

January 30

Early Industries and Family Life in Marshall County

Jamie Vosvick (Supervising Archaeologist, Archaeological Consultants of the Midwest, Inc. Wheeling) and Brittany Vance (Staff Archaeologist, Archaeological Consultants of the Midwest, Inc. Wheeling)

Recent excavations at a Marshall County site reveal new information about the area's early historic industries and the people who were involved in them. Archaeologists used Phase I testing, deep testing, and deed research at site 46MR202 in southwest Marshall County along the Ohio River to add new insights to our local history.

February 27

Film: Time Team America: New Philadelphia, IL

Founded by "Free Frank" McWorter who purchased his freedom in 1836 from a Kentucky plantation owner, New Philadelphia was the first American town formed by former slaves. The Time Team searches for a pre-Civil War schoolhouse – many states prohibited slaves from learning to read and write. Co-produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting, Videotext Communications Ltd., and Channel 4 International. 60 minutes.

March 27

Monongahela Bone Technology

Lisa M. Dugas (Senior Archaeologist, URS, Pittsburgh)

Analysis of tools can reveal how they were made and used, but they can also provide clues to many other aspects of life. Tool typology and style can indicate the age of a site, and tools can be viewed as social expressions that reveal something about the identity of the people who left them behind. This presentation examines bone and shell tools found at three Middle Monongahela (AD 1250-1580) sites in southwest Pennsylvania.

April 24

Willow Island's W.I.L.D. Ride: Archaeological Investigation of a Deeply Buried Late Archaic Component in West Virginia along the banks of the Ohio River

Matthew P. Purtill (PhD Candidate in Geography, West Virginia University)

Recent excavations at this site located near Parkersburg uncovered deeply buried evidence of human activity. Occupied 3800 to 3300 years ago, the site reveals important information regarding West Virginia's prehistory. This includes the earliest dated pottery within the state as well as long-distance trade with people to the east that involved the highly prized Ohio Flint Ridge chert from central Ohio.

May 29

Recent Investigations at two Earthwork Sites in Southwest Pennsylvania by California University of Pennsylvania

Dr. John P. Nass Jr. (Professor of Anthropology, California University of PA)

Earthworks continue to engage curious minds with interesting archaeological questions. Two such sites were studied by Dr. Nass and his field school team: The Father Angel Site in Washington County, which was investigated in collaboration with West Virginia University, and the Early Woodland Pitt Gas Mound located in Greene County.

June 26

Film - Secret Weapon of the Confederacy

The *H.L. Hunley* was the first submarine to sink an enemy ship. Known as the Confederacy's secret weapon, the submarine and its crew disappeared after its first successful mission. Divers, archaeologists, and historians work

together to recover the wrecked vessel and solve the mystery of its demise. A National Geographic production. 90 minutes.

July 31

Interpretive Garden Program and Tour

Andrea Keller (Cultural Program Coordinator, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex)

The Interpretive Garden is in its 5th year! Find out how the garden has grown with the help of many volunteers, and observe its progress this year. An outdoor garden tour will be included, weather permitting.

August 28

Film - Cahokia Mounds: Ancient Metropolis

At its peak around AD 1050-1200, Cahokia was home to around 10,000 to 20,000 people. Extensive earthworks, plazas, palisades, and other structures reflect its role as a center of art, power, commerce, and wealth. A Camera One production. 60 minutes.

September 25

The Early Woodland Period of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the West Virginia Panhandle: Is Big Really Better?

Mark A. McConaughy (Regional Archaeologist, PA Historical and Museum Commission, Bushy Run Battlefield)

Large burial mounds were constructed in the middle of the Early Woodland period (450 B.C. to A.D. 100), a time when pottery and the use of domesticated plants first appear. Do large burial mounds also indicate a high status for the individual(s) laid to rest in them, that is, is bigger really better?

October 30

Pioneering Archaeology in the Mountain State: The Career of Edward V. McMichael

Patrick D. Trader (Principal Investigator, Gray & Pape, Inc.)

Edward Vance McMichael served as the first State Archaeologist in West Virginia (1960-1967). Working closely with members of the West Virginia Archeological Society, he lead excavations at some of the state's most spectacular sites including Mount Carbon Village, the Buffalo Site, and the Saint Albans Site. In the course of this work he compiled a wealth of artifacts and data, much of which is housed at the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex.

November 20

Native American History and Research in West Virginia, AD 1600-1800

Greg B. Carroll (retired Historian, West Virginia Archives and History)

Genealogists often encounter difficulties when researching families with Native American ancestors in West Virginia. The history of Native Americans in the Mountain State shows how events such as warfare and the suppression of Native American identity contributed to the loss of genealogical information as well as much cultural knowledge and history. Mr. Carroll will also share resources he has found useful in this line of research

December 18

Film – Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers: Coming into America

Who were the first Americans? Did they arrive by land or by sea, as a single group or in many groups from different directions? The long-held theory that the First Americans walked across the Bering Land Bridge is examined and alternative theories explored. A PBS production. 60 minutes.

