



# New Hampshire Archeological Society Newsletter

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## Archaeology Month in New Hampshire is Migrating!

Celebrating New Hampshire Archaeology Month in the spring this April, rather than the autumn, will allow you to participate in field schools, lectures, and other programs. April is also school vacation month, opening the door for you to play an active role.

Kick off Archaeology Month on March 31<sup>st</sup> by attending the NHAS spring meeting. Then plan to attend several events scheduled during April 2012 including:

- Conference on New England Archaeology
- State Conservation and Rescue Archaeological Program (SCRAP) events
- Project Archaeology teacher workshop
- University of New Hampshire Community Archaeology Day

The sponsors of Archaeology Month include:

New Hampshire Archeological Society (NHAS)

NH Division of Historical Resources (DHR)

NH Department of Transportation (DOT)



NH State Archaeologist  
Richard Boisvert with students



NHAS board members George Leduc and  
Richard Boisvert on the Jefferson VI site

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# ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

## EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

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### Project Archaeology

Teachers interested in adding archaeology to their teaching toolkits are invited to attend a Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, NH.



Presented by the DHR and SCRAP, *Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter* workshop is designed to help show students how to apply archaeological concepts as they investigate a shelter using primary data sources such as maps, artifact illustrations, historic photographs, and oral histories. The New Hampshire coordinators for Project Archaeology, Sheila Charles, NHAS President, and Tanya Krajcik of the DHR, will conduct this workshop.

### Conference on New England Archaeology

The Conference on New England Archaeology was formed in 1979 to strengthen communication and facilitate continuous interchange of information among archaeologists who work in New England. CNEA publishes information highlighting relevant current research and sponsors an annual conference on a current topic in New England archaeology. Member benefits include conference admission. The CNEA Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH. The 2012 conference topic will be *Emerging Trends in Paleoindian Interpretation*.



Project Archaeology Training Seminar

### IN MEMORIAM - WILL MAKER

RIVER OF LIFE  
THE RIVER RUNS AROUND THE ROCK AND  
OVER THE SOIL.  
PROVIDES US NOURISHMENT,  
POWER AND DIRECTION.  
IT TAKES US FROM THE HEADWATERS TO  
THE GREAT OCEAN.



WHEN OUR JOURNEY IS COMPLETE,  
WE ARE MOTTLED TOGETHER IN THE  
SANDS OF THE OCEAN,  
FOREVER PART OF THE LIFE FORCE THAT  
MOVES THE EARTH,  
SHAPES THE FUTURE.

written by Will Maker

On June 19, 2011, SCRAP members lost a generous volunteer and good friend with the passing of Will Maker. He died unexpectedly at the age of 55 due to an undiagnosed heart condition. Will lived with his wife, Lou Anne, and daughters in Ipswich, Massachusetts. He recently retired as a lieutenant of the Ipswich Fire Department and held the rank of chief for many years.

Will's long time interest in Native American culture led him to attend his first SCRAP field school in 2006. Since that time, he was very active with the SCRAP program. He participated in several field schools and made the long trip from Ipswich to volunteer at the archaeology lab in Concord, New Hampshire. Will also joined SCRAP members at the annual Octoberfest dig and volunteered for excavations in Texas and Canada.

Photography was another hobby that he loved. Often he was off for hours in search of the perfect photo. He had a talent for seeing things that most of us missed and he excelled at capturing the very essence of his subjects.

All of us who knew Will feel the loss. He was a generous friend who usually came bearing gifts, but was best loved for his great sense of humor and kind, friendly nature.

We miss you, Will.

George Leduc and Linda Fuerderer, SCRAP

## Strawbery Banke Field School

The Strawbery Banke Archaeology Department excavated the grounds of the 1762 Chase House site to gather information about its former kitchen ell, barn and privy. The field school participants learned approved excavation techniques as part of a team, unearthing information about four centuries of neighborhood life. This two-week, intensive experience included fieldwork, lab work, object handling and identification, tours, activities, and instruction.



In addition to the field school, Dr. Peter Sablock and students of Salem State University Geological Sciences Department conducted the first phase of a multi-year geophysical survey (including ground penetrating radar) directed at identifying subsurface archaeological sites and

understanding subsurface environmental conditions. One of the goals of the research will be on identification of the footprints of the Picunis house and mikveh, a blue and white tiled Jewish ritual bath, and the Yeaton-Walsh House site.

Sheila Charles, Strawbery Banke Museum

## SCRAP Historic Field School Maps at Bear Brook

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources' State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program (SCRAP) conducted a one-week archaeological field school in Historical Archaeology this past October.

