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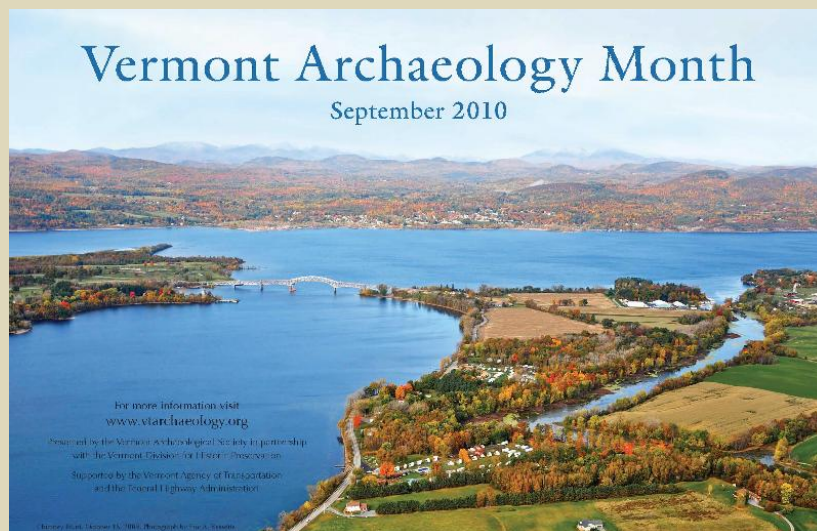
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Tours of Middlebury Excavation Site Available

Greetings!

The Northeast Archaeology Research Center (NE ARC) is currently conducting phase III archaeological excavations at a Native American "rock shelter" site on the Otter Creek in Middlebury, VT.

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The site is being investigated as part of a mitigation and data recovery process, and the NE ARC is offering site visits as part of public education and outreach, which is a requirement of the project.

September 2010 has been officially designated Vermont Archaeology Month by Governor Douglas.

We are digging test units and water-screening the sediment that is removed, as it is very clayey and is very difficult to screen when dry. Although no diagnostic artifacts, such as projectile points or pottery, have been recovered, we have found stone tools, flaking debris left over from stone tool working, fire-cracked rock, and a possible feature which may represent a hearth or a pit of some kind.

We have many interesting activities planned for the month. Whether you prefer hiking into history, learning an ancient skill or just sitting back and hearing about Vermont's past, there is an activity for you. Complete listings with descriptions, dates and times are available on our [Web site](#) but to peak your interest we list the activities here:

Site visits will be for small groups for approximately one hour. An

150 Years Under the Golden Dome
Archaeology Along the Lamoille

Archaeology in Caledonia County
Appreciating Vermont's Archaeological Heritage
Atlatl Workshop
Cellar Holes and Lime Kilns
Flint-knapping 101
Hands-on Demonstration of Prehistoric Pottery Making
Hidden History on the Green Mountain National Forest
Hike in the Area of Old Brandon
Hike into History
Hike the Military Road
Hike to Silas Griffith's "Old Job" Village Site
How Does a Farm Become a Forest...or an Archaeological Site?
Native American Pottery Workshop
New Discoveries at Chimney Point
Northeast Open Atlatl Championship
Paddle to Prehistory
Pottery Workshop
Prehistoric Roadshow
Shipwrecks! On-Water Tour

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will be offering exhibits and demonstrations related to archaeology throughout the month.

The Parker Settlement Site in Glover is open for self-guided tours or, if you call ahead, a guided tour can be arranged. See our [Web site](#) for details.

The Society for Industrial Archaeology's National Fall Tour is headed to Vermont in September. They will be offering tours to the Barre granite quarries and the Orange County copper mines. Unfortunately, the tours are only open to members of the SIA and fill up quickly. If interested, check out their Web Site, www.sia-web.org

On attending any of these events, please identify yourself as an eNewsletter reader.

VAS Annual Fall Meeting

This year's Fall Meeting will be held at the Parker Settlement Site in Glover. The town of Glover was founded in 1798 along the Hinman Settler Road, the main route between Boston and Montreal. The site soon boasted a tavern, school, brick kiln, church and several residences. By 1850 the site had been abandoned and since then has been untouched by development.

The Fall Meeting will include an afternoon tour of the site led by owners and VAS members Randy Williams and Betsy Day.

In the morning, we will have our annual business meeting to elect Board members as well as several presentations on subjects of interest to the membership. As usual, morning coffee and pastries as well as lunch will be provided. The fee will be \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members.

ideal group size is around ten people, but please contact us if you have a different number in your group and we will try to accommodate you.

The site is located approximately 1 mile north of the center of Middlebury off Seymour Street, just to the north of the covered bridge. We will be working at the site through August 18-26 and possibly also September 1-5, but please contact us for finalized dates and to make arrangements to visit.

Please contact Gemma at the NE ARC for more information:

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We look forward to meeting you!

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Please notify the [VAS Administrative Coordinator](#) if you plan to attend. We do not need pre-payment but need to know expected attendance numbers. Additional information on this meeting will appear in next month's eNewsletter.

We have several vacancies on the Board. Service on the Board can be rewarding. Most business is conducted via e-mail with in-person meetings being held approximately once a quarter. The Board would welcome new members with fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining the Board please contact the VAS Administrative Coordinator at rgtle@stoweaccess.com

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