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Welcome to issue number 3 for 2015. Our Editor in Chief and his Associate Editors have compiled another fine issue of our Prehistoric American Journal for our membership. This issue is devoted entirely to the Middle Woodland Culture.

The G.I.R.S. 2015-2016 Calendar is available for order. It begins with September 2015 and runs through December 2016. The cost is only $10, all of which goes to the G.I.R.S. If you have not seen it yet, you will be impressed with the quality of artifacts represented. This may be our best calendar to date, as Teresa Putty has done an excellent job putting it together.

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Thank you for your membership and please enjoy this issue on the Middle Woodland Culture.

Sincerely,

Rick Fitzgerald, President, G.I.R.S.

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LESLIE S. PFEIFFER HONORED BY G.I.R.S.
Fred W. Marsh, Jr., Chairman of the Board of G.I.R.S. (left) and Rick Fitzgerald, our current President (right) presented a plaque to Leslie:

“In appreciation of your dedication and untiring efforts as President of the GENUINE INDIAN RELIC SOCIETY, INC.
You have gone far beyond the call of duty to make the society what it is today. We, the Officers, Directors, and Members Sincerely Thank You.”

Leslie was our President for two years ending 2014. He is also responsible for running the Temple, Texas show, which has just completed its 18th consecutive year.
The transition to the Middle Woodland period (ca. 200 B.C. – 600 A.D.) is marked by an intensification of cultural characteristics that developed during the Late Archaic and Early Woodland periods, particularly involving the mortuary and trade patterns of the Woodland peoples. The Middle Woodland period is defined particularly by the influence of a religious mortuary and trade complex referred to as “Hopewell”, quite possibly a successor to, or outgrowth of, the Adena tradition of the Early Woodland. The Hopewell tradition was born in south central Ohio, and radiated outward across the Midwest during the Middle Woodland period (Kellar, 41) (Jones and Johnson, 11). As in the case of Adena, Hopewell is not to be considered a single cultural entity as such, but a religious and cultural pattern shared to different degrees among separate peoples during the Middle Woodland era. There are marked differences between what is considered Hopewell in Ohio, and Hopewell in Illinois. At the same time, some Middle Woodland sites in the Midwest, such as the Knob Creek site, located just north of the Ohio River in southern Indiana, yield little to no evidence of participation in the Hopewell pattern.

Hopewell can be distinguished from Adena by the more impressive size and complexity of burial mounds and associated earthworks, and the greater variety of grave goods, many of non-local materials, found in archaeological excavations of Hopewell sites (Penny, 43). The most impressive examples of the Hopewell mortuary and ceremonial complex are found in south central Ohio, where large burial mounds were constructed, commonly in association with elaborate geometric earthworks, and linked or surrounded by long earthen embankments (Kellar, 43). The mound and earthwork complexes in Ohio, according to Lepper (2005, 128), were ceremonial centers which established a unifying link between many separate and widely scattered, small “hamlet” communities. In contrast, Hopewell sites in the Illinois River Valley of western Illinois tend to be larger and situated more closely together along the Illinois River floodplain. Illinois Hopewell mounds appear to be associated with clusters of neighboring villages, suggesting the possibility of clan or extended family orientation in village location, and in mound construction and maintenance. Illinois mounds contain fewer exotic grave goods than Ohio mounds, and large-scale earthworks, a distinguishing feature of Ohio Hopewell, have not been found in association with Illinois Hopewell, suggesting that Illinois Hopewell society was more egalitarian and less socially stratified than Ohio Hopewell.

In contrast to the apparently more egalitarian, less-stratified nature of the Hopewell tradition in Illinois, the amount of labor required to construct the elaborate mounds, earthen monuments, and earthwork enclosures in Ohio would obviously have required some form of centralized authority structure to organize, construct, and maintain such large-scale projects. In addition, the size of the Ohio burial mounds, the diversity of rich grave goods placed in certain mounds, and the total lack of grave goods in other burials
TYPICAL ARTIFACTS OF THE MIDDLE WOODLAND PERIOD IN THE MIDWEST

“This illustration from ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGY, Bulletin No. 1, May 1959, used with permission of Dr. Michael Conner, Illinois Archaeological Survey.”
Hopewell houses varied from round to squared dwellings of posts set upright in the ground, interlaced with smaller sticks and saplings covered with mats, bark, or clay, and covered with thatch-domed roofs (Lepper, 2005, 120). Seasonal camps featured less sturdy pole framework “wigwams” covered with thatch, mats, and bark. Large rectangular post framework communal dwellings are found in some of the larger Hopewell settlements, such as the “big house” excavated at the Edwin Harness mound site in Ohio (Lepper, 2005, 132-134).

