archaeological Center, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Title: *Finch site, a Multicomponent Site in Jefferson County*. Abstract forthcoming. This program will be our Chapter's contribution to the annual state-wide celebration of Wisconsin Archaeology Month. Details for the state-wide programing can be checked on the Archaeology Page of the Wisconsin Historical Society web site: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/archaeology/>

### THREE RIVERS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Three Rivers Archaeological Society meets on the second Monday of each month (except July and August), alternating between the Macktown Living History Education Center (Rockton, IL) and venues in Beloit, WI (Beloit College and Beloit Public Library). New members and visitors are always welcome.

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### CHARLES E. BROWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Charles E. Brown Chapter meets monthly (except the summer months) at 7:00 P.M. at the Wisconsin Historical Society Auditorium at 816 State Street in Madison, across from the Memorial Union.

The April 10, 2014 program is by Dr. David Anderson, University of Tennessee-Knoxville titled: **Colonizing Ice-Age North America: The Paleoindian Database of the Americas and the Role of Large-Scale Data Analysis.**

### MILWAUKEE MEETINGS OF THE WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Meetings of the Wisconsin Archeological Society are held at the UW-Milwaukee Campus in either Sabin Hall or in the Union. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month during the academic year (September – May). Guest lectures begin at 8:00 P.M.

### WISCONSIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

Each year in May Wisconsin celebrates Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month. Many programs will be ongoing throughout the state in May. Please check the Wisconsin Historical Society web site, [www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/hpmonth/events.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/hpmonth/events.asp), the Wisconsin Archeological Society web site, <http://www.wiarcheologicalsociety.org>, and Facebook pages.

## AWARDS PRESENTED TO TAMARA THOMSEN



Tamara Thomsen-

Ms. Thomsen has worked as a Maritime Archaeologist for the Wisconsin Historical Society for ten years. In that capacity she has undertaken shipwreck investigations in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior as well as in inland rivers, streams and lakes. These investigations have resulted in Wisconsin having more individual shipwrecks listed on the National Register of Historic Places than any other state.

In **2013** she was awarded the –

**Joyce S. Hayward Award for Historic Interpretation award.**

Presented by The Association for Great Lakes Maritime History

-This award is presented annually to an individual who has made a major contribution, over many years, to the interpretation of Great Lakes maritime history....

-The Association noted that as part of the underwater archaeology team of the Wisconsin Historical Society she has played a critical role in the Society's documentation and interpretation of shipwreck sites and other underwater cultural resources that has provided important insights into the region's maritime history.

The award was presented at the 2013 Maritime History Conference Association's Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, September 14, Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island.

The Association for Great Lakes Maritime History is an international organization of both institutions and individuals interested in preserving and interpreting the maritime history of the Great Lakes. In addition to its membership publications, it sponsors an annual maritime history conference, encourages new research, and promotes the exchange of information among both professional and avocational historians.

In **2014** she will be inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame

- The Women Divers Hall of Fame™ (WDHOF) is an international non-profit professional honor society whose members' contributions span a wide variety of fields including: The Arts, Science, Medicine, Sports, Exploration, Marine Archeology, Media, Service, Dive Training and Education, Safety, Business, Marine Environment and Conservation, Free Diving, Commercial Diving, and Military Diving.

WDHOF's two-part mission is to:

1. Recognize women divers who have made outstanding contributions to the exploration, understanding, safety and enjoyment of our underwater world and
2. Support the underwater world and its associated careers by promoting opportunities for women and men in diving through scholarships, internships and mentorship opportunities and a worldwide network of industry contacts.

While we at the Society like to think that this award is based entirely on the work she has done over the last ten years, Ms. Thomsen's career has involved the exploration of water-filled natural caves and the investigation and mapping of abandoned zinc and lead mines in southwestern Wisconsin as well as the identification of an unusual

community of microbes that lead to the investigation of microorganisms responsible for element cycling. Research of this initial discovery has led to a better understanding of biogeochemical cycling and biomineralization, i.e., this research is providing insights on mine re-mediation programs.

