

# Minnesota Archaeology Month

## September, 2018

### **Carlton County**

Cloquet

#### **The 1918 Moose Lake-Cloquet Fire 100 Years Later: New Insights on an Old Disaster**

On October 12, 1918, fires swept across northern Minnesota consuming entire communities and killing 453 people. This year marks the 100th anniversary of this tragedy. Until recently, most of our understanding of the fires came from first hand stories of survivors and the retelling of these stories by children and grandchildren. Recent developments and techniques have answered questions and furthered our understandings. Steven Blondo of Blondo Consulting will present new understandings and interpretations of these events.

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 pm

Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archaeological Society

Location: Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Room 195

Contact: Susan Mulholland at [suemulholland@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com)

Note: The event is free and open to the public

### **Clay County**

Glyndon

#### **The Geology and Archaeology of the Red River Valley at the Minnesota State University Moorhead Regional Science Center**

Members from the Department of Anthropology and Earth Science will offer a walking tour explaining the geology and archaeology of the Red River Valley found in and around the MSU-Moorhead Regional Science Center. Participants will be introduced to the program at the Interpretative Center building and then hike to three stations, spaced approximately ¼ mile apart, illustrating the landforms created by Lake Agassiz and the transformations through time and how Native Americans adapted to this changing environment.

Date: Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsor: Department of Anthropology and Earth Science

Location: Regional Science Center, 663 164th Street South, adjacent to Buffalo River State Park

Contact: Georg R. Holley at [holley@mnstate.edu](mailto:holley@mnstate.edu)

Note: The event is free and open to the public. Be prepared to be outside and wear walking/hiking shoes.



### **Cottonwood County**

Windom

#### **Ancient Astronomy on the Red Rock Ridge**

Tom Sanders will discuss the observatories found on the Red Rock Ridge in Cottonwood County and what they tell us about the people who lived there.

Date: Thursday, September 27, 7:00 pm

Sponsor: Cottonwood County Historical Society

Location: 812 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Windom

Contact: Linda Fransen at 507-831-1134 or [cchs@windomnet.com](mailto:cchs@windomnet.com)

Note: The event is free and open to the public

### **Hennepin County**

Minneapolis

#### **Minnesota Archaeology Fair**

The 16<sup>th</sup> 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 atlatl toss and demonstrations of pottery-making and flintknapping.

Date: Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, September 9, 11:00 am to 4:00 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 [patricia.emerson@mnhs.org](mailto:patricia.emerson@mnhs.org)

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.

#### **Underwater Archaeology in Minnesota**

Not-for-profit organization Maritime Heritage Minnesota re-established the discipline of Underwater/Nautical/Maritime Archaeology in Minnesota. Established in 2005, Maritime Heritage Minnesota employs the only underwater archaeologist working in the state. Attend the Minnesota Archeology Fair to learn about Minnesota's rich Maritime History and the work of Maritime Heritage Minnesota.

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Sponsor: Maritime Heritage Minnesota

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

Contact: Ann Merriman at 651-261-2265 or [mhm@maritimeheritagemn.org](mailto:mhm@maritimeheritagemn.org)



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### **Hennepin History Museum**

During the month of September the Hennepin History Museum is offering free admission to any professional archaeologist and a guest as a way of introducing them to the resources available at their facility. They have great archives for anyone doing urban archeology or even house histories.

Date: Month of September

Sponsor: Hennepin History Museum

Location: Hennepin History Museum, 2303 Third Avenue South

Contact: Kathleen Richert at 612-870-1329 or [Kathleen.Richert@hennepinhistory.org](mailto:Kathleen.Richert@hennepinhistory.org)

Note: Free admission is limited to professional archaeologists, but the museum is well worth the price of admission. Check out their web site at: <http://www.hennepinhistory.org/>

### **“A” is for Ask and Archaeologist - Hennepin History Museum Third Friday After-Hours Event**

We celebrate September, Minnesota Archaeology Month, with a discussion and hands-on learning session about the practice of archaeology with Dr. Jeremy Nienow. It may surprise you to learn Archaeology isn't just action-packed "Indiana Jones" excavations filled with marvelous discoveries. Archaeologists spend more time in the lab identifying and deciphering meaning from artifacts than they do in the field. Specifically, they focus on typology - the study and organization of things. September is Minnesota Archaeology Month and we welcome Dr. Jeremy Nienow for hands-on learning about the archaeological practice of grouping artifacts to inform discovery and historical meaning. You can also try your hand at drawing artifacts from our collections as part of your journey of discovery!

