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Begin March with Weekend Knap-In and Annual Artifact Identification Day at Dickson Mounds Museum

LEWISTOWN, IL –Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting its annual Weekend Knap-in on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days. The public is welcome to view flintknapping demonstrations. Participants may learn about the different techniques used by several craftsmen and see their stone tool creations. Flintknappers interested in participating should contact Christa Christensen at 309-547-3721 for more information.

As part of the weekend's activities, the Museum will also hold its annual Artifact Identification Day on Sunday, March 3 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more than 30 years, this event has drawn some spectacular objects for viewing. 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. In addition, a representative from the Illinois State Archaeological Survey will also be demonstrating 3-dimensional scanning techniques of artifacts and how this technological innovation is beneficial for Museum collections.

Admission is free for both events, but donations are much appreciated.

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 8:30 a.m. to 5 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.

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