Submitted by John Broihahn



## Tamara Thomsen

Maritime Archaeologist for the Wisconsin Historical Society

presents

**An underwater tour of the Goodrich Steamer S.S Wisconsin  
that sunk off the shore of Kenosha in 1929**

on

Sunday April 13, 2014

Time: 1:30 pm

Seminar Room, Kenosha Civil War Museum 5400 First Avenue

**This presentation is free and open to the public**

**Abstract:** The Wreck of the Goodrich Steamer S.S. Wisconsin In 1929, the steamer S.S. Wisconsin foundered off of Kenosha in a gale, taking the lives of her captain and crew. In 2007, Wisconsin Historical Society divers conducted a Phase II Archaeological survey of the wreck to explore her mysteries. Join us for an underwater tour, hear the ship's storied history, and learn what divers discovered in the frigid depths of Lake Michigan.

**Bio:** Tamara Thomsen works as a Maritime Archaeologist for Wisconsin Historical Society's Maritime Preservation and Archaeology program. Her work has resulted in thirty-seven Great Lakes shipwrecks being added to the National Register of Historic Places. In 2013 she was awarded the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History's Joyce S. Hayward Award for Historic Interpretation, and in 2010 received the C.P. Labadie Special Recognition Award from the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society. She has participated as a photographer, researcher, and research diver on projects including the USS Monitor with NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries, and RMS Titanic with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She is a veteran diver with 25 years of experience and a recent inductee into the Women's Diver Hall of Fame.



The Kenosha County Archaeological Society was established in 1974 for literary, educational and scientific Purposes, and is a non-profit group within Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



## CELEBRATE WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH AT WHITEFISH DUNES STATE PARK

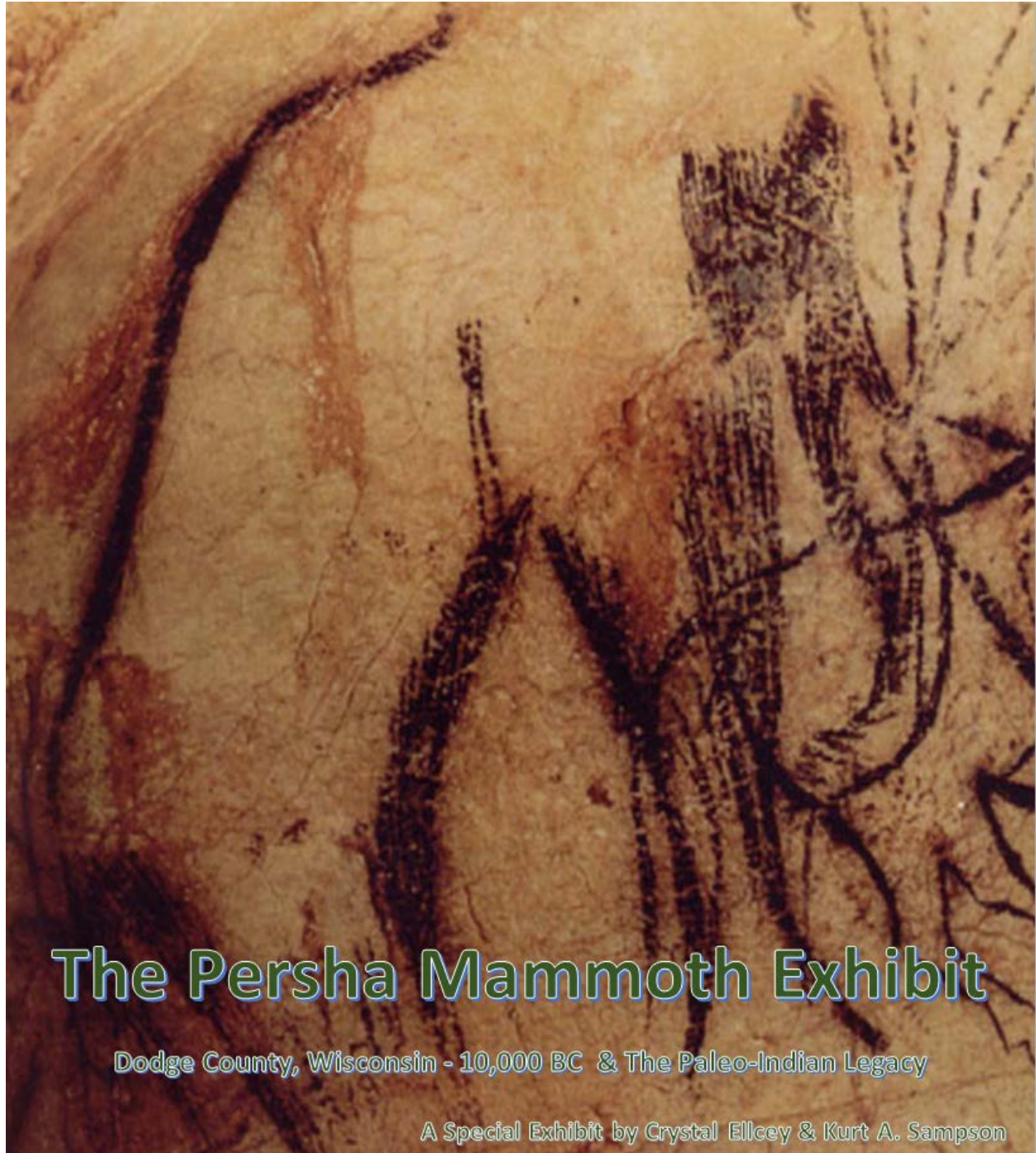
By Carolyn S. Rock, Whitefish Dunes State Park Educator

