



## MILDRED MOTT WEDEL

Mildred Mott Wedel, 82, died in Boulder, CO, on September 4, 1995. A distinguished scholar of Plains archaeology and ethnohistory over six decades, she served as a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, for many years.

A major part of Mildred's research and publications over the years dealt with the Ioway Indians and the Onkota archaeological complex. In particular, members of the Iowa Archeological Society are familiar with her papers published in the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, *The Palimpsest*, and the *Journal of the Iowa Archaeological Society*. She received the Keyes/Orr Award from the Iowa Archeological Society in 1980.

Mildred was born in Marengo, IA, on September 7, 1912. Completing her BA in history at The State University of Iowa in 1934, she went on to the University of Chicago as the first woman to receive a fellowship in anthropology there.

Her MA degree was awarded in 1938. Her thesis entitled *The Relation of Historic Indian Tribes to Archaeological Manifestations in Iowa* was published in 1938 in the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*. This work still stands as a classic example of the "direct historic approach" in archaeological methodology.

Later publications reflected her continuing interests in Oneota archaeology and the Chiwere Siouan-speaking peoples: *Oneota Sites on the*

*Upper Iowa River* (1959) and *Indian Villages on the Upper Iowa River* (1961). In addition she consulted with the Iowa Living History Farms on their reconstruction of an Ioway Indian village as it might have looked in 1700 AD.

In 1939, Mildred Mott married Waldo R. Wedel and assisted him in Plains salvage archaeological projects into the 1960s. During that time she also pursued her own research in ethnohistory and archaeology in addition to raising three children: Waldo M., Linda, and Frank.

Later in the 1960s and 1970s she consulted with the Ioway and Oto Indians regarding their federal land claims suits. During this period and into the 1980s, Wedel examined and retranslated texts from the French-colonial period in the New World -- in particular the journals of Jean-Baptiste Bénard, Sieur de La Harpe, and Claude-Charles Dutisé.

Articles on this research were published in the *Great Plains Journal*, *Plains Anthropologist*, *Texas Memorial Museum Bulletin*, *Oklahoma Anthropological Society Memoirs*, *Louisiana Studies*, and the *Minnesota Historical Society's* memorial volume for Lloyd Wilford.

She collaborated with her husband in research involving the ethnohistory and archaeology of the Wichita Indians. As part of that project, she was commissioned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify the tribal affiliation of the Native American inhabitants of north-central Oklahoma. This research was

published as *The Deer Creek Site, Oklahoma -- A Wichita Village Sometimes Called Ferdinandina: An Ethnohistorian's View* (1981), *The Wichita Indians in the Arkansas River Basin* (1982), and *The Wichita Indians 1541-1750: Ethnohistorical Essays* (1988).

Mildred's expertise in both archaeology and ethnohistory is especially apparent in her articles *Ethnohistory: Its Payoffs and Pitfalls for Iowa Archaeologists* (1976), *The Ethnohistorical Approach to Caddoan Origins* (1979), and *The Ethnohistorical Approach in Plains Area Studies* (1980 with Raymond De Mallie).

In addition to the Keyes-Orr Award, Mildred was honored by special recognition from the American Anthropological Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology (1985), a day-long dedicatory symposium at the Plains Conference (1988), and a Distinguished Service Award for lifetime achievement from the Plains Anthropological Association (1992).

On October 6, 1995, a brick in honor of Mildred Mott Wedel was dedicated on the Plaza of Heroines in front of Iowa State University's Carrie Chapman Catt Hall.

David M. Gradwohl  
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Iowa State University, Ames, IA.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Have you ever wanted to become more involved in archaeology... to get to know more people who share your passion for the past? Have I got a deal for you!

At the next Spring meeting of the Iowa Archeological Society (IAS) we will be electing board members to the Iowa Archeological Society. Four will be elected to full three year terms and two others will be elected to complete partially completed terms.

The IAS has hundreds of members so we don't really know who might be interested in becoming involved at this level.

A love of archaeology and a dedication to promoting the preservation and protection of our archaeological resources are the key requirements, along with attending quarterly meetings and maintaining a membership in the IAS.

Take a look at the minutes in previous *Newsletters* [and in this issue] of our meetings or sit in on a board meeting to see if it interests you.

