



# KyOPA

## NEWSLETTER

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Pepo Squash 5,000 B.P.  
Sunflower 4,800 B.P.  
Marshelder 4,400 B.P.  
Chenopod 4,000 B.P.

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KyOPA dues online!

## I. Spotlight: Kentucky Archaeology Month 2018!

September witnessed another highly successful Kentucky Archaeology Month (KAM)! Several bright spots this year include the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Living Archaeology Weekend, the KHC-sponsored public archaeology blog, several public events hosted by KHC, and the annual Archaeology Day at Wickliffe Mounds.

That's right, Living Archaeology Weekend (LAW) turned 30 years old this year! The event served over 1000 grade school students and over 800 members of the general public. You can read about the history of LAW, alongside many other great posts, by checking out the 30 Days of Kentucky Archaeology blog painstakingly assembled by Nicole Konkol, transportation archaeology review coordinator for the Kentucky Heritage Council.

[30 Days of Kentucky Archaeology Blog Posts](#)

Several KAM events made the [U.S. News and World Report!](#)

## II. Events & KyOPA Misc.

1. [Cardno](#), an environmental services company with a CRM arm, has just opened an office in Louisville, KY. They have archaeologists Mickey Laughlin and Duane Simpson on staff!

2. The University of Kentucky Anthropology Graduate Student Association will be organizing the Archaeology Roundtable speaker series for the 2018-2019 academic year. The speakers will be announced here when they are scheduled.

5. Save the date! The 2019 Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference will be held on March 1 to March 3. Location TBD.

4. The Eastern Kentucky Archaeology Group's October speaker will be Alex Bybee. Following the theme of the month, Alex will speak about historic cemeteries in eastern Kentucky! Check the [EKAG Facebook page](#) for a flyer.

5. The 2018 [Midwestern Archaeological Conference](#) is October 4-6 at Notre Dame, Indiana. The abstracts are available online and include many submissions regarding Kentucky sites!

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### Miscellaneous KyOPA Updates

1. KyOPA is still trying to increase their calendar of events. Please contact us with your upcoming event dates!
2. KyOPA now has a PayPal Account and you can pay dues and make donations online at [HTTP://KYOPA.org](http://kyopa.org). Just click the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page and donate as much as you like!
3. A KyOPA board meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> in Lexington.



*Living Archaeology Weekend. Bent pole structure before and after cat tail covering by Roberta Burns.*

### III. People

#### *Recent hires around the state*

October 2018

David Breetzke - Redbird District Archaeologist, Daniel Boone NF

Melissa Ramsey - Stearns District Archaeologist, Daniel Boone NF

#### *Obituary\**

John T. Carter

John earned a B.A. in archaeology at the University of Kentucky (UK) in the early 1960s and was an early member of the William S. Webb Archaeological Society. During his time at UK, Carter participated in excavations at Tinsley Hill, a Mississippian settlement in Lyon County, and conducted test excavations at Mercer Village, a Fort Ancient settlement in Mercer County. After graduating, John was employed with a telephone company but stayed involved in archaeology through his work with the William S. Webb Archaeological Society. He was a key contributor to the Webb Society's excavation, lab work, and report on the Late Woodland Pyles Site in Mason County.

John returned to archaeology the late 1980s with a brief stint at the Kentucky Heritage Council, where he assisted with compiling the 1990 Kentucky Comprehensive State Plan. Shortly thereafter, John secured a job at the Department of Surface Mining and Reclamation, where between 1991 and 2002, he reviewed and authored reports and worked to protect archaeological sites. During his time, John authored or coauthored 15 archaeological reports and reviewed and commented on numerous reports authored by others. In 1996, he published a paper entitled *Lithic Scatters: A Case Study in Research Design* in *Current Research in Kentucky Archaeology* Volume Four.

In retirement, John continued his involvement in archaeology by videotaping statewide conferences. In 2007 he presented a paper at the Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeological Conference in which he interpreted designs on Adena engraved tablets. In 2012, more than four decades after his test excavations at the site, John returned to Mercer Village (later renamed Wheeler) to assist with renewed study of the site. In 2013 he was the site photographer for the UK Archaeological Fieldschool at Mercer Village -- An apt bookend for a notable contributor to Kentucky archaeology.

\*(Credit: Drafted by D. Pollack; the final was edited to fit here)

### IV. Job Announcements!

1. Corn Island Archaeology LLC is seeking to hire an M.A. level archaeologist on a project-by-project basis. The position has potential to become permanent. Please contact Anne Bader at [abader@ciarch.com](mailto:abader@ciarch.com) for more information.

2. The Daniel Boone National Forest is about to advertise a GS07 Archaeological Technician Position for the Red River Gorge, to be stationed at Stanton, Kentucky. Keep your eyes peeled for the advertisement to appear on the USA Jobs website in the coming weeks!



*Living Archaeology Weekend.  
Student cutting a Native  
American variety of squash  
with a large chert flake.*

## V. Research & Training

### New Online M.S. Degree in Digital Mapping!

The University of Kentucky Department of Geography is now offering a 30 credit hour, completely online M.S. degree in digital mapping. Looks like it will be offered during seasonal terms in January, April, July and October. Check the website for more information:

<https://newmapsplus.as.uky.edu/>



*Living Archaeology Weekend.  
Student using paddle to create designs in clay.*

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### Recent Fieldwork!

#### Summer 2018 Fieldshool: Eastern Kentucky University

A field school led by Dr. Jon Endonino to conduct excavations at adjacent rockshelter and ridgetop areas located in Jackson County, KY, on the London District of the Daniel Boone National Forest. District Archaeologist Mary White and her Berea College intern Emmy Watson also took part in the excavations. The work documented evidence of Archaic and Fort Ancient components. Artifact processing and analysis are underway!



*Living Archaeology Weekend.  
Student learns to throw an atlatl.*

#### Doctoral Research: Karen Stevens

Karen Stevens is a doctoral candidate at the University of Kentucky. Her project focuses on two sites on the Green River in Henderson County, KY that are affiliated with the Shell Mound Archaic (SMA). One site is on the floodplain, the other on a bluff nearby. Karen's research will contribute to the ongoing debate about the relationship between environmental change and the end of the SMA. She plans to document changes in mollusk species over time, and will also use stable oxygen isotope values from mollusks to estimate the degree to which climate fluctuated during this same time span. Karen wrapped up test excavations this summer and is now in the midst of artifact processing. Interesting highlights thus far: The bluff site has stratified lenses of shell which is uncommon for Green River shell middens, and both sites produced almost no lithics.



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