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Vermont Archeology Week '97 Spring Fundraising Auction Donations Due: March 31, 1997

Jill Oliver
VAW Auction Coordinator

Wake up the kids and call the neighbors! It's time to start rounding up donations for the 1997 Vermont Archeology Week (VAW) Fundraising Auction.

Go through your attics, call up your wealthy relatives, and beg local merchants! Thanks to everyone's hard work generating donations last year, the 1996 Auction raised close to \$2,000. Big hits in 1996 included a handcrafted atlatl, new and antique books, maps, posters, a cave painting kit, museum memberships and passes, a shovel, gift certificates, jewelry, T-shirts, journals, reproduction artifacts, minerals, and a straw hat. Other good ideas might be tools for fieldwork, outdoor clothing, camping gear, and videotapes.

Any goods or services of possible use or interest to historians and archeologists are most welcome. Remember, chances are good that if you like it, so will someone else at the Auction!

Date and location of the VAS Spring Meeting and Auction is not determined at this writing; but in anticipation of a mid-April date (Middlebury area?), auction donations will be due to coordinators by March 31st. For more information, please contact Jill Oliver (Auction Coordinator) at 802-388-6365 or Cheryl Fregeau (Primary VAW Coordinator) at 802-868-2086. Thank you!

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We're still looking for a Regional Coordinator for Southeast Vermont; please contact Cheryl Fregeau or Jill Oliver if you're interested.

Westford History In Our Back Yard Program

Douglas Frink
Archaeology Consulting Team

The Westford History In Our Back Yard (WHIOBY) program is using resources on school property as a natural laboratory to enhance the existing curricula. Native American archaeological site VT-CH-692, located on the school property, serves as the focus of the laboratory. The 5th and 6th grade team at Westford Elementary School is conducting original archaeological research, not as students but as scientists. These scientists are exploring first-hand Vermont's history and environment by excavating and interpreting a Native American archaeological site.

The archaeological site is a cultural resource that offers more than just the perceived artifacts. The students that excavate the archaeological site learn about the dynamic cultural and natural environments through both space and time in a hands-on context. The students are exposed to soil genesis and development, landform geomorphology, forest communities and their unique growth cycles, and patterns of human behavior. With an understanding of this broader context, students are learning how people successfully co-adapted with the complex environmental mosaic of Vermont over a 10,000-year time span.

Within this environmental context, the archaeological site is transformed from a nebulous collection of old things into a dynamic laboratory. In this laboratory, students are discovering the environmental system that affects (and is affected by) cultures, in both the past and the present. The students are experiencing the scientific process of analysis and integration, and transforming from passive consumers of knowledge into active producers of knowledge. They are becoming scientists.

The WHIOBY program has involved the young scientists, teachers, and guest parents from three sections of the Westford Elementary School 5th and 6th grade. Each 5-6 section of between 15 and 20

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VAS Board and Officers for 1996-97

The following were elected to the VAS Board for 1996-99 terms at the October 25, 1996 Annual Meeting: Ann Clay, Bruce Hedin, David Starbuck, and John Tomkins III. Officers elected at the January 23, 1997 Board meeting were Bruce Hedin, President; Robert Sloma, Vice President; and Marjorie Robbins,

Secretary.

The Board thanks outgoing board members and past presidents Audrey Porsche and Bill Murphy for their generous contributions of time and effort to the Society down through the years. (A little bird told us that Bill is planning to dig at a site in England early this summer. Break a trowel, Bill!)

Openings on the VAS Board

There are two openings the Board for the remainder of a 1994-97 term, which will be up for reelection for full 3-year terms at this fall's annual meeting. Any members in good standing who wish to further the goals of the society are encouraged to apply by contacting any board member (see left). New Board members enjoy a period to learn and observe.

The Board currently meets the second Thursday of every other month (next meeting March 13), usually in Middlebury. Meetings of the Board are open to the membership.

