

MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 2026 AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (Forum Auditorium)

Introductions by Dean Anderson, State Archaeologist of Michigan (Retired)

1 – 2:00 PM **Setting the Straits on Fire: Reconstructing Waganakising Fire History**

Mae Wright, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer & NAGPRA Representative, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Fire stewardship is intrinsically linked to Anishinaabe cultural practices. This presentation will focus on a multi-partner project working to understand how organized burns modified the landscape of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians homelands, also known as Waganakising. The research team is able to reconstruct Waganakising fire history by interpreting the stories left behind on fire-scarred trees. This intersection of Western science and traditional ecological knowledge is where we find a new way to strengthen our understanding of Odawa presence, traditional land management practices and how we can reintroduce fire to the Waganakising landscape.

2 – 3:00 PM **Historical Archaeology and the Battles of the River Raisin, Monroe, MI**

John M. Chenoweth, Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan-Dearborn

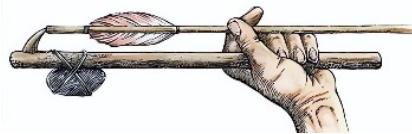
In January 1813, the small farming settlement along the River Raisin—present day Monroe—became the site of one of the deadliest American defeats of the War of 1812. The rallying cry “Remember the Raisin” would shape US relations with Native Nations for generations. This talk uses UM-Dearborn’s River Raisin Archaeological Project to show how historical archaeology, the archaeology of the last few centuries, recovers stories the documents leave out: the daily lives of the French-descended families who settled here from the 1780s, the battles that swept through their homes, and lasting consequences for the Wyandot, Potawatomi and other Nations of the “Old Northwest.”

ACTIVITIES 10 AM – 4 PM

Archaic Hunting Skills (Front Lawn)

Dan Goatley, Lansing Community College

Practice hitting a deer target using spears and an atlatl (spear thrower) like those used in Michigan forests thousands of years ago.



Geophysical Survey Tools (Front Lawn)

Duane Quates, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service & Monte Lawton & Victoria Kvasnikov, Heartsong Archaeology, LLC

Geophysical instruments will be on display for attendees to learn how archaeologists do non-invasive surveys. Instruments will include ground penetrating radar, resistivity meter, magnetic gradiometer, conductivity meter and magnetic susceptibility meter.

Scavenger Hunt (1st Floor Rotunda)

Heather Lehman, Michigan History Museum

This is the check-in location for scavenger hunt participants. Stop here to pick up your instructions so you can earn a prize while exploring the event.

Sewing with Porcupine Quills (1st Floor Rotunda)

Beth Bush, Potawatomi and Odawa

Visit with an artist as they demonstrate how porcupine quills are manipulated to be sewn with.

Archaeology Petting Zoo (1st Floor Rotunda)

Chris Valvano & Melissa Gutierrez, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Touch artifacts and tools of the trade and learn about the cultural resources program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Re-Piecing the Past: Fun in the Archaeology Lab (1st Floor Time Lab)

Alicia Whitcome, Julia Joblinski & Nicole Davis, Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.

Make and break your own paper plate to learn how archaeologists mend ceramic vessels in the lab.



Pinch Pot Making (1st Floor Learning Labs)

Allison Posin, Kelly Hagenmaier, Polly Anna Burnette & Mark Hoock, Conference on Michigan Archaeology

Make and decorate your very own pottery using centuries-old techniques.

Flintknapping (2nd Floor Woodland Gallery)

Wyatt Knapp, Michigan Flintknappers

How did people hunt and butcher game before there were guns and steel knives? Watch an expert make stone tools that get the job done.

ARCHAEOLOGY ROADSHOW 10 AM – 4 PM (2nd Floor Lumbering Gallery)

What is it? How old is it? Is it important? Have an artifact that you want to know more about?

Experts in archaeology, geology and paleontology will be on hand to assess your finds and teach you how to report sites. If it can fit in a shoe box, bring it in! This is an opportunity to identify or learn more about an artifact.

To support the preservation of archaeological artifacts and sites, no monetary values will be provided at this event.

Meet the Experts:

Michael J. Hambacher, Archaeological Research and Consulting Services, specializes in the identification of prehistoric stone tools, prehistoric ceramics and historic period artifacts in the Upper Great Lakes region and Midwest.

William A. Lovis, Michigan State University Professor and Curator Emeritus, is an expert on the Midwest and Great Lakes regions of North America and the Late Glacial and Mesolithic periods of northern Europe.

