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Greetings!

Course Opportunity

Brown University will be offering an on-line course entitled *Archaeology's Dirty Little Secret* beginning in June. For more information and to register visit their Web site at <https://www.coursera.org/course/secrets>



After the Digging!

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Sarah van Ryckevorsel & Dave Lacy
Bagged and in abundance, artifacts, with a few rocks mixed in, were before us. The mornings first question - start the day off with a bag so heavy and full you could barely lift it or just a little, low count "beginner"? Second question - coffee? Third question -who brought chocolate?

And so it went. For about 12 weeks a gang of volunteers (1/2 of VAS' executive suite among them) appeared at the CAP lab at UVM and cleaned, sorted, weighed, cataloged, drew and re-bagged a gazillion artifacts from the Little Rock Pond Quarry Site (artifacts some of us at the table had unearthed at LRP) Starting with material excavated in 2010 and working toward the present.....and we're almost there!

There were eight of us , with a few extra floaters to bolster our numbers - and as we sorted, weighed, and cataloged, stories were told, jokes were made and a good time was had by all (made even more exquisite by a daily ration of various chocolates - we treated ourselves) and this was intensive hands on (no pun intended) learning. Looking at and feeling stone tools and the residual flakes in the quantities that passed through our hands was a unique experience. Another dimension to the learning was the knowledge/experience of the co-managers of the project, Dave Lacy and Geoff Mandel , as many questions were raised by the material we

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Is there more to be done? Absolutely! The 2012 field season's haul awaits.



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This year's Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Barre. For the complete agenda please visit our Web site at vtarchaeology.org/node/215.



**Downtown and Historic
Preservation Conference**

15 Celebrating
years
**of Vermont's
Downtown Program**

Agenda and Session Descriptions

The 2013 Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference
Presented by the Department of Housing and Community Development
and the Preservation Trust of Vermont

Friday June 7th, 2013 from 9:00am - 4:30pm
Barre Opera House, Barre VT

Conference highlights include:

- Keynote Speaker & Expert in Downtown Revitalization, David Feehan
- Over 12 Educational Sessions/Tours on a Wide Range of Topics
- AICP Certification Maintenance Credits Offered (pending)

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