

SEPTEMBER IS MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH!!!

September is the 12th annual Missouri Archaeology Month, a statewide celebration to promote the protection and documentation of Missouri's archaeological resources. The theme for 2007 is "The Woodland Period in Missouri," which covers Missouri's prehistoric past from 1000 B.C. to A.D. 1000. The Woodland period is best known for the widespread use of pottery, the introduction of the bow and arrow, the intensification of burial practices and trade networks, and an increased reliance on domesticated plants.

During September, nearly 60 archaeology programs, exhibits, and lectures are available across the state. Missouri Valley College (MVC) is co-sponsoring or providing five of these events:

1) **Tuesday, September 4, 7 p.m., *Archaeology and Restoration of the John Sites Gunsmith Shop in Arrow Rock, Missouri***, Dr. Tim Baumann, an Associate Professor of Anthropology at MVC, will describe his reanalysis of the John Sites Gunsmith shop excavation and its restoration at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. FREE

2) **Saturday, September 8, 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m., *Woodland Period Symposium***, Dr. Tim Baumann has organized nine presentations by professional archaeologists on the Woodland period in Missouri at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site in Arrow Rock, Missouri. FREE See Web Link for list of speakers:

<http://associations.missouristate.edu/mas/archmonth/symposium.html>

3) **Tuesday, September 18, 12 - 1 p.m., *The 400th Anniversary of Jamestown: An Archaeological Perspective***, Dr. Tim Baumann will present an archaeology lecture on Jamestown, celebrating its 400th anniversary, at the MVC Murrell Library. FREE

4) **Sunday, September 30, 1 - 3 p.m., *Archaeology Activities for Middle School Kids***, Dr. Tim Baumann and Valerie Altizer, a Research Assistant Professor of Anthropology at MVC, will lead activities for middle school students at the Scott Joplin House State Historic Site in St. Louis, Missouri. FREE

5) **Sunday, September 30, 2 - 3 p.m., *Prostitutes, Madams, and Archaeology***, Valerie Altizer will present a lecture on the contribution of

archaeology to the studies of prostitution and boarding houses in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Washington, D. C., at the Scott Joplin House State Historic Site in St. Louis, Missouri. FREE

Van Meter State Park, which is located approximately 10 miles north of Marshall, is also sponsoring an archaeology month program on [Saturday, September 22 at 10 a.m.](#) This free program on the *Sac and Fox Migration through Northeast Missouri* will be presented by members of the Sac and Fox Nations.

FREE POSTER - To promote archaeology month, an archaeology month poster was also created by Dr. Tim Baumann and is available at Missouri Valley College in the Science Building, Room 21 or at the MVC Murrell Library. Copies can also be requested from the Missouri Archaeological Society at 1-800-472-3223.

Please support Missouri Archaeology Month by promoting and attending these archaeology programs. For more information or free copies of the poster, contact Dr. Tim Baumann at baumant@moval.edu or 660-831-4044.

Missouri Archaeology Month Web Site - www.MoArchaeologyMonth.info