

Minnesota Archaeology Week Calendar of Events

September 10th through the 18th, 2016

Cottonwood County

Comfrey

Minnesota's Ancient Observatory

Explore early American Indian science and help build a replica of Minnesota's first known astronomical observatory.

Date: Saturday, September 10, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society

Location: Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic site, 27160 Co. Rd. 2, Comfrey, three miles east of U.S. Hwy. 71 on Cottonwood County Road 10 then one mile south on County Road 2

Contact: Tom Sanders at 507-628-5591 or Thomas.sanders@mnhs.org

Note: The event is free with a paid admission to the site.



Evening Tour of the Jeffers Petroglyphs: New Insights on the Carvings

Tom Sanders, Site Manager at Jeffers Petroglyphs State Historic Site, will lead an evening tour of the petroglyphs to share new insights about the carvings.

Date: Thursday, September 15, starting at 6:30 PM

Sponsor: Cottonwood County Historical Society

Location: Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic site, 27160 Co. Rd. 2

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

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

Faribault County

Winnebago

Archaeology Week Open House

The Winnebago Area Museum will celebrate Minnesota Archaeology Week by hosting an open house on Tuesday of Minnesota Archaeology Week. This is your opportunity to learn more about Faribault County history and see archaeological displays about the past cultures of the county.

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 9 AM - 2 PM

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 14th 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 an atlatl toss, demonstrations on flint-knapping, canoe-building, and underwater archaeology, and an opportunity to have the artifacts you've found identified by archaeologists.

Date: Saturday, September 10, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, September 11, 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 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 & Maritime History of Minnesota

Visit the 2016 Archaeology Fair to learn about nearly 1,000 years of Minnesota's Maritime History and Nautical Archaeology through visual exhibits and video footage - and ask questions of the only underwater archaeologists in Minnesota.

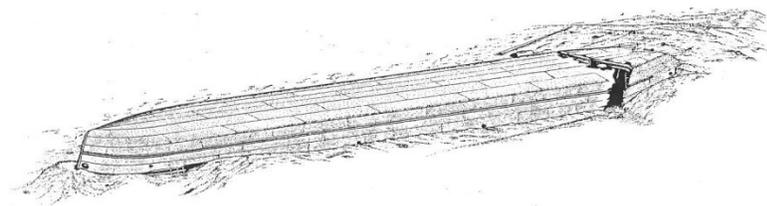
Date: Saturday, September 10, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, September 11, 11 AM to 4 PM

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

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.



Hennepin County Archaeology, Past, Present and Future

The Hennepin History Museum will host a public excavation on the museum grounds, an exhibit of Hennepin County archaeological artifacts and on Sunday afternoon a Fireside Chat lead by Andrew Nikolai Roberts entitled "Archaeology's Changing Role in Society".

Date: Saturday, September 10, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday, September 11, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Sponsor: Hennepin History Museum

Location: Hennepin History Museum, 2303 Third Ave. South

Contact: Dr. Elise Schebler Roberts at 612-870-1329 or Elise.Roberts@Hennepinhistory.org

Note: The event is free and open to the public, with no preregistration required. Donations will be accepted.

Pine County

Pine City

Fall Gathering: Festival of the Voyageur

Two hundred years ago, fur traders celebrated the success of the trading season with a giant party. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds created by 250 reenactors who come to camp on the Snake River. Witness feats of strength and skill as contestants vie for the title of the best all-around voyageur. Shop for historic crafts and join children's activities. On Saturday evening, learn the steps of a lively country dance as live fiddle music plays.

Date: Saturday September 17, 10 AM – 9 PM and Sunday, September 18, 12 – 4 PM

Sponsor: North West Company Fur Post

Location: North West Company Fur Post, 1.5 miles west of I-35, at Pine City exit 169

Contact: Site Interpretive center at 320-629-6356 or nwcfurpost@mnhs.org

Note: The event is free, but there is an admission charge to enter the site

Ramsey County

Vadnais Heights

Archaeology @ Vadnais Lake

Here is your chance to participate in an archaeological survey. Join us to learn more about archaeology as we search for Native and Euro American artifacts to increase our knowledge of the past history around Vadnais Lake. Archaeologist Dr. Jeremy Nienow is conducting an archaeological shovel testing survey around the lake.

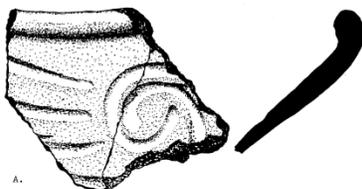
Date: Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18

Sponsor: Shoreview Historical Society and the North Lake Owasso Neighborhood Group

Location: Vadnais - Snail Lakes Regional Park

Contact: John Vadnais at 651-587-2727 or vadnaisj@yahoo.com or Lu Slaten at 651-482-8435 or slatenews@juno.com

Note: You must pre-register to participate. Participants must be able to stoop, use a shovel and be outdoors while you participate. A donation of \$10 is suggested to offset program costs. Kids and Scouts 12 to 18 are free. A second weekend of testing, September 24 and 25 is also planned.



St. Louis County

Duluth

Minnesota History Presented by a Forest Service Archaeologist

Lee Johnson will lecture on his work as Forest Archaeologist for the Superior National Forest. The St. Louis County Historical Society will showcase archaeological items from their collection and allow free admission to the Lake Superior Ojibwe Gallery.

Date: Wednesday, September 14 at 1:00 PM

Sponsor: St. Louis County Historical Society

Location: St. Louis County Historical Society, The Depot, 506 W. Michigan Street

Contact: Samantha M. Tubbs at 218-576-3114 or Samantha@thehistorypeople.org

Note: The event is free and open to the public with room for up to 200 people.

Winona County

Whitewater State Park

Whitewater Valley Archaeology and History Festival

Celebrate the fascinating history of the Whitewater Valley with guest presenters, demonstrations, children's activities and live music. See a full event schedule at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=47549

Date: Saturday, September 10, 10 am - 4 pm

Sponsor: MnDNR Whitewater State Park

Location: Whitewater State Park

Contact: Sara Holger at 507-932-3007 or sara.holger@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.



Before and After Archaeology Week

Nicollet County

St. Peter

Archaeology Field Work at the Treaty Site History Center and Traverse des Sioux Prairie

Come and experience some hands-on archaeology. You will have the opportunity to help collect artifacts and document disturbed areas of the site with archaeologists from Minnesota State University Mankato and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Date: Saturday, September 24, 10 AM to 3 PM

Sponsor: Nicollet County Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota State University, Mankato and the Many Rivers chapter of Prairie Enthusiasts

Location: Treaty Site History Center, one mile north of downtown St. Peter at Highway 169 and 22, across from the Mankato Clinic.

Contact: Nicollet County Historical Society at 507-934-2160 or museum@nchsmn.org

Note: The event is free and open to the public. The public is welcome to arrive anytime between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, but they ask that you dedicate at least one hour or more. Prior knowledge of archaeological techniques is not necessary. Participants will be given instruction and supervision on site. Please wear appropriate clothing as the entire event is outside.

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.

Date: Saturday, September 24, 10 AM - 4 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.