Peter Rose, DNR Office of Minerals Management Geologist, has expertise in Michigan geology and mineral resources as well as in the field of paleontology.

EXHIBITORS 10 AM – 4 PM (1st Floor Rotunda)



Event Information Station

Section 106 and Why It's Important to Archaeology *Pick up a free archaeology poster!*

Kate Frederick, Amy Krull, Lilly Ebarra, Elizabeth Longcore, Kevin Lee & Ryan Schumaker, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

Tribal Historic Preservation Office & Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

Gage Colwell, Michelle Colwell & India Perez, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Learn About MHPN!

Bill Wood, Michigan Historic Preservation Network

The Archaeological Conservancy: Q&A with the Midwest Office

Isaac Strodbeck, The Archaeological Conservancy

Archaeology on State Land

Stacy Tchorzynski, Chris Stephenson, Jeff Chivis & Luke Pickrahn, DNR-Michigan History Center

Fieldwork to Exhibit: Lessons From a 2-Story Hotel Privy at Fayette Historic Townsite

Eric Perkins, DNR-Michigan History Center

Underwater Archaeology: Ships and Planes of the Great Lakes

Wayne Lusardi, DNR-Michigan History Center

Michigan Underwater Preserves Council

Debbie Chase & Dan Friedhoff, Michigan Underwater Preserves Council

Transportation Station: Archaeology at MDOT

Heather Lash & Patty Jo Korzeniewski, Michigan Department of Transportation

Historical Society of Michigan: Promoting Our State, Our Stories Since 1828

Emily Powell & Claire Herhold, Historical Society of Michigan



EXHIBITORS (CONTINUED) 10 AM – 4 PM (2nd Floor Museum Galleries)



Archaeology vs. Paleontology: What's the Difference?

Cameron Wood & Emily Hinton, Cranbrook Institute of Science

Piecing Pottery from Pleasant Valley

Tim Bennett, Kerry Bennett, Anna Bennett, Megan Bennett & Ginny Bennett, Warner Pioneer Homestead

Archaeology for Everyone!

Gabrielle Moran-O'Dell, Stacey Camp, Madelyn McKinney, Jerielle Cartales, Rylee LaLonde, Andrew Kracinski & Kevin Cabrera, Michigan State University Campus Archaeology Program

Saints' Rest in 3D: Digitizing Campus History

Samantha Ellens & Carrie Wicker, Michigan State University Museum

Archaeology at Michilimackinac

Lynn Evans, Mackinac State Historic Parks

Finds from Fort St. Joseph

Erika Hartley, Dante Allen, Kate Lammers, Daniel Olson, Max Roesch & Kierra Smith, Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project, Western Michigan University

Animal Remains from Fort St. Joseph

Terrance Martin, Illinois State Museum

The Archaeology of Fort Gratiot, Michigan

Richard Stamps & Bruce Hawkins, Oakland University and the Port Huron Museum

Oakland University Archaeology Program

Jon W. Carroll, Oakland University

Central Michigan University Archaeology: Then & Now

Laura Bossio, Ted Farley, Courtney Cannon, Theo Tollenaere, Camille LaMoreaux, Andrea Torr & Morgan Jowett, Central Michigan University

Michigan Archaeology and the U of M

Tiffany Fryer, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

Get Hands-On with CCC History!

Hillary Pine & Marcus Katur, Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, DNR-Michigan History Center

Conference on Michigan Archaeology

Jessica Yann, John Cardinal & Joy Barksdale, Conference on Michigan Archaeology

Michigan Archaeological Society

Don Weir, Michigan Archaeological Society

Fallasburg Village 1800s Blacksmith Archaeology

Erin Johnston, Fallasburg Historical Society

Woodlawn Cemetery Restoration Project

Debby Covington, Tiffany Fryer & Kat Slocum, Woodlawn Cemetery Restoration Project

Cultural Resource Management Certificate

Jessica Barrett & Christopher Barrett, Washtenaw Community College

Bottling and Beverages in Detroit

Sarah Surface-Evans, Megan McCullen, Milo Glover, Dax Cilley, Andy Lemon & Rebecca Rymski, Grosscup Museum of Anthropology at Wayne State University



