

## Archaeology Month Calendar 2025

### **Virtual Learn at Lunchtime Programs**

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is holding a series of Learn at Lunchtime lectures for Archaeology Month that will be held virtually again this year. Presentations begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 20 minutes followed by a Question-and-Answer session. Registration is required to attend these free, virtual programs. Visit [statemuseum.pa.org/pa-archaeology](http://statemuseum.pa.org/pa-archaeology) to register.

October 3, 2025 – Melanie Mayhew will present “Learning to See Rock Art, Cave Art, and Stone Landscapes in Pennsylvania”.

October 10, 2025 – Kelly Berliner will present “Quarries, Forts and Beyond: The Archaeological Conservancy’s Preservation Efforts in Pennsylvania”.

October 17, 2025 – Steven Brann will present “Protecting Civil War Treasures at Gettysburg National Military Park”.

October 24, 2025 – Brian Fritz will present “How Buried Soil Horizons Form and Their Importance to Archaeology”.

### **Arkhaios Film Festival**

The 13th annual ARKHAIOS Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival - Virtual Edition will take place October 13-19, 2025. It is an educational event to showcase the discovery of past cultures gained from ethnological or archaeological research and illustrated by documentary films. It is a free festival, juried competition, presenting films from around the world, lots of them for the first time in the USA!

To discover more about the Arkhaios Film Festivals of years past and present, please visit <http://www.arkhaiosfilmfestival.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/ArkhaiosFilmFestival> or contact [info@arkhaiosfilmfestival.org](mailto:info@arkhaiosfilmfestival.org).

### **PA DCNR Cultural Resources Archaeology Month Program**

Echos Across the Water: Stories and Artifacts from Mercer County’s Past on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at M.K. Goddard State Park from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the M.K. Goddard State Park Marina Pavilion. Learn about Mercer County’s history in this first-ever educational event featuring historical exhibits and activities. There will be exhibit tables, a food truck, flint knapping, archaeology digs, cordage making, local storytelling, atlatl throwing, and apple cider samples. There will also be two hikes. The first one will start before the main event from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. that will focus on early European-American settlement starting at the Falling Run Trailhead. The second one will start after the main event from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. that will focus on Mid-Century Recreation at Rocky Basing starting at the McKeever Tract Trailhead. For more information contact Angie Jaillet-Wentling at 717.798.2753 or [ajailletwe@pa.gov](mailto:ajailletwe@pa.gov).

### **Community Archaeology Day at Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

The Department of Anthropology, Geospatial and Earth Sciences (AGES) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania will hold its annual Community Archaeology Day on Saturday, October 11, from 1:00-3:00 PM in IUP McElhaney Hall and adjoining lawn. Interactive displays and hands-on activities will be held on the ground floor of

McElhaney Hall and outside on the lawn adjacent to the building. All are welcome at this free event for all ages! Learn about the archaeology of Indiana County and try your hand at technologies such as spear throwing, flint knapping, and crafting pottery. Enjoy interactive games and mock excavations, touch artifacts from area archaeological sites, watch artifacts print in 3D, tour our archaeological laboratories, and watch metal detection and ground penetrating radar in action. A children's activity room for kids (and the young at heart) will include crafting pottery using indigenous methods, stenciling "cave art", wampum beading, and other fun activities for a variety of ages. For more information contact Lara Homsey-Messer at [lmesser@iup.edu](mailto:lmesser@iup.edu) or ph: 724-357-2732.

### **Meadowcroft Archaeology Day**

Join Meadowcroft for their annual Archaeology Day program on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, 401 Meadowcroft Road, Avella, PA 15312.

Dig into the past at Meadowcroft's Archaeology Day! Have you ever wondered how archaeologists uncover stories from prehistoric times? Do you have a mysterious artifact at home and are curious if it's the real deal? Meet the experts who can help unlock those answers during Pennsylvania Archaeology Month at Meadowcroft Rockshelter! Archaeologists from the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will be on-site to bring history to life through engaging talks, hands-on artifact identification, and live demonstrations of prehistoric tools and technology. Whether you're a history buff or a curious explorer, this is your chance to step into the shoes of an archaeologist and uncover the secrets of the past!

Access to Archaeology Day at Meadowcroft is included with regular admission. Purchasing tickets in advance is encouraged, but tickets will also be sold at the Barenfeld Center depending on availability and capacity limits. For more information visit <https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/event/archaeology-day-2025/> .

## **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

### **Allegheny Chapter #1**

Monthly In Person Meeting at the Edward O'Neill Research Center, 5800 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburg, PA on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Lara Homsey-Messer, Department of Anthropology, Geospatial and Earth Sciences, Indiana University of Pennsylvania will present the program "Reconstructing the Geoarchaeology & Landscape History of the Middle Monongahela Squirrel Hill site" and Tyler Fanell, Recent Graduate, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, will present the program "Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction of the Squirrel Hill Site (36WM35). They will bring artifacts for Show and Tell. Please contact Sarah Neusius for more information at [sraahneusius@gmail.com](mailto:sraahneusius@gmail.com).

### **Ohio Valley Chapter #22**

Monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Lutherlyn, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA 16001. Speaker to be determined. For further information contact Laura at [deyoungl59@gmail.com](mailto:deyoungl59@gmail.com).

### **John Shrader Chapter #21**

The John Shrader Chapter will celebrate Pennsylvania Archaeology Month on Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the White Horse Inn, 31 Old Philadelphia Pike, Douglasville, PA 19518. The event will start with the program *Nature, Enterprise and Heritage: Uncovering how the Lime Industry Shaped the Development of Berk's County Cultural Landscape*, given by Dr. Peter Glogovsky. The chapter will be giving tours of the area

and four 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings. Excavations will take place near the Douglas House. There will also be a display of artifacts found near these buildings. For more information contact Gene Delaplane, Chapter President, at [plane05@comcast.net](mailto:plane05@comcast.net) or 484-341-8775.

### **North Fork Chapter #29**

Monthly meeting on Friday, October 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Education Building, Corner of Main and White Street, Brookville , PA 15825. The speaker is Ken Burkett, who will present the program *Projectile Point Typology 1*. This interactive program will discuss aspects of prehistoric projectile points found regionally in western Pennsylvania. The program will include a presentation of materials used to make points, an overview of manufacturing stages, wear and use, and hallmark traits and terminology. We will also review point types from the Paleo Indian, Early, Middle and Late Archaic periods. Everyone is Welcome! Contact Ken Burkett at [kenburkett@comcast.net](mailto:kenburkett@comcast.net) or (814) 229-2816.

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Chapter Meetings in October are not limited to the above chapters. Information on other SPA chapter meetings can be found on the SPA website at [www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com](http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com).