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President's Message

Scott A. McLaughlin, VAS President

With the Vermont Archaeological Society embarking on its 30th year, the VAS Board is taking a hard look at the responsibilities, past achievements and current finances of the Society. We came to the following conclusions: 1) the Society must energetically pursue its responsibilities of archaeological education and outreach for the general public; 2) the Society must broaden its funding base; and 3) the Society has to begin to listen, learn from and utilize its membership to achieve the Society's goals. As a result, the VAS Board, Committee Chairs and committee members are beginning to spend additional time and energy on financial and administrative matters that are limiting the Society's capabilities to move forward.

The Board admits it has lost touch with the membership in recent years. Consequently, at the 1997 Fall Annual Meeting, the Board distributed a membership survey to gain a better understanding of the nature of VAS members, their needs and interests and the members' ideas on what the long and short-term goals of the Society should be. The survey provided a valuable insight as to the future direction of the Society. Based on the positive outcome of the survey, the Board decided that we need to hear from the rest of the membership. If you have responded to the survey we thank you very much. If you have not, you will find a membership survey form with your VAS Newsletter. The Board urges you to please return the form with your comments. Each member's opinions are extremely important for developing the direction and goals of the VAS for 1998 and the future.

Preliminary results of the survey suggest the Society's members want a greater number of publications and activities, but in order to do this the Society needs your help by joining a committee or task force to complete a project. The following are the standing committees and existing task forces and a description of their roles. Each group meets once a month at varying locations. Contact the Committee Chair for further details. These groups need your help, so get involved and have some fun!

Call for Volunteers

Education Committee: This committee is responsible for educating the public about Vermont's pre-see President's Message -5

Final Report Published on Dig at the U. S. Pottery Co. Site in Bennington Catherine Zusy, Project Leader Cambridge, Massachusetts

Catherine Zusy, David Starbuck, and Victor Rolando have just completed the final report for the exploratory excavation of the United States Pottery Co. (VT-BE-263) in Bennington, which occurred the week of May 26-30, 1997. The goal of the excavation was to learn more about what the U.S. Pottery (1847-1858) manufactured (see associated article, "Bennington Dig Unearths Historic Pottery Shards" in VAS Newsletter, June 1997). The U.S. Pottery was the first large production pottery in New England, employing 200-300 workers at its height in 1856. There is much confusion about what the Pottery made, especially in the area of parian ware, because the Pottery marked very little of its parian (and no known decorative figures), published no illustrated price lists, and employed English designers who regularly copied English forms.

NOTICE

VAS Annual Spring Meeting and
VAW '98 Spring Fundraising Auction
Saturday, April 18
Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College
Mark your Calendar Now
See Page 3 for Further Details

Thousands of ceramic sherds and bits of kiln furniture were found over the course of the dig which focused on a concentrated area of the Pottery site behind the 1853 wing of the Pottery (erected specifically for parian and whiteware production). It is estimated that the eleven pits dug covered approximately 5% of the original four-acre Pottery site.

About two-thirds of what was found was kiln furniture, small clay shapes, shelves, and saggars used to separate glazed pieces of pottery from sticking to one another in the kiln. The bulk of the ceramic fragments (in overall size, not quantity) were unglazed yellow and white wares (2,600 pieces), parian (3,802 white pieces, generally very small, including 48 in blue and white parian), glazed Rock-see Pottery Report -11

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Board Elects Scott McLaughlin VAS President

Scott McLaughlin, Jill Oliver, and Robert Sloma were elected VAS President, Vice President, and Secretary, and Joseph Popecki was appointed Treasurer at the November 20, 1997 Board meeting in Middlebury. The following committee chair appointments have also been made: Frank Bump, Finance Committee; Scott McLaughlin, Long-Range Planning Committee; Jill Oliver, Membership Committee and Records Manager; Robert Sloma, Nominating Committee; James B. Petersen, Preservation Committee and Archivist; David Starbuck, Publications Committee and Journal Editor; and Vic Rolando, Newsletter

Editor. Since Kathy Callum is VAW '98 State Coordinator, the position of Education Committee Chair is now open.

At the Fall Annual Meeting, Jill Oliver, Frank Bump, and Scott McLaughlin were reelected to the Board, and James B. Petersen and Vic Rolando were newly elected.

VAS Board meetings are held monthly/bimonthly as business requires, usually in Middlebury, the third Wednesday evening (7-9 p.m.) of the month. Due to term expirations, relocations, etc., the Board frequently experiences vacancies. If you are interested in getting involved in the decision-making process of the Board, please contact any Board member (see left). It's your chance to make a difference for archaeology.

Proposed Legislation Impacts Archaeology

Victor R. Rolando, Newsletter Editor

Two bills are currently under consideration in the Vermont State House that have a significant impact on archeology.

H.387, titled "An Act Relating to the Removal of Historic Remains from Private Property," proposes to create a speedy process for removing historic human remains from private property.

H.601 is titled "An Act Relating to Archaeological Searches on Projects that are Subject to Act 250 Jurisdiction" and proposes to provide that in Act 250 proceedings, archaeological search methodology shall only be undertaken in the event the Division of Historic Preservation, following a written request by the applicant, certifies to the applicable district commission that (1) it is likely that significant artifacts will be found at the site, and (2) archaeological information can be obtained from the site that does not exist elsewhere in Vermont. The bill also proposes to create requirements regarding the scope and timing of archaeological search in projects subject to Act 250 and require that rules on archaeological research be adopted accordingly.

The VAS is limited by IRS rules on the degree that we can recommend support or objection to legislation (we'd need to be a registered lobby group to do that without losing our not-for-profit charter). We can only advise you, therefore, of the legislation and ask that you inquire into it on your own and make your feelings known to your legislator.

Establishing personal relationships with one's own local legislators is incredibly important. Republican or Democrat, whether you "like" them or their politics or not, it doesn't matter. There is a crying need for advocates for archaeology, especially when bills like H.387 and H.601 are introduced. This is another opportunity to really make a difference in Vermont archaeology.