Celebrate Wisconsin Archaeology month at Whitefish Dunes State Park on Saturday May 10, 2014. Explore the history behind the largest wooden sailing ships on the Great Lakes and discover the role a turkey dinner plays in a ship's sinking. The event will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest nature center exhibit and unveiling of new signage at the outdoor shipwreck exhibit. The event will be hosted by Wisconsin Historical Society, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park. A ceremony in the nature center auditorium will feature archaeologist, Tamara Thomsen, who will present "Understanding Davidson's Goliaths" featuring shipbuilder James Davidson, the creator of the world's longest wooden vessels. Participants will then stroll to the shelter building for refreshments provided by the Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park. Carolyn Rock, Whitefish Dunes State Park Educator, will be onsite at the outdoor shipwreck exhibit interpreting the displayed shipwreck pieces.

Submitted by John Broihahn



Photograph submitted by Tamara Thomsen



# The Persha Mammoth Exhibit

Dodge County, Wisconsin - 10,000 BC & The Paleo-Indian Legacy

A Special Exhibit by Crystal Elcey & Kurt A. Sampson

Submitted by Kurt Sampson



## MEMBERS FORUM

## Chronology of Wisconsin Projectile Points

Dave Christensen, a new member of the Society from Rosemont, Illinois, sends a photograph of part of his collection. Inspired by a display of points at Governor Dodge State Park, Dave has arranged them by time period. Nice to see your collection and welcome to the Wisconsin Archeological Society.



Submitted by Dave Christensen

### New Book: Patina, A Reference to Prehistoric Copper Use in the Western Great Lakes Region

Paul Schanen has begun working on a new book, *Patina, A reference to prehistoric copper use in the Western Great Lakes Region*. The book represents a long overdue review and revision of Warren Wittry's 1951 copper classification system as well as Dr. Jack Steinbring's 1975 revisions to it. In addition the book will provide large numbers of full color photographs for each type as well as updated distributional maps. Paul is currently seeking copper collections both public and private to record for use in the book as well as the associated distributional maps.