Let us know of your desire to have your name placed on the ballot by writing to the IAS in care of the Office of the State Archaeologist, Eastlawn Bldg, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1411

Dave Swinehart  
President, IAS

## MARCH SPEAKER:

### DR. BERYL B. SIMPSON

Dr. Beryl B. Simpson, March 21, 1996, will speak on: *The Neolithic Revolution was Not a Revolution: the origins of an agriculture mode of life*. She will discuss the topic from a botanical point of view whose basis is tied to mankind's understanding of edible plants and their importance to survival, and human growth and development. Her presentation will include the dimensions of anthropology, history, and the agricultural and biological sciences.

Dr. Simpson's lecture is sponsored by the Iowa State University's Department of Botany and is the 1996 contribution to the Botany Departments Bessey Lecture Series.

This year's Bessey Lecture is scheduled for 8:00 pm, March 21, 1996, in the Gallery. The Gallery is in the Memorial Union at Iowa State University. The lecture is free.

Dr Simpson is Professor and Chair of the Department of Botany at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Simpson is internationally recognized for her work in the areas of ethnobotany and plant pollinator interactions that span the species to community levels. She authored numerous publications including the volume: *Economic Botany: Plants in the World*.

She has been continuously involved in a wide variety of professional activities such as serving on boards and councils of several national and international organizations, president of three national societies, and member of seven journal editorial boards, as well as a past Editor-in-Chief of *Systematic Botany*.

## REVISION PROJECT:

### *Exploring Iowa's Past*

by Lyn Alex, OSA

The Office of the State Archaeologist has recently received a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) through the Iowa Department of Transportation to revise and update *Exploring Iowa's Past: A Guide to Prehistoric Archaeology* published by the University of Iowa Press in 1980. Over the past 15 years this volume has been a popular one and is currently out of print.

The years since the first publication have witnessed an increase in knowledge about the prehistoric past of Iowa and the Midwest as well as new legislation which has impacted the profession of archaeology both here and elsewhere across the country. This has left the manuscript in acute need of updating and expansion. Revision will involve research and expansion of existing chapters as well as the creation of several new ones.

Additional chapters will address topics such as the native Iowans of the ethnohistoric era, and new legislation at the state and federal level affecting Iowa archaeology. Current research from geological and geomorphological sciences, the literature generated by Cultural Resource Management research, and native oral tra-

ditions will be utilized in writing these chapters and in updating existing ones on the prehistoric and historic sequence.

Members of the Iowa Archeological Society have been some of the most enthusiastic supporters of *Exploring Iowa's Past*, and many of you have suggested topics you would like to see included in a revision. As we begin this project it would be most helpful to hear more of your ideas:

How do you think the new edition should be changed? What would you like to see deleted?

What additional topics and new information would you like to see added? Are there particular items you would like to see illustrated?

One suggestion has been to include more detailed line drawings or good quality photographs of specific pottery types in order to help people order or key ceramic collections. Another has been to include a discussion and explanation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and how it affects local archaeology.

We want to hear from you with your suggestions and comments.

Please contact:

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Iowa City, IA 52242

## IAS BOARD MEETING July 22, 1995

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Anderson, Bill Green, Sheila Hainlin, Mary Helgevold, Donna Howe, Arlo Johnson, Robin Lillie, Dennis Miller, Dave Swinehart, Joe Tiffany.

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Burkhart, Yvonne Chadek, Kathy Gourley, Kris Hirst, Roger Natte, Shirley Schermer, Dick Slattery, Dawn Snyder.

Visitor: Helene Mahler

The meeting was called to order by Dave Swinehart at 1:15 pm at the State

Historical Building, Des Moines, IA. A quorum was present.

**I. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed. Bill Green moved to accept them as written. Joe Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

**II. MEMBERSHIP**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Robin Lillie reported on the new computer system for membership records. The Board discussed sending cards to members who do not renew their memberships on time.

Steve Lensink submitted a written request to give an IAS membership to a family that donated the use of a house for his field school at Cherokee. The Board agreed a complimentary membership should be given.

The Board also discussed publishing the names of Sustaining Members in the *Newsletter*.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Donna Howe read the Treasurer's report. Robin Lillie moved to accept it as written. Sheila Hainlin seconded. Motion carried.