Vermont Archeology Week 1997 "Brush Up On The Past" September 21-27, 1997

Cheryl Fregeau
VAW '97 Team Primary Contact

The dates for Vermont Archeology Week (VAW) '97 are now official—September 21-27, 1997—and the program is already starting to take shape! The VAW celebration will begin on Saturday the 20th with the 2nd annual atlant competition at the Chimney Point State Historic Site. Other exciting events planned include a reprise of VAW 96's "Always in Fashion—7,000 Years of Abenaki Apparel" and a panel discussion on various burial practices in the Northeast. Giovanna Peebles was lucky enough to round up another national-caliber poster artist, watercolorist Kathleen Kolb.

Fundraising is well underway thanks to the efforts of Grants Coordinator Gordon Cawood and Utility Company Fundraisers John Dunlap and John Tomkins III. If anyone would like to help with fundraising, please contact Cheryl Fregeau at 802-868-2086 (h) or 802-868-3427 (w).

The Education Committee is still looking for a local coordinator for the southeastern part of the State. If anyone is interested or has any questions about VAW '97, please don't hesitate to call Cheryl at any of the above phone numbers.

See page 11 for names, addresses, and phone numbers of all VAW '97 Team Members and Regional and Activity Coordinators.

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young scientists met independently for a two-hour session each week during the fall of 1996.

Professional archaeologists from Archaeology Consulting Team served as team leaders during this part of the program. The team leaders assisted the students with fieldwork, laboratory analyses, and data processing. The Westford Elementary School 5th and 6th grade team scientists are presently developing presentations of their own interpretations of the archaeological information. On May 14, 1997, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., the young scientists will report their findings to the public during an evening open house at the Westford Elementary School. Anyone who is interested is welcomed to attend.

The Westford History in Our Back Yard Program is a collaboration between the Westford Elementary School and the Archaeology Consulting Team. Funding for this program has come from generous contributions made by the Westford Partners in Education and the Champlain Basin Heritage Program.



*Westford 5th and 6th grades discover History in Their Back Yard.
(above and below)*

Atlatl Workshop at Chimney Point State Historic Site

*Audrey Porsche
Chimney Point State Historic Site*

Chimney Point will be offering a workshop on making and using atlatls on Saturday, May 17th (time TBD). The workshop will be led by expert atlatlist Robert Berg of Owego, N.Y. and will also include related demonstrations on flintknapping, making cordage, and fire-lighting. Mr. Berg was the winner of the 1996 Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship at Chimney Point!

Cost for the class is \$45 and includes all materials needed to make your own atlatl and three darts. Class size is limited, so register early. The workshop is being offered in preparation of the Second Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship, which will be held at Chimney Point on Saturday, September 20th.

For more information or to register contact Audrey at Chimney Point State Historic Site, RD1 Box 3546, Vergennes VT 05491. Phone 802-759-2412; Fax 802-759-2547; or E-mail at aporsche@gate.dca.state.vt.us



"Windows to the Past" Illuminates Vermont Archeology

*Kathleen E. Callum, GEOARCH
VAW '96 Coordinator*

Communities around the state enthusiastically threw open their window sashes during May 5-11, 1996 to celebrate the 3rd Annual Vermont Archeology Week (VAW '96). Co-organized by the VAS and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (DHP), the week's theme "Windows to the Past" was a resounding success. *New Yorker* and *New York Times* artist Ed Koren whimsically depicted folk of the past greeting present-day Vermonters, framed in a symbolic window. This distinctive poster was featured as part of an article on great poster art in the *Burlington Free Press*, and entered in the first Society for American Archeology week poster contest. The co-organizers distributed over 1,500 free posters and 7,000 VAW '96 *Calendar of Events* advertising 57 excellent activities open to the public. Copies of the poster and stacks of calendars were forwarded to libraries, museums, schools, Vermont tourism centers, bookstores, local stores, and the historic preservation community. Everything from organizing to poster design to calendar data entry to welcoming folks at events depended on the many volunteers and sponsors who made VAW '96 successful.

