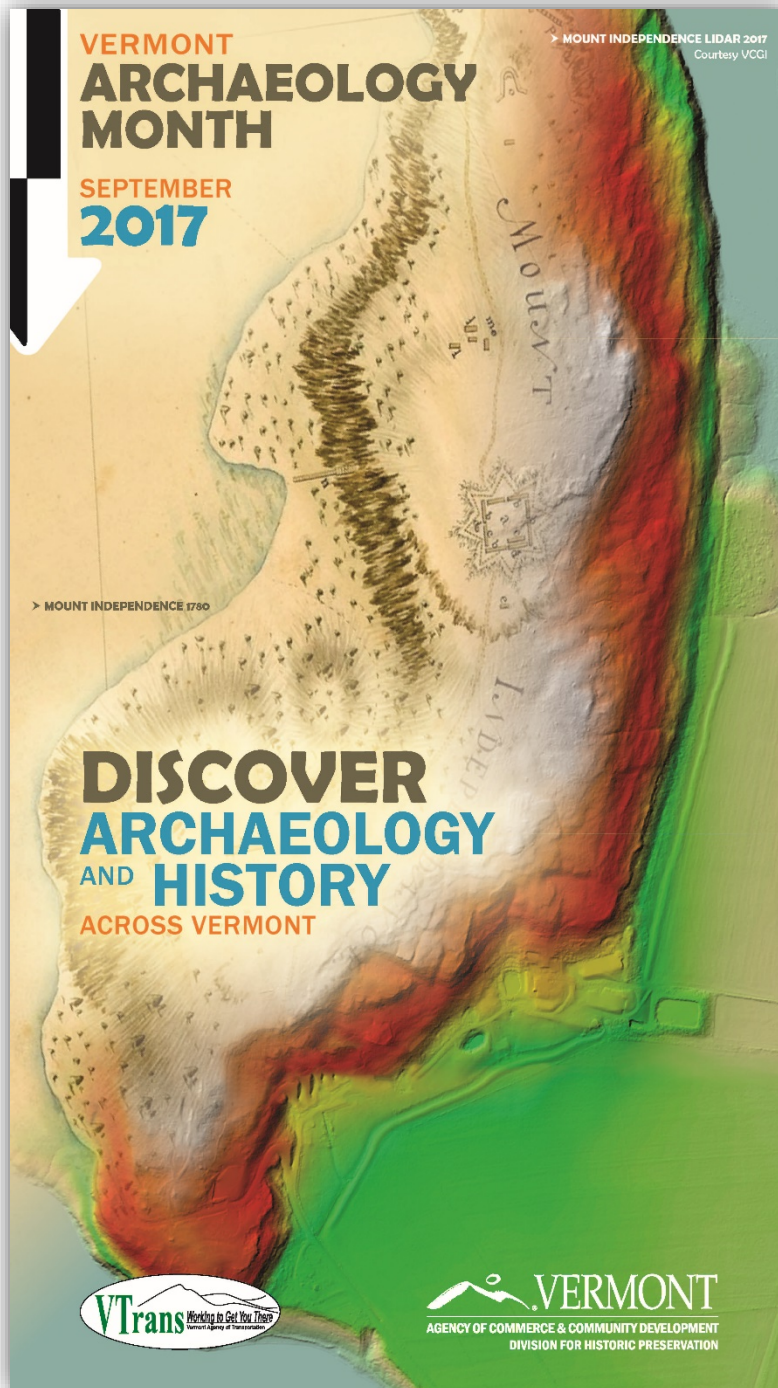


Vermont Archaeology Month

In its 22nd year

2017 Calendar of Events



– Events listed by date –

Strong Ground 5k Walk

Saturday, August 26th, 9:30am – 1:00pm
Mount Independence State Historic Site
497 Mount Independence Road
Orwell, VT 05760

*Cost: \$20.00; pre-registration suggested, call (802) 948-2000 for details

Enjoy the trail system and support the Mount Independence Coalition at this fundraiser for education and special programming efforts. Registration Fee includes commemorative T-shirt, admission to Soldiers Atop the Mount, and a simple lunch.

