

*Fort Recovery State Museum
Newsletter, October 2010*

Archaeology Family Fun Fest - This Sunday! 11:00-4:00! NEW activities!

So when's the last time you were in a **hieroglyphic tent?**

Played the **Chunkey Indian Game?** (Designed to teach young natives spear skills!)

Tossed an **atlatl?**

Heard about **McKee's Town?**

Saw **soap made** in a big kettle over an open fire?

Used a **lithic drill?**

Made **clay cord pottery?**

The FEST revolves around Activities! Speakers! Exhibits!

In addition to those activities listed above, there will be:

1. Mock Digs under the direction of archaeologists and students from Ball State University
2. Artifact Identification by Ohio Historical Society archaeologist, Bill Pickard
3. Live *flint knapping* by professional, Chris Miller
4. Production of FR History DVD- Diane McClung/ High School Co Lab crew - #2 Blockhouse
5. Old Tool Displays/Explanation – Jack Hemmelgarn – Tool Cabin
6. Log House Demonstrations/Explanations – Pat Eischen Meiers/Chris Ewry
7. Indian Face Painting
8. Famous Archaeological Dig Videos – Blockhouse #1
9. Pack 99 Boy Scouts – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pop, and Popcorn

The Fest features Artifact Exhibitors!

The most ever pre-registered – More expected! Coming are:

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| 1. Paul Leasor | 2. Ken Sowards |
| 3. Chris Rummel | 4. Greg Shipley |
| 5. Bob Evans | 6. Ron Thiebeau |
| 7. Shaun Place | 8. Allan Mark |
| 9. Jim Faller | 10. Mark Faller |
| 11. Larry Keller | |

The Fest Features Five Interesting/Informative Speakers!

- 12:30 – 1:30** **Greg Shipley** – (Retired Engineer, Artifact Collector/Expert, Historian) *McKee's Town*
- 1:30 – 2:30** **John Christian Rummel** – (History Scholar) - "*Renaissance in the Ohio Valley: The Art, Ideology and Culture of Hopewell.*"
- 2:30 – 3:15** **Tony DeRegenaucourt** – (Archaeology Expert/Writer/Lecturer) *Archaeology of Greenville – Uncovering Hidden Secrets*
- 3:15 – 4:00** **Bill Pickard** (OHS Collections /Archaeology) - *A Tale of Two Horses: The Occurrence of a War of 1812 Double Horse Burial at Fort Meigs, Wood Co. Ohio*
- 4:00 – 4:45** **Chris Keller** - Ball State Archaeologist – *Solving a Mystery - Discovering the St. Clair & Fort Recovery Battlefields – area landowners invited!*

For Patrons, there is no charge for any activities or for visiting the museum. For others, there is only the regular charge for visiting the museum. (Of course the Boy Scout food charges apply to all.)

Good News! #1 and #2

#1. We applied for and received an **Ohio Humanities Council** Grant to help underwrite the costs of the Archaeology Family Fun Fest. The Fest is obviously not a money-making event for the museum, but instead one of our major events for EDUCATION! We realized when we undertook this big event that it would cost the museum money, but this expenditure supported our museum goals of education and public awareness of our museum/history. Now, the receipt of the \$1700 grant from the OHC is very, very welcome and greatly appreciated. The receipt of that money allows us to save/use your patron donations for other/increased efforts of education, exhibit creation, and building maintenance! We are so fortunate!

#2. We now have it confirmed that we have received the **National Battlefield Grant** from the National Parks Service. That grant application was a combined effort of Ball State University and our museum/historical society! Details cannot be publicized in this newsletter until they have been released to the public press, so watch for details in newspapers and then hopefully in the next museum newsletter! The money from this grant can be used only for specific archaeological purposes. (Chris Keller's talk on Sunday (4:00) will give details.)

The Fort Recovery Historical Society Auction – October 17, 5:30 – 9:30

Thanks to generous donors and a hard working committee, the 2010 **One-of-a Kind** auction/raffle is sure to provide a fun and exciting evening. Tickets are only **\$10** and include some fantastic eating provided by the gals of the local Psi-Iota-Xi Sorority! Take a look in May's TV store window and you will see some of the 100+ items. What about these truly one-of-a-kind:

- A recently autographed *baseball* by Joey Votto of the 2010 champion Reds?
- A shiny new *guitar* signed by all three members of **Lady Antebellum**?
- A cross- stitched *eagle*- Must see! – 300+ hours of work by Mike Walter!
- An antique *Bistro pedal car*? - *Bob Van Trees painting*?
- A mounted Civil War *pistol*? - A *Pretty-Princess Package*
- *Eldora Raceway!* Box Seats **and** dinner - A *catered dinner for 50!* by Thienman's
- A gallon of *Turtle Soup* made by Doc Kaup - Harvey Haddix autographed 8x10 picture

Ring Raffle

A big event of auction night is the drawing of the winner for THE ring. This year's ring is a **.5 karat diamond white gold bamboo design ring valued at \$1100**. Ring tickets (\$5.00) can be purchased from the Fort Recovery Banks, any historical society member, at the museum this Sunday, or by calling me, Nancy Knapke (375-4384!) (or respond to this email) You need not be present to win! Thanks to Steve and Becky Jones of Jones Jewelers of Celina for generously donating this beauty!

It Happened in September:

William Heath gave a great presentation Sunday. The audience was interested and asked questions that brought forth good discussion and more interesting information. Heath's book, *Blacksnake's Path*, will still be on sale for \$21.00 next weekend.

John Winkler, who has written a book on St. Clair's Battle, visited two weeks ago, and we spent 6 hours walking the battlefield with detailed descriptions of who fought where, what happened, who was injured/killed, who escaped and how etc. The hours were so fascinating, I didn't notice we missed lunch! ☺ I was so excited I called Chris Keller (who had been there for the first 2 hours) and exclaimed that we must have him back sometime when others can have a similar opportunity. There is nothing that can make you appreciate our place more than to walk the in the steps of those present that fateful day of November 4, 1791. I cannot wait for the book to be published. I couldn't take the notes fast enough. Totally amazing. (Chris Keller is sharing some of her maps of our site with John for his book. His text is completed – just needs maps and a few pictures.)

Enjoy the fall. I hope to see you personally at Arch Day next Sunday and again at the auction on Oct. 17! nk