

# Archaeology Day

September 12 ~ 10am to 4 pm

*At the Thiebaud Farmstead*

Sponsored by the Switzerland County Historical Society



## “Pre-history vs History”

presented by JACK BLOSSER ~ Anthropologist/archaeologist  
The program will highlight the time period just before European contact when Europeans entered the Indiana region ca. 1650-1700. Jack will discuss the lifestyle and tools of the prehistoric peoples of the region including diet, food, jewelry, and bone and stone tools such as bone fishhooks, bone and shell beads, shell and shoulder blade hoes, weaponry, stone arrows and axes. The program will start at 10:30 in the hay press barn.

Do you have artifacts you would like to have identified? Jack Blosser will meet with people individually and inform as to prehistoric time period and the use of the objects.



**Geologist/paleontologist Doug Shrake** will also be on site starting at 11 am to meet with individuals who may have fossils or rocks they would like identified.



Have you heard of an **atlatl**? This spear-throwing device will be demonstrated by **Vince from AbsoluteZoo.com**, who will also instruct those interested in trying **spear throwing**.

Have you ever wondered how projectile points for spears, arrows and various stone tools were shaped from stone?

**Harold Eland** will be demonstrating the art of **flint knapping**.



**Admission to “Archaeology Day” is free.**

Visitors may also tour the Thiebaud house. Hope to see you on this special day at the Thiebaud Farmstead, located at 5147 Hwy 56, Vevay, Indiana. (Three miles west of town.) **Social distancing will be implemented and masks will be required in certain instances, such as one-to-one ID sessions.**