

**Fall 2018 OAC Membership Meeting, October 19th, Blacklick Woods Metropark**

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Presenter</b>   | <b>Affiliation</b>                      | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Coauthors</b>             |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| 9:30        | N/A                | N/A                                     | Coffee & Pastries  |                              |
| 10:00       | Brian Redmond      | Cleveland Museum of Natural History     | Recent Investigation of a Hopewell wooden post circle and ceremonial precinct at the Heckelman site, Erie Co., Ohio  |                              |
| 10:20       | Jonathan Bowen     | Mound City Chapter, ASO                 | Overview of Late Archaic through Late Woodland Artifacts in Pickaway County, Ohio  | Connor McCoy and Kevin Nolan |
| 10:40       | Christine Thompson | AAL, Ball State University              | Fort Recovery Story Map and Battlefield Tour   |                              |
| 11:00       | <b>Break</b>       | <b>Break</b>                            | <b>Break</b>   |                              |
| 11:20       | Glen Boatman       | Sandusky Bay ASO                        | 30 years of Contributions of the Sandusky Bay ASO to the Archaeology of North Central Ohio   |                              |
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| 12:00       | N/A                | N/A                                     | <b>Lunch on your own</b>   |                              |
| 12:20       | N/A                | N/A                                     | <b>Lunch on your own</b>   |                              |
| 12:40       | OAC                | N/A                                     | Business Meeting   |                              |
| 1:00        | OAC                | N/A                                     | Business Meeting   |                              |
| 1:20        | OAC                | N/A                                     | Business Meeting   |                              |
| 1:40        | Al Tonetti         | OAC                                     | Unmarked Human Burial Places Legislation Update  |                              |
| 2:00        | Al Tonetti         | OAC                                     | Unmarked Human Burial Places Legislation Update  |                              |
| 2:20        | <b>Break</b>       | <b>Break</b>                            | <b>Break</b>   |                              |
| 2:40        | Jason Watkins      | ODOT                                    | The 50+ Year Bridge Project: Educational Silver Linings in an Otherwise Challenging Project  |                              |
| 3:00        | John Schweikart    | Center for Life Sciences Education, OSU | Lost and Nearly Forgotten: Searching for an elusive 19th century Black school and exploring the City of Upper Arlington's surprising connection to the African Diaspora and Columbus, Ohio's early Black Community |                              |
| 3:20        | Adjourn            |   |  |                              |

## **Fall 2018 OAC Meeting Abstracts**

### **Recent Investigation of a Hopewell wooden post circle and ceremonial precinct at the Heckelman site, Erie Co., Ohio**

Brian Redmond, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

In 2017 the Cleveland Museum of Natural History returned to the Heckelman site in Erie Co., Ohio to further investigate the Hopewell Middle Woodland component. Two seasons of research have documented the remains of a wooden post enclosure (circle) measuring approximately 20 meters in diameter along with several earth oven features and structured deposits of animal bone, bladelets and mica fragments. In addition, the discovery of numerous large post molds point to the erection and removal of ceremonial poles within and adjacent to the enclosure.

### **Overview of Late Archaic through Late Woodland Artifacts in Pickaway County, Ohio**

Jonathan E. Bowen, Mound City Chapter ASO

This presentation focuses on Pickaway County, Ohio during the period between 3500 and 1000 years ago, which saw the onset of pottery production, mound and earthwork building, the bow and arrow, and maize horticulture. The information was largely provided by artifact collectors and farmers, many of them members of the Pickaway County Historical Society and the Mound City Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Ohio.

### **Fort Recovery Story Map and Battlefield Tour**

Christine K. Thompson, Connor M. McCoy, and Kevin C. Nolan, Applied Anthropology Laboratories, Ball State University

Ball State University, Applied Anthropology Laboratories, has created an on-line Story Map, associated with 15 wayside exhibits, to tell and reframe the story of two significant Northwest Indian Wars battles that took place in present-day Fort Recovery, Ohio: the Battle of the Wabash (1791) and the Battle of Fort Recovery (1794). The Story Map battlefield tour uses maps and images from eight years of archaeological and preservation research to emphasize the extent of the landscape involved in the battles and its role in shaping the outcome, focusing on the American Indian perspective and battle strategy. One of our goals was to reintegrate American Indians as active agents in these events with real human motivations of protecting family and home. We will discuss our goals, methods, results, and lessons learned of using the Story Map application for public interpretation.