As part of a continued effort to survey and map our state parks, the SCRAP Historical Archaeology Program sponsored a historical sites survey of Bear Brook State



Surveying Bear Brook State Park



Mapping cellar holes along Podunk Road

Park in Allentown and Candia. The survey effort focused on the area surrounding Podunk Road, a historic road lined with cellar holes and barn foundations dating to the 1800s. Community members, students and volunteers participated in the field school.

Fourteen archaeological sites were identified and recorded in the park. The Bear Brook field school was coordinated in partnership with the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands and the Allentown Historical Society. This survey was under the direction of SCRAP Historical

# 2011 FIELD SCHOOLS

Archaeologists Edna Feighner and Tanya Krajcik, also members of the NHAS.

For more information or to sign up visit our website at [www.nh.gov/nhdhr/histarch.htm](http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/histarch.htm) or contact Edna Feighner or Tanya Krajcik at 603-271-3483.

Edna Feighner and Tanya Krajcik  
SCRAP



SCRAP historic crew walking along Podunk Road

## SCRAP Paleoindian Field School — Jefferson VI

This year saw SCRAP return to Jefferson for a full field season for the first time since 1999. In July 2010 we took advantage of an opportunity to survey a parcel close to our old field headquarters, the Applebrook Bed & Breakfast. With that survey we identified two probable concentrations based on 90 shovel test pits. A channel flake and biface fragment, both made from Munsungun chert, confirmed that we had a Paleoindian site. As there was a strong potential that the site would be developed for a private residence, we decided to focus the 2011 field school in this area.

The initial suggestion that two loci were present was confirmed with the block excavations. Both areas produced fluted point fragments, low densities of



Catlin Farley (Marietta, GA), Will DeCoursey (Jefferson, NH) and Emily Mengers (Catonsville, MD) working the STP survey crew

Shovel test pit survey was extended over the parcel, more than doubling the area covered. This expanded the size of the two concentrations and significantly clarified the site boundaries. In addition, additional shovel testing suggested that an additional locus may be present approximately 150 meters away.

The field school crew was large (nearly 60 participants) and drawn from across the country with people from California, South Dakota, Michigan, Oklahoma, Georgia, Maryland, as well as the Northeast. They were also a durable lot, enduring temperatures upwards to 100°F and ozone haze that completely obscured the Cherry Mountain and Mt. Washington. Also, the crew discovered the attractions of Labonville's logging supply where they indulged in shopping sprees to the delight of the management. Who knew that bandannas would make people so happy?



NHAS member Heather Rockwell with her A Block crew

debitage and a few scraping or cutting tools. Perhaps most interesting was the recovery of exotic raw materials among the debitage. A small but significant percentage of previously unrecognized chert was documented in both concentrations and identification of these materials will be a priority in the analysis.

## 2011 FIELD SCHOOLS



NHAS member Abbie Young (holding tape) working B Block



C Block crew slowly closing in on an unsuspecting honeysuckle bush

The investigations at Jefferson VI were very successful and will be presented at the upcoming Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee in April 2012. I will chair a symposium on recent advances in northeastern Paleoindian research and present a paper on the discovery of the Jefferson VI site. NHAS member Bruce Rusch will delve into estimates of how long the site may have been occupied and the number of people who were there.

The Jefferson VI site will be the focus of the 2012 SCRAP field school when we will return to expand upon the excavation blocks defined in the 2011 season and continue to explore for additional sites in the immediate vicinity.

In closing, I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Sandy Conley, owner of the site; Tom and Joy McCorkhill, owners of the Applebrook B&B; Stan Cutter, owner of Cold Brook Cabin, our field headquarters; Edith Tucker, the Lois Lane of the North Country and our portal to the internet; Gene Elhert and Chris Diego of the Mountain View Grand Hotel who provided substantial financial support for the field school. Abbie Young and Heather Rockwell did superb duty as excavation supervisors and logistical managers in the field camp. Mike Malburne and Colin Stevenson did an outstanding job guiding the shovel test pit crews.

Richard Boisvert, SCRAP



### IN MEMORIAM - LOUISE TALLMAN

Louise Tallman died November 8, 2011, at the age of 90 at her home in Rye Beach, where she had resided since 1963.

Raised in Connecticut, Louise graduated from Massachusetts State College, now the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, with a degree in landscape architecture.

Louise married Charles V. Tallman in 1943, and she worked at government offices including the U.S. Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey and later the Army Corps of Engineers.

Louise was an active member of the NHAS, as was her husband, Charlie, who predeceased her. She served for 30 years on the Conservation Commission and was involved with Odiorne

State Park and the Seacoast Science Center. She also participated in the Rye Historical Society's cemetery restoration project and the Portsmouth Athenaeum. After a NHAS meeting, Louise conducted a tour of the Portsmouth Athenaeum.

Louise conducted historical research on cemeteries throughout the state, as well as Odiorne Point. After encouraging the NH DHR to conduct an excavation at an area of the Wentworth Hotel's golf course, Louise and her husband participated in this dig as members of the NHAS.

