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Winter Weekend Events at Dickson Mounds Feb. 29-Mar. 1

LEWISTOWN, Ill. – Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting its annual Weekend Knap-in on Saturday and Sunday, February 29 and March 1 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days. The public is welcome to view flint knapping demonstrations. Visitors may learn about the different techniques used by craftsmen and see their stone tool creations. Flint knappers interested in participating should contact Christa Christensen at 309-547-3721 for more information.

As part of the weekend's activities, Dickson Mounds Museum will also hold its annual Artifact Identification Day on Sunday, March 1 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more than 30 years, this event has drawn both mundane and spectacular objects. Museum archaeologists and other experts will identify, but not appraise, Native American artifacts, both prehistoric and historic pieces, and other objects such as fossils, bones, and rock specimens. Visitors are encouraged to bring their curiosities and questions.

Coinciding with these two events will be the Prehistoric Artifact Show on Sunday, March 1 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The show will be an educational display of privately-owned collections focusing on Illinois artifacts, raw material types, and artifact classes. Other archaeological displays will also be available for viewing. This show will be co-hosted by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey and the Illinois State Archaeological Society. No artifact buying, selling, trading or appraisals will be permitted during the show.

Admission will be free for all of these weekend events, but donations are welcomed.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.

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