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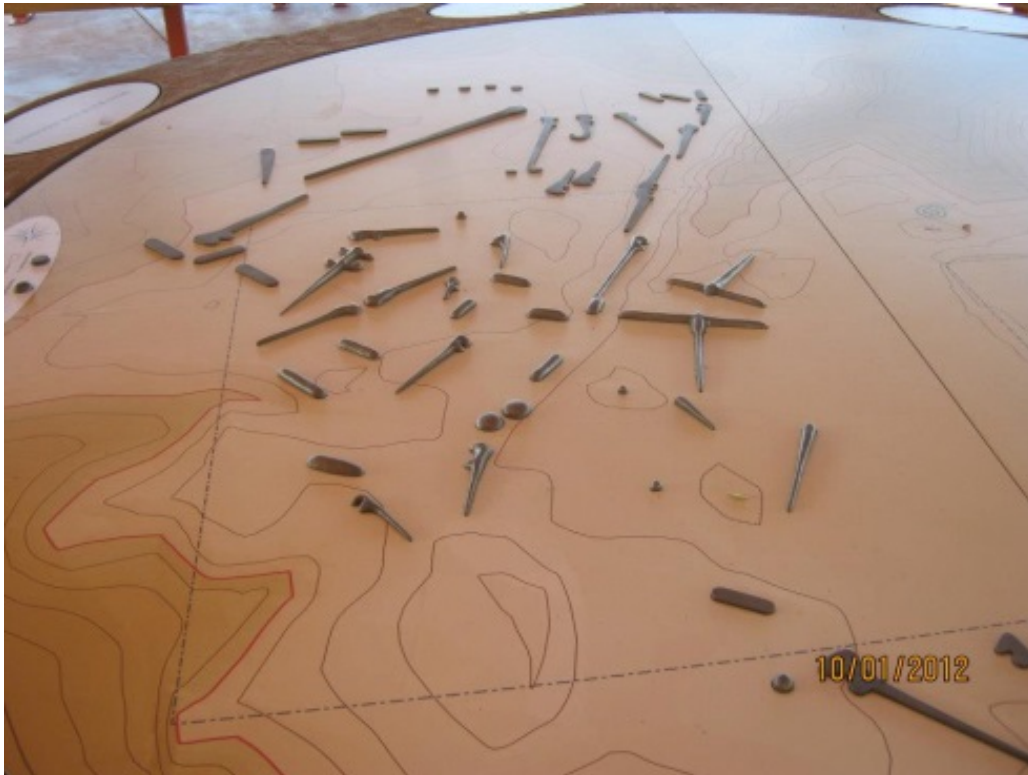


## WAS 2014 Spring Meeting-Save the Date

Dear WAS Board of Directors, At-Large Advisors, and Chapter Presidents,

At the conclusion of our 2014 WAS Budget meeting this past Saturday it was decided that we will hold our 2014 WAS spring business meeting on Saturday, May 17th at Lizard Mound County Park in Washington County. The park is located at 2121 County Hwy A. In the town of Farmington, just north of West Bend Wisconsin. For additional information on the park and location please go to [www.co.washington.wi.us](http://www.co.washington.wi.us) for details. That day there will be a short business meeting in the morning and a park open house in conjunction with the Wisconsin Historical Society (Organizers John Broihahn & Jaremy Cobble), Washington County Parks Department, and the Wisconsin Archeological Society. If you have not had a chance to check out Lizard Mound County Park now is the time to do it. There is a several thousand dollar park restoration and mound maintenance project that has been underway for a few years now. There is a new interpretive Gazebo and several of the mounds have been restored and cleared; along with trail maintenance. Check out a few pictures here I have attached. Please save the date.

Thanks,  
Kurt A. Sampson President-WAS



Photographs at the Lizard Mound County Park submitted by Kurt Sampson



# **ARCHEOLOGY DAY** *at* **LIZARD MOUND**

**a day to Learn... a day to Discover The Mystery of the Mounds**  
**Come Join Us on MAY 17, 2014 - 10:00am to 2:00pm**  
**It is free to the Public**



**Hear about preservation and restoration of mound sites.**  
**See the mounds created by this mysterious ancient**  
**Native American culture.**  
**Learn from the experts about Lizard Mound**  
**and other Wisconsin effigy mound sites.**

**Y**ou will have the opportunity to talk to the experts during Archaeology Day at Lizard Mound County Park. The Washington County Planning & Parks Department will host the event, and Archaeologists from the UW Milwaukee Department of Anthropology, the Wisconsin Archaeological Society and the Wisconsin Historical Society will be on site to give informational tours, talk about mound and cemetery preservation and will have displays and artifacts for show and tell.

**T**he Interpretive Center at Lizard Mound will also be open to provide information about Lizard Mound and other mound sites.

**T**he event will be held between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on May 17, 2014 and is free and open to the public. Come join us and make a day of it! Bring your family and friends and a picnic lunch to enjoy!