VAW '96 organizers counted 1,535 direct participants during "Windows to the Past" outreach events (69% reporting). This "direct participant" count actually under-represents the impact of VAW '96, as it does not include events that could be independent of VAW '96, exhibits, statewide radio or TV programs, or special activities and notices on World Wide Web pages. Two of the big draws that were counted as "direct participation" included "Always in Fashion - 7,000 Years of Abenaki Apparel" in Highgate Falls (212 participants) and "The Northeastern Open Atlatl Championships" at Chimney Point State Historic Site (est. 400). Archeology awareness generated by the other forms of VAW '96 public outreach are more difficult to quantify, but certainly significant. An estimated 400 people per day viewed the exhibit "Prehistoric Ceramics in the Northeast" at UVM's Williams Hall. We reached an estimated 11,600 folks through three radio/TV shows that shed light on the local archeology scene. WCAX's popular Channel 3 "Across the Fence" program focused on the Grand Opening of Mount Independence Visitor Center, VPR's "Switchboard" reviewed the best of Vermont archeology, and "Across the Fence" later depicted the "Northeastern Open Atlatl Championships" for a January 17, 1997 showing. Announcements of VAW '96 and the Northeastern

Atlatl Championships on the *Knapper's Anonymous* and other web pages drew global interest.

"Windows to the Past" continued a commitment toward helping a growing number of small Vermont towns and villages reflect on their past. Vermonters generally share a strong sense of local community ties and history. The more grass-roots support for local historic preservation efforts we can encourage through public outreach, the better we can meet goals of promoting good stewardship of our rich and ancient heritage. Public outreach events took place in over 38 localities from Addison to Vernon, augmenting the scores participating in past archeology weeks. Eventually, we hope that every community in Vermont will invite and promote direct involvement in VAW at least once every few years. Regional interest events like industrial archeology tours in New Haven, Forestdale, Winhall, and Bennington by Vic Rolando (VAS), history of the West Castleton Slate Industry by Gary Salmon (Vt. Forests, Parks, and Recreation), a revolutionary war artifact talk held at the American Precision Museum by Gordon Cawood (LCMM), and "Collections Day" in Swanton by Scott Dillon (DHP) provided a sense of local heritage for relatively small, but important audiences.

Many positive and enthusiastic comments were relayed by VAW '96 event or exhibit hosts on the evaluation forms. John Petersen, who presented "Mystery in the Walls" said a couple of the kids rushed along Park Street in Brandon to check for machine-cut versus wire nails in nearby historic buildings. A Long Trail history buff noted, "Geez, I've hiked this trail dozens of times and never noticed 'dat charcoal kiln or 'dem cellar holes." Prudence Doherty of UVM's Consulting Archaeology Program was asked to leave up the exhibit "Changing Landscapes, Changing Cultures" at the Bailey Howe Library three times in a row, and is now seeking a permanent home for this popular VAW '96 feature. This year folks had a chance to check out two archeology sites with work in progress. "Excavations at the Melodeon Factory," conducted by Kathleen Wheeler in Poultney and "The Archaeology of Vermont's Native People" in Jericho investigated by the Archaeology Consulting Team offered the public some hands-on archeology opportunity.

A unique and diverse mix of archeological and historic events, sponsored by grassroots groups ranging from non-profits to libraries, remains characteristic of our successful archeology outreach. The Weathersfield Historical Society, for example, organized a clean-up of a local lime kiln ruin, the Rutland Free Library offered "Story-Hour" for children, the Natural Resources Conservation Service see "Windows to the Past" →6

Scenes from Vermont Archeology Week '96 - "Windows to the Past"

(Photos by Evelyn Chapman of Vergennes)



← Charcoal kiln remains in the
Green Mountain National Forest
at Ripton

Mill remains along the
Middlebury River ⇒



← An 1822 blast furnace ruin
at Bennington

"Windows to the Past" (continued)

summarized recent finds in Richmond, and Carol Nepton of the Abenaki Nation explained Native American repatriation during the "Good Red Road." Besides a strong Vermont or Northeast focus, events like "Celts and Romans in Ancient Britain" sponsored by Barre Books and the "First Arcadian: An Early Sanctuary for the Greek God Pan" at the Ilsley Library in Middlebury provided a touch of exotic breezes through those open windows. Whether big or small, the activities advertised in the VAW '96 *Calendar of Events* highlighted how archeology helps make Vermont a special place to live and visit.

