



# Minnesota Archaeology Month

## **Clay County**

Moorhead

### **Cinnamon Whiskey and the Archaeological Study of Alcohol Use along the Red River, Moorhead**

Dr. George Holley of Minnesota State University Moorhead will present a lecture concerning the recent archaeological work at the Saloon Row site in downtown Moorhead.

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Location: Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, 202 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.

Contact: Georg R. Holley at [holley@mnstate.edu](mailto:holley@mnstate.edu)

Note: The event is free and open to the public.

## **Cottonwood County**

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### **New Insights into Ancient Lifeways on the Red Rock Ridge**

Tom Sanders will discuss the results of this summer's survey on the Red Rock Ridge by the Red Rock Ridge Research Group. The survey has produced new insights into Indigenous people's activities on the Ridge.

Date: Sunday, September 29, 2:00 pm

Sponsor: Cottonwood County Historical Society

Location: Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Contact: Linda Fransen at 507-831-1134 or [cchs@windomnet.com](mailto:cchs@windomnet.com)

Note: The event is free and open to the public

## **Dakota County**

Hastings

### **Public Archaeology Opportunities in Dakota County**

This talk will cover recent archaeology undertaken as part of a legacy grant by the Dakota County Historical Society and discuss upcoming opportunities for the public to get involved in field and lab events. Dr. Jeremy Nienow is the speaker.

Date: Thursday, September 19, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Dakota County Historical Society

Location: Leduc Historic Estate, 1629 Vermillion Street

Contact: Rebecca Snyder at 651-552-7548 or Mariah Ring at 651-438-8480 or

[Mariah.ring@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Mariah.ring@co.dakota.mn.us)

Note: The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP contact Rebecca or Mariah at the numbers above.



### **Faribault County**

Winnebago

#### **Archaeology Month Open House**

The Winnebago Area Museum will celebrate Minnesota Archaeology Month by hosting an open house. This is your opportunity to learn more about Faribault County history and see archaeological displays about the past cultures of the County.

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 9 am - noon

Sponsor: Winnebago Area Museum

Location: Winnebago Area Museum, 16 Main Street South

Contact: Carol A. Hill at 507-458-8263 or [chilli@bevcomm.net](mailto:chilli@bevcomm.net)

Note: The event is free and open to the public but donations are appreciated.

### **Hennepin County**

Minneapolis

#### **Minnesota Archaeology Fair**

**Event cancelled due to continuing closure of Ft. Snelling State Park undergoing flood damage repair!**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Minnesota Archaeology Fair will include a variety of poster and artifact displays, demonstrations and activities illustrating and explaining the archaeology of Minnesota. There will be artifact identification, an atlatl toss and demonstrations of pottery-making and flintknapping.

Date: Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, September 15, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sponsor: Minnesota Historical Society Archaeology Dept. and the Minnesota Archaeological Society

Location: Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center, Fort Snelling State Park

Contact: Patricia Emerson at 612-725-2410 or [patricia.emerson@mnhs.org](mailto:patricia.emerson@mnhs.org)

Note: Fort Snelling State Park has been closed most of the summer due to flood damage. Plans are to have the Park open in time for the Archaeology Fair but double check the web site to see if those plans are changed and if an alternate location for the Archaeology Fair has been identified. The event is free and open to the public but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park.

#### **Minnesota's Underwater Archaeology and Maritime History**

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Not-for-profit organization Maritime Heritage Minnesota has been identifying, documenting, researching, and interpreting wrecks and other submerged archaeological resources in Minnesota's lakes and rivers for 15 years. Learn about our shared Maritime History from the only two nautical, underwater, and maritime archaeologists working in the state.

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Sponsor: Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Location: Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center, Ft. Snelling State Park

Contact: Ann Merriman at 651-261-2265 or [mhm@maritimeheritagemn.org](mailto:mhm@maritimeheritagemn.org)



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### **Mille Lacs County**

Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

#### **Archaeology Day**

Come enjoy a full day of demonstrations and activities highlighting archaeology and the rich heritage of the Mille Lacs area. Check out the event web site at:

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/event.html?id=61269](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=61269)

Date: Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsor: Minnesota DNR Parks & Trails, the Minnesota Archaeological Society and St. Cloud State University

Location: Mille Lacs Kathio State Park Interpretive Center

Contact: Erin Fallon at 320-523-3269 or [erin.fallon@state.mn.us](mailto:erin.fallon@state.mn.us)

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### **Ramsey County**

St. Paul

#### **Public Archaeology Opportunities in Ramsey County**

This talk will cover recent archaeology undertaken as part of a legacy grant by the Ramsey County Historical Society and discuss upcoming opportunities for the public to get involved in field and lab events. Dr. Jeremy Nienow is the speaker.

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Ramsey County Historical Society



Location: Gibbs Farm, 2097 Larpenteur Ave. West

Contact: Robyn Priestly at 651-222-0701

Note: The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP please call Robyn Priestly at the number above.

### **Office of the State Archaeologist Open House**

Come and visit the new home of the Office of the State Archeologist. Meet our staff and tour our new facilities.

Date: Monday, September 30, 10:00 am to noon.

Sponsor: Office of the State Archaeologist

Location: 328 W. Kellogg Boulevard

Contact: Bruce Koenen at 651-201-2264 or [bruce.koenen@state.mn.us](mailto:bruce.koenen@state.mn.us)

Note: There will be short program at 10:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

### **Redwood County**

Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site

#### **Lower Sioux Indian Community: Protecting Cultural Legacy**

Learn more about archaeology and Tribal preservation in Cansayapi; current and past efforts to protect and expand Lower Sioux's cultural legacy. What's been done, what's being done and how you can help. Steven Blondo of Blondo Consulting, LLC will be the speaker for the event.

