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Greetings!

A Letter from Little Rock Pond

Dear Fellow VAS members:

Summer greetings! We thought you'd like to know that at its mid-point the fourth (and final) season our dig at the Homer Stone Quartzite Quarry is going great. As you probably know, the project is a partnership between the Society, UVM's Consulting Archaeology Program (CAP), and the Green Mountain National Forest (with applause thrown in for the Green Mountain Club's on-going support, too!).

As in years past we have found interesting and dramatic lithics in nearly every unit. Currently we have what we think are two adjacent activity areas representing the entire sequence of quarry processes from large chunky primary reduction blocks to fine finishing flakes - and the occasional broken or partially completed bifacial "blanks" (which we believe are the primary end-product leaving the site). Two individual partial bifacial finds had us speculating about possible projectile point-ness, but you would have to have been with us in the field to be witness to these flights of fancy - we're not committing to anything in print at the moment! And of course the beautiful colors and transparency of the material itself is a source of inspiration (at least to archaeologists), as is the placid and clear Pond a mere 50 yards away through the woods.

We have had pleasant, interesting and hardworking volunteers from numerous places, different generations and a variety of walks of life: new and long-time VAS members (and Board members), college and high school students, campers from Pittsford's Camp Betsey Cox, Forest Service employees on their day off, two Student Conservation Association crews... and VAS

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Images from Little Rock Pond 2012



Old & Young Folks Screening



*Lithic Reduction Debris in Pit
Profile*

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President, Bob Brinck, has been an enthusiastic regular and emissary at the site.

As I write this we have two more weeks on the project (Aug 2-3-4 and 9-10-11), so if you don't want to miss out on a good time at a unique site give Dave a call (802-747-6719) or an email (dlacy@fs.fed.us) to sign up (check the VAS web site for times and directions).

Cheers from Dave Lacy (GMNF) and Geoff Mandel (CAP)

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