Greetings!

Vermont Archaeology Month 2011 Celebrates Volunteers - Are You Here?

Most VAM events are now arranged and posted on the Web site.
You can choose from lectures, hikes, workshops and much more.
Don't forget the Atlatl Weekend at Mt. Independence on September 16-18. Not just atlatls but flintknapping and potterymaking too. The VAS will be there with our Journals, our t-shirts and our expertise.

Vic Rolando is back by popular demand leading (along with Dave Lacy) a hike to the abandoned village of North Winhall. If you prefer a more urban hike, join Kelly Stettner of the Black River Action Team on a tour of Springfield's mill sites.

Montpelier's Kellogg Hubbard Library will again be hosting Charlie Paquin's Traditional Potterymaking Workshop for all ages and Charlie will also be in Burlington at ECHO to show you how to make pottery and chip stone tools. There's more...much more! A complete listing will appear in the August issue. Until then, it's all available on the Web site at http://vtarchaeology.org.

Save the Date
September 20th

On September 20th the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs will be hosting a public meeting at the Vermont State House in Montpelier. Additional information is available on the VAS Web site. This meeting is part of Vermont Archaeology Month.
Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Are you a fan of Indiana Jones? Want to learn how to clean iron using electricity? Interested in finding out more about the shipwrecks here on Lake Champlain? Your Boy Scout Troop can earn their Archaeology Merit Badge at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum with Conservation Technician and Merit Badge Counselor Alex Lehning. Discover more about the history and archaeology of our region, discuss the various methods used by our nautical archaeologists to explore underwater, learn about different treatment methods for artifacts, and even perform your own hands-on conservation project in our state-of-the-art Conservation Lab. Read about the program online: http://lcmm.org/mri/conservation_lab.htm

Boy Scouts and adult leaders are invited to contact the Maritime Museum at (802) 475-2022 or info@lcmm.org for more information about scheduling a visit.

Battle of Plattsburgh Association Offers Pike's Cantonment Archaeological Opportunity

There are a limited number of positions for people to assist Dr. Timothy Abel, a 33 CFR 61-qualified archaeologist, in the week-long (Aug 1-5) investigation of the two and one-half acre site of "Pike's Cantonment," part of the winter encampment area of the U.S. Army during the winter of 1812-1813 under the command of Zebulon M. Pike. Tasks under the direction of Dr. Abel include: orienteering, archaeological testing, soil color matching, soil screening, artifact collection and documentation (photography, bagging, tagging, record keeping). This research project is being conducted under the auspices of the NY State Office of Historic Preservation and the Battle of Plattsburgh Association and supported, in part, by a grant from the North Country Chamber of Commerce. To support the project and Dr. Abel's expenses, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) will be assessed. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of us to participate in a live archaeological...
project connected to the War of 1812 and in our own backyard. Expand your horizons and skills and have fun doing it!

Teachers wishing to participate may receive in-service credit. For more information contact the North Country Teacher Resource Center.

For more details or to reserve your spot contact the Battle of Plattsburgh Association at 518-566-1814 www.battleofplattsburgh.org.

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