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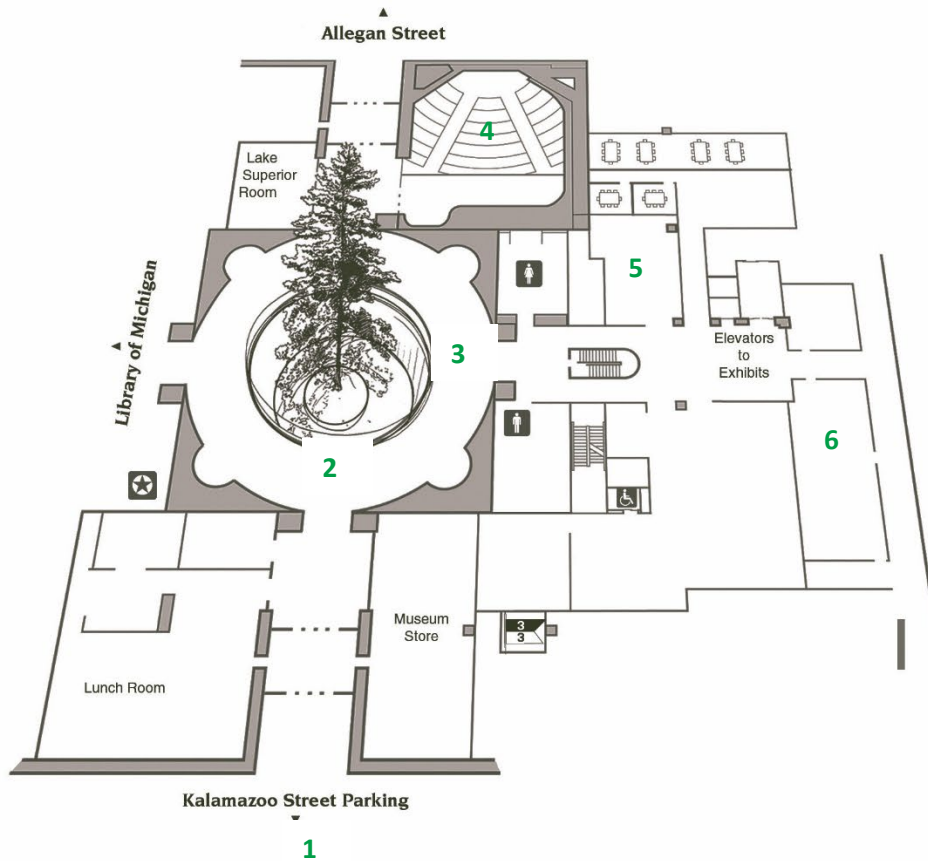
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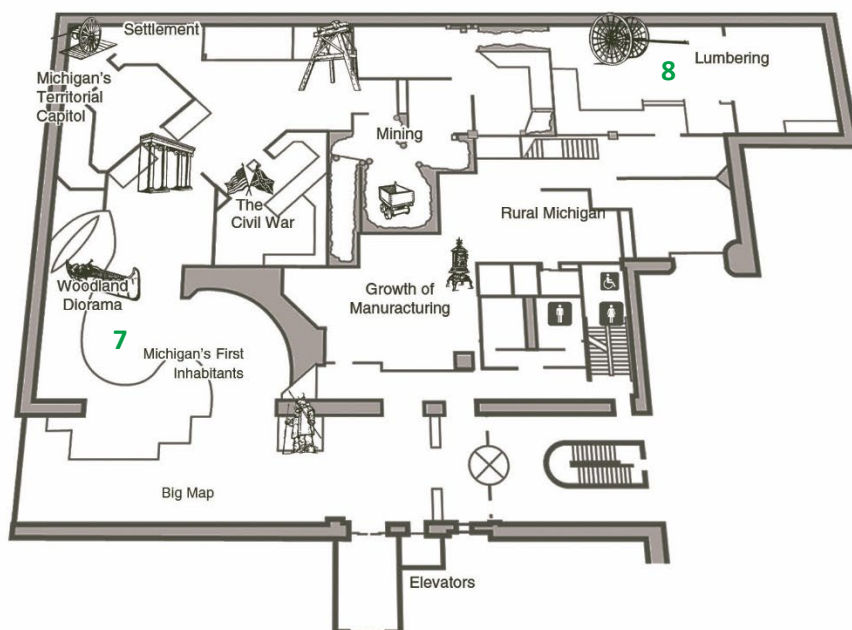
FIRST FLOOR

- 1 Front lawn
- 2 Information Station & Scavenger Hunt
- 3 Rotunda
- 4 Forum Auditorium
- 5 Time Lab
- 6 Learning Labs



SECOND FLOOR

- 7 Woodland Gallery
- 8 Lumbering Gallery



Men's Restrooms



Women's Restrooms



Elevator Access to Mezzanine Levels



Security Office/
Lost & found