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The State Museum of Pennsylvania Hosts Archaeology Workshop

Daylong event to include French and Indian War re-enactors

Harrisburg – The State Museum of Pennsylvania will host an Archaeology Workshop focusing on the early years of Pennsylvania on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The workshop, 'Contact, Conflict and Colonization: The Archaeology of Penn's Woods,' will focus on European colonization from contact with Native Americans in 1550 through the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783.

"This early period of the commonwealth's history was marked by dramatic cultural changes among the native peoples of Penn's Woods as a result of contact with European traders and colonists," Dr. Kurt Carr, The State Museum's Senior Curator of Archaeology said. "Our workshop will focus on the archaeological evidence of this changing frontier as well the impact of trade and warfare on settlement and colonization."

The event will feature presentations on Native American culture during the Contact Period, Native American and European interaction, and sessions focused on the French and Indian War, as well as the Revolutionary War. French and Indian War re-enactors will also be on hand.

Participants will see flint knapping demonstration, which is the process of making stone tools and an artifact identification session. A reception in The State Museum's Anthropology and Archaeology Gallery will follow the workshop.

Registration includes the workshop sessions, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, and the closing reception. Lunch is not included.

The pre-registration fee is \$20 per person and is required by Nov. 3. The cost for students, Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation (including State Museum Affiliate Members), Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and Pennsylvania Archaeological Council members is \$15. Registration at the door is \$25. Enrollment for some sessions may be limited and pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

For more registration information or to request and an Archaeology Workshop brochure, call 717-783-9926 or visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania's fascinating heritage.

With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary era, a pivotal Civil War battleground, and the state's vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania's story is America's story.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and senior citizens.

For more information about the museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

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