In addition to the obvious benefits of Vermont Archeology Week as measured by event participation statistics or rave reviews of activities, there were a number of indirect gains on the VAW '96 horizon. Attendance at the spring VAS meeting and auction is increasing, and so is VAS membership. A lot of new faces and reenergized familiar ones are becoming involved with Vermont Archeology Week and historic preservation. Vermont Archeology Week is growing into high quality public outreach effort the equal of any in other states and provinces. We have offered tens of thousands of people the opportunity to shed light on their past, raised public awareness about the state's own local archeological resources, increased media coverage of historic preservation activities, and greatly enhanced the appeal of our public events. Good stewardship of the past is vital to Vermont's dependence on heritage tourism. Vermont Archeology Week illustrates the importance of preserving Vermont's significant economic heritage resources.

This year witnessed the initiation of our first *Excellence in Archeology Awards*. The awards are granted by the VAS to recognize individuals, organizations, businesses, or others who have made an outstanding contribution to some aspect of Vermont archeology. In Kentucky, a similar awards ceremony has achieved national acclaim for promotion of good stewardship by private landowners. Nominations are made by the public and submitted for review by a 10-member panel of the VAS Education Committee. In 1996, the Education Committee recommended five award nominations. The VAS Board approved these nominations unanimously. The Awards Ceremony was held in conjunction with the April 27, 1996 VAS Spring Meeting & Vermont Archeology Week Awareness Auction. Chief Homer Saint Francis and Jeff Benay were honored for their outstanding commitment toward repatriation of Abenaki ancestors and fostering public appreciation of Native American issues and archeology. Archaeology Consulting Team's Doug Frink was recognized for his ongoing public archeology contributions such

as "Archeology in Our Backyard." Rob Sanford received accolades for fostering archeological site stewardship by publication of *Stonewalls and Cellar-holes: A Guide for Landowners on Historic Features and Landscapes in Vermont Forests*. The VAS also cited Dr. Marjory Power for her many contributions to student education and volunteerism relating to Vermont archeology.

Thirteen partners accepting an *Excellence in Archeology Award* for the Skitchewaugh Site Preservation Project were: John Titchner on behalf of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Cleve Kapala and Ernie Griggs of New England Power Company, Dennis Borchardt and Tom Maclay for the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation District, Rob Sanford on behalf of the Springfield Planning Commission, Bill Steele for the Town of Springfield, Dr. James Petersen of the Archaeology Research Center at the University of Maine in Farmington, Richard Hodge of the Upper Valley Land Trust, Gus Seelig on behalf of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Senator Richard McCormack of Vermont State Legislature, Dick Moore of the Vermont State Farm Service Agency, landowners Ken and Janice Young, landowner Errol Perry, and Paul Bruhn for the Preservation Trust of Vermont. These individuals and organizations provide an inspiration for all of us. We hope that future award ceremonies will continue to build on the foundation of the VAW '96 *Excellence in Archeology Award* recipients.

Vermont Archeology Week Needs Your Help

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

to the VAS, address on back cover

Contributions to VAW are Tax-Deductible

Although there are far too many individuals and organizations to thank by name, all event volunteers, sponsors, dedicated fund raisers, and VAW '96 organizers deserve a heartfelt round of applause for their gracious efforts. An outreach week of this magnitude would not be possible without the generous donations of our sponsors, and the vital volunteerism found within the archeological community. VAW '96 netted approximately \$13,286.24, of which \$11,082.50 or 83%, passed through the VAS coffers. A large share of the funding came from archeological consultants (\$4,149.50), utilities (\$3,900.00), and the VAS Auction (\$1,876.50). Funding from grants, area businesses, government agencies, non-profit historic preservation organizations, other consultants, educational institutions, individuals, and product sales continues to be vital. We encourage your ongoing financial support of this important program.