### **30 years of Contributions of the Sandusky Bay ASO to the Archaeology of North Central Ohio**

Glenwood L. Boatman, Sandusky Bay chapter of the Archaeological Society of Ohio

Over more than 30 years the Sandusky Bay members have not only been artifact collectors but many have worked with and been trained by professional Archaeologists and Physical Anthropologists. This program

presents the highlights of archaeological activity of the Sandusky Bay chapter's work over 30 years. Most of the work was done with Dr. David Stothers but since 2009 the chapter has carried out professional archaeology on its own, sometimes consulting professionals. Members of the chapter have been responsible for funding more than a majority of radiocarbon dates run in North Central Ohio since 2000. In addition members have provided a new research model for ceramics at Huron River sites from 300 B.C. to 700 A.D. Members have written up reports and articles on the Taylor, Kendera, Dillon, and Metz sites, We have dug and reported on the Heckelman Linear Ditches and Exploratory Trenches, and have Updated the Dating of the Seaman's Fort Earthworks. Members have also provided 20, 1 hour long programs on their work and have presented at Professional Archaeological Conferences. We were responsible for getting Dr. Michael Gramly to take another look at the Cedar Creek Mastodon site near Mansfield, Ohio which resulted in it now being declared a butcher site.

### **The 50+ Year Bridge Project: Educational Silver Linings in an Otherwise Challenging Project**

Jason Watkins, ODOT

Two often underutilized aspects of the Section 106 process are the flexibility that allows for a wide range of creative solutions and the variety of opportunities available for public education. Often we find ourselves committing to the same types of avoidance/minimization/mitigation activities as we work through the process. The Vrooman Road Bridge project in northeastern Ohio gave us an opportunity to explore these underutilized aspects and take advantage of that flexibility. Through tribal consultation, ODOT worked with the Seneca Nation of Indians to identify ways that we could provide opportunities for public education. SNI and ODOT worked together to develop aesthetic bridge designs and an educational kiosk in an adjacent metropark. These elements will help educate the public on the precontact period in this area and the importance of different resources to the indigenous people who lived there. This project demonstrates that by working closely with our tribal representatives, we can benefit the public in ways that go beyond construction.

### **Lost and Nearly Forgotten: Searching for an elusive 19th century Black school and exploring the City of Upper Arlington's surprising connection to the African Diaspora and Columbus, Ohio's early Black Community**

John F. Schweikart, MA, RPA, The Ohio State University Center for Life Sciences Education

In November 2017, Upper Arlington City Schools (UACS) passed a 230-million-dollar bond Issue to in part fund a major multi-stage redevelopment of facilities and grounds at the Upper Arlington High School, in the City of Upper Arlington, Franklin County, Ohio. In January 2018, it was announced that work would begin with the construction of new athletic fields on school district greenspace immediately west of Tremont Elementary School and south of Ridgeview Road in Upper Arlington. This proposed construction roughly corresponds with the depicted location of a former "Colored School" shown on Caldwell's 1872 Atlas for Perry Township in Franklin County. As a result, the author contacted UACS to ask for permission to conduct limited archaeological investigations including ground-penetrating radar (GPR) to see if any subsurface remains of this former 19<sup>th</sup> century schoolhouse had survived before construction began. Permission was granted in conjunction with approval and a permit from the Ohio History Connection. On May 2, 2018, UACS announced that a contract for constructing the new athletic fields had been awarded for the 2.15-million-dollar athletic field project and that groundbreaking was

scheduled to begin on June 2, 2018. This necessitated salvage archaeological investigations which had to be conducted from May 27-June 1, 2018, and included a very cursory surface collection, ground-penetrating radar, and limited metal detector survey to locate potential remains of the former 19<sup>th</sup> century schoolhouse or associated facilities. As a result, GPR failed to identify clear indications of former buildings or structures, and the metal detector survey overwhelmingly identified 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> century construction debris, modern coins, beverage containers, and other items one would expect to find surrounding contemporary recreational and educational facilities. Nevertheless, limited surface collections did identify two fragments of a single glass trade bead indicative of beads manufactured from the late 18<sup>th</sup> through early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries in Italy, Bohemia, or the Netherlands that were extensively utilized for the late 18<sup>th</sup>-early 19<sup>th</sup> century West African Slave Trade. Furthermore, the metal-detector survey identified a few cut nails that may date to the time when the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century “Colored School” was in existence or may be related to the use of this property as an African-American farm associated with Pleasant Litchford, a freed slave and early founder of central-Ohio’s African American Community or his descendants who farmed and lived on this property from ca 1833-1930 when the land was purchased and annexed by the then-expanding and racially exclusive suburb of Upper Arlington. While direct evidence for this missing 19<sup>th</sup> century schoolhouse was not conclusively identified, our limited investigations did identify materials that were probably produced or used by Pleasant Litchford, his family members, or by his descendants and serves as a touchstone for the City of Upper Arlington and its present-day residents to reflect upon and reconsider the city’s origins during 2018-which marks the city’s centennial. Equally, the finding of these few physical remains provides a rare tangible link for central Ohio’s African-American Community to reconnect with its earliest founders and leaders and potentially with the notorious “Middle Passage” and gives testament to those who despite almost insurmountable odds and overt discrimination were able to nonetheless build a vibrant and lasting community that is core to central Ohio’s history and identity today.