Journal of Vermont Archaeology, Volume 2
Published by VAS

Volume 2 of *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* hit the streets on January 29th. Edited by our own David R. Starbuck, Publications Committee Chair, this latest issue contains eight articles on various subjects dealing with Vermont archaeology:

"Reading the Landscape: Inference of Historic Land Use in Vermont Forests" by Robert M. Sanford, Thomas W. Neumann, and Gary F. Salmon

"A Changing World: 8,000 Years of Native American Settlement Along the Missisquoi River in Highgate, Vermont" by Peter A. Thomas

"Rocks, Space, and the Organization of Production at a Prehistoric Quartzite Quarry" by David M. Lacy

"Lithic Sourcing and Prehistoric Cultural Geography in the Champlain Valley" by Adrian Burke

"Planning the New Visitors' Center at Mount Independence" by Audrey Porsche

"An Archaeological Survey of the Land Approach to Mount Independence, 1776-1777, Orwell, Addison County, Vermont" by Ronald F. Kingsley

"Missisquoi Bay Barges Underwater Archaeological Survey" by Scott A. McLaughlin

"A Prehistoric Native American Ceramic Vessel from Lake Champlain" by James B. Petersen

The 90-page Journal is available to VAS members (paid up through 1997) for \$10; general sales are \$13. Mail orders cost an additional \$2 shipping per order (\$3 for Canada). Make check payable to the Vermont Archaeological Society (U.S. FUNDS ONLY), and mail to the VAS c/o Vic Rolando, 214 Jefferson Heights, Bennington VT 05201-2325. Phone me at 442-0105 (9 to 9 daily) or vic.rolando@juno.com for further information, quantity orders, first class postage rates, bookshop orders, etc. At this writing, Journals are not available in book stores.

Copies of our award-winning Volume 1 (1994) are still available to members at a new reduced price of \$13 each, or \$20 for both Volumes 1 and 2. General non-VAS price is \$18 each, or \$26 for Volumes 1 and 2. Again, please include \$2 shipping for all orders. See *VAS Newsletter*, September 1994, pages 2-3 for descriptions of Volume 1 articles.

Copies will definitely be available for purchase at the April 18 Spring Meeting and Auction (and maybe a few will be auctioned away to lucky bidders).

VAW '98 Spring Fundraising Auction
April 18, 1998

Donations Due: March 18, 1998
Jill Oliver, Auction Coordinator

Come one, come all! This year's Auction will take place at the VAS Spring Meeting at Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury (same place as last year), on Saturday, April 18th. Bring friends and family!

The annual Auction provides major funding (\$2000 last year) for each year's Vermont Archaeology Week (VAW), the VAS's own exciting week of free educational events across the state. The last four years of VAW have been a great success, reaching more than 20,000 people so far. Please pitch in to help us make "Journey into the Past," our fifth annual VAW, the most successful yet.

It's time for spring cleaning to round up Auction donations! The annual Auction depends on the collective talents of VAS members to bring in donations from regional restaurants, innkeepers, individuals, and other businesses. Do you or your friends and family members have goods or services which they would like to donate, in exchange for a tax deduction, great free publicity, and the satisfaction of helping promote public visibility for Vermont's archaeological heritage? The theme of VAW '98 is transportation, so planes, trains, and automobiles would also be most appropriate! Or, failing that, canoes, bikes, snowmobiles, toy trains, and travel tickets would be very welcome!

Riding lessons, professional massages, and a beautifully handcrafted wooden lap desk were very successful donations to last year's Auction. Gift certificates for inns, restaurants, fieldwork equipment, and services are always very popular items.

We cannot accept any artifacts, but reproductions, legal antiques, and original art and craft work make wonderful donations - in addition to advertising your talents as an artist, crafts person, or collector! Original art, jewelry, crafts, antiques, and reproduction arrowheads caused great bidding wars at last year's auction.

You can contact '98 Auction Coordinator Jill Oliver, or VAW '98 State Coordinators Bob Sloma and Kathy Callum to arrange item pickups and get donation forms. Please let us know whom you have contacted for donations, so we don't ask the same person twice. Regional VAW '98 Coordinators are also available to pick up items in your area (see VAW article in this newsletter for list of Regional Coordinators). Thank you for supporting Vermont archaeology!

We're still looking for Regional Coordinators for Northwest Vermont and Addison County; please contact Bob Sloma, Kathy Callum, or Jill Oliver if you're interested. Thanks!

Membership Committee Report

Jill Oliver, Membership Committee Chair

New Dues

Happy 1998! This year the VAS turns thirty, and unfortunately, the new year brings new dues! We have decided, after a hiatus of eight years or more, to raise dues in several categories. This increase reflects our attempt to keep pace with inflation, a growing membership, and increased annual activities. The Regular membership category will increase from \$12 to \$15, Students and Seniors from \$8 to \$10, and Families from \$20 to \$25 (see revised application/renewal form at end of newsletter). The rates for Life, Contributing, and Institutional memberships will not increase. Please bear with us and support this change; the slight increases mean we can provide you with better events and products.

An addition to the membership form is a request for your e-mail address. We are currently trying to assemble e-mail addresses to contact our wired members; being able to e-mail meeting notices and updates would save on our postage costs.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee's stated goals are to "actively seek new members, as well as retain those who are members and to regain those formerly members" (VAS Bylaws). Your ideas on how to accomplish those goals will be very welcome at the Membership Committee meeting, to be held Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Johnson Art Building Lounge, Middlebury College (large modern gray stone and glass building on the Middlebury College green, north side of Route 30).

The membership survey, which VAS President Scott McLaughlin initiated at the Fall Meeting '97, has so far provided tremendous feedback on how we can better serve the members and grow into the future. If you haven't filled out the survey, please do so ASAP so we can better represent your interests. Several ideas for attracting new members have been suggested by the survey results, including providing more reciprocal memberships to similar societies, and providing more comprehensive membership packages to all our members. Please come to the meeting and let us know what you think.

The New Database

Over the past year, I have created and developed a multi-purpose VAS database in FileMaker Pro. The database has allowed us to produce hundreds of individually-addressed mailings very quickly in the past year; it represents a huge technological advance over the past need to hand-address letters over marathon volunteer sessions. Past VAW Coordinators and I have now entered over 500 records, including the entire VAS membership, all past VAW donors,

and all Vermont historic societies and libraries into the database. You may consult your record Spring Meeting and give us any changes. We are also always looking for new computer-friendly committee members who can help us with a spot of data entry!

Out of the Earth:

The Archaeology of Raw Materials

Robert Sloma, Education Committee Member

The Northeast's early peoples wrested an immense diversity of raw materials from the earth. Since the Education Committee brain-stormed our 2nd Winter Workshop, "Out of the Earth: The Archaeology of Raw Materials," the Chair has been humming that Billy Joel song: "iron and coal, chromium and steel." Here in the northern Appalachians, maybe we should sing the words "quartzite and marble," after the iron and coal lyrics. However you sing it, there's a fascinating list of resources extracted from bedrock contexts from prehistoric to early historic times: chert, jasper, crystal quartz, rhyolite, garnet, granite, slate, marble, limestone, lime, schist, bog iron, coal, hematite, graphite, soapstone, copper, gold, mica, and so on. Surficial geology yielded peat, kaolin and other clays, sand, and even mineral waters. Raw goods were shaped into spear points, carved into stoves, hammered into plowshares, powdered into pigment. Extraction areas famous to the archeological community include Dave Lacy's Homer Stone quartzite quarry in the Green Mountain National Forest and Vic Rolando's favorite Forestdale Ironworks State Historic Site at Brandon.

