

BITS AND PIECES

FALLS OF THE OHIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

October, 2016

NEXT MEETING:

When: October 8 2016

Falls of the Ohio

NEWS

Saturday's meeting (October 8) will be led by Anne Bader in a move to forward our projectile point project. Anne will give a presentation on projectile point typology, how to date points, a discussion of the important attributes to consider when analyzing points. Anne will have updated handouts to be used when working on the point project, and will bring some artifacts to share and practice with. The meeting will be held as usual at the Falls Interpretive Center.

September Events

Another Archaeology Month is in the books!

Digging the Past at the Falls of the Ohio on September 10th took the place of our regular meeting. We had agreed to cut back a bit on our activities from years past and worked out a reasonable alternative. We set up in the usual spot with Christina and Bett at the information booth, highlighted by our new banner, designed by Anne and her daughter Leigh. Bob's new portable case was on display for the first time. Anne provided the archaeologist's tools for one drawer, Christina set up the historic artifacts and Bett filled a drawer with real and replica prehistoric artifacts. We also had artifacts and replicas that visitors could handle. Bob and Barb DeMent set up an "old and ancient" tools activity area, Rick Hardin brought a Stratigraphy display and several very interesting old iron tools (which were quite popular), and Chris Kokojan once again manned the leather activity – even with a cast on his leg and foot! George Nall and friends demonstrated knapping, Rhonda Huff's Ancient Art activity was better than ever, and Leslie Rumbley brought Michelle Dutcher's Cave Art display in addition to her corn grinding activity. New this year: Tools of Archaeology with Michael Peeken, from UK. Over in the field, in the hot sun all day, Danny Carlton and Greg Guernsey kept busy showing kids and adults how to throw a dart with an atlatl. We were also pleased to have the Meade County Historical Preservation Society and the



Indiana Department of Historic Preservation and Archaeology displays beside us.

Big thanks to Rene Quintos and friends for helping to set up tents – and take them down before the rain hit! At the end of the day it was agreed that we had made a very good showing with a reasonable amount of effort.

Bicentennial Torch Relay. On September 16 Christina, Bob, and Barb set up the new FOAS display case for the Clark County leg of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay. They were one of the booths set up at the Clark County Fair Grounds which was a stop along the route. Many members of the public and home school children visited the booth.



Gas Light Festival in Jeffersontown was held on September 17 & 18 – Saturday was rainy but that didn't keep folks away. Tables were set up for FOAS and Corn Island Archaeology, in front of Anne's office, where we set out the new FOAS drawer displays and pieces of pottery that had been dug up from the Conrad pottery during the on-going excavation of the side lawn. Our main job was to send folks to the open test unit to help dig, screen and exclaim over what was coming out of the ground! Sunday was awesome! Some terrific items were found including tiles dated 1810, and a fabulous pre-1810 plate! Also, a new mystery was introduced with tiles marked "D.K." Thanks to Bett for her hard work Saturday! Another successful public event! We are keeping alive our tradition of finding something new every year.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Now that the portable display is finished, we will open a discussion on where it should go next, and how it will be used. We need suggestions on how and where to display as well as guidelines on keeping it all safe.

LAB WORK

Paul Olliges and Bett are still working on FOAS' excavation materials from the Division Street School and the Clark County Museum. We are cleaning, bagging, labeling, and entering all info on a database with the help of Kathy McGrath. Anyone who would like to help can contact Bett to set up a time.

The Projectile Point Guide: Now that September public events are over, we want to get back onto this project. really think this will be a great contribution from FOAS to the archaeology community. If you have collections you want to bring, remember, we are documenting projectile points only at this time. Because we can only do so many at any one session, we would like to schedule the collections. If you have a collection you want to share, please notify Anne at abader@ciarch.com or 502 592-2355 so that we do not have too much to handle on that day. Keep your eyes open for a special link/page to open on our website related to this important project.

WEBSITE

Have you checked out the FOAS webpage? Go to www.falls-society.org. It now contains a gallery of photos from our trips and activities, as well as a blog for some interactive conversation. If you have anything you would like to see added to the page, please send along to Anne or Bett. We will soon be adding .pdf versions of our reports, Journals, posters, and power point presentation on the website. Watch for those to show up.

DUES

If you haven't yet gotten around to it, you can mail your dues to FOAS, P.O. Box 99363, Louisville, KY 40269. Please keep in mind the changes that we voted on at the December meeting. Single membership is now \$20, family is \$30 and there is no longer the option of life memberships, however current life memberships (there are 17) will be honored. **New option:** You can now pay dues on line at the FOAS website through PayPal.

SPEAKERS

We are currently trying to schedule speakers for the upcoming months. As always, on the look out for new and interesting speakers. If you have any ideas, please give us a shout. Send info to Christina or Anne.

THANKS

As always to Paul and Leslie for continued good work in getting newsy items out to the membership!

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