Soldiers Atop the Mount

Saturday and Sunday, August 26th – 27th, 9:30am – 3:30pm
Mount Independence State Historic Site
497 Mount Independence Road
Orwell, VT 05760

*Cost: \$6.00 admission

Step back to 1776 as reenactors take over the Mount, honoring the 240th anniversary of the American, British and German occupation of the Mount. Call (802) 948-2000 for details.

ECHO Pottery Demonstration

Saturday, September 2nd, 1:00 – 3:00pm
ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain
1 College Street
Burlington, VT 05401

*Free with ECHO Center admission

Get your hands muddy with archaeologist and potter Charlie Paquin as he guides you through Native American pottery construction techniques while making your very own pinch pots and coil bowls.

ECHO Artifact Roadshow and Flintknapping Demonstration

Sunday, September 3rd, 1:00 – 3:00pm
ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain
1 College Street
Burlington, VT 05401

*Free with ECHO Center admission

Bring your prehistoric finds for experimental archaeologist Charlie Paquin to identify and analyze. Charlie will also demonstrate how Native Americans shaped projectile points utilizing the ancient technique of flintknapping.

Hike into History

Sunday, September 3rd, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Mount Independence State Historic Site
497 Mount Independence Road
Orwell, VT 05760
*Free with museum admission

On this guided tour, walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Granite Festival

Saturday, September 9th, 10:00am – 4:00pm
Vermont Granite Museum
7 Jones Brothers Way
Barre, VT 05641
*Cost: \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, \$3.00 for children, \$10.00 for families, and free for museum members

Celebrate Central Vermont's granite heritage with music, exhibits, performances, and demonstrations by area stone workers.

Adult and Teen Pottery Workshop

Saturday, September 9th, 1:00 – 3:00pm
Kellogg-Hubbard Library
135 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
Free; limited to 12 people. Pre-register by calling (802) 223-3338.

Join archaeologist and potter Charlie Paquin as he leads a hands-on workshop demonstrating the techniques used by Native Americans of Vermont to build and decorate clay vessels. Pre-registration required.

Silver Lake History Hike

Sunday, September 10th, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Silver Lake
Meet at the public parking lot (Silver Lake trailhead) on Rt 53, south of Branbury State Park
Free; Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult.

Researcher & author Bill Powers and retired National Forest archaeologist Dave Lacy will lead a hike to Silver Lake where they will highlight the history & archaeology of the area, from evidence of Native American use and the story of the 19th century settlement, to the development of a popular hotel/retreat on the lake shore, the 100th anniversary of a power generation dam & network, and several decades of National Forest management. Bill will be armed with a collection of historic photographs. PLEASE BRING water, lunch, appropriate walking shoes, & bug repellent and sunscreen if desired. Well-behaved (voice command or leashed) dogs welcome to join us.

“Meaning of the Revolutionary War’s Northern Campaign”

Sunday, September 10th, 2:00 – 3:00pm
Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site
5696 Monument Hill Road
Hubbardton, VT 05735
*Free with museum admission

Historian and site interpreter Paul Andriscin offers an illustrated talk on the meaning of the Northern Campaign and its end, when the British surrendered in October 1777 after the Battle of Saratoga. What were the roles of the battles of Hubbardton and Bennington, and the defenses at Mount Independence in the campaign? Find out at this engaging talk.

Day of Remembrance

Monday, September 11th, 9:30am – 5:00pm
Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site
5696 Monument Hill Road
Hubbardton, VT 05735
Free

The site is open without charge on Patriot Day for those who wish to contemplate or honor past heroes.

“Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Galick Site, West Haven, VT”

Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30pm
Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center
Community Room
60 Washington Street
Barre, VT 05641
Free

Matt Moriarty will present the ongoing results of the South Champlain Historical Ecology Project's excavations at the Galick site, which has indicated that humans have been interacting with the landscape starting as early as 11,000 years ago and continuing up until the present day.

“Vermont Archaeology: History, Paradigms, and Current Directions”

Wednesday, September 13th, 8:00pm
Bennington College
Center for Advancement of Public Action
One College Drive
Bennington, VT 05257
Free

Archaeologist Charlie Paquin's presentation will describe the changes in archaeological theory and practice in the Northeast from the beginnings of the discipline to the present day. Charlie will share what has been going on in Vermont since "the New Archaeology", the Historic Preservation Act, and the rise of Public Archaeology, and will discuss where things are headed with post-modernism, Native American issues and participation, and interpretive tools such as ethnoarchaeology and experimental work.

“Archaeological Research in West Haven, VT”

Thursday, September 14th, 7:00pm
MacLure Library
84 Arch Street
Pittsford, VT 05763
Free

The South Champlain Historical Ecology Project (SCHEP) was started in 2015 to investigate prehistoric Native American sites around the southern end of Lake Champlain. This area is one of the most ecologically diverse and historically significant settings within the state of Vermont, but is also an area where almost no archaeology has been conducted. Elly Moriarty will present what preliminary excavations have demonstrated about the humans interacting with this special landscape starting as early as 11,000 years ago and continuing up until the present day. We invite you to come and learn more about our project and how to volunteer if you are interested!

Galick Site Open House

Saturday, September 16th, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Buckner Preserve
1500 Galick Road
West Haven, VT 05743
Free

Join Castleton University archaeologist Matt Moriarty and other project team members at an informal presentation of artifacts and results from the first and second seasons of archaeological research at the Galick site in West Haven.

Owl Prowl & Night Ghost Hike

Saturday, September 16th, 6:30pm
Little River State Park

3444 Little River Road
Waterbury, VT 05676
Meet at the History Hike Lot
Free through the support of the Vermont Archaeological Society

Search for creatures of the dusk and visit 19th Century settlement ruins. Sturdy footwear and flashlight required.

“Recent Archaeological, Geospatial, and Historical Insights into Mount Independence”

Saturday, September 16th, 2:00pm
Mount Independence State Historic Site
497 Mount Independence Road
Orwell, VT 05760
*Free with museum admission

Members of the University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program will present new archaeological, geospatial, mapping, and historical research about the occupations of Mount Independence and the Americans' attempt to retake the Mount in the summer of 1777.

Family Walking Tour: Abenaki Life on the Winooskitogok

Sunday, September 17th, 10:00 – 11:30am
Heritage Winooski Mill Museum
20 Winooski Falls Way, Suite 302
Winooski, Vermont 05404
Free

Take a step back in time on this kid friendly walk along the Winooski River (also known as the Winooskitogok or Onion River). Discover what life was like for Native Americans in Winooski long before Ira Allen developed the land. Archaeologist Brennan Gauthier will lead the walk and point out historically significant sites. Stops will include child friendly demonstrations and hands-on activities such as fishing, rope making, flint knapping, and an atlatl throwing contest. After the walk, participants are invited to visit the Heritage Winooski Mill Museum in the Champlain Mill. The event takes place rain or shine. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Battlefield Hike

Sunday, September 17th, 2:00 – 5:00pm
Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site
5696 Monument Hill Road
Hubbardton, VT 05735
*Free with museum admission

Trek around the Hubbardton Battlefield with long-time reenactor Bob Franzoni. You will explore the main points of the battle, military tactics, key personalities of the battle, and see a replica soldier's kit. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

“The Archaeology of the Intervale”

Sunday, September 17th, 2:00pm
Ethan Allen Homestead
1 Ethan Allen Homestead
Burlington VT 05408
Free; donations accepted

State Archaeologist Jess Robinson will present an overview of the Burlington Intervale area from the earliest documented human presence dating to the Late Archaic Period, ca. 4,000 years ago, through to the early historic Euroamerican settlers of the area. A question and answer session will follow.