The emphasis of the VAS's Winter Workshop is a rare laboratory opportunity to view, handle, and discuss interesting materials that represent concepts presented in brief overviews. This is the second activity of this type to be organized by the VAS Education Committee (our last workshop featured the Contact Period). Noted industrial archeologists, geoarcheologists, and an architectural historian bring you a suite of the northeast's diverse geologic resources. How did past cultures use the earth's bounty? How do archeologists research minerals, rocks, and quarries?

Scott McLaughlin (VAS President) will introduce "Out of the Earth," posing major workshop themes. I'm sure he will address how many of these types of sites have been recorded, and what information we might learn from them. Barbara Calogero (UConn) will put us "On the Trail of the Knappers: Seeing Through Rocks" and may give us a chance to guess from what type of rock the northeast's projectile points are made of. Mary Ann Levine (Ithaca College) will present Native Copper in the Northeast and Kathleen Callum (GEOARCH, Inc.) overviews "Serpents from the Ocean Depths: Soapstone, Talc, As-

bestos, and Antique Verde." Gordon Pollard (SUNY-Plattsburgh) will take us "From Ore to Iron: An Historical-Archaeological Perspective." Elsa Gilbertson (DHP) will provide our last formal talk of the day, "The Building Blocks of Vermont's Architecture." Suzanne Rappaport has offered to give workshop participants a guided tour of the Slate Valley Museum at Granville, N.Y., to put the finishing touch on the workshop. Participation is limited to 32, so please preregister early (scholarships are available).

Workshop date is February 28, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Green Mountain National Forest Headquarters Conference Room, 231 No. Main Street (west side of Route 7 north, about opposite Seward's Restaurant) in Rutland. Contact Sheila Charles at 747-4533 or shearch@vermontel.com Checks for \$40 (VAS members \$35) made out to: the VAS, c/o S. Charles, 9 Elmwood Drive, Rutland, Vt 05701.

President's Message (continued)

historic and historic archaeological heritage, the need for more archaeological research, the need for the preservation and protection of Vermont's precious archaeological resources, and the existence of the Vermont Archaeological Society. The Education Committee is currently organizing a winter workshop, summer lecture and Vermont Archaeology Week. If you are interested in public education and outreach contact Acting Chair Kathy Callum at 247-8127 or geoarch@sover.net.

Finance Committee: This committee is responsible for fundraising both for the general needs of the Society and for special projects with the assistance of other committees. The Finance Committee is currently developing and marketing VAS products (e.g. T-shirts, caps, tote bags), and organizing a field trip to military museums along the Richelieu River. If you are interested in fundraising or developing and marketing VAS products, contact Chair Frank Bump at 247-6980.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Whereas other committees are chiefly concerned with current operations of the Society, this committee is shaping the future of the VAS. The Long-Range Planning Committee is currently analyzing the VAS membership survey and the Society's roles as suggested by the Vermont Historic Preservation Plan recently developed by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The Committee is also developing action plans for the VAS based on its findings. If you are interested in assisting in developing the future direction and goals of the VAS contact Chair Scott McLaughlin at 899-4036 or smclaugh@zoo.uvm.edu.

Membership Committee: This committee is responsible for actively seeking new members. The Membership Committee is currently developing a

computer database of the existing members, media organizations, potential collaborative organizations and potential-contributing members. The committee is also attempting to develop a marketing strategy for the Society. If you are interested in finding new friends of the VAS contact Chair Jill Oliver at 443-5546 or oliver@panther.middlebury.edu.

Nominations Committee: This committee is responsible for finding new Board members and is assisting the President in locating committee chairs. Currently, the Nominations Committee is looking for two new board members and an Education Committee chair. If you are interested in finding VAS members that are interested in being VAS Board members and Committee Chairs contact Chair Robert Sloma at 247-8127 or geoarch@sover.net.

Preservation Committee: This committee is charged with the care and study of the Society's non-current records and artifact collections. The Preservation Committee is currently attempting to evaluate and catalog the Society's properties, which are stored in UVM's Department of Anthropology and Bailey/Howe Library. If you are interested in working with the VAS's archives and prehistoric artifact collections, please contact Chair James Petersen at 656-3884 or jpeterse@zoo.uvm.edu.

Publications Committee: This committee is responsible for publications of the Society, including the VAS Newsletter, the *Journal of Vermont Archaeology*, and occasional bulletins and monographs. The Publications Committee has recently completed volume 2 of the Journal is currently marketing it throughout the Northeast. The committee is also working on volume 3 and developing a master Vermont archaeology bibliography with abstracts for publication on CD-ROM and paper format. If you are interested in writing, editing, marketing and developing new publication products for the VAS, contact Chair David Starbuck at (518) 747-2926, or Vic Rolando at 442-0105 or vic.rolando@juno.com.

John Strong Mansion Task Force: The VAS has supported a field school at the John Strong Mansion in Addison, Vermont for three years. In preparation of a final report, this task force is currently analyzing the artifacts and notes generated during the archaeological survey. If you would like to help in their efforts contact Chair Bruce Hedin at (603) 525-3701.

VAS Spring Meeting Task Force: This task force is responsible for organizing the 1998 spring meeting. If you would like to help organize the spring meeting of the VAS please contact Chair Scott McLaughlin at 899-4036 or smclaugh@zoo.uvm.edu.

The reactivation of all the VAS standing committees as stated in the VAS bylaws was the Board's first step in an effort for the VAS to become more active and met the Society's goals. The Board now needs active members on each committee to assist in

their duties. In order to increase the activity level of the VAS, the Society also needs to increase its source of income. As most members know, the Society is a private self-governing corporation registered with the Vermont Secretary of State and tax-exempt under the IRS code as an educational nonprofit organization. Unlike the Vermont Historical Society, which is partly supported by the State of Vermont, the VAS operates solely on private funds. Membership dues, meeting fees, donations, and occasional fees from publications, workshops and products have supported the Society's past efforts. These sources of funding will not support an increase in programs, which most of the Society's members wish to see in the near future.

