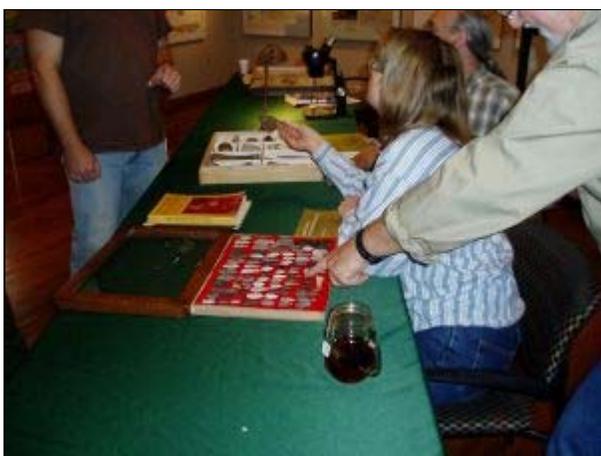




## Artifact Identification Day on the Wayne National Forest!

*The Wayne NF held their second annual Artifact Identification Day to generate interest in Archaeology Month.*



A few of the arrowhead and bone collections brought in to the Wayne NF office to be identified are shown here.

To commemorate Ohio Archaeology Month, the Wayne NF hosted their second "Artifact Identification Day" on Saturday November 18, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Forest co-sponsored the event with Hocking College, Ohio University's Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Department of Geological Sciences, and Hopewell Culture National Park.

For three hours, archaeologists Ann Cramer (Wayne NF), Dr. Annette Ericksen (Hocking College), and Dr. Elliot Abrams (OU) identified a variety of Native American items brought in by over 60 people in the local area. This year with the addition of renowned paleontologist Dr. Royal Mapes (OU), numerous fossils were also analyzed. Some of the more interesting items included several trilobites (extinct fossilized marine animal skeletons), a nutting stone, and several prehistoric clay tubular pipes. There was also a wide variety of arrowheads and an interesting collection of stone axes.

"After last year's success we decided to make this an annual event," said Ann Cramer, Wayne NF Archaeologist. She added, "With the interest shown this year we're discussing the possibility of expanding it to include pottery-making and atlatl-throwing activities." Cramer said it has been gratifying for her and the other partners in the Artifact Day to see the interest and enthusiasm the public has for artifacts and archaeology.

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