**Lizard Mound Interpretive Center**  
**2121 Cty Hwy A, West Bend, WI 53090**



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## Back Dirt: 100 Years Ago in the *Wisconsin Archeologist*

The following excerpt was first published in the *Wisconsin Archeologist* Volume 12 (4), January, 1914. It joined additional journal articles that focused on the Four Lakes Region of south central Wisconsin, including Lakes Wingra, Mendota and Monona, between 1911 and 1922. A report on the Lake Kegonsa region, also written by W. G. McLachlan, was published in Volume 4(4), November 1925, of the journal. Publicly assessable mounds in the Lake Waubesa area today are preserved in Goodland County Park on the west shore and Indian Mound Park at the outlet east of the lake.

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## THE MOUNDS OF THE LAKE WAUBESA REGION

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### INTRODUCTION

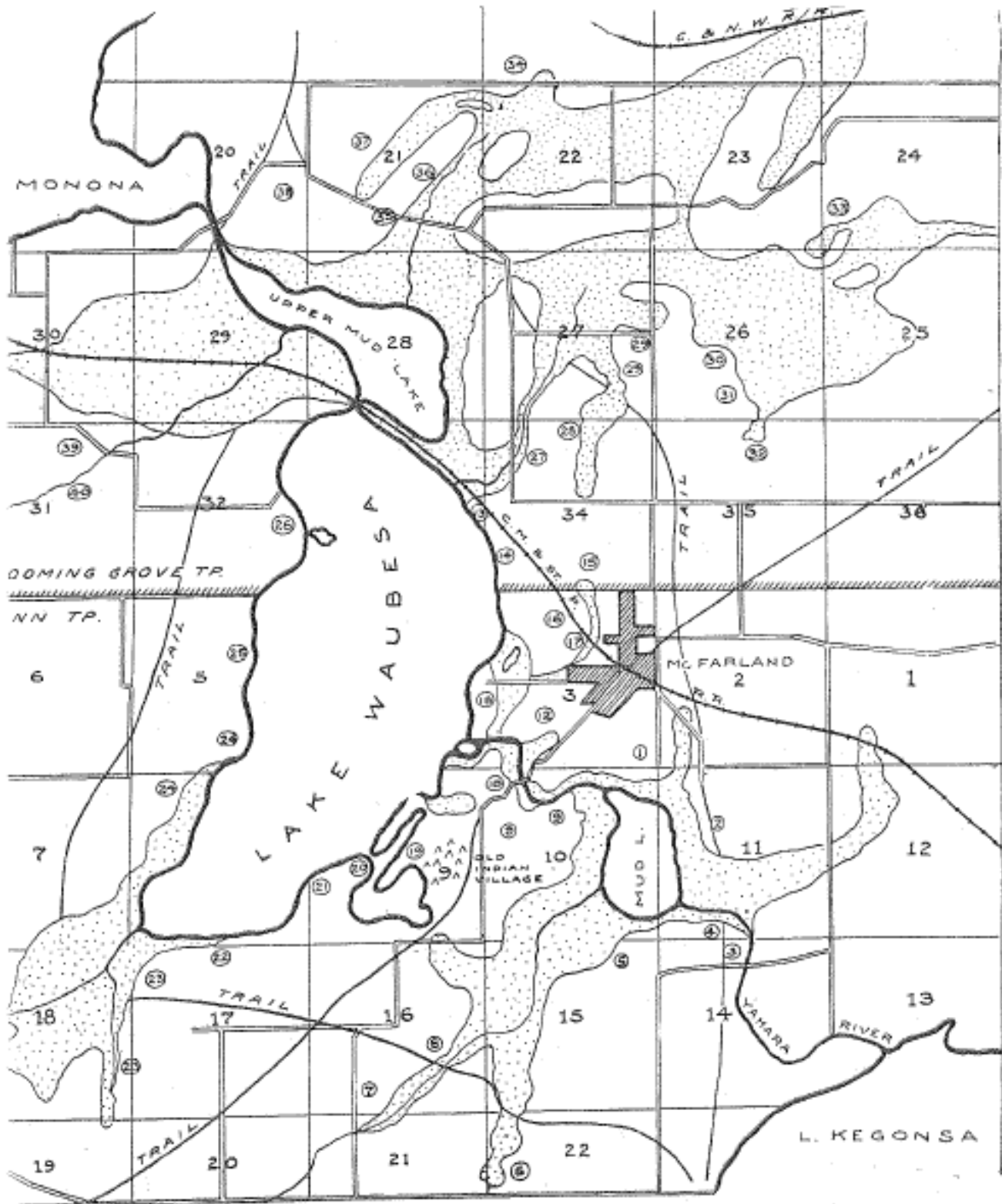
Of the prehistoric Indian earthworks and other remains about Lake Waubesa and its vicinity almost nothing has been written. The earthworks about the shores of the neighboring Dane County lakes, Mendota, Monona and Wingra, have received the attention of Lapham, Peet, Thomas, Stout and other early and recent investigators, but the antiquities of the lands about Lake Waubesa have been almost entirely neglected. The group of mounds on the McConnell place on the west shore of this lake is mentioned by Rev. Stephen D. Peet in *Prehistoric America* (V. 2). His figure of this group shown in his Diagram 5 is only partly correct. In it some mounds are omitted, some are introduced which do not exist and the positions of others are incorrect, or reversed. He introduces the same figure in the *American Antiquarian*, V. 5, No. 1 (p. 60), and in V. 6, No. 3. On a map of Dane county, which appears in the first mentioned publication, he notes the presence of a group of mounds on the east shore of the lake. It is uncertain which group this may be intended to represent.