**IV. CHAPTER COMMITTEE**

**REPORT:** Mary Helgevold reported that she has not yet received a membership list for the Quad City Chapter.

**V. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**REPORT:** Robin Lillie led discussion of brochures and attracting new members. Joe Tiffany moved to order membership brochures at the next largest quantity to get a price break. Joe volunteered to be on the membership committee.

**VI. MEETINGS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT:** Sheila Hainlin requested that a committee be appointed to organize the Fall 1995 meeting in Mason City. Arlo Johnson, Dennis Miller, Bill Anderson, and Tim Weitzel were appointed. The Board discussed possible problems with having the Fall Meeting and Iowa Archaeology Week at the same

time. The Board agreed that there was no conflict if it was handled correctly.

**VII. NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S**

**REPORT:** Sheila Hainlin reported that the fall *Newsletter* would be issued after Iowa Archaeology Week and the Fall Meeting, so that the *Newsletter* could include news of these events.

**VIII. JOURNAL EDITOR'S**

**REPORT:** Kris Hirst was unable to attend the meeting. A question was raised about the cost of the *Journal*. Bill Green reminded the Board that a \$2500.00 cap was placed on production costs two years ago.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Green suggested a committee to monitor the State Legislature for laws on burials and other archaeological issues, and for funding for items such as the Blood Run Site. Dave Swinehart, Bill Green, and Kathy Gourley were appointed to this ad hoc committee.

Dave Swinehart suggested that the Society's books should be audited since a new treasurer had been elected. Linda Forman said she knows an accountant who might be willing to do this work.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed corporate support for the Iowa Archaeology Week and other programs. Dave Swinehart will call Jerry Phillips for information on past contacts.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Joe Tiffany moved that the meeting adjourn. Bill Green seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

**SPRING SIGNALS: FIELD WORK FOR 1996**

[Notice received by the *IAS Newsletter*]

FROM: Michele Eginore, Volunteer Liaison, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ankeny, IA

Michael Kaczor, Archeologist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, D C.

...We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Earth Team, the volunteer arm of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Our Earth Team Volunteers work side by side with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) professionals who are committed to helping people conserve the Earth's natural resources. Last year our volunteer force consisted of more than 12,000 volunteers who donated more than 590,000 hours. These individuals and groups are a valuable resource.

Earth Team Volunteers complete a wide variety of tasks. These individuals and groups perform the same job functions that any USDA-NRCS employee performs. Jobs range from office work, field work, archeological digs, engineering work, etc. Some of our volunteers come to us with education and experience, while others come with an interest and the ability to learn.

Our hope is that the Council of Affiliated Societies and the Earth Team can form a partnership which will be beneficial to both. We have a volunteer coordinator in every state to provide guidance to both our staff and volunteers. In addition, we have regional coordinators who coordinate activities between several states.

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The IAS Newsletter also received a copy of *VolunteerVoice* The Voice of the Earth Team. Projects in half a dozen states described assorted projects including a tree and shrub planting in Michigan, trash cleanup in Alabama and another in Idaho.

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Ankeny, IA 50021

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1-800-THE-SOIL

## IAS MEMBERS: Who We Are and Where We Live

By Robin Lillie  
Membership Secretary

Since taking on the duties of the newly formed office of membership secretary, I have learned a great deal about our organization, who we are, and where we come from. I thought it might be interesting to share some of the demographic data about our membership with everyone.

First, 1995 proved to be a very good year for the Iowa Archeological Society (IAS). Our numbers are up from 399 members in 1994 to 474 in 1995. We have 97 new members. Most of our members have active status (293). The second highest membership category is family (63). There are 26 sustaining members, 14 student members, and 12 lifetime members.

We also have nine nonpaying memberships with institutions and archaeological societies across the country. We exchange newsletters and other information with them. Did you know that we also have 58 institutional memberships? These include museums, university and college libraries, county conservation boards, public libraries, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, nature centers, and archaeological research centers.

Our members come from 17 states all across the nation (see table below) and three other countries: Canada, Poland, and Sweden.

There is one membership category that I would like to highlight this year. These are the sustaining members. Our sustaining members are individuals and households that contribute extra in the membership dues by paying \$25 a year. Sustaining members receive the same newsletters, journal and mailings, and have the same privileges to vote and hold office, as active and family members.

Their reasons for becoming sustaining members are probably as diverse as their numbers. Whatever the reason, their extra contributions help maintain quality publications and field school opportunities, and help support our spring and fall meetings. A special thank you to those 26 individuals and households!

