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Greetings!



New Hampshire Archaeology Month OCTOBER

VAS Annual Fall Meeting



As announced previously, the Annual Fall Meeting is being held at the Parker Settlement Site in West Glover on **Saturday October 9, 2010** beginning at 9:00 am. We have arranged an interesting and varied list of speakers. In addition, the afternoon will feature a walkover of this interesting and barely disturbed 18th-19th century settlement. The VAS, in conjunction with the site owners, is anticipating excavations at this site next year.

In addition to the speakers and site walkover, there will be a short business meeting which will include election of new Board Members. We have received no nominations to the Board at this time, but nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting. Please consider serving on the Board. If you are interested (or would like to nominate someone else) please contact the [Administrative Coordinator](#).

Prepayment is not required, but preregistration is strongly encouraged. **PLEASE** contact the Administrative Coordinator via email (rgtle@stoweaccess.com) or phone (802/644-5675) to reserve your place.

An abbreviated agenda follows:

- 8:30 am Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 am Business Meeting
- 9:30 am Geophysical Prospection and the Evaluation of the Bradley Cemetery, Charlotte, Vermont
Cameron B. Wesson, University of Vermont

New Hampshire Archaeology Month offers lectures and tours during the month of October throughout the state.

The list of activities is too extensive to list here, but will be posted on the [VAS web site](#) as well as the [NHAS web site](#).

The New Hampshire Archaeological Society 2010 Fall Meeting will be held at the end of NHAM on October 23rd at the White Mountain National Forest Office in Campton NH.

You are encouraged to check out the offerings and attend all those of interest.

Iron in New York

A Free Symposium at the New York State Museum
Oct. 16-17, 2010

This event is in response to the interest of a number of the

Andrew R. Beupré, Western Michigan University

Richard F. Hart, University of Vermont

10:00 am Reinventing the Waterwheel: HAER Documentation at the
Robbins & Lawrence Armory in Windsor
John Johnson, Historical Consultant

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Preliminary Results of UVM CAP Summer Research
Activities
John Crock, *et al*, UVM CAP

12:00 noon Lunch

Catered by West Glover Willing Workers

12:30 pm History and Archaeology of the Parker Settlement Site
Randy Williams & Betsy Day, Parker Settlement Site

1:30 pm Parker Settlement Site Walkover
A guided tour of the site and initial walkover in
preparation for future excavations

Cost (includes lunch): Members \$20.00

Non-members \$22.00

Directions to Parker Settlement Site

From Route 91: Take exit 25 off of I-91 (Barton), go north to Roaring Brook Road, left for 3 miles to West Glover Village, straight onto Parker Road (gravel) for 1/2 mile to 765 Parker Road. Look for sign, turn left and come up driveway to parking area.

From Route 15: Take Route 16 off of Route 15, take Bean Hill Road out of Glover Village towards West Glover after Currier's Market, follow for approximately 3 miles. Just past the church, turn left onto Parker Road and follow the directions above.

There are accommodations available at and near the meeting site. There is a nearby cottage with 4 bedrooms, plus 2 additional beds downstairs, and a guest apartment above the conference center with master bedroom and 3 additional beds available to those who will be traveling a distance. For those who might have a RV there are 3-4 spaces available.

For more information and to reserve a space, please contact our hosts Randy Williams and Betsy Day at daywilli@yahoo.com or 802/525-4051.

Parched English fields reveal ancient sites

LONDON (Reuters) - The exceptionally dry early summer months in Britain have revealed the ghostly outlines of several hundred previously unknown ancient sites buried in fields across the English countryside. From Roman forts to Neolithic settlements and military remains dating to World War Two, English Heritage has been busily photographing the exciting discoveries from the air.

participants in having an informal gathering where they could share their ongoing work with others who might be interested, and learn what kinds of research on the subject are being done by people in other fields.

The presentations will be in the Huxley Theater at the Museum.

Outside demonstrations will be held at the Normanskill Farm blacksmith shop in Albany and the Watervliet Arsenal Museum.

The complete agenda will be listed on the [VAS web site](#).

Burlington Free Press Highlights Abenaki Heritage Garden

An article entitled *'Three sisters' entwine present and past at the Intervale* by Melissa Pasanen appeared in the September 26th edition of the Burlington Free Press. Anyone interested can view the article on-line at the [BFP Web site](#).

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Known as crop marks, the outlines show up when crops grow at different rates over buried structures. Shallower soils tend to produce a stunted crop and are more prone to parching, bringing to light the new features.

"It's hard to remember a better year," said Dave MacLeod, a senior investigator with English Heritage. "Crop marks are always at their best in dry weather, but the last few summers have been a disappointment," he said. "This year we have taken full advantage of the conditions. We try to concentrate on areas that in an average year don't produce much archaeology."

One of this year's most important finds is a Roman camp in Dorset, southwest England. Experts say it is a relatively rare structure in that part of the country with only three others known of in the region. The lightly built defensive enclosure, which emerged from parched barley fields, provided basic protection for Roman soldiers on maneuvers in the first century AD. In the Holderness area of the East Riding of Yorkshire, an area rich in agricultural land on the east coast, 60 new, mainly prehistoric sites, were found in just one day.

Archaeologists say at least 200 new historic sites have been discovered with detail on many more existing structures revealed for the first time. At another Roman site for example, a fort at Newton Kyme in North Yorkshire, the crop marks showed stronger defensive walls built of stone three meters thick, together with a massive enclosing ditch.

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