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VAM 2010

Greetings!

Several VAM events are already posted on our [Web site](#).

If you have an idea for an event please contact the VAM Coordinator Georgeana Little at 802/644-5675 or at the e-mail below).

Summer 2010 Fieldwork Opportunities

DVD Documentary on Lake George NY Shipwrecks



Strawbery Banke Museum - Portland, NH

July 5 - July 16, 2010
9:00-3:00 (Monday-Friday)

Pepe Productions and Bateaux Below, Inc. have released a new documentary "Wooden Bones: The Sunken Fleet of 1758". The DVD examines the historical event at Lake George which began in the autumn of 1758. With winter approaching and no fort to protect their fleet, the British deliberately sank most of their fleet, over 260 warships, intending to raise them the following year. Many of the warships, however, were never recovered. The DVD tells the story of the historical event as well as the modern-day investigation of the wrecks. The DVD is priced at \$24.95. For

A special opportunity for students ages 16 through adult. Search for the secrets of the past by participating in a real archaeological excavation! Join Strawberry Banke's Archaeology Department to excavate the grounds of the 1762 Chase House site to gather information about its former kitchen ell, barn and privy.

Students in the Archaeology Field School work alongside professional archaeologists, preservationists, curators, and historians, exploring the site with volunteers and students of all ages. Learn approved excavation techniques and be part of a team, unearthing information about four centuries of neighborhood life.

This two-week, intensive experience includes fieldwork, lab work, object handling and identification, tours, activities and instruction. The Archaeological Field School is a valuable opportunity for career exploration as well as a fun outdoor learning experience

Members/\$400 Nonmembers/\$500

Contact Sheila Charles (scharles@strawberybanke.org)

For more information:

<http://www.strawberybanke.org/archaeology-field-school.html>

Submitted by: Sheila Charles



Join us for our 2nd season of excavation at the Homer Stone Quartzite Quarry!

We will be working at the site on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in July:

8-9-10, 15-16-17, 22-23-24, & 29-30-31

Our goals this year are to finish our excavation units in advance of the construction of a new Little Rock Pond Shelter, then move on to investigate the area around the soon-to-be-removed Lula Tye Shelter, a short way down the Trail. Those folks who participated last year, or saw our presentations at VAS meetings, will recall that we recovered thousands of quartzite flakes and a smaller number of bifacial blanks, cores, and tools. During their analysis this winter, Geoff Mandel and his CAP crew and volunteers discovered that among the many items recovered were a significant number of utilized flakes and spokeshaves - used for woodworking and shaft-shaping. We hope to uncover more artifacts and data that will help inform us about the range and age of activities at this fabulous site.

We welcome volunteers who are (or become) members of the VAS. We request that volunteers under 16 years old be accompanied by an adult, and that dogs be leashed or incredibly well-behaved if they're coming along. Finally, we recommend you be prepared with sun screen, bug dope, drinking water, a lunch, and sturdy footwear (it is a rocky - but not too steep - TWO MILES up the Long Trail to the site).

more information, and to order please visit:

www.woodenbones.com

Using Vermont's Past to Build a Better Future

Join the VT Division for Historic Preservation and our partners across the state in developing Vermont's State Historic Preservation Plan. We invite you to participate in our two, upcoming public meetings and collaborate with us in developing the state's plan.

May 20 - Burlington The Firehouse Gallery

Meeting Room LBG
149 Church Street
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

(Co-sponsors: City of Burlington;
Lake Champlain Basin Program)

May 25 - Rutland Green Mountain National Forest Office

231 North Main Street
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

(Co-sponsors: Green Mountain
National Forest; Downtown
Rutland Partnership)

For additional information visit
www.historicvermont.org

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To sign up, please contact VAS Board member Candace Lewis at Candace.lewis@ccv.edu or 802-786-0013. For more information about the nature of the project please contact Forest Service archaeologist Dave Lacy at dlacy@fs.fed.us or 802-747-6719.

Overnight camping is permitted throughout the Forest, but spots in our semi-developed camp sites or in one of the two nearby shelters are first-come-first-served and may be in demand.

While you are welcome to make your own way into the site, someone from the project will make it a point to be at the Appalachian/Long Trail parking lot along Forest Road 10 (aka, Brooklyn Road, which heads east into the Forest off of Route 7 in Danby/Mt Tabor) at 8:30 each morning to lead the hike in. A map will be posted on both the VAS (<http://vtarchaeology.org>) and Green Mountain National Forest (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/greenmountain/index.htm>) websites before the project begins. (For those of you who get there after 8:30, it is really difficult to get lost - head straight north on the Trail until you get to the Pond!).

This project is a combined effort of the Vermont Archaeological Society, Green Mountain National Forest, UVM Consulting Archaeology Program, and the Green Mountain Club.

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