Our membership numbers and demographics are pretty impressive, but that does not mean we should settle back and relax. Recruiting new members is an ongoing process. Each IAS member can contribute to the quality of our organization by encouraging interested individuals and organizations to become IAS members. New members bring new ideas, new information, and help spread the word about preserving and protecting Iowa's cultural heritage.

1995 IAS Members by State

State	Number of Members
Arkansas	2
California	4
Colorado	5
Connecticut	1
Illinois	35
Iowa	350
Kansas	7
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	4
Minnesota	13
Mississippi	1
Missouri	5
Nebraska	7
Nevada	1
New Mexico	2
New Jersey	1
New York	7
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	2
Ohio	2
Pennsylvania	5
South Dakota	5
Tennessee	2
Virginia	4
Washington, D.C.	2
Washington	1
Wisconsin	18

Please contact me, Joe Tiffany, or Dave Swinehart with any ideas you might have on membership recruitment and maintaining our current members.

While I am still trying to get any kinks or bugs out of the newly computerized database for IAS membership, I believe that the records are accurate. However, being human, I am bound to make an occasional error.

If you find that you are not getting the mailings, or have any other questions about your IAS membership, please write or call me and I will make every effort to help clear up any concerns.

And don't forget, memberships are for January through December. So if you have not renewed for 1996, now is the time to do it. This will assure that you receive all the mailings on time and don't miss out on any important notices.

With everyone spreading the word, we should be able to top 500 members for 1996. This is the level we need for a strong, healthy society. Please pitch in and help us grow!

## Sustaining Members for 1995

Yvonne Bigelow, Iowa City  
David Carlson, Otho  
Thomas J. Clayton, Burlington  
Nick Cleveland, Woodbine  
Ronald W. Deiss, Moline, IL  
Kris Hirst, Iowa City  
Kirsten Hoffman, West Des Moines  
John A. Hotopp, Plainfield, NJ  
Mary Kayser, Cedar Falls  
Mike Koppert, Arnolds Park  
Richard Latta, Mt. Pleasant  
Stephen C. Lensink, Lynn M. Alex,  
Iowa City  
Amy and Ken Lockard, Cedar Falls  
Barbara J. McSorley,  
West Burlington  
Helene F. Mahler, Des Moines  
Josephine J. Megivern, Cedar Falls  
Carol A. Mouchka, Belle Plaine  
Roger B. Natte, Fort Dodge  
Don Raker, Polk City  
Mark D. Reckase, Iowa City  
Arnold D. and LaVerne Roggman,  
Garnaville  
Maxine Schwanke, Cedar Falls  
Delores M. Slade, Coralville  
Jimmie D. Thompson, Ames  
Robert E. Ware, Carroll  
Louise S. Zipp, Ames

## Archaeology can sometimes be found in unexpected places.

A report on an upsurge in interest in atlats by Bob Ortega was published on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* on October 24, 1995. The article describes professional and avocational experimentation and skill in using atlats. Sufficient interest by a number of people led to the creation of an organization called the World Atlatl Association with competitions and a newsletter.

## CHECKOUT NEW DISPLAYS AT THE STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

February 1-April 30, 1996. Dental Revolution.

See the prototype and a production model of the Den-Tal-Eze chair invented by Des Moines native, John Naughton.

May 1-July 1, 1996. Documenting the State: The Archives at 90.

Fifteen documents that shaped the state and the lives of Iowans will be on display. The State Archives, part of the State Historical Society, is the official keeper of permanent state government records, from Iowa's Territorial days to the present.

February 24, 1996-August 31, 1997. Patten's Neighborhood: Memories of the Center Street Community.

Featured will be materials from Robert E. Patten, who operated a Des Moines print shop from the 1920s through the 1960s.

March 15-June 16, 1996. Land of The Fragile Giants: Landscapes, Environments and Peoples of the Loess Hills.

July -December, 1996. My Life With My Camera.

This exhibit will be a retrospective of the photographs of Joan Liffing-Zig. The photos reflect Iowa families, civil rights and Iowa's ethnic heritage.

Opens March 30, 1996. Wings Over Iowa.

This permanent display of three aircraft will highlight the stories of inquisitive and adventurous Iowans who built and piloted flying machines in the early days of aviation. The aircraft will hang from the ceilings over the Historical Museum's atrium.