Of the total income, \$6,660.00 was funneled to the state, regional, and other coordinators for VAW '96 services and data entry, \$3,797.05 was utilized for publications and products, \$2,109.73 for telephone, mileage, copying, and other expenses, and \$419.50 for specific event expenses. We have \$299.96 left for this year's coordinators to begin work on VAW '97. The state coordinator hours totaled 524 for VAW '96, of which 126½ were donated. Ten other volunteers or organizations contributed a total of 500¼ hours. Volunteer hours comprise an estimated monetary contribution of \$11,270.94. State Archeologist Giovanna Peebles reported her in-kind services toward VAW '96 as 120 hours or \$3,600.00. Unfortunately, these totals are estimated to represent less than 20% of significant VAW '96 volunteer and in-kind staff hours. The dramatic under-reporting of VAW volunteer involvement is an ongoing concern. Besides getting a clearer picture of our public outreach efforts, the donated hours can also be used as federal match. If you haven't reported your volunteer involvement as a VAW '96 organizer, fund raiser, or event host, presenter, and sponsor, it's not too late to do so now. As state coordinator of the first three Vermont Archeology Weeks, I have been grateful for the immense show of enthusiasm for developing this exemplary outreach event. With your support, the success of future weeks will be assured. Keep illuminating the past!

Education Committee Reenergized by New Faces

Kathleen E. Callum
VAS Education Committee Chair

New faces, new energy, and new trends are a hallmark of this year's VAS Education Committee. The Education Committee, as other VAS committees do, functions under the organization's Bylaws and reports to the VAS Board. The Education Committee is charged with furthering the archeological education and public outreach goals of the VAS. The main projects undertaken by the committee include the co-organization of the annual Vermont Archeology Week (along with the DHP), archeology bus trips, winter workshops, and other educational initiatives. The Education Committee meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at the GEOARCH home office in Brandon (Lake Dunmore). John Tomkins III of Hunter Research, recently stepped down as committee chair. Currently, I am committee chair, John Dunlap is vice-chair, and John Peterson serves as secretary. Approximately 24 people are on the committee list or have official VAW

capacities. It's great to see so many folks involved in promoting Vermont archeology education and public outreach. We are always searching for other enthusiastic folks to assist with committee tasks, our numerous excellent projects, and fervently invite anyone interested to drop by and visit.

Vermont Archeology Week has grown into a highly acclaimed, professional-looking outreach program. VAW has had a somewhat checkered history, originally starting out as the orphan child of now largely defunct professional organization. During its first years as an event co-organized by the VAS and DHP, the VAW organizing committee was very small, comprised of volunteers, and VAS Board meetings were often totally taken up with VAW management issues. Nowadays, the VAS Board monitors major issues such as choice of coordinator, work plans for the coming outreach, estimated budgets, and approving nominees for the VAS's *Excellence in Archeology Awards*. The Education Committee officially undertakes the nitty-gritty of VAW. Committee members often have dual roles as coordinators, fund raisers, sponsors, and event organizers. The Committee has a structured role toward recruiting coordinators, selecting a theme and date, outlining outreach goals, estimating finances, and reporting on the successes.

The Education Committee is delighted to announce the selection of the VAW '97 Coordinator Team, Abenaki Resource Management (ARM), Inc., consisting of Cheryl Fregeau as primary contact person, Christopher Roy, Carol Nepton, and Homer St. Francis II. The VAW '97 Coordinator Team and the Education Committee are already hard at work planning this year's exciting Vermont Archeology Week. This year, the Education Committee moved VAW to a fall date in order to take advantage of better weather, archeology fieldwork opportunities, and to coordinate more closely with primary and secondary schools. Start preparing to "Brush up on the Past" scheduled for September 21-27, 1997. Your support of VAW '97, as always, is essential.

Our semi-regular fall bus trip will therefore become a spring or summer expedition. Developing a winter workshop has been a hot new item on our agenda for warming the winter doldrums. We have been working out the details for a late February winter workshop on the Contact Period. We're looking forward to a multi-panel presentation in Rutland on this dramatic time of archeological and historical change, with rare opportunities for hands-on lab time with characteristic artifacts. Other items on the agenda may include the revision of *An Educator's Guide to Vermont's Archaeological Resources*, published by the VAS in 1995. Committee members have

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Artifact Conservation in the Champlain Valley

Arthur B. Cohn, Director
Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

In the late 1970's, Giovanna Peebles, Peter Thomas, and Art Cohn, traveled to Waterford, NY to look at the State of New York's archaeology laboratory. Since that visit, we have dreamed of establishing a regional lab designed for underwater work and assisting other area researchers with the conservation of artifacts.