Hyperarchaeology Lightning Lectures

Monday, September 18th, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Queen City Brewery Tasting Room
703 Pine Street
Burlington, VT 05401
Free

Archaeologists and colleagues working around the world share their research in short presentations in rapid succession. These five-minute talks are given in a fun atmosphere and there will be time afterward for the presenters and attendees to chat.

“Insights into Early Chittenden County History”

Wednesday, September 20th, 7:00pm
Richmond Free Library
201 Bridge Street
Richmond, VT 05477
Free

Brennan Gauthier, VTrans archaeologist, will present interesting documentary and archaeological evidence on various aspects of Chittenden County.

“Archaeological Heritage and the Ethan Allen Firing Range”

Wednesday, September 20th, 6:30pm
Deborah Rawson Memorial Library
8 River Rd
Jericho, VT 05465
Free

UVM Professor John Crock will discuss the pre-Contact Native American and historic archaeological heritage preserved at the Ethan Allen Firing Range. The use of traditional methods and new technology

are combined to provide a better understanding of human settlement in the Champlain uplands and allow for long term preservation of cultural resources.

Dive the Basin Harbor Mystery Wreck

Pre-dive Presentation and Briefing at the Waterfront Dive Center

Wednesday, September 20th, 6:00pm
Waterfront Dive Center
214 Battery St
Burlington, VT 05401

Talk about the Mystery wreck and plans for upcoming dive. Light refreshments will be served after the talk. **Limited space event, email jennyc@lmmm.org for invitation.**

Dive Day

Saturday, September 23rd, 8:00am – 2:00pm
Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
4472 Basin Harbor Rd
Vergennes, VT 05491

Basin Harbor Resort folks are happy to host a limited space Dive Day on the Mystery Wreck. Beginner level, underwater archaeology training preferable. **Email jennyc@lmmm.org for invitation.**

“An Archaeological History of Chittenden County”

Thursday, September 21st, 6:00pm
Smilie Memorial Elementary School
2712 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton, VT 05676
Free

State Archaeologist Jess Robinson will present an overview of Chittenden County's Precontact Native American history from the arrival of its first inhabitants approximately 13,000 years ago through to their contact with Europeans. A question and answer session will follow.

Justin Morrill Excavation

Friday, September 22nd, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Justin S. Morrill State Historic Site
214 Justin Morrill Memorial Highway
Strafford, VT 05070
*Free with site admission

Come and see archaeologists and students from the University of Nebraska conduct an archaeological excavation on the grounds of the historic Justin Morrill homestead.

Atlatl Workshop

Friday, September 22nd, 12:00 – 5:00pm
Chimney Point Historic Site
8149 VT Route 17W
Addison, VT 05491
*Cost: \$70.00; includes instruction and materials
Pre-registration required. Please call (802)-759-2412.

Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryll Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl teach traditional and modern techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. Enjoy atlatl lore and coaching on the use of your new atlatl.

Vilas Bridge and Petroglyph LiDAR Scanning

Friday, September 22nd, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Vilas Bridge
Bellows Falls, VT
Free

Archaeologists and LiDAR technicians will be on-site scanning the Vilas Bridge and the Native American petroglyphs adjacent to them. Come see them in action and ask questions about the process and the rich history of the Bellows Falls area.

22nd Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship

Saturday, September 23rd, 10:30am – 4:30pm
Chimney Point State Historic Site
8149 VT Route 17W
Addison, VT 05491
*Competitors: \$7.00 pre-register, \$8.00 same-day registration. Please call 802-759-2412 to pre-register.
*Visitors: \$5.00 for adults, free for under 15 years

Participate in or watch this annual atlatl championship testing skills in accuracy and distance. The sport of using the atlatl to throw darts is based on the ancient hunting technique. Newcomers to experts welcome. Children's activities, exhibits, workshops and demonstrations on flintknapping, Woodland pottery, and other crafts and skills will be available. Call 802-759-2412 for details.

Splint Basswood Basket Workshop

Sunday, September 24th, 9:30am – 5:30pm
Chimney Point State Historic Site
8149 VT Route 17W

Addison, VT 05491

*Cost: \$60.00; limited to 15 students

Pre-registration required. Please call 802-759-2412.

Barry Keegan offers this basket workshop, teaching you to weave with splints of basswood with the outer bark still attached. Finished basket approximately 10" tall. Keegan also demonstrates how baskets were made with stone tools. Pre-registration required.

Points of Interest: Lake Champlain Bridge Guided Walk

Sunday, September 24th, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Chimney Point State Historic Site

8149 VT Route 17W

Addison, VT 05491

*Cost: \$6.00

Learn the history of what surrounds you as you walk across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Chimney Point site administrator Elsa Gilbertson and Crown Point site manager Michael Roets lead this guided round trip walk. Meet at Chimney Point. Rain or shine, dress for the weather.

“The Early Native History of the Upper Connecticut River”

Tuesday, September 26th, 6:30pm

Davies Memorial Library

532 Maple Street

Lower Waterford, VT 05848

Free

Jess Robinson will present an overview of the early Native History of the upper Connecticut River and adjacent areas, focusing on early and often overlooked documentary and archaeological evidence.

Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center Open House and Abenaki Drum Workshop

Wednesday, September 27th, 12:00 – 2:00pm

Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center

Community Room

60 Washington Street

Barre, VT 05641

Free

Come and visit the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center and participate in an Abenaki drum workshop with Melody Brook.

“Explorations in Vermont Archaeology”

Wednesday, September 27th, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Georgia Public Library
1697 Ethan Allen Highway
Fairfax, VT 05454
Free

Vermont Agency of Transportation archaeologists will present three separate topics about Vermont’s rich archaeological heritage including the Judge Milford Smith Artifact Collection and the underwater archaeology of Lake Champlain.

“A Diver’s Tale”

Thursday, September 28th, 6:30pm
Venue TBD
Burlington, VT
Free

Jen Russell (VTrans -official sponsor of VAM) and Jenny Craig (LCMM).

5th Annual James B. Petersen Lecture

“Bioarchaeology in the Age of Isotopes: New Perspectives on Space and Time Using Human Tooth Enamel”

Thursday, September 28th, 7:00 – 8:00pm
University of Vermont
Williams Hall, 301
Burlington, VT 05405
Free

Please join us for the 5th annual James B. Petersen lecture. Dr. John Krigbaum from the University of Florida - Gainesville will discuss aspects of his recent bioarchaeological research.

Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Exhibit Opening

Thursday, September 28th, 5:00pm
Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
966 VT-17
Addison, VT 05491
Free

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department’s new Dead Creek Visitor Center in Addison houses a small collection of artifacts from the Champlain Valley, and a timeline discussing how humans have interacted with the natural world through time.

Montshire Museum of Science Archaeology Day

Saturday, September 30th, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Montshire Museum of Science

1 Montshire Road

Norwich, VT 05055

*Free with Museum Admission

How did Vermonters live in the past? What tools did they make and how did they make them? What has happened in the Upper Connecticut Valley during the last 12,900 years, and, most importantly, how do we know? Find out for yourself at Archaeology Day—a day-long celebration of us—the humans!

Examine real artifacts in our discovery lab, watch stone tool and pottery making demonstrations, be your own history detective at our site clues simulation, get your hands messy at the pottery workshop, throw an atlatl, and talk to real local archaeologists!

“What’s Under Your Feet?”

Saturday, September 30th, 10:00 – 11:00am

Bixby Memorial Free Library

258 Main Street

Vergennes, VT 05491

Free

Whether you live in a rural or urban setting in Vermont, there are clues and hints of who lived here before you. This demonstration includes hands-on exploration of artifacts.