The VAS has depended on the membership's continued support to provide quality programs in Vermont archaeology such as the annual meetings, lectures, field trips, the VAS Journal and Newsletter and Vermont Archaeology Week. In order to expand our efforts in programming in the future the VAS needs your support, which you can provide in a number of ways. Providing donations to the Society is always welcome, but showing your support by joining a VAS committee or task force is just as valuable.

Announcement: We Need Your Bibliographies

The VAS Publications Committee is currently working with Giovanna Peebles, Vermont State Archaeologist, in developing an indexed master bibliography of Vermont archaeology publications. The bibliography will include newspaper, newsletter and journal articles, booklets, book chapters, books, and archaeological reports that discuss prehistoric, historic, industrial and underwater archaeology in Vermont. The bibliography will also contain abstracts of journal articles and archaeological reports.

The Vermont archaeology bibliography will be made available on CD-ROM and in a bound paper format. The plan is to have this product ready for the fall 1998 VAS meeting; but to achieve our goal we need your assistance in this project. Please send us your Vermont archaeology bibliography, preferably on disk (call for details). All major contributors will receive a free copy of the final publication. We also need volunteers to conduct library research and type abstracts and bibliographical entries. For further details please contact Scott McLaughlin at 899-4036 or smclaugh@zoo.uvm.edu.

VAW '98 "Journey Into the Past"

Kathleen Callum and Robert Sloma

VAW '98 State Coordinators

The theme for our 5th Annual Vermont Archaeology Week (VAW), September 20-26, 1998, will be "Journey Into the Past." This year marks a special

opportunity for the VAS to bring Archaeology to the public; it is the 30th anniversary of the VAS, the 5th celebration of VAW, and the 150th anniversary of railroads in Vermont.

VAW is designed to raise public awareness regarding Vermont's rich and ancient archaeological heritage. Individuals and organizations devoted to this goal host events throughout the state that inform and encourage stewardship of Vermont's vulnerable archaeological resources. Nearly all events are designed to be free of charge whether they target children or adults, novice or professional, single individuals, groups or families. Hikes to archaeological sites, exhibits, lectures, workshops and even fashion shows have been part of past archaeology week events in Vermont. This year's events are being planned now!

Vermont Archeology Week Needs Your Help

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

to the VAS, address on back cover

Contributions to VAW are Tax-Deductible

VAW is cosponsored by the VAS and VDHP, fully backed by the VAS Board, and organized largely by the VAS Education Committee. January's VAS Board meeting saw the development of a special task force to help streamline VAW operation, based on recommendations of an Executive Committee task force. For example, the Finance and Publications Committees will begin to actively support VAW fundraising and publicity. We could use your help in promoting Vermont's archaeological heritage.

Kathleen Callum and Robert Sloma are pleased to be coordinating the efforts of some great regional coordinators, eager fundraisers, publicity hounds, event organizers, and you! In the past, State Coordinators have spent approximately 4 to 5 months annually organizing this event, on a volunteer or partially funded basis. Our goal is to raise at least \$19,600 to pay for the operating expenses of this year's VAW. This sum will help fund event organization, production of over 7000 Calendar of Events and 1500 Posters. It also aids state-wide distribution and publicity to individuals, schools, museums, libraries, and other locations necessary to make VAW a success. The regional coordinators are also partially reimbursed for telephone and mileage expenses and the state coordinators for their time, if your VAW '98 coordinators are successful. Our second goal is to raise funds in excess of this year's expenses in order to entice a professional fundraiser/coordinator to head next year's VAW.

We encourage you to join in and help make this year's Vermont Archaeology Week another great

success. Steam ahead with your ideas for transportation or journey related events in your own communities! We're seeking individuals and organizations interesting in helping out as coordinators for Northwestern Vermont and Addison County, Grants, Development, Calendar of Events, Special Publications, Publicity, Education Committee Chair, and other positions. Please contact your state or regional coordinators (see below) if you would like to support the VAS's highly successful public outreach with your event ideas, vital donations, auction items, in-kind services, or volunteer time.

VAW '98 Contacts are:

State Coordinators: Kathleen Callum and Robert Sloma of GEOARCH, Inc., RR 2 Box 2429-1, Brandon, VT 05733, 247-8127 (h/w), Fax 247-0107, geoarch@sover.net

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**Atlatl Championship
at Chimney Point State Historic Site**
*Kim McKay, Site Interpreter
Chimney Point State Historic Site*

Vermont Archaeology Week '97 was ushered in at Chimney Point State Historic Site with the beating of drums, lighting of fires, discharge of deadly weapons, and creation of knife blades. All in all, it

made for a terrific family event.

The Second Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship welcomed 30 atlatl competitors, many demonstrators of early Native America skills and crafts, and about 200 spectators of all ages, despite September 20th's downpour.

The intrepid were treated to the rich and varied skills of several VAS members and demonstrators from New England and New York. Abenaki artist Jeanne Brink wove ash splint and sweet grass baskets. Langdon Smith and Alan Whitney were flint knapping. Carleton Beil led a fire-lighting workshop and taught use of the bow drill to fashion beads. Producing atlatls and darts was Robert Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl, Owego, N.Y. Jim Dina and Ed Nash (from Connecticut and Massachusetts) worked at brain-tanning hides, making bows and arrows with stone tools, and kindling fires. Children enjoyed wonderful hands-on archaeology activities with Sheila Charles, and Kathy Callum shared her experiences on a hunting and gathering life skills field course with slides, equipment, and burnt clam stories. Visitors warmed up with trips inside the museum to see "The Atlatl: Prehistoric Power Tool" exhibit.

Carleton Beil opened the championship with a Call to Council and fire-lighting ceremony. Judges Chris Roy, Scott McLaughlin, and Jim Petersen wisely instituted rainy day rules and called atlatlists to fire at the mammoth, bear, and bison targets created by Addison School students. The adult accuracy, distance, and atlatl reproduction/authenticity events were swept by Grand Champion Chris Pappas, with a distance throw of 191½ feet. The Youth Category was dominated by John Peterson's anthropology class at Rutland High School, members of which had made their own atlatls and darts.

Chimney Point's hearty thanks go out to all the event's supporters, volunteers, demonstrators, and participants. Join us next May for an atlatl making workshop with Robert Berg and get ready for the Third Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship during Vermont Archaeology Week '98!

Championship results in the Adult Category (of a possible 15 points) were in 1-2-3 order: Accuracy - Chris Pappas, 10; Cheryl Berg, 7; Robert Berg, 5. Atlatl Reproduction/Authenticity - Chris Pappas, 9; Robert Berg, 8; Jim Dina, 7. Distance throw - Chris Pappas, 191½ ft; Robert Berg, 184 ft; Dean Plocher, 156 ft.

