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## The Vermont Archaeological Society Electronic Newsletter

Greetings!

### **ACT 250**

Many of you turned out at the forums held around the state to explain the proposed changes to Rule 4 in ACT 250 as it relates to the review process of projects.

### WELCOME!

We have had many new subscribers to this electronic newsletter since Vic Rolando's notice in the last printed newsletter.

We welcome comments from all who read this newsletter. It is still a work in progress. If you have pictures, notices or articles of interest to submit, please do so. If you know of others who might like to receive this eNewsletter please encourage them to send in their e-mail address.

The VAS Board of Directors is concerned that the proposed changes in the wording may lead to a restricted interpretation of the ACT 250 rules, with a possible result of limiting regulatory archaeology conducted in Vermont to already known historic properties.

### **VAS Annual Fall Meeting**

The Vermont Archaeological Society will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on September 12th at Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell. Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the meeting called to order at 9:30 am.

No decisions have yet been made. Please continue to keep your representatives informed of your opinions concerning the rule change.

In addition to the business meeting and election of new Board Members, there will be reports on the completion of the lab work for last summer's Severance Site project. We will also have a presentation on this summer's project at Little Rock Pond by Dave Lacy and Geoff Mandel, who co-directed the excavation. Lab work has begun on the artifacts recovered and volunteers would be welcome (see sidebar).

### **Lab Work Update and New Opportunities**

#### Severance Site

Lab work for the Severance Site completed the cataloging stage. There were five volunteers, besides the five VAS Board

The highlight of the meeting will be a tour of Mount Independence

conducted by Allen Hathaway, VAS Board Member, who has studied the site in depth. This tour will be to areas of the site not usually seen by visitors. The hike will be challenging so please come prepared. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

As usual, the VAS will provide morning refreshments but lunch will be on your own. Since Mount Independence is not centrally located you are encouraged to bring your own lunch, including any beverages you might need.

The cost for attending the meeting will be \$15.00 for VAS members and \$18.00 for non-members. This price includes admission to the site. No pre-registration is necessary.

There are four Board positions that need to be filled. Any member in good standing interested in joining the VAS Board should submit a brief biography to Brigitte Helzer, President (e-mail address in sidebar) as soon as possible.

For information on Mount Independence and directions to the site please visit [www.historicvermont.org/mountindependence](http://www.historicvermont.org/mountindependence)

## **Annual Atlatl Competition**



For the 14th year, Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison will host the Northeastern Open Atlatl Competition on Saturday and Sunday September 19th & 20th.

This event is a Lake Champlain Quadricentennial SIGNATURE event - the last one in 2009, for Vermont and the only one that involves two states (VT and NY - a joint Festival of Nations with Crown Point).

The VAS is a co-sponsor and will have a presence at this event. In addition to having our publications on display (and for sale) you will have a chance to meet VAS Board members and voice your opinions. Experts will be on hand to identify any artifacts you may have. Come

members who helped wash, catalog, and enter the information into our computer. Feature soil samples are in the process of flotation and with completion the analysis stage will begin. With the analysis complete the final step of writing the report will start.

### *Little Rock Pond Site (aka Homer Stone Quartzite Quarry)*

VAS members have an opportunity to help process and analyze materials recovered during this summer's excavation at the Little Rock Pond site, known officially as the Homer Stone Quartzite Quarry. Many of the artifacts show (sometimes subtle) evidence of being worked. CAP staff and student interns have begun working on the collection, and work will be on-going through the early fall (or until they're done).

CAP director John Crock has said that their lab at Delehanty Hall (UVM's Trinity Campus, 180 Colchester Avenue) will be open to volunteers during business hours for the next few weeks as they work on the collection. Please contact John at 802-656-4310 or [john.crock@uvm.edu](mailto:john.crock@uvm.edu) at least a day in advance of your planned visit so they can have people and facilities ready for you!

## **Officers and Board**

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Brigitte Helzer

and try your hand at using the "simple" ancient atlatl, meet others interested in the archaeology of Vermont and enjoy the beauty of this unique location.

For more information please visit the Chimney Point Web Site at [www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint/atlatl](http://www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint/atlatl)

## Recent Discoveries

[A recurring feature]

A multicomponent site dating from the Late Archaic to the Late Woodland period found in **South Burlington**. Numerous projectile points recovered including Normanskill, Levannas, and a probable Susquehanna stemmed.

A large, non-fire hearth feature was excavated at a site in **Georgia**, resulting in 6 Levanna style projectile points dating to the Middle- Late Woodland period.

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