

2017 West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATES!!

When: June 9 and 10

Where: The Grave Creek Archeological Complex - Moundsville, WV

Theme: Early Native Americans – Migration Patterns, Culture, and Land Management Practices

Come hear our speakers on the afternoon of June 9 and browse the Grave Creek Mound Archeological Complex exhibits. <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/GraveCreekmod.html>

Our Speakers:



Matt Purtil - Ball State University

“The Sandy Springs Site, Adams County, Ohio: Of Psamments and Paleoindians”

With ~20 years of cultural resource management, or salvage archaeology, experience in prehistoric and historical archaeological projects, Mr. Purtil specializes in applying geoarchaeological approaches to the study of ancient landforms, soils and sediments, archaeological sites, and cultural material.



Andrea Keller - Cultural Program Coordinator - Delf Norona Museum, Grave Creek Mound Archeological Complex, WV Division of Culture and History.

“Introduction to the Grave Creek Mound”

Andrea Keller has more than 30 years experience in field archeology, cultural resource management and research, and public education.



Darla Spencer – RPA, Lecturer-Native American Studies, WVU

“Early Native Americans in West Virginia: the Fort Ancient Culture”

Darla Spencer is a registered professional archaeologist who has researched the archaeology and early Native American history of West Virginia for over 20 years. In 2002, she was awarded the Sigfus Olafson Award of Merit for her contributions to West Virginia archaeology by the West Virginia Archeological Society (WVAS). Her first book on the Fort Ancient culture of West Virginia was published in 2016.

In addition - there will be a showing of the short film – ““Ancient Fires at Cliff Palace Pond” and a representative from the U. S. Forest Service (to be announced) who will speak on **FIRE and FOREST ECOLOGY**.

June 10 – Join us for a guided tour of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter in nearby Washington County, PA. The Meadowcroft site is operated as a division of the [Heinz History Center](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft/) of Pittsburgh. This remarkably complete archaeological site shows the earliest known evidence of human presence and the longest sequence of continuous human occupation in the New World.

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Information on registration, CEUs, and places to stay and dine.....COMING SOON!