Championship results in the Youth Category (of a possible 15 points) were: Accuracy - V.J. Donnelly, 6; James McCormack, 4; A.J. Jeromin, 2. Atlatl Reproduction/Authenticity - Lee McColgan, V.J. Donnelly/A.J. Jeromin, James McCormack/Fred Miles. Distance throw - A.J. Jeromin, 175 ft; V.J. Donnelly, 159½ ft; Matt Daley, 151 ft.

VAS Spring 1998 Bus Trip
Frank Bump, Finance Committee Chair

"26th Oct. (1775) Concluded to send one capt'n with sixty men down the river as an advance guard to see what further discovery they could make. About 11 o'clock forenoon four battoes about 10 or 12 men in each came down the river from Montreal by us. They fixed their swivels at us and small arms. Our men fired from ye shore at them. No harm on either side as I know of. Battoes went down 2 or 3 miles, then went back on the other side of the river.

"About 2 o'clock afternoon, 15 or 16 boats came down the river by us. They fired at us and we at them, nothing but small arms. They went down about a mile and a half below us, then turned about and came directly back. As they passed by us they fired very briskly, and our people on them, but no harm till they had got by the town.

"Some of our men followed them by and Serg't Jackson of Cap't Potter's Company run onto a point of land within about 25 or 30 rods of the Battoes and fired at them and they discharged a number of guns at him. He said the balls flew around him as thick as hailstones. One ball went through his arm and gave him a flesh wound but did no other harm. Our men picked up a number of balls that fell where they stood. Some of ye balls went over our heads, some struck the ground by our feet. I don't think they were less then 100 rods from us when we first see them. I some expected they had laid a deep plot against us, but at present we kept peaceable and it is now about 9 o'clock at night.

"This afternoon 12 sub.'s of us have held a council and have carried a petition to the Col. tonight to send for some cannon. He said he would give an answer tomorrow mourning as early as we pleased. 10 o'clock at night Col. Warner, Major Safford and all Capt'ns sent for us to consult us. We went to see them. They approved of what we had done. We all consulted together and concluded to send Major Safford and Capt'n Teneyck to Chamblee for cannon and if they could not get any there to go till they could get some. We all went to our lodging." (Excerpts from *The Diary of Captain John Fassetts Jr.*, September 1st to December 7th 1775, Col. Seth Warner's Regiment expedition to Canada).

"Saturday August 10th 1776 we began to fix our ground to In camp and Provided the stuf but orders came that Eighteen Men from our company was to be draughted to go as Mariners on board the Rogallies to cruse on the Lake Down towards St. Johns. Put by our building this Day.

"Sunday August ye 11th 1776 this day proved to be Rainey all day. Now we begin to see sick men lying on the cold ground without anything to cover them but their blankets (this place called Mount Independence it is a high hill of land laying S: East from

Ticonderoga about a mile and 1/2 from the fort)." (excerpts from the *Diary of Lt. Jonathon Burton* during Canadian Expedition from August 1st to November 29th, 1776).

The VAS is planning a mid-May bus tour to visit at least two of the British/Canadian forts along the Richelieu River, Forts Chambly and Lennox (Isle Aux Noix). Forts that played an important role in the history of Lake Champlain from the years of the French and Indian War to the War of 1812.

For the soldiers stationed at Mount Independence and Fort Ticonderoga, the disembarkation point for the Continental Army's 1775 & 76 Canadian expeditions, they would witness the war-weary return of their comrades from Canada - a retreating army harried by attacking British soldiers, weakened by lack of provisions, and decimated by the scourge of smallpox, which left its soldiers buried in mass graves along the line of retreat.

The death of General Richard Montgomery at Quebec in December 1775 dealt a serious blow to this inexperienced colonial army as did the loss of the American Fleet that following October 1776 at Valcour. But the expeditions, which at first had been deemed failures, in the final accounting prevented the British from invading Lake Champlain for at least two years. It relieved pressure on General Washington's small forces in lower New York and New Jersey. And the large amount of armaments taken at Chambly, St Johns, and Montreal were put to use by the Continentals in battles elsewhere. But most important, it showed the British the Americans' resolve to stand and fight.

Fort Chambly, guarding the rapids of the Richelieu River some 20 minutes from Montreal, bespeaks of the French presence in Canada since 1665. Poorly garrisoned by the British during the Revolution, the Rebels liberated Chambly's cannons and trained them on the Redcoats at St. Johns.

Fort Lennox (Isle Aux Noix) is located on the Richelieu river a few miles from today's Vermont border. Early fortification began with the French in 1759 to make entrenchments for 500 men and three batteries to prevent British approach. Isle Aux Noix surrendered to the British after a ten-day siege in 1760.

After destruction of the fortification, salvage-able materials were transported to Crown Point. During the American retreat from Canada in July 1776, in a brief halt at Isle Aux Noix many of the soldiers succumbed to smallpox and were buried on the island in mass graves.

Plan to join the us as we explore these historical sites in May. Watch for more information at the Spring Meeting/Auction on April 18, or contact Frank Bump, 4 Church Street, Brandon, Vt 05733-1108, or phone 247-6980.

VAS Products For Sale

Only a few of our popular "VAS" T-shirts are still available (see the June 1997 VAS Newsletter, page 9, for the T-shirt design). Prices are \$10.00 for sizes Medium to Extra Large; \$11.00 for Extra Large. Great to "show the VAS flag" at digs and on vacations. A new item, "VAS" Tote Bags, made of natural canvas, are now available at \$10.00 each.

Add \$3.00 for shipping and handling; make checks out to Vermont Archaeological Society, and mail to Frank Bump at 4 Church Street, Brandon VT 05733-1108. Phone 247-6980 (h) for information.

"Vermont Excellence in Archaeology" Awards at 1997 Fall Annual Meeting

Seven proud people were presented with much-coveted "Vermont Excellence in Archaeology" awards at the 1997 Fall Annual Meeting. The recipients, chosen for their outstanding contributions in the field of archeology in Vermont, were Langdon Smith (VAS), Richard Adams of Vergennes, and Gordon Neilson of Hinesburg, for their stewardship of prehistoric archaeological sites; divers William and Maria Jennison of Johnson, and David Knight of Jeffersonville, who found the Mirror Lake Civil War ordnance and the Thompson's Point Native American clay pot, in recognition of their excellent precedent of notifying the DHP of both these significant finds; and Victor Rolando (VAS), for his "dedication to Vermont archaeology over the past two decades and his enormous efforts to document Vermont's early industrial sites."