## IOWA'S ATTIC SEEKS SOME OF WHAT MIGHT BE IN YOUR ATTIC

The State Historical Society of Iowa has begun a project called What's In Your Attic: in a search for items that will best tell the story of Iowa's past in future years. Iowans will be asked to donate work-related or manufacturing-related items, specifically labeled pieces of Iowa-made furniture, products of Iowa workers or tools used to make those products and everyday work clothes. Focus will be on artifacts that represent Iowa history and that will fill gaps in the Society's current collections.

If you have items to donate or have questions contact:

State Historical Society of Iowa:

600 East Locust St  
Des Moines, IA 50319

tel: 515-281-6412

402 Iowa Ave  
Iowa City, IA 52242

tel: 319-335-3916

## Monies awarded to preservation projects in Iowa counties

The State Historical Society in September, 1995, approved 46 grants in more than 30 counties totaling \$384,459 to enhance the cultural and economic health of Iowa communities. The grants are allocated through the Resource Enhancement and Protection/Historical Resource Development Program (REAP/HRDP).

This year there were 88 applicants requesting more than \$1.3 million. The board of trustees voted on the funding recommendations given by three review panels made up of Iowa citizens.

Now in its seventh year, REAP/HRDP is designed to help individuals, business, non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, local and state government agencies, and Certified Local Governments in identifying, preserving, and interpreting their historical resources.

REAP/HRDP receives five percent of the funds allocated to a broader program known as the Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP). Targeted for REAP/HRDP assistance are projects that traditionally have lacked the scope or funds to seek larger sources of revenue.

Lavon Wickett is the REAP/HRDP Coordinator and can be contacted in Des Moines at 515-242-6194

REMINDER: Have you paid your 1996 dues yet? Do it now and beat the rush!

## CHAPTER NEWS

### QUAD CITIES CHAPTER TOURS ALBANY MOUNDS

by Lynn Alex, OSA

To celebrate archaeology week in Iowa and Illinois, Ferrel Anderson, President of the Quad Cities chapter, led a tour to the Middle Woodland Hopewell mounds at Albany, IL., on September 17. The event was co-sponsored by the Quad Cities chapter and the Friends of the Albany Indian mounds Foundation which has been responsible for most of the improvements and upkeep to the site.



Ferrel Anderson leading tour of Albany Mounds in September.

This mound group, reported most completely in Elaine Bluhm Herold's 1971 publication, *The Indian Mounds at Albany, Illinois*, Davenport Museum Anthropological Papers No. 1, originally consisted of over 80 burial mounds containing central tombs of logs and stone and an array of exotic artifacts. Excavations were conducted on several occasions around the turn of the century, primarily by the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences predecessor to the Putnam Museum. A substantial village site extends for a considerable distance

below the mounds but has not had systematic investigation.

For anyone who has visited Hopewell mound sites in Iowa such as Toolesboro or Malchow, Albany is highly recommended. Compared to these locations it appears as something like the mother ship. It is only a half hour drive from the Quad Cities and offers a beautiful hike through a restored prairie and onto rolling wooded bluffs where the mounds are situated.

#### Quad-Cities Chapter

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#### Northwest Chapter

Northwest Chapter meetings are generally held on the third Sunday afternoon of each month, except for December, when no meeting is scheduled. All meetings are open to the public.

Contact:

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#### Central Iowa Chapter

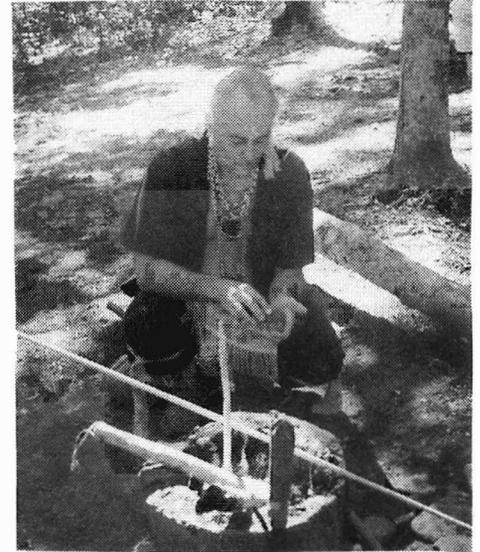
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#### Southeast Iowa Chapter

Approximately 20 participants were on hand at the Pioneer Ridge Nature Center on Saturday, September 9, 1995, to kick off Iowa Archaeology Week activities at the Native American Village. A tour of the site and various skills demonstrations

such as pottery making and food preparation. Archaeologist Anton Till and naturalist Kelly Schott led participants through some of the processes.



