

2024 Michigan Archaeology Month Event Schedule

October is Archaeology Month in Michigan! Learn more about Michigan archaeology and Michigan archaeologists with these public events occurring across the state.

Events are subject to change without notice

October 4th, First Fridays in Anthropology Series, WSU Campus, Detroit

The Gardens of Alpuente: Village Vegetables and Resilient Farming in the Western Highlands of Valencia

Wayne State University, Anthropology Department. Please join us on Friday 10/4, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. as Dr. Tom Killion presents his research in a talk entitled The Gardens of Alpuente: Village Vegetables and Resilient Farming in the Western Highlands of Valencia, Spain. Dr. Killion will share information on the ancient horticultural practices implemented there which could provide options for contemporary gardeners facing climate and social change today. Don't miss this insightful conversation! This is a hybrid event being held both in-person (Old Main 1224, Anthropology Library), and via Zoom ([registration is required](#)). There will be an in-person reception following the talk.

October 4th, Ground Penetrating Radar Training, Lansing

Duane Quates and Monte Lawton will be conducting a Ground Penetrating Radar training and demonstration with the Lansing Community College archaeological field school. This will take place at Adado Park in downtown Lansing where a Wagon Works, Lumber Mill, and Creamery/Condensed Milk factory once existed. Interested participants should meet with us at 10:00 a.m. north of the small hill a short distance north of the intersection of Shiawassee and Grand in Adado Park. We will go until 4:30 p.m. with a small hiatus around 12:30/1:00 for lunch. Contact Monte Lawton with questions: mlawton@heartsongarchaeology.com

October 5th, Michigan Archaeology Day, Lansing

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be an archaeologist? Here's your chance to talk with archaeologists about investigations and artifacts that tell the story of 14,000 years of Michigan history! Archaeologists and experts in related fields will be stationed throughout the first and second floors of the museum where they will tell you about their research, show you some of the artifacts they have found and answer your questions. Free. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St, Lansing. michigan.gov/archaeology

October 7th, Wayne State Department of Anthropology Graduate Open House (Virtual)

Are you thinking about graduate work in anthropology? You are invited to our online Anthropology Graduate Open House! You'll have an opportunity to meet Wayne State's anthropology faculty and students, learn more about our programs and specialties, ask about our application processes, and even get started right away on your application! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d4mcyv3> Questions? anthropology@wayne.edu

October 12th and 19th, Washtenaw Community College Public Dig Days, Ann Arbor

Washtenaw Community College (WCC) is seeking additional volunteers for their public dig days. Each public dig day begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends around 3:00 p.m. No prior archaeology experience is necessary, since WCC professors and previous students will be there to help guide you. We will be working on a multi-component (pre-contact indigenous and 19th-20th century) archaeological site on WCC's campus property. Located at 4400 E. Huron River Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Contact Julia Joblinski at jjoblinski@wccnet.edu for additional information.



October 19th, Celebrate 50 Years of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology at OU; Oakland University Campus, Rochester

Visit with alumni and professors Rich Stamps, Mike Pytlik, Jon Carroll, Suzanne Spencer Wood, Henri Gooren, Rick Zurel, and Carol Egbo. Celebrate the 50-year tradition of archaeology done at Oakland. See artifacts, photos, maps, and publications from excavations conducted by faculty and students in Israel, and in Michigan sites such as: Ft. Michilimackinac, Ft. Gratiot, Thomas Edison's boyhood home, Wisner Ice House, Austin Farm, Troy parsonage, Oliver Williams house, and Native American sites. Enjoy snacks, meet great people, and see what exciting things we have done! Win a door prize (to be announced at the event). Wear your Anthropology Club or Dig T-shirts. From 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 115 O'Dowd Hall Archaeology Lab at Oakland University. Please RSVP here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6qYN_Soq_okHlr2ZUhhT9GbK85QThnA_MEODt3KUZWjmc5g/vi_ewform

October 19th, French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan Zoom Lecture (Virtual)

Unintended Consequences: Submerged Settlements of Lake St. Clair, by Dr. Daniel Harrison

The French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan extends a warm invitation to you to join us in welcoming Dr. Daniel Harrison, a distinguished maritime archaeologist from Wayne State University. During the early 19th century, two communities emerged on the Michigan shore of Lake St. Clair: The Catholic church of St. Felicity and the Village of Belvidere. Regrettably, within a few decades, both communities succumbed to rising water levels. The investigation into the causes of this unfortunate event combines various disciplines, including history, archaeology, and climatology. This Zoom lecture will take place at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada). Please register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUpdeigqDwsGtXolWrEcJHAiaenAA1_E8uW

October 22nd, Northern Michigan University, Marquette

October 23rd, Michigan Technological University, Houghton

Presentations by Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans, SHPO Senior Archaeologist

Exploring Heritage Laws and Careers in Archaeology

Careers in preservation and heritage work are booming. Learn about the federal laws that created the Cultural Resource Management Industry and the many career paths available. Explore how you can prepare for a job in heritage work and the types of skills and experience that are desirable.

October 26th, Magnetic Susceptibility Meter Demonstration, Chesaning & Lansing

Monte Lawton will be demonstrating the magnetic susceptibility meter and training participants on how to deploy the MK 3L. This will take place in Showboat Park in Chesaning, Michigan (805 South Front St.). The Michigan Archaeological Society will be participating, along with the Chesaning Area Historical Society. We will be working with the device from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. before moving to the Michigan History Center (702 W. Kalamazoo St.) in downtown Lansing to do some additional scanning around the museum grounds for an additional hour while we answer questions about the device and survey methods. Contact Monte Lawton with questions: mlawton@heartsongarchaeology.com

October 26th, Wayne State Public Archaeology Day, Hamtramck

Wayne State archaeologists are conducting excavations this fall at the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church site (2323 Grayling St, Hamtramck) and associated buildings, in partnership with the Hamtramck Historical Museum (9525 Joseph Campau Ave, Hamtramck) and the Ukrainian American Archives & Museum of Detroit (9630 Joseph Campau Ave, Hamtramck). Both of those venues will also be open to visitors that day and will present archaeology programming.

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