Congratulations all!

Archaeology Education Opportunities at UVM

*James B. Petersen, Assistant Professor
Department of Anthropology, UVM*

The Department of Anthropology and Continuing Education Program at the University of Vermont are planning two classes this summer that will involve archaeology and archaeological field work: ANTH 196 and ANTH 200.

ANTH 196, "Applied Archaeology," is a 3-credit class that will run from July 6 to July 17, with a 5-day-per-week (Monday to Friday) commitment, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will be taught by Peter Thomas and Jim Petersen.

"Applied Archaeology" will provide an introduction to Cultural Resource Management (CRM) in both classroom and field work settings. Based at UVM, the course will begin with a few days in the classroom for exploration of the legal background to CRM and the methods typically employed in its practice, along with

regional cultural history and landscape evolution during the span of human occupation to contextualize CRM projects undertaken in Vermont. Field trips to Montpelier and previously identified sites in the Burlington area found through CRM will also be undertaken during the first week of the course. The second week will consist of field work to be done at a prehistoric site near Burlington to give students a better sense of the actual field procedures in CRM archaeology, especially as they relate to site identification and evaluation. This class is limited to 15 participants.

ANTH 200, "Field Work in Archaeology," is a 6-credit class that will run from May 26 to June 26 with a 5-day-per-week (Monday to Friday) commitment, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be taught by Jim Petersen and a teaching assistant.

"Field Work in Archaeology" will provide a detailed look at the rationale behind and the methods employed in contemporary anthropological archaeology, again based on a combination of classroom and field work settings, although the majority of time will be spent in the field. This class will complete salvage excavation of an endangered Late Paleoindian period site, the Varney Farm site located in Turner, Maine, previously dated to ca. 9400-8400 years ago, or about 7500-6500 B.C., a period which is very poorly known in the broad Northeast. This class will begin with a few days of classroom work, again to provide an overall introduction to archaeology and regional history, including a detailed review of past Paleoindian period research in New England. A field trip to the Maine State Museum will be included in the first week as well to view relevant Paleoindian artifacts and other collections on display. After these background activities, about four weeks of field work will be done at the Varney Farm site, teaching students excavation and record keeping techniques, etc. Class work and lodgings for the five-week period will be handled at the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF), with a half hour commute to the site each day. Enrollment is limited to 20 students. Volunteers will be likely welcome for the salvage excavation, but will need to coordinate with the UMF Archaeology Research Center at (207) 778-7012 before coming to the field. UMF will likely participate in the site salvage as well.

Information about both of these classes can be obtained by phoning the University of Vermont's Continuing Education Program at 1-802-656-5768 or 1-800-639-3210 for terms of registration and cost information. Jim Petersen, in the Department of Anthropology (656-3884 or jpeterse@zoo.uvm.edu), can help you with questions regarding course content or other matters.

Education Committee's Fantastic Folks and Notes

Kathleen E. Callum, VAS Education Committee Chair

Fantastic folks and fantastic notes are the twin engines of the VAS Education Committee. The committee functions under the VAS Bylaws, reports to the VAS Board, and is charged with furthering the society's archeological education and public outreach goals. The Education Committee traditionally organizes activities such as the Winter Workshop (see "Out of the Earth," page 4), Spring Bus Trip (see "VAS Spring 1998 Bus Trip" page 8), Summer Lecture, and Vermont Archaeology Week (VAW). Year-round activities include the hot VAS Web Page, support of the new scout merit badges, *An Educator's Guide to Vermont's Archeological Resources*, speaker's bureau, mobile exhibits, and Society for American Archaeology (SAA) liaison.

The fantastic folks comprising the Education Committee have been working hard on behalf of the VAS and its concerned members. Check out the web site (<http://www.uvm.edu/vhnet/hpres/org/vas/vas.htm>) maintained by volunteer webmaster David Quiroz for details of upcoming VAS activities, which the Education Committee is poised to help with publicity.

One of this year's new top priorities will be developing an exotic summer lecture featuring a famous archeologist (Indiana Jones? Ivor Noel Hume?) high-lighting work outside Vermont or abroad, perhaps in conjunction with one of the area's universities. The Education Committee and Board are steaming ahead with plans for VAW '98 (although January witnessed time out for major retooling). The theme for our 5th Annual VAW, September 20-26, 1998, will be "Journey Into the Past." We're already having a lot of fun with that upcoming theme.

Who's who among the fantastic folks? Committee enthusiasts include Gordon Cawood, Sheila Charles, John Dunlap, Cheryl Fregeau, Lynn Lister, Jill Oliver, Giovanna Peebles, John Peterson, Audrey Porsche, Chris Roy, Robert Sloma, Sabrina Thomas, Robert Van Arsdell, Duncan Wilkie, and Michael and Slobodanka Werner. New faces fueling fresh committee energy are Nancy Beaudoin, Kim Butterfield, Vickie Acebo-Carns, Dan Carns, Jean Dedam, Shirley Grainger, Donna Martin, William Potts, Donna Read, Sue Richardson, and David Skinas. Committee endeavors have also benefited from inputs by Megan Battey, Paul Bock, Frank Bump, Prudence Doherty, David Lacy, Tracy Holzapfel, Scott McLaughlin, James Petersen, Heidi Schondube, John Tomkins, and Vic Rolando. Committee Secretary John Peterson has kept us on track with his fantastic meeting notes, also forwarded on to the Board, Officers, and any interested parties. The Chair (myself!) and John Dunlap as Vice Chair are honored to serve as train conductors for these volunteer engines

who carry out VAS public outreach goals.

The Education Committee is starting to chug into action to meet Vermont Archaeology Week deadlines. Please contact your state or regional coordinators (see related article, page 5) if you would like to support the our highly successful public outreach with your vital donations, auction items, in-kind services, or volunteer time. John Peterson's special task force has started planning future archaeology weeks (year 2000 is approaching). Dan Carns is gearing a task force to support scout archeology merit badges. Giovanna Peebles is our new liaison with the SAA Education Committee, with Donna Read helping make information available to Vermont's educators. Come join us as we move Archaeology along the right track!

Education Committee meetings are scheduled around the state, hoping to meet you! Generally, we converge for round table discussions and action on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. VAS members, educators, museum outreach folk, fans of archaeology or history, your friends, and other interested people are warmly welcomed drop in at the following stations: Monday, March 2, at the Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury; Tuesday, April 7, American Precision Museum, Windsor; Tuesday, May 5th, at GEOARCH, Inc., Lake Dunmore.