Date: Thursday, September 12, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Sponsor: Lower Sioux Indian Community/Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Location: Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site, 32469 County Highway 2, Morton. Two miles east of Jackpot Junction.

Contact: Cheyenne St. John at 507-697-8672 or [lowersiouxthpo@lowersioux.com](mailto:lowersiouxthpo@lowersioux.com)

Note: Admission is \$6 and includes museum exhibits and the event. The event is free for citizens of Federally Recognized Tribes. The event is limited to 50 participants.

### **Scott County**

Shakopee

#### **Public Archaeology Opportunities in Scott County**

This talk will cover recent archaeology undertaken as part of a legacy grant by the Scott County Historical Society and discuss upcoming opportunities for the public to get involved in field and lab events. Dr. Jeremy Nienow is the speaker.

Date: Thursday, September 5, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Scott County Historical Society

Location: Scott County Historical Society, 235 Fuller Street South

Contact: Rose James at 952-445-0378

Note: The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP please call Rose James at the number above.



### **Steele County**

Owatonna

#### **Arrowheads in the Fields**

Bob Suchanek of the Minnesota Archaeological Society will present an introduction to the prehistoric stone tools in Steele County. This illustrated talk will provide an overview of the prehistory of the county and what we can learn by studying the artifacts the County's previous residents left behind.

Date: Thursday, September 26, 6:00 pm

Sponsor: Steele County Historical Society and Minnesota Archeological Society

Location: Steele County History Center, 1700 Austin Road

Contact: James Lundgren at 507-451-1420

Note: Admission to the event is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and Steele County Historical Society members get in free

### **Wadena County**

Wadena

#### **Archaeology in Wadena County**

Lina Belar of the Wadena County Historical Society will provide an overview of reports that have been written about Fur Trade Era excavations in Wadena County and explain why they are important to our knowledge of the past.

Date: Thursday, September 26, noon to 1:00 pm

Sponsor: Wadena County Historical Society

Location: Wadena County Museum, 603 Jefferson Street North

Contact: Lina Belar at 218-631-9079 or [603wchs@arvig.net](mailto:603wchs@arvig.net)

Note: The event is free and open to the public. Check out the historical society's web page at <http://wadenacountyhistory.org/wchs-museum/>

#### **Museum Exhibit**

During the month of September the Wadena County Historical Museum will host an exhibit of artifacts excavated from Fur Trade Era sites in Wadena County. The artifacts were recovered from excavations done by the University of Minnesota, the Science Museum of Minnesota and others.

Date: Tuesdays through Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for the month of September

Sponsor: Wadena County Historical Society

Location: Wadena County Historical Society, 603 Jefferson Street North

Contact: Lina Belar at 218-631-9079 or [603wchs@arvig.net](mailto:603wchs@arvig.net)

Note: Check out the historical society's web page at <http://wadenacountyhistory.org/wchs-museum/>

### **Winona County**

Whitewater State Park

#### **Whitewater Valley Archaeology and History Festival**

Celebrate the fascinating history of the Whitewater Valley! Through demonstrations, hands-on activities and special guest presenters, visitors will be transported back in time. Try your hand at archery or atlatl



throwing. Observe traditional flint knapping techniques. Tour the former camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the German POWs who stayed here. Visit the historic Marnach House or take a selfie with Smokey Bear at the Elba Fire Tower. Pick up a schedule of the activities at the park office.

Date: Saturday, September 14, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Sponsor: MnDNR Whitewater State Park

Location: Whitewater State Park

Contact: Park staff at 507-312-2300

Note: The event is free and open to the public but a Minnesota State Park permit (annual pass or day pass) is needed to enter the State Park. To learn more check out the event web site at:

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/event.html?id=56342](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/event.html?id=56342)

### **Wisconsin**

Superior

#### **Carlton County Fur Trade**

David H. Peterson will do a presentation on the history of the Fur Trade in Carlton County Minnesota as documented by fur trade era artifacts recovered in the County.

Date: Monday, September 16, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Sponsor: Northern Lakes Archaeological Society

Location: Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue

Contact: Susan Mulholland at [suemulholland@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com)

Note: The event is free and open to the public.

### **Around the State**

Check out these web sites for more information about Minnesota archaeology and upcoming events around the state.

Council for Minnesota Archaeology: <http://mnarcheology.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CouncilforMinnesotaArchaeology/>

Minnesota Archaeological Society: <http://mnarchsociety.org/events.html>

MnDOT Archaeology, MnModel an archaeological predictive model:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnmodel/index.html>

MN Fieldnotes a blog about Minnesota archaeology and events: <http://mnfieldnotes.com/>

A Facebook page about the Marshall Mountain Triple Point map in northern Minnesota and its interpretation: <https://www.facebook.com/steve.benassi/posts/900506856973928>



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Coming in October the Midwest Archaeological Conference is holding its annual meeting in Mankato, Minnesota. The dates are October 10-12, 2019. The meeting is open to non-members. Check out the conference web site for more information: <https://www.midwestarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/upcoming>

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**Check out the Office of the State Archaeologist web site for updates and additional events:**

<https://mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/the-public/events/archaeology-month/>