Date: Friday, September 21, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Sponsor: Hennepin History Museum

Location: Hennepin History Museum, 2303 Third Avenue South

Contact: Kathleen Richert at 612-870-1329 or [Kathleen.Richert@hennepinhistory.org](mailto:Kathleen.Richert@hennepinhistory.org)

Note: There is a fee for the event and reservation can be made on the museum website. Check out their web site at: <http://www.hennepinhistory.org/>

### **Houston County**

Caledonia

### **Late Prehistoric Native American Groups in Southeast Minnesota, 1400-1500 A.D. to 1700 A.D.**

Dale Maul will give a presentation regarding the Late Prehistoric Native American groups in southeast Minnesota. The lecture will be illustrated with photographs of artifacts from the University of Minnesota, the Science Museum of Minnesota, private collections, the Houston County Historical



Society collections, the Mississippi Valley Archeology Center, the Minnesota Historical Society and Mr. Maul's previous research. After the presentation Mr. Maul assisted by Mervin Floodman will be available to review artifacts. Both men are retired professional archaeologists.

Date: Sunday, September 23, 1:00 pm

Sponsor: Houston County Historical Society

Location: Houston County Historical Society Museum, 104 History Lane

Contact: Shirley Johnson at 507-725-3884 or [hchs@acegroup.cc](mailto:hchs@acegroup.cc)

Note: The event is free and open to the public

### **Mille Lacs County**

Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

### **Archaeology Day**

The Minnesota Archaeological Society will host a full day of demonstrations and activities highlighting archaeology and the rich heritage of the Mille Lacs area. Demonstrations of flint knapping, prehistoric pottery, birch bark canoes, primitive bows, guns of the fur trade, spears and spear-throwers and kids' activities. Displays include artifacts, books and pamphlets from the Minnesota Archaeological Society, archaeology & research of the Minnesota Historical Society, Office of the State Archaeologist, Maritime Heritage Minnesota, and St. Cloud State University. The event will take place at the Interpretive Center. Check out the event web site at [https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/event.html?id=56849](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=56849)

Date: Saturday, September 29, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsor: Minnesota State Parks & Trails, the Minnesota Archaeological Society and St. Cloud State University

Location: Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

Contact: Park Staff at 320-532-3523

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**

Saint Paul

#### **Archaeology at 412 Goodrich**

Dr. Jeremy Nienow, of Nienow Cultural Consultants, will reveal the results of a recent archaeological excavation in the yard of an 1856 house in Saint Paul's West Seventh neighborhood. Find out about this site and what the privy contents can tell us about the people who lived in this house.

Date: Thursday, September 20, 6:00 pm

Sponsor: Historic Saint Paul, Save 412 Goodrich and Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery

Location: Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery, 445 Smith Ave. N. (between W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and the High Bridge)

Contact: Aaron Rubenstein at 651-222-3049 or visit [www.historicsaintpaul.org](http://www.historicsaintpaul.org)

Note: The event is free and open to the public. On the third Thursday of every month come to Waldmann's and mention your association with Historic Saint Paul or Save 412 Goodrich and 10 percent of your tab will be donated to Historic Saint Paul to help save the 412 Goodrich house.

### **Wadena County**

Wadena

#### **An Archaeological Survey of Wadena County**

Dr. Ed Fleming will discuss the results of the survey conducted this past summer to discover new archaeological sites in Wadena County in order to better understand the 10,000 years of pre-contact Native history in the area.

Date: Thursday, September 20, 12:00 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](mailto: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/>

### **Winona County**

Whitewater State Park

#### **Whitewater Valley Archaeology and History Festival**

Learn about the history of the Whitewater Valley through hands-on demonstrations and activities including; twine making, archery, atlatl throwing, flint knapping, pioneer games and old time tools or participate in guided tours of a pioneer cemetery and former CCC and German POW Camp.

Date: Saturday, September 8, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Sponsor: MnDNR Whitewater State Park

Location: Whitewater State Park



Contact: Sara Holger at 507-312-2308 or [sara.holger@state.mn.us](mailto:sara.holger@state.mn.us)

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**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/>

