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Greetings!

Louise Basa, founding member of the VAS, Receives Prestigious Theodore Whitney Award

At their annual dinner, the New York State Archaeological Association conferred a Theodore Whitney Commendation on Louise Basa. The Theodore Whitney Award is conferred by the association for a lifetime of dedication and service to New York State Archaeology. Louise was a founding member of the VAS and served on the Board for many years. She currently lives and works in Schenectady, NY.

Louise has taught at UVM and Johnson State College in Vermont and was instrumental in setting up the Community Archaeology Program at Schenectady County Community College. A full biography, listing all of Louise's accomplishments can be downloaded [here](#).

The VAS Board and membership extend their congratulations to Louise, recognizing that she has many more years in which to continue contributing to the archaeology of the North Country.

- Submitted by Victor Rolando



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VAS Spring Meeting
May 3
Crown Point, NY

In conjunction with the Adirondack
Chapter of the New York State
Archaeological Association

Tentative speakers include:

from New York

Paul Huey
Michael Roits
Chris Carola
David Starbuck

from Vermont

Kate Kenney
Andrew Beaupre
Crown Point Road Group

Attendees will be able to explore
both the Crown Point and
Chimney Point historic sites.

Please see the VAS Web site for
agenda and registration
information.

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Return to Warren Falls!

May 29-30-31

The Green Mountain National Forest and the VAS are joining forces again in a return to the pre-contact Warren Falls site (VT-WA-180). This short 3-day (May 29-30-31) extension of our volunteer-driven excavations from 2012/13 will help us define the horizontal dimensions of this small-but-dense site and give us one more

opportunity to recover diagnostic materials. To date we have recovered hundreds of secondary reduction and thinning flakes - 99% of them a fine-grained quartzite, with a handful of small chert re-sharpening flakes thrown in for good measure -- but no tools or dateable material.

The cultural deposits are shallow (surface to 30+cm) and the site is located on a narrow stretch of floodplain near a parking lot and next to a trail in a high-use recreation area. Given this context it is hard to be confident that we can preserve the site's integrity in perpetuity. Therefore it seemed prudent to continue our project (instead of maximizing the sample left in the ground) and see if we could collect enough additional data to tell more of the story of this place while we can.

I will plan to be on-site from 9:00-3:30 each day. We have recruited drip-dry volunteers in the past, so we are "on" rain-or-shine - but if there is a true deluge I don't expect to see you!

If you are able to join us, please drop me a note (dlacy@fs.fed.us) or give me a call (802-747-6719). I don't expect we'll reach our capacity, but a dozen people would be about the maximum at one time so I will be counting heads.

Please bring lunch, water, and incidentals (e.g., bug dope, sun screen, umbrella?) - we will have digging and screening equipment. A map to the site can be found on the VAS Web site.

Looking forward to seeing and working with you.

- Submitted by Dave Lacy, GMF Archaeologist

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