For more on the VAS activities, the fantastic folks or to get on the mailing list for the fantastic notes, contact Kathleen Callum, 247-8127 or geoarch@sover.net, or Secretary John Peterson at 247-3280 or jpeterson@rutlandhs.k12.vt.us.

The Division on the March! (DHP - not the 1st Marines)

Continuing its policy of moving every few years to keep us all on our toes and our address books in upheaval, the Division for Historic Preservation is once again about to move. Their new location will be at the National Life "Campus," about a half-mile southwest of their current Baldwin Street location.

From I-89 Exit 8, take Memorial Drive north toward Montpelier but turn right at National Life Drive (first right) to the far end of the parking lot, and use the north building entrance. Take the elevator to the sixth floor (or stairs for the exercise-challenged) where you will be required to sign in at the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and receive your visitor badge.

Although the move is scheduled for February 15, you are strongly advised to phone ahead first if you plan a visit (Giovanna calls it "a moving target" - it's been postponed once already). All current phone, Fax, and e-mail numbers remain the same (for now?). The new mailing address isn't known at this writing, but the current "135 State Street, Drawer 33" address is useable for a while.

Pottery Report (continued)

ingham and flint enamel wares (1,483), glazed whitewares (321), agate (also known as lava or scroddled ware (145), and miscellaneous fragments of other ceramics (457 pieces of stoneware, refined stoneware, glazed yellowware, and glazed whiteware with other decoration – the latter not made locally).

Most of the parian unearthed was found in four pits. Nearly 99% of the parian fragments appear to be of known pitcher designs, illustrated in Richard Carter Barret's 1958 *Bennington Pottery and Porcelain*: pond lily (663 sherds), wild rose (546 sherds), tulip & sunflower (233 sherds), palm tree (122 sherds), climbing ivy (25 sherds), charter oak (18 sherds), cascade (9 sherds), flower & vine (4 sherds), bird & nest (3 sherds), and arabesque (2 sherds).

No sherds were found of love & war, snowdrop, and Paul & Virginia pitcher designs although marked examples exist in the Bennington Museum collection. Also, no fragments of decorative figures, vases, or trinket boxes were unearthed. This may be because these objects were part of the pottery's early production (made between 1847 and 1853) and may pre-date the 1853 pottery wing.

Most yellowware found were fragments of known ware in paneled, ribbed, and geometric designs. Finds also included, however, fragments of Toby pitchers (including faces and a hand), a Gothic water cooler, a cow creamer, candle stand, raspberry flask, beaker, and pedestal goblet. The last four finds are particularly significant because while there are examples in the Bennington Museum collection, no marked pieces are known. Finding these fragments at the pottery site confirms that they were made in Bennington. Among the biscuit (unglazed white and yellowware) finds were also fragments of six pitchers previously only known in parian. These were of the pond lily, wild rose, tulip & sunflower, palm tree, charter oak, and flower & vine designs.

We also located fragments of eleven "mystery" pieces exhibiting forms or decoration not previously associated with the production of the U.S. Pottery and several variations of known designs. "Mystery" pieces include yellowware, refined stoneware, and Rockingham fragments of what appear to have been a teapot with foliage and grape relief decoration; a whiteware form with a fleur-de-lis motif, a yellowware hanging planter with acanthus leaf handles, and an agate form with a double-diamond design.

Variations of known forms include yellowware and parian pitchers in a stippled wild rose pattern (only unstippled examples are known); an acanthus leaf creamer in parian, as well as Rockingham and graniteware (a form not illustrated in Barret, but represented in the Bennington Museum collection); and pitchers of the ivy vine design made in parian (there are examples in flint enamel in the Museum collection). All objects found during the excavation

have been donated to the Museum.

Although we didn't unearth any of the figures noted on the pottery's 1852 price list (the latest surviving price list for the pottery) or any other parian figures, vases, or trinket boxes – confirming that these objects were made in Bennington – they believe the project was worthwhile. These objects may well be found in other areas of the pottery site, e.g., behind the 1850 north or middle wings of the pottery (now the location of Bennington Elementary School). If they can rally support from the local community and commitments of volunteer diggers, Zusy, Starbuck, and Rolando propose to resume the dig behind the north wing of the pottery in June, 1998.

Potential sponsors and volunteers interested in contributing to this project should contact Project Leader Cathie Zusy, 202 Hamilton St., Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 868-0489, or CathZusy@aol.com. Copies of the final report for the exploratory excavation can be studied at the Bennington Elementary School, the Bennington Museum, the Bennington Free Library, and at the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (Vic Rolando's copy is also available for loan). To procure a personal copy, complete with background information, field methodology, site stratigraphy, descriptions of what we found and where, details about what we learned, and images of unusual and representative objects found, mail a check for \$10.00, made out to Cathie Zusy, at the address noted above.

GEOARCH Incorporates In 1997

Kathleen Callum, GEOARCH, Inc., Brandon

GEOARCH, Inc., one of only three archeological firms headquartered in Vermont, incorporated in April 1997. President Kathleen Callum and Vice President Robert Sloma continued to refine the three essential archeological services developed since the company's debut as a sole proprietorship seven years ago: compliance consulting, geoarcheology, and heritage discovery.

GEOARCH was involved in 42 archeological compliance projects spurred by Federal Section 106 or Vermont's ACT 250. Compliance projects are generally undertaken in phases, ranging from "Field Inspections" (preliminary sensitivity) to Phase III Mitigation. The company conducted 18 Field Inspections. Four completed Phase I Site Identification reports were: In Situ Site Burial by Callum and Buchanan (1996) for Vermont Gas Systems, Inc., Overlooking the "Indian Road" by Charles, Callum, and Buchanan (1996), Working on the Railroad by Morrison, Callum, and Sloma (1997) for the Town of Swanton, and the Phase IA Archeological Sensitivity Study of the Meadowland Business Park by Callum,

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Sloma, Carovillano, and Charles (1997) for Trudell Consulting Engineers, Inc. Staff archeologists undertook Phase I Site Identification at five project areas. GEOARCH's David Callum directed fieldwork at Rutland Airport for URS Greiner, Inc. and monitored developments at Burke Mountain for Northern Star Ski Corporation. Thomas Buchanan supervised site survey in Grand Isle for Green Mountain Engineering, Inc. Karen Turnmire and David Callum guided crews at the proposed Lewis Creek Golf Club for Guy Alderdice. GEOARCH's principals monitored emplacement of a new dock for the City of Vergennes; the project developed into Phase II/III Site Evaluation and Mitigation after finding deeply buried cultural resources.