Anton Till demonstrating. Photo by Bill Anderson

The Southeast Iowa Chapter met Saturday, October 7 for a field trip to the Rose Hill area in Mahaska County. Elections were on the docket for November, as were an archeology video and discussion.

Contact:

Bill Anderson, Box 51  
Richland, IA 52585  
Telephone 319-456-3911

#### Black Hawk Chapter

Contact:

Terry Q. Vidal  
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319-273-2188 (UNI Museum)

#### Paul Rowe Chapter

The Paul Rowe Chapter in southwest Iowa meets periodically. Contact:

Dennis Miller  
Route 1, Box 37A  
Silver City, IA 51571  
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## GOALS FOR 1996 AND BEYOND

In the last *OSA News* we reported on the Office of the State Archaeologist's 1994-95 activities and accomplishments. Here, we summarize goals for 1996 and beyond.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

State Law (Iowa Code 263B) establishes the following OSA responsibilities:

1. Discover, locate, and excavate archaeological sites in and for the state of Iowa.
2. Recover, restore, and preserve archaeological remains in Iowa.
3. Coordinate archaeological activities with the Iowa Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, and other agencies.
4. Publish educational and scientific reports on Iowa archaeology.
5. Perform archaeological investigations on federally funded projects.
6. Investigate, preserve, and reinter human remains.

### GOALS

The OSA Strategic Plan and annual work plan establishes seven basic goals to guide our programs and activities:

1. Improve integration with other University functions especially academic functions.
2. Continue national leadership in the treatment of human remains.
3. Improve curatorial abilities, to enable 50% growth of artifact, document, and comparative collections.
4. Expand statewide research activities.
5. Expand statewide educational activities.
6. Improve protection for Iowa archaeological resources.
7. Improve internal organization to promote effectiveness and efficiency.

Achieving these goals requires teamwork. OSA staff members plan to coordinate efforts with numerous groups including the IAS. We plan to work closely with conservation boards, educational groups, local planning and zoning agencies, the State Historical Society and other organizations.

Of special interest to IAS members is the OSA plan to systematize public educational programming and outreach activities. Iowans can look forward to special Sesquicentennial activities and other outreach programs this year.

## NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

The Office of the State Archaeologist just published its Report No. 20, entitled *Oneota Archaeology: Past, Present, and Future*.

Edited by State Archaeologist William Green, this 230-page book covers various aspects of research on the late prehistoric and early historic Oneota tradition in the Midwest. The eight chapters are revised versions of presentations given at the March, 1994, Oneota conference and workshop in Iowa City. Authors are David W. Benn, Guy Gibbon, James B. Griffin, Robert L. Hall, Dale R. Henning, R. Eric Hollinger, David F. Overstreet, and John P. Staeck.

The Oneota people lived throughout Iowa between about AD 1000 and 1700. Their archaeological heritage is fascinating—Oneota sites show evidence of vast trade networks, huge villages, advanced agricultural technology, longhouse dwellings, and historic connections. The Ioway and Oto tribes, and other peoples, descended from the Oneota tradition.

An earlier OSA Report on Oneota—Amy Harvey's *Oneota Culture in Northwest Iowa*—is now out of print, so the new book will be especially useful to anyone interested in these late prehistoric cultures.

The book includes an Appendix listing over 450 Oneota radiocarbon dates, compiled by Robert F. Boszhardt, Wendy Holtz, and Jeremy Nienow.

You can order *Oneota Archaeology: Past, Present, and Future* by sending \$15, plus 5% Iowa sales tax (if in-state) and \$3 for postage and handling to: Publications Order Department, Oakdale Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. Or phone credit-card orders toll-free: 1-800-235-2665.

## STAFF NEWS

Adjunct Research Archaeologist Lynn Alex has been elected to a position on the Board of Directors of the Plains Anthropological Society. Lynn's term on the Board runs through 1997.