\* The historical references in the Introduction and the Summary have been added by Secretary Charles E. Brown.



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MAP OF THE LAKE WAUBESA REGION

## A Copper Point from a Driftless Area Site in Southwestern Wisconsin

By Norm Meinholz

*A copper projectile point, a variant of Wittry's Type IA-2, was surface collected from a cultivated field located in northwestern Dane County, Wisconsin. The metric and other attributes of this point are presented. The lithic artifact and debitage assemblage, recovered from multiple collections at the site, is also described. The artifact assemblage, although recovered from a plowzone context, is consistent with a small, short-term, Middle to Late Archaic workshop. The variety of point styles recovered from this locality, made from both copper and stone, could indicate separate occupations by different peoples. Alternatively, the variation in point styles is consistent with data from burial context and could indicate contemporary occupation.*

A copper point was recovered during surface collections at the New Part Site (47 DA653) located in northwestern Dane County Wisconsin, within the Garfoot Creek Valley, a tributary of Black Earth Creek and Wisconsin River. The New Part site has been repeatedly surface collected since 1982, as part of an ongoing investigation into prehistoric settlement in the Garfoot Creek Valley. These investigations determined that lithic debitage is distributed in a very light scatter for ca. 250 m along the cultivated footslopes of a bluff above wetlands associated with the creek. The heaviest concentration of artifacts is located at the southeast corner of the field which is also the highest elevation. The ground surface there is very rocky, suggesting extensive erosion and deflation as a result of cultivation. Recovered from this concentration were two points, a copper point and a chert stemmed point. Two additional chert notched points were also recovered along the footslopes to the north of the concentration.

The copper point metric attributes are listed in Table 1. The socketed point has a relatively small, ovate blade (Figure 1). The blade tapers slightly from its widest portion at its base, to the tip, which converges to a sharp point. The blade is very thin, with the maximum thickness of 1.5 mm at the midsection and 0.4 mm along the blade edge. The shoulder is rounded, possibly the result of blade attrition. The blade edges are only slightly irregular. One small nick is present along the right edge of the blade. On the front face a swirled pattern to the copper is visible, suggesting that a roll of copper was hammered to form the blank. Striations extend obliquely for 18 mm from the left edge of the blade near the tip. The stem represents nearly two-thirds of the total length of the point. The socketed portion represents over 70% of the total stem length. In cross-section, the stem has a sub-triangular shape. Consistent with Type IA-2 (Wittry 1950), the top of the socket is slightly stepped (lower) than the front face. A faint median ridge extends from the tip to the base on the backside of the point. The base is slightly pointed at the left edge of the back face.

Three additional chert points were recovered, including a medium sized, side-notched point with a triangular blade. The blade has a distinct right-hand bevel on one face. The U-shaped notches are placed low on the stem, with light edge grinding confined to the

stem just below the notches. It is made from non heat-treated Prairie du Chien chert. This point is an example of a Madison Side-notched point (Baerreis 1953). This point style appears to be contemporary with Raddatz and other varieties of side-notched points dating from the Middle to Late Archaic Period (Stoltman 1997:125).