Hopewell era sites provide evidence of a significant increase in emphasis on cultivated seed plant foods, including sunflower, squash, goosefoot, pigweed, knotweed, maygrass, and marsh elder (Fagan, 416) (Lepper, 2005, 120-121). In addition, gathering of seasonal nuts, berries, and other wild plant foods, along with hunting and fishing, continued to be mainstays of the Hopewell subsistence strategy. The increased emphasis on plant cultivation during the Middle Woodland is accompanied by evidence of increased attention directed toward food storage, both in underground storage pits and in increased use of pottery (Penny, 45) (Fagan, 423). Hopewell era Middle Woodland pottery is generally thick and commonly decorated with stamped, incised geometric designs which seem to vary according to local area (Kellar, 45 and 49). Regional ceramic styles or traditions dating to the Middle Woodland in the Midwest, representing varying levels of Hopewell influence, include: Havanna, Pike, Scioto, Crab Orchard, Mann, and Allison-Lamotte (Jones and Johnson, 11) (Struveer, 218-221).

Projectile points of the Middle Woodland/Hopewell period exhibit side and corner notching and flared stems. Diagnostic points of the Middle Woodland period include: Snyders (Justice, 201-203), Chesser, Lowe, Steuben, and Bakers Creek (Justice, 208-214). A distinctive example of Hopewellian lithic technology is the “bladelet”, a small thin flake blade struck from specially prepared flint cores. These razor sharp blades were apparently used without handles, and are found in both habitation and ceremonial Hopewell sites in Ohio. Bladelets were unique to Ohio Hopewell culture, and were not used in earlier or later periods (Lepper, 2005,122-123).

Around 500 A.D., for reasons that are yet poorly understood, the people of central Ohio abandoned the monumental ceremonial architecture, burial complex, trade network, exotic goods, and extravagant trappings of the
All points presented in this article with county, state, and length labels thereon are Middle Woodland artifacts in the collection of Fred W. Marsh, Jr., Dallas, Texas. (John Pafford photography)
Ohio Hopewell system. The focus of life turned inward, and became more plain and practical (Lepper, 2005, p.169). Archaeologists are unsure whether the decline in, or de-emphasis on, manifestations of the Hopewell ritual pattern was simply a reflection of changing times and needs, or perhaps an intentional reaction against Hopewell ritual. The use of Ohio’s Flint Ridge chert in lithic points offers an interesting illustration of this question. Although Flint Ridge chert was used during the Archaic period, there appears to have been a marked increase in the use of this distinctive and colorful chert during the late Adena and Hopewell periods. Lepper, in a 2001 study, theorized that the distinctive, colorful Flint Ridge chert played a significant role in ritual “gift giving” at inter-village, socially integrative gatherings at the Hopewell ceremonial earthwork complexes. However, coinciding with the decline of Hopewell cultural influence around 500 A.D., there is a corresponding significant decline in the use of Flint Ridge chert beyond the immediate area of the flint ridge outcroppings in Licking County, Ohio. It is not possible to determine whether the decline in use of Flint Ridge chert represented a deliberate effort to shun visual reminders of the Hopewell ceremonial complex; or perhaps simply reflected a decline in regional trade and cooperation, and an increasing sense of practicality and territoriality that coincided with the gradual shift toward intensive agriculture and permanent villages in the post-Hopewell era (Lepper, 2005, p. 189-90). At any rate, after the decline of the Hopewell “system”, mound and earthwork construction did continue, but, for the most part, on a smaller scale, and in association with individual local villages. Population increased in certain areas of the Hopewell heartland, leading to larger and more permanent villages, while in other areas smaller villages became more numerous across the landscape, leading to a more intensive use of, and possibly competition for, available resources (www.cabrillo.edu/~crsmith/hopewell.html). Around 600 A.D. to 700 A.D., the introduction of the bow and arrow, and by 800 A.D., the introduction and adoption of maize agriculture, mark the transition to what is referred to as the Late Woodland Period.