Adjunct Research Archaeologist David Asch completed his dissertation and received a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Michigan. David's thesis is entitled *Aboriginal Specialty-Plant Propagation: Illinois Prehistory and an Eastern North American Post-Contact Perspective*.

Several staff archaeologists had publications appear in 1995 in various journals and books:

*Joe Artz*: Geological Contexts of the Early and Middle Holocene Archaeological Record in North Dakota and Adjoining Areas of the Northern Plains

*Jim Collins*: Lithic Technology and Temporal Variation at a Chert Workshop in Central Iowa; A Shell Mask Gorget from Allamakee County, Iowa; Household Archaeology at Cahokia and Its Hinterlands (with Mark Mehrer)

*Rich Fishel*: A Preliminary Analysis of Mississippian Jar Rim Heights from the Central Illinois River Valley

*Bill Green*: Archaeology of Backbone State Park, Delaware County, Iowa

*Carl Merry and John Hedden*: Excavation Safety Plan for the Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist

*Julie Morrow*: Clovis Projectile Point Manufacture: A Perspective from the Ready/Lincoln Hills Site, 11JY46, Jersey County, Illinois

Reprints of many of these papers are available; just contact the author, c/o the Office of the State Archaeologist, Eastlawn, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.



IAS Field School, 13LN85, Wickiup Hill Natural Area, Linn County, May 1994. Test unit excavation. Left to right: Nancy Prabel, Phyllis Barber, Tom Drake. Photo by Leah Rogers.

## MORE NEW IAS MEMBERS IN 1995!

Elizabeth J. Abel, Maple Grove, MN  
 Michael Abele, Forest City  
 Greg and Kirk Andersen, Sioux City  
 Nancy Beadle, Marion  
 Steve Bernston & family, Paulina  
 Brian Buss, Dubuque  
 Royd Chambers, Sheldon  
 John Doershuk, Iowa City  
 Jonathan J. Ehler, Kellogg  
 Peter and Kristine Eyheralde, Albia  
 Carl Falk, Sevierville, TN  
 Duayne Fulton, Chicago, IL  
 Nancy Goodlove, Central City  
 Michael D. Guilliat, Fremont, NE

Jean Hall, Waterloo  
 Steve Hanken, Cedar Rapids  
 Carol J. Harper and John T. Donlin,  
 Colorado Springs, CO

Ryan Hayes, Dike  
 John O. Hayes, Davenport  
 Ken Jans, Fairfax  
 Lee C. Jensen, Audubon  
 Richard G. Kemmer, Dubuque  
 Greta Knievel, Iowa City  
 Jennifer Krantz, East Aurora, NY  
 Gayla Low, Norwalk

Tony and Deb Malone, Cambridge  
 Steve, Carol and Chris Marlin, Albia  
 David Mather, Minneapolis, MN  
 Jennifer Matthews, Ames  
 Chris Mausolf, Champaign, IL  
 Allen and Beth McGehee, Silvis, IL  
 Kimber Mitchell, Tom Van Heukelom,  
 Des Moines  
 Melvin Moe, Mt. Ayr  
 Steve Moon, Ames  
 Kathleen Moore, Cedar Rapids

Mary Noble, Iowa City  
 Molly K. O'Donnell, Columbia, MO  
 John O'Toole, St. Paul, MN  
 Molly Pettit, Ruthven  
 Joyce Polo, Chariton  
 David J. Robinson, Colo  
 Michela Ronfeldt, Denison

David & Marilyn Samuelson, Forest City  
 Allen & Dianne Schneider, Hudson  
 John H. Shafer, Detroit, MI  
 Delores Slade, Coralville  
 Keith Smith, Sheldon  
 Donald Stodden, Marcus  
 Maxine Sutton, Maquoketa  
 Noah Jensen Tabor, Baldwin  
 Josh Thaden, Sheldon  
 James Titcomb, Holsten  
 Joe Trumm, Alburnett  
 Kay Wallach, Levittown, NY  
 J. Joel White, Decorah

## MEMBERSHIPS ADDED TO INSTITUTIONAL ROSTER

Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville  
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**March 21, 1996** - 1996 Bessey Lecture at 8:00 pm in the Gallery, ISU Memorial Union. Dr. Beryl Simpson, University of Texas, topic is *The*

*Neolithic Revolution was Not a Revolution: the origins of an agriculture mode of life*

**April 20-21, 1996** - IAS Annual Meeting in Sac City.

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