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the planned opening of an artifact conservation lab at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (LCMM). This new facility, scheduled to open in the Spring of 1997, will be a year-round permanent conservation laboratory. In addition, the building will contain approximately 2,000 square feet of climate controlled collection storage space. This stabilized space will permit the Maritime Museum to properly house our own collections, the collections we caretake for the State of Vermont, and others.

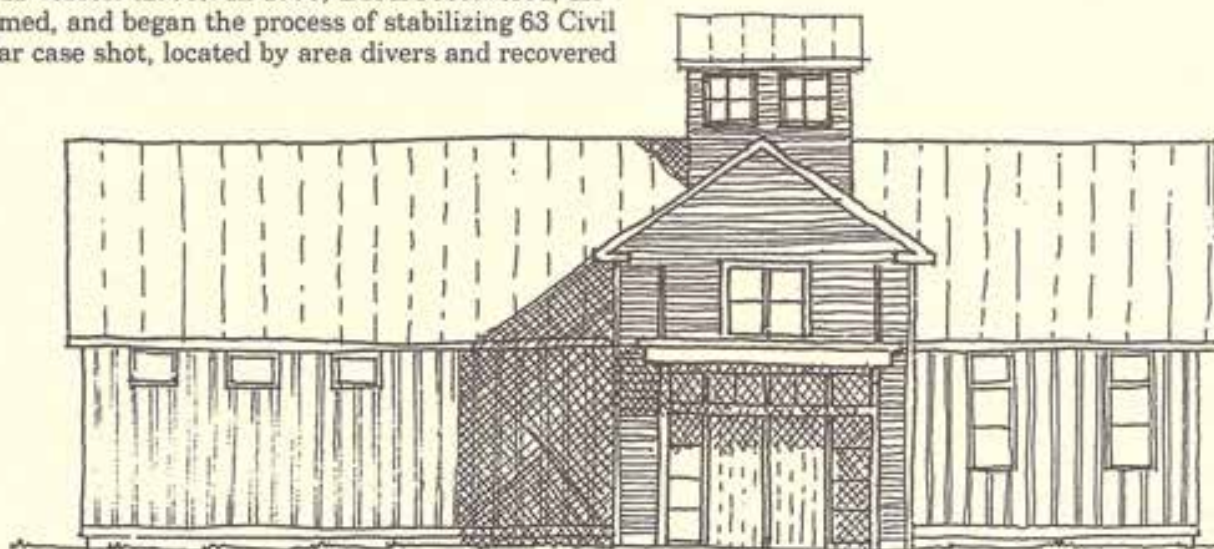
The Maritime Museum's recent interest in establishing a lab was sparked during the 1993 Mount Independence project. The State of Vermont contracted the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to document, recover, and conserve Revolutionary War artifacts from the waters off Mount Independence State Historic Site. A temporary conservation lab was established at the Maritime Museum to treat over 900 artifacts, in full view of the public. The enthusiasm of the visitors who were given the uncommon opportunity to observe the conservation process convinced us to continue the seasonal conservation work. Since that time LCMM has treated artifacts from the sailing canal schooner *General Butler* (1994), and both American and British War of 1812 vessels (1995). In 1996, LCMM recovered, disarmed, and began the process of stabilizing 63 Civil War case shot, located by area divers and recovered

from Mirror Lake in Calais, Vermont (see article in *Archaeology* magazine, Nov/Dec '96, page 26).

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is dedicated to sharing information about the Lake's history, the process of nautical archeology and historic preservation with the widest possible audience. Our temporary labs have demonstrated the public's interest in what is usually a "behind the scenes" process. Students and visitors of all ages learn about the unique history of our area through the legacy of shipwrecks and artifacts left behind.

Recognizing the great opportunity to involve children in the process of conservation, a field trip was developed in 1993 to present the complete process from discovery and site documentation to recovery and conservation. Thus began the 2½-hour hands-on museum program *Digging, Diving, and Documenting: The Process of Nautical Archaeology*. During their museum visit, the students examine scuba gear, document artifacts in a shipwreck simulator, and work with the conservator in the lab to learn the methods of treating artifacts made from a variety of materials. *Digging, Diving, and Documenting* is designed to help participants connect with the unique history of the Champlain region, and be inspired to become site-stewards for these irreplaceable, non-renewable cultural resources. One of the major functions of the Maritime Museum's new permanent, year-round facility will be to continue and expand our education program in the lab.