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ASSEMBLAGE OF COPPER ARTIFACTS

With the exception of the killed copper Breastplate (lower left) that was found on the Pond River near Madisonville, Kentucky by Floyd Stewart, all the copper artifacts were found by Art Gerber at the famous Crib Mound. Pictured in *The Art Gerber Story*, on page 239.
Clockwise from top left: This North point, found near Bath in Madison County in 1959, is made of heat treated Burlington chert. The small Snyders point made of heat treated Burlington was found in LaSalle County in 2011. Discovered in Madison County near the Havana power plant in 1961, this beautiful Snyders point is made of heat treated Burlington. The next point is a personal find of Tim’s in 2003. Made of Crescent Quarry chert, he found it in Cass County near Chandlerville. The white Snyders point, made of Crescent Quarry, was found in Pike County. The last point is made of glossy Burlington, and was found in Madison County.
COPENA CLAYSTONE REEL GORGETS

The top gorget has a fine, smooth finish with deep indentations, and is heavily tally-marked on both ends. It was collected by Lenard Wood in Henry County, Tennessee. Ron Knight owned it next (#1414) and eventually sold it to Ray Kilgore (#22), from whom John acquired it.

The middle gorget was found in 1973 in Crockett County, Tennessee by Johnny Tate. Ex John Berner (#J468B) and Ray Kilgore (#80).

The bottom gorget was found at Lake Guntersville on the Tennessee River in Morgan County, Alabama by Robert Mulligan in 1995. Ex Dr. Sandy Carter. Heavily patinated with river stain, it has extremely deep indentions on the sides.
ILLINOIS VESSEL

This intricate Hopewell vessel of the Havana Zone style is from the Baehr Mounds area in Brown County, Illinois. This classic jar displays a geometric design with cross hatching and parallel lines—a rare find. It was recovered by Scott Vandeventer and has been in the Pat Fleming and Kent Patterson collections. Photo courtesy of David and Tina Bogle’s Museum of Native American History, and Bobby Onken.
This rare Reel Bannerstone was found by Floyd Stewart in Spencer County, Indiana, diagonally upriver from the Owensboro Executive Inn. It was found in the early 1960s on top of a plowed down conical Hopewell mound on the Ohio River. This leads me to theorize that these exotic banners were Early Woodland period, possibly Early Hopewell-Adena. Pictured in The Art Gerber Story on page 125.
Personal Finds

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(shown actual size)
FRANK KEMPF COLLECTION
BRISTOL, WISCONSIN
(Gene Hynek photography)

MIDDLE WOODLAND SNYDERS

Frank found all of the points on this page since he started hunting artifacts five years ago. He found all of them in Kenosha County in southeastern Wisconsin. He picked up the Burlington chert Snyders point (at the top, two views) and the white Kramer point (lower left) in August of 2014. He found all seven points on the bottom (plus two broken ones) in less than three hours.
Prehistoric American issue #3 will present several interesting articles from some of our Associate Editors. John Branney submitted an article, “One Heck of a Creek”. Scott Chandler wrote an interesting article, “Trails in the Juniper”. Tom Westfall and Kevin Hammond discuss artifacts that are probably parts of Folsom foreshafts.

In 2016, Prehistoric American will present Michael R. Phillips’ article on the Mississippian Culture (1000 - 1500 A.D.). Be sure to submit photographs of your artifacts for this time period, with special emphasis on Cahokia. Please submit materials before January 1, 2016.

The more photos we receive from members to enhance these articles, the better your magazine will be!

Prehistoric American issue #4 this year. Beginning around 600 A.D. the bow and arrow ushered in smaller point types, such as Raccoon side notched, Jack’s Reef, Levanna, Hamilton, and Madison. G.I.R.S. Members are encouraged to submit these types along with similar aged points, pottery, and other artifacts before September 1, 2015. There will also be in this issue an informative article by Dr. Robert Birmingham on the Effigy Mound people. This culture flourished in Wisconsin and the surrounding states in Late Woodland times.

2016 will be the 50th year of publication of Prehistoric American and its predecessors. We plan on reprinting some articles of past years, and welcome your suggestions as to what you, our members, would like to see, before December 1, 2015. Please contact the Editor in Chief.

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