



Can you identify this Object?

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February, 2013

Rick Bauer Flint Knapper Will Demonstate His Craft

The February meeting of the Frances Dorrance Chapter of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will be held on February the 26th at 7:00 PM in the Duryea Municipal building at 311 Main St., Duryea, PA. The meeting is open to the public and the presentation is free of charge. The demonstration will show how the Native American stone points were manufactured. You will be able to see the full range of steps involved in the process as well as learn about the selection of materials needing in transforming a rough piece of stone into a beautiful and functional artifact. Everything from where suitable lithic material can be obtained to the types of simple tools required to do the job will be covered. This is a unique opportunity to see a skill which was once as commonplace as mowing your lawn, but now would be bordering on extinction were it not for the hands on experimental archaeology of craftsmen such as Mr. Bauer. You will no doubt be surprised at how quickly he will be able to go from raw material to a finished product that would a prized tool in the arsenal of the hunter gatherer.

Rich has been plying his craft for quite a while now and has given his demonstrations to appreciative audiences around the region.. This will be the second time he has given a presentation to our group and we know it is an enjoyable and informative demonstration. If you have never seen a flint knapper in action it will be a great chance to view an almost forgotten art. If you have seen one before, we have no doubt you'll want to be there.

Labeling and Elections

Labeling of last season's artifacts has been started and will continue until the work has been accomplished. Labeling takes place on Sundays from 10:00 AM to about 3:00 PM at the offices of Pan Cultural Associates, 22 East St Suite1, Pittston, Pa. If you are interested in this aspect of archaeological work come by and you will be shown what has to be done. No prior experience is required. If you need any more information call 842-2708.

We want to thank Doris Cresko for her generous donation in memory of Ms. Lee Peters.

Election of officers for 2013 will take place at the February meeting. The slate nominated at the January meeting is as follows:

President: Edythe Gozdiskowski

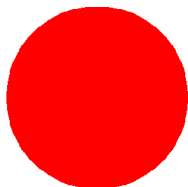
Vice President: Al Pesotine

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Once again this space will be used to let those who still owe their dues for this year know who they are. If a red dot appears below, you owe for 2013. If not then you are up to date.



Anniversary Years for the U.S.

We are currently celebrating two very important anniversaries in our national history, one being the 150th of the American Civil War (or the War between the States if you hail from the South) and the 200th of the War of 1812. We tend to pay a lot of attention to the Civil War and The War of 1812 gets little if any mention. Most people just remember Andrew Jackson's victory at New Orleans thanks to Jimmy Horton's hit song of 1959 and the siege of Baltimore thanks to Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner". No one sings about the battle of Caulks Field even though that was one of the few other American victories of that War. Archaeologists have, however recently surveyed the site of this battle using metal detectors and corpse sniffing dogs. Caulk's Field lies just outside of Fairlee, a town on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay almost directly across from Baltimore Harbor. A raiding party of 170 British soldiers and marines came ashore hoping to capture militia men and gather information about Baltimore's defenses. These men were ambushed by the militia and suffered 14 killed including their leader Sir Peter Parker. In addition to bullets found using the metal detectors, the dogs pinpointed at least three spots where they believe the casualties were buried. Caulks Field is a rare find since it has never been anything but pasture land since the battle. Who wants to write the song so people will remember it?

What is this Object

Cast Iron Ice Shaver

This is a device used for shaving a block of ice for either making a sno-cone or for making chilled drinks. It is made out of cast iron and has a slot on the bottom side of a scoop like bowl with a serrated blade riveted to the one side of the opening. Ice is shaved by drawing the blade across the ice in a pulling motion and dumping the flakes out of the collecting bowl. This example is just one of many models made by various companies and bears the imprinted words "Compliments of Enterprise Mfg Co.". It appears to be a give away item by a Philadelphia Iron Foundry of that name. It also has a bottle opener on the other end. It dates from the late 1800's.

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