During the first year of operation, the new Lake Champlain Maritime Museum lab will be completing the treatment of the Civil War case shot. This new year-round facility opens the possibility for LCMM to provide artifact conservation services for other archaeologists or archaeological groups who have artifacts in need of conservation. Please call LCMM at 802-475-2022 for more information.



**Goodwin & Associates to Write
Cultural Resource Management Plan for
Mount Independence State Historic Site**

*Audrey Porsche
Chimney Point State Historic Site*

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation recently contracted with R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. of Frederick, Md. to develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan for the underwater and land-based archaeological resources at Mount Independence State Historic Site. The plan will integrate previous archaeological research findings and make recommendations concerning a variety of issues in order to responsibly manage and develop the site. Specifically, the plan will provide direction for future research, public programming, preservation, enhancement, and protection of the archaeological resources of this Revolutionary War fort site.

The Goodwin team is being led by Dr. John Seidel who has extensive experience at military sites in the northeast, including New Windsor Cantonment, Morristown National Historical Park, and other sites in New Jersey and Maryland. His doctoral dissertation on the Continental artillery cantonment of 1778-1779 at Pluckemin, N.J. provides one of the most comprehensive overviews of archaeology on Revolutionary War era sites. It also provides a reappraisal and assessment of method and theory in such research, setting a new standard in military sites archaeology. Over the last few years R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. has written cultural resources management plans for several current military installations in Maryland.

Writing the Mount Independence plan is the first step in a larger project to reassess and rehabilitate the hiking trail system, as well as boater access, at the site. By early spring the Division will contract with a trail design team to develop a trail master plan that will be based largely on the cultural resources management plan. There will be opportunity for public input and comment on both plans.

The project is funded in part by an award from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act, a US Department of Transportation program designed to enhance a variety of transportation systems including hiking trails. Additional funding for the cultural resources management plan is provided through the Vermont Community Foundation and the Kelsey Trust.

For more information on the project, contact Audrey Porsche, Regional Historic Sites Administrator, Chimney Point State Historic Site, RD 1 Box 3546, Vergennes VT 05491. Phone 802-759-2412.

**Archaeology Field Schools at
Fort William Henry and Fort Edward**

Opportunities will exist to dig at two famous French and Indian War sites this summer: Fort William Henry and Fort Edward/Rogers Island, both nearby in New York State and directed by David Starbuck (VAS).

Fort William Henry was built in 1755 at the south end of Lake George, then the northernmost outpost of the British advance into North America's interior. Garrisoned by about 2,000 British regulars, provincial soldiers, and civilians, it came under French siege in 1757. The subsequent 'massacre' of many of the fort's occupants became the grist for a number of books and motion pictures down through the years. The site was excavated in the 1950s just before the current 'fort' was built as a tourist attraction. This will be the first archaeological field school ever held at the fort, where both historic and prehistoric sites, inside and outside the fort, will be tested.

Fort Edward, about 15 miles to the south, was commenced in 1755 as a companion fort to Fort William Henry. By the late 1750s, up to about 16,000 British and provincial soldiers lived either in the fort or on nearby Rogers Island. Here was the largest concentration of hospitals in northern New York, which received injured soldiers from all over the Northeast. During the past six years, excavations have exposed huts, barracks, dumps, a smallpox hospital, and many other features. This year's work will continue to expose the well-preserved sites inside the fort and on the island (see David's great full-length article, "America's Forgotten War," which presents Fort William Henry and Fort Edward in historical perspective in the January/February 1997 issue of *Archaeology* magazine, resplendent with maps and illustrations).

Both field schools are sponsored by Adirondack Community College. College credit is available; volunteer diggers are invited. Excavations at Fort William Henry are June 16 to July 25; at Fort Edward from July 28 to August 22. For information contact ACC Archaeology Field School, c/o Dr. William Gehring, Bay Road, Queensbury NY 12804, phone 518-743-2236; or David Starbuck, PO Box 147, Ft. Edward NY 12828, phone 518-747-2926.



