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Greetings!

VAS Elects New Board Members

At the Annual Fall Meeting in Montpelier on October 8th, two new members joined the VAS Board.

16th Annual Northeast Open Atlatl Championship Results Announced

The Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison is pleased to announce the results of the 16th Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship, held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell. The venue was changed for the second year due to the closing of Chimney Point because of the construction of the new Lake Champlain Bridge.

On a glorious crisp day contestants from Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania gathered to compete in New England's oldest atlatl event, the highlight of September's Vermont Archaeology Month.

Christie Ertel developed an interest in archaeology in college, when she received a BA in Classical Studies from Elmira College in 2009. She has participated in excavations in western NY and Greece. She's currently working at The Health Center in Plainfield, VT, in billing and other areas that have nothing to do with her field of choice, and is very grateful for the opportunity to get more involved with the VAS!

Eileen Klymn graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a degree in Education and has taken graduate courses at SUNY Oswego. For the last 21 years she has worked in the Finance/Business Office at the Veterans Hospital in White River Junction. She has served as a re-enactor/ interpreter at Fort #4 in Charlestown, NH, and treasurer for Friends of Crown Point State Historic Site. She is a member of the NH



Facing a scenic view of southern Lake Champlain, contestants shot at painted targets of deer, bison, black bear, catamount, moose, elk, and wild turkey in the accuracy competition, down the field in the distance competition, and at the official ISAC target

Special thanks to atlatl judges Scott Dillon (who has been there from the beginning), Dave Lacy (been there almost every year), and Allen Hathaway (also a long time volunteer). The VAS, co-sponsors of the event, organized two days of flint knapping workshops with Barry Keegan and the Saturday Woodland pottery workshop with Charlie Paquin. The VAS also had an informational table on Saturday. Bob Brooks demonstrated primitive bow making both days. We also held the annual atlatl and spear making workshop with Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl on Friday afternoon. Several contestants either had taken the workshop years ago or had started as teenagers and now were coming back with their own families.

Due to all the road issues, change in location, and maybe the difficult times, attendance wasn't as good as we would have liked, but people had a terrific time and are eager to be back at Chimney Point in 2012.

Archaeological Society, VOCA, NHOGA, Crown Point Road Association, Weathersfield Historical Society and the Audubon Society. She has participated in digs with Dave Starbuck at Fort William Henry and Dave Lacy at Little Rock Pond.

The VAS also wishes to thank departing Board members **Ray Rodrigues** and **Candace Lewis**.

There are still positions vacant on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in serving should contact the VAS President or VAS Administrative Coordinator.

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Women's overall gold medalist, Lori Majorsky of Pennsylvania, was awarded the Grand Champion plaque and "laurel wreath crown" after a competitive shootout between the top medalists in each category. Silver overall winner in the women's category was Celine Rainville of Highgate, Vermont, and Linda Nolf of Connecticut won the bronze. In the men's category Andrew Majorsky of Pennsylvania won gold, Greg Maurer of Vergennes, Vermont, brought in the silver, and Gary Nolf of Connecticut captured the bronze. In the boys' overall category Jason Clark of Addison, Vermont, took gold and Jeremiah Delorme of Vergennes won silver. There were no competitors in the girls' category. Greg Maurer shot the longest distance-89.5 meters.

Photos from the event are posted on Facebook (visit Vermont State Historic Sites for the atlatl photo album).

- Submitted by Elsa Gilbertson

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