A triangular blade fragment with burinated tip was also recovered. The burination extends from the tip to the shoulder. The resulting fractured edge has been reworked unifacially. The stem has snapped just below the shoulder. It is unclear if the point was originally side or corner notched. It is made from Prairie du Chien chert that is possibly heat-treated.

A lanceolate point with a straight, unground stem was also recovered. The point has a slight, left-hand blade bevel. The base is fractured and unground. It is made from heat-treated Galena chert. This point may represent a Price Stemmed point, defined from excavations in the lower Wisconsin River Valley (Freeman 1966). These points are thought to be contemporary with Matanzas points (Stoltman 1992), which in central Illinois date to the late Middle to early Late Archaic Periods (Cook 1976, Munson and Harn 1966).

Expedient tools formed on debitage represent 70% (N=39) of all tools identified at the site. The remaining formal tools include six bifaces, two graters, three notches and two unifaces. The biface assemblage includes three Initial Edging Stage, two Primary Thinning Stage fragments, and one Final Thinning Stage biface. The three Initial Edging Stage bifaces are all made from non heat-treated Prairie du Chien chert. Non heat-treated Galena chert is represented by one Primary Thinning Stage fragment and one Final Thinning Stage biface. The remaining Primary Thinning Stage fragment is made from an unidentified salmon colored chert. The graters are formed on shatter and a distal flake edge. The notches are formed on early stage reduction flakes. Two large unifacial tools were also identified.

A total of 93 pieces of unmodified debitage was recovered. Small items are conspicuously absent, since the artifacts represent surface collections. Products of early stages of reduction (cores, decortication flakes, primary thinning flakes and shatter), account for 85% (N=79) of the debitage. The remaining 14 pieces of debitage (15%) include secondary thinning flakes, bifacial thinning flakes, and flake fragments. No tertiary flakes were recovered. The five cores have an average weight of 84 g. All of the cores were identified as non heat-treated Prairie du Chien chert. The remaining debitage also reflects the almost exclusive reliance on local Prairie du Chien chert. These 88 artifacts include 85 made from Prairie du Chien chert (97%), 2 made from Galena chert (2%), and one made from an unidentified salmon colored chert. Evidence for heat-treatment was present on just 8% of the debitage.

Repeated surface collections at the New Part site (47 Da-653) have resulted in an artifact assemblage consistent with a Middle/Late Archaic (ca. 4000-1000 B.C.) component.

Cultivation makes it difficult to verify the association of the entire assemblage, or portion of the assemblage, with a specific Archaic component. The assemblage reflects a lithic workshop where local Prairie du Chien chert was used in the production of both expedient and formal tools, including graters, notches, and unifaces. The presence of several bifaces made from non-local Galena chert and low number of bifacial thinning flakes, suggests that much of the biface production occurred elsewhere. The variety of tools could reflect a small hunting or field camp where tasks such as retooling occurred. The lack of FCR, indicative of hearths or other features, is consistent with a short-term occupation.

Ongoing archaeological surveys in the Garfoot Creek valley have identified other sites containing Middle/Late Archaic components as well as non-diagnostic lithic scatters. These sites are all small in size with low artifact diversity and predominance of expedient tools. Sites are primarily located along the footslopes with access to both upland lithic resources and presumably subsistence resources of the valley floor wetlands and ecotones. Permanent, year-round settlement during this time is not indicated in the valley, although any of the sites may have been briefly occupied at any time of the year. Continued multiple surveys will further clarify the extent of Archaic settlement in the Garfoot Creek valley for comparisons with other Driftless Area locations. It is hoped that these studies will provide additional information on settlement patterns for specific components. The recovery of a copper point at one of these sites, well removed from the centers of Old Copper tool distribution in Eastern Wisconsin (Wittry 1957:217), may be an additional clue to Archaic settlement in the Driftless Area.