Education Committee (continued)

contributed to the new VAS Web Page (<http://www.uvm.edu/~vhnet/hpres/org/vas/vas.html>) compiled and designed by Gabrielle Bourgerie, with links to the Vermont Archeology Week Web Pages (still under heavy construction).

The Education Committee maintains a number of resources available to educators, archeologists, and others doing public outreach. More of our offerings will eventually be accessible on updated web pages. Included in our physical library is *Archaeology and Public Education*, a newsletter published by the Society for American Archaeology's (SAA) Public Education Committee that features resources for educators, project ideas, and free literature. The SAA has an exciting new web site (<http://www.saa.org>), and its Public Education Committee is expanding their support of archeology education initiatives. Bob Sloma officially liaisons with the SAA, thus maintaining our ties across the nation. If you are interested in archeology and education on the local or national scene, come join us!

"Explore The Contact Period" At a VAS Winter Workshop

The Contact Period in the Northeast was a time-transgressive era of sweeping changes. Explore this era of turmoil and trade as documented in historic and archeological records of Native American, French, English, and Dutch sites at a Winter Workshop on Saturday, February 22, 1997. Kudos go to Bob Sloma, the workshop's primary organizer.

Presentations will be by noted Contact Period researchers, accompanied by rare hands-on laboratory opportunity to view characteristic artifacts and replicas. The workshop will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Conference Room, 231 North Main Street (west side of Route 7), Rutland.

Register Now! Participation is limited to the first thirty-five registrants. Contact is Sheila Charles at 802-747-4533 (note: incorrect phone number appeared in the earlier announcement flier) or shearch@vermontel.com for E-mail. Mail checks for \$40 (\$35 for VAS members) made out to the Vermont Archaeological Society, to Sheila at 9 Elmwood Drive, Rutland VT 05701. Winter Workshops are an annual program of the VAS Education Committee.

In Memory

Two VAS members recently passed away: Donald V. Russell of Rutland (d. October 8, 1996), and Armand J. Beliveau of Williston (d. October 28, 1996). Mr. Russell was VAS member since 1992.

Armand Beliveau joined the VAS in 1971 and was very active in the early, formative years of the Society. He was elected to the Board in 1974, the year the Board increased from 5 to 12 members, and served as vice president in 1975-76. He also chaired the Nominations Committee and assisted with auctions and revising the bylaws. In 1972 it was reported that he found a previously unknown prehistoric site in Newbury (VT-OR-3), which yielded a nearly whole decorative Iroquois pot.

DAR Mansion Dig Update

The DAR would like further site work at the Mansion in Addison. If anyone is interested they can contact Bill Murphy at 802-388-7577 (or E-mail him at churchvt@sover.net).

Welcome New VAS Members

Mikell Beckley, White River Junction
Jessica Desany, Underhill
Douglas and Laurel Ellis, Putney
Marie Ellsworth, Lake George, NY
Elizabeth B. Hall, Keene, NH
Libby Hillhouse, Ryegate
Tracy and Roger Holzapfel, Ferrisburgh
W. Donald Horrigan, Isle La Motte
Forrest Janukajtis, Greensboro Bend
Sherry Mahady, Essex Junction
Diane Morgan, Craftsbury Common
The Sargent Museum, Concord, NH
Heidi Schondube, Vergennes
Weathersfield Historical Society
Robert S. Wilczyuski, Burlington
Suzanne S. Wist, Richmond, Va.

One of our best kept secrets is now out of the bag. For the past few years, new VAS members have been receiving a gratis copy of Jim Petersen's *The Middle Woodland Ceramics of the Winooski Site A.D. 1-1000*, published by the VAS in 1980 (a \$3.00 value in 1980). We will continue to do this as long as copies remain.

Twentyfive Years Ago in the VAS

The VAS had grown so large in 1972 that it split into two chapters: Burlington and Vergennes. The Burlington Chapter formed around a small band of diggers led by Ken Varney, while the Vergennes Chapter appears to have been led by Richard Adams.

The society went non-profit in 1972, and with all that paperwork out of the way, everyone anxiously waited for the first large bequest of money to arrive.

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