GEOARCH also initiated or continued work on another 14 projects of various phases. During 1997, Kathleen and Robert received certificates for University of Nevada's short course Introduction to Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law. Our team contributed to both the success of projects and protection of Vermont's archeological resources. In addition to the two principals and supervisory personnel mentioned above, our field crews included Dean Bachand, Ruth Cassidy, Sheila Charles, Cheryl Fregeau, Jill Oliver, James Philbrook, David Quiroz, Robin Shtulman, and Sabrina Thomas. Dean, Cheryl, Breigh Petersen, and David Q., all enrolled in our self-paced Intern I program. Sabrina completed an innovative internship at GEOARCH for credit through Johnson State College. Along with the official interns, enthusiastic volunteers exploring the archeology of our various projects included Ed Cope, Janet Ladd, Jill Oliver, Jill Oudman, Chris Philbrook, Chris Roy, Gary Salmon, Langdon Smith, Sr., and Scott Wixson. Thomas B., David C., Jeff Carovillano, Sheila Charles, Peter Morrison, Jill Oliver, Robin Shtulman, and Karen T. also filled other roles as equipment managers, archival researchers, cultural material analysts, and zooarcheologists.

Highlights of the year? Dean honed transit skills, Gary discovered archeology, Jill Oliver produced a fine Grand Isle archival history, and Langdon spotted a remarkable crystal quartz projectile point. Among the sites recorded by GEOARCH were five prehistoric and one multicomponent at Lewis Creek, two on the shores of Vergennes' lower basin, and 11 along Route 100 in the Towns of Bridgewater and Plymouth. Through cultural resource management, clients like Guy Alderdice and URS Greiner, Inc., regulatory agencies such as the VDHP and US Army Corps, and others have stewarded our "rich and ancient heritage," directly benefiting the cultural and economic appeal of Vermont.

As GEOARCH's business name implies, geoarcheology comprises one of our main consulting interests. Kathleen and Robert conducted a short course entitled "Geoarcheology: Earth Sciences Meet

Archeology" for a full house at the SCRAP laboratory in Concord, N.H. GEOARCH staff completed reports associated with the hydroelectric relicensing of the Fifteen Mile Falls area on the Connecticut River for Louis Berger and Associates, lithic sourcing of Mackinac Sand Bank artifacts for Timelines, Inc. of Massachusetts, and deep-testing for the B&B Barge Project on the Ohio River for the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology at Indiana University. Both principals continued to serve on the executive committee of NELD, the Northeastern Lithic Database. GEOARCH, Inc. helped organize two sessions relating to NELD at the NEAAs in Montebello, Quebec, summarizing progress on this cooperative, cutting-edge lithic sourcing effort. Kathleen presented a paper authored by both at the 3rd International Conference on Pedoarcheology, entitled "Ye Olde Buryal Ground," which presents a historic cemetery predictive model based on data from the Northeastern Kingdom and northwestern Vermont. Kathleen and Robert also brought archeology into the Vermont Geological Society's slide show on best localities, introduced their perspective on geoarcheology and Quaternary Studies into the new surficial geology mapping program heralded by the Vermont Geological Survey, and updated their concepts at the HIS/Order 1 (site-specific) soil survey sponsored through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

GEOARCH maintained a strong volunteer commitment toward archeological public outreach. The VAS became the beneficiary of much of Kathleen and Robert's donated energy. During 1997, Robert successively served as VAS Vice President, President (after the unexpected resignation of Bruce Hedin), and Secretary; Kathleen remained Education Committee Chair, concentrating on pulling together an active group of archeological aficionados. We helped the Education Committee organize last year's winter workshop on the Contact Period. Kathleen wrapped up VAW '96 with reports to the VAS, DHP, and Lake Champlain Basin Program. Along with other enthusiastic VAS Education Committee volunteers, both raised funds for VAW '97, sought donations and helped organize the VAS spring auction, worked on the VAS Awards Ceremony, publicized VAW, and distributed VAW calendars and posters.

GEOARCH Intern David Quiroz compiled the hot, new VAS Web Site as part of his public outreach task just in time to advertise VAW '97, brushing up content generated by GEOARCH, volunteer Chris Sheldon, and UVM graduate student Gabrielle Bourgerie. Even the company's PowerBook 170 and other equipment went on the road with VAW '97 Coordinator Cheryl Fregeau and Membership Committee Chair Jill Oliver in their effort to construct a VAS contact database. Robert set up a display promoting VAS activities and products at the 3rd International Conference on Pedoarcheology in Virginia, Vermont's

3rd Historic Preservation Conference in St. Johnsbury, the 2nd Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship at Chimney Point during VAW, and the New Hampshire Archaeological Society fall meeting in Concord. Also at the 2nd Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship, Kathleen Callum launched into the contest as one of the few female participants, presented a slide show on Aboriginal Life Skills, while David C. assisted Langdon S. with the ever-popular flintknapping demo. Under direction of the VAS Board and Education Committee, GEOARCH, Inc. spearheaded the VAW '98 Coordinator search. Jean and David Callum, in coordination with GEOARCH, hosted a number of VAS activities for various committees and members developing increasingly successful archeological outreach.

GEOARCH introduced hundreds of sixth graders to archeology during the Addison County Conservation and Natural Resources Field Day, organized by David Skinas of the NRCS. Kathleen and Robert also gave presentations on heritage discovery to the Swanton Cultural Tourism Task Force, the Brandon Village Partnership, and again lugged portable outreach materials to an Addison County Lake Champlain Byways meeting. Through years of compliance and geosarcheological consulting, our staff has come to recognize that the public outreach component of projects is the key to stewarding our archeological resources for the future. Not only has GEOARCH become an "Inc.", but our fundamental compliance consulting, geosarcheology, and heritage discovery services all incorporate this vital concept.

Twenty-five Years Ago in the VAS

March 1973 found the VAS with \$424.70 in the bank and plans for a spring meeting, summer activities, and a new VAS Monograph Series. The Burlington Chapter reported 13 members. While the Site Legislative Committee agreed on the need for a State Archeologist with some protective authority, some members disagreed on the level of power which should be accorded to the position. Other disputed areas concerned the administration of digs through a permit system and the potential problems this posed for amateurs. For some unexplained reason, the next VAS Newsletter wasn't published until March 1974.

Welcome New VAS Members!

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Thirty members and institutions not heard from since 1996 (check your mailing label) may soon be dropped from the active list, leaving only the remaining 211 active members eligible to purchase our newly published *Journal of Vermont Archaeology* at the special discounted rate.

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