*The artifact illustrations for this paper were drawn by Dick Dolan. The copper point was photographed by Pat Ladwig. The comments by several colleagues on earlier drafts of this paper are appreciated.*

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Table 1. Copper Point Attributes, New Part Site  
(47DA653)

ATTRIBUTE	MEASUREMENT (mm)
Total length	86.2
Blade length	31.6
Stem length	54.6
Socket length	39.0
Max Blade width	13.5
Min Blade width	9.0
Stem width	13.4
Max Thickness	10.8
Weight	22.2 g



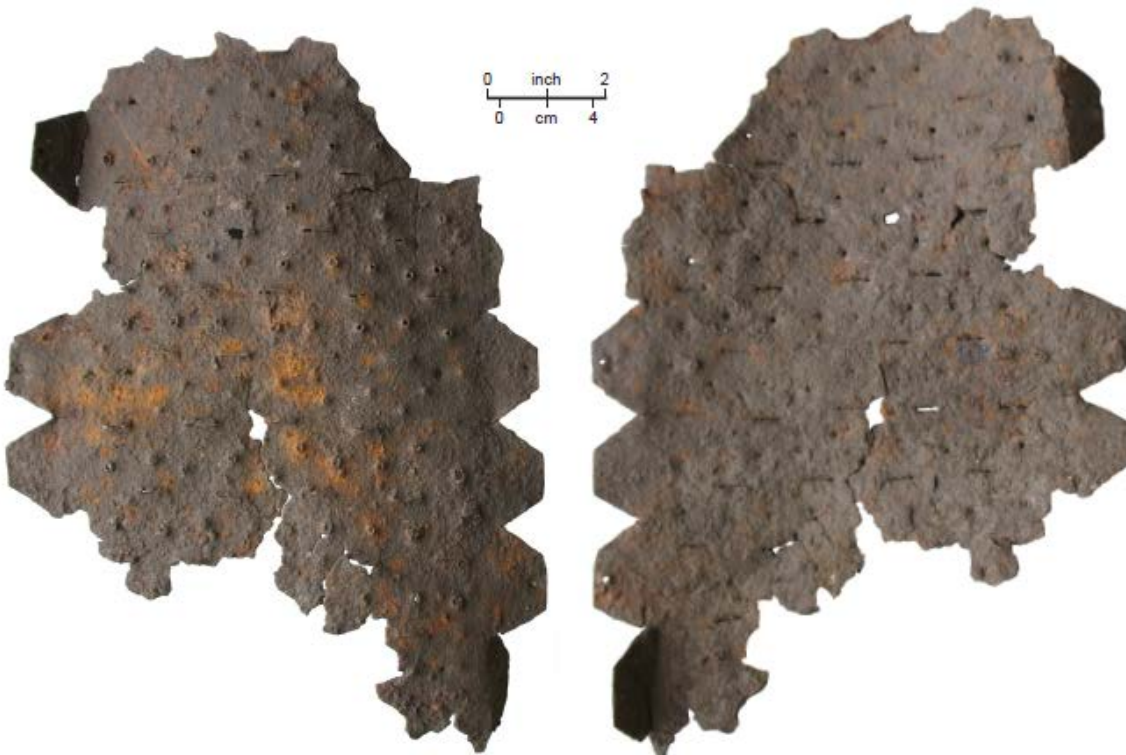


**Figure 1. Copper point recovered from the New Part Site (47DA653).**

## MYSTERY ARTIFACT WHAT IS IT?

With this issue of WisArch News we inaugurate a series devoted to all those mystery artifacts that are recovered during archaeological investigations or brought to collections managers to identify. Send your mystery items and any responses to: [norman.meinholz@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:norman.meinholz@wisconsinhistory.org).

Here are the Spring Mystery Artifacts:



This is a portion of a perforated sheet of ferrous metal measuring 9 x 12 inches with a series of point and dash perforations and cut-out tabs along the edges. It was recovered from the Brunner site (47DA1417), an early to mid-nineteenth century (ca. 1836-1854) cabin site in Dane County.



This is a large, hollow, ferrous metal rectangular canister with a broken glass object inset into one end. It measures 4.5 x 6.5 x 2.5 inches. The glass portion is set into a hole in the top of the canister. There is no obvious method of opening. It was recovered from the Stephen Field Farmstead Site (47WL351) in Walworth County dating from ca. 1839 to the early twentieth century.





This is a view of the same canister looking down into the glass portion at the top.