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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, MIZZOU

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MUSEUM CLOSING DATE
OCTOBER 15, 2021 2PM



BARNETT lock plate, early 19th century
Carrington site (23VE1) - the "E-T-T" is still visible

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The fall semester has begun and we are happy to be hosting student visitors as well as the public four days a week. We look to 2022 and our move to Hitt Street in the heart of the MU campus, on the east end of the