Those of us who knew Louise will miss her.

Pat Hume, NHAS

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# ANCIENT (WEB)SITES

This is the fifth in a series reviewing websites and blogs of possible interest to the NHAS community

## Project Archaeology

[http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/project\\_archaeology.html](http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/project_archaeology.html)

Project Archaeology is an education program sponsored by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The ultimate goal of this program is to educate students to take responsible and thoughtful actions towards our archaeological heritage. Project Archaeology operates through a network of state programs.

Project Archaeology programs in each state offer professional development workshops for educators, distribute the national curriculum plus state and re-

gional materials, and continue to support teachers in their archaeology education efforts.

The website also offers support to participants and the general public by creating and maintaining a Project Archaeology blog with postings on archaeology and education as well as outreach opportunities at conferences and events.

Tanya Krajcik, Master Educator  
NH Project Archaeology Coordinator



## PUZZLE #4

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DELFT  
FLOW BLUE  
FORK  
GLASS  
HORSE SHOE

IRON  
MAJOLICA  
PIN  
REDWARE  
RIM  
SALT GLAZE  
SHERD  
SLIP

THIMBLE  
TOBACCO PIPE  
TRANSFERWARE  
WHITEWARE  
YELLOW WARE

created by Linda Fuerderer

## Collections Committee

### Finding New Homes for the Society's Materials

This spring was an active one for the Society. With Don Foster's retirement from Phillips Exeter Academy, we had to move the collections, library, site files, and office file from the space which Don graciously provided us during his years as the Society's curator and de facto librarian. The collections, files, and maps went to a corner of the DHR lab in Concord. The Collections Committee of Jane Potter, Brownie Gengras, and I devoted a lot of time over the spring getting the collections in good shape for the move, with the boxing and labeling as uniform as possible.

The move to Concord took place on May 3rd with the Collection Committee, Don Foster, Pat Hume, and Dick Boisvert all pitching in to help. The library was given to Plymouth State University as a donation from the Society. It was boxed and moved on May 19th by NHAS Executive Board members Don Foster, Karl Roenke, Jon Edsall, and George Leduc. The rain that day did not deter the work or the enthusiasm. The library is now on the shelves at Plymouth State under watchful eye of Professor David Starbuck. Both the collections and the library remain available for research and the Society is grateful to everyone who helped with the moves and in with making possible the new homes for this material.

Mark Greenly, Collections Chair

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Site Files Committee

The NHAS site files and maps were moved from Philips Exeter Academy to the DHR lab in Concord in May. The maps and the files were successfully transferred and organized, and are accessible at the lab.

Pat Hume, Site Files Chair

## Public Relations Committee

The public relations committee has started planning for the next Archaeology Month, scheduled for April 2012. If you would like to assist with the committee programs or send event information, please contact any board member or email to: [nhasweb@gmail.com](mailto:nhasweb@gmail.com).

Sheila Charles, Public Relations Chair

### *Wish List: A Laptop Computer*

The Society would greatly appreciate the donation of a laptop computer for handling the collections records, back issues sales, and treasurer records. If you have a laptop in good condition that you no longer use, please consider making a tax-deductible donation of it to the Society. For more information, contact Mark Greenly at (603) 436-6906 or [greenly.mark@comcast.net](mailto:greenly.mark@comcast.net).

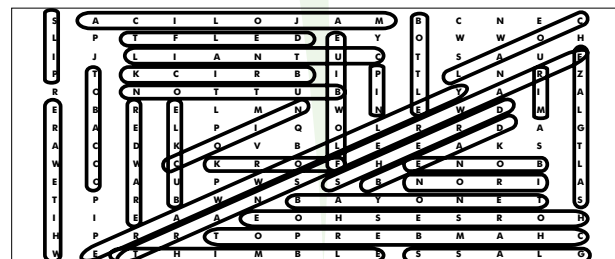


Speakers at the 2011 NHAS Annual Meeting\* (l to r):  
Edna Feighner, Richard Boisvert, Victoria Bunker, Sheila Charles,  
Bruce Rusch, Nathan Hamilton and Katherine Otterson

New Hampshire Archeological Society  
2012 Spring Meeting  
Saturday, March 31st  
Merrimack, NH  
See [www.nhas.org](http://www.nhas.org) for details.

\*Speaker synopsis and minutes of the 2011 NHAS Annual Meeting can be found at [www.nhas.org](http://www.nhas.org)

Solution to Puzzle #4



The New Hampshire Archeological Society  
Membership Application

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\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

To apply, please fill out this form and mail it with a check made out to the New Hampshire Archeological Society or NHAS for the amount (USD) indicated for the desired type of membership:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \$35
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (65+) \$18
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student \$18 (photocopy of valid student ID required)

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