

Hi everyone,

Last month, two events were held at the Warner Homestead. A group of sixth graders from University Liggett in Grosse Pointe Woods attended the annual student dig at the Warner site. Students were given a presentation on the archaeological, historical, and genealogical research of the farm that also included the ever popular mystery item session. The students participated in a number of activities including corn shelling, apple peeling, butter making, stilt walking as well as tours of the house and cellar. Supervised by experienced volunteers, the students sifted soil that was removed from the current location of the Hicks school. Recovered artifacts included animal bone, charcoal, 19th century ceramics, nails, and pieces of farm equipment. All did well in following covid protocols that included wearing of masks. We were very surprised that after the students returned to school, they organized a fundraiser to support our restoration and outreach efforts. In just one day, the students raised over \$350! The students also sent thank you notes which I forward on to the volunteers to read. Many thanks to the students for their very thoughtful donation, it is much appreciated!

On September 25th, the Michigan One Room School Association held its annual conference at the Warner Homestead. The conference meeting was held in the Hicks school with over forty attendees. I presented on results of research at the Warner farm as well as the move of the Hicks school. Artifacts from both the Warner site and Hicks school site were on display. After an engaging member discussion session related to their interest in one room schools across Michigan and the results of the silent auction, attendees toured the Lyon one room school just down the road. Brighton Area Historical Society president, Jim Vichich, presented on the organization's efforts to restore headstones in Brighton area cemeteries. The results of the ten year project are nothing less than stunning. Several former students of the Lyon school shared their experiences with conference attendees and answered questions. Many thanks to Tom Johnson, Rochelle Balkam and other MORSA board members and also to Jim Vichich and BAHS member volunteers for a very successful conference.

October is shaping up to be a busy month as well. On October 21st, I will be giving a talk entitled "Piecing Pottery: Making sense of 19th century ceramics". The talk will be given to the Huron Valley chapter of the Michigan Archaeological society and will discuss methods and challenges in identifying and dating 19th century ceramics using perspectives of archaeologists, potters, and collectors. It will be presented via Zoom and non-MAS members are welcome to log into the session. More details and a link to the zoom session will be available on the MAS Facebook page.

Archaeology Day this year will be on October 23rd. It will be held at the Michigan History Museum in Lansing but this year due to continuing covid concerns will be held outside. We will have a display of artifacts from the Warner Pioneer Homestead as well as the Hicks school. Archaeologists from around the state will also have artifacts on display and a number of activities are available for children and adults. This is a great opportunity for members of the public, avocationalists, and students to talk with many experts from across Michigan about the results of their research. Several of these experts will also be on hand to help identify any "mystery" items or artifacts needing further explanation. The event is free and so is parking, see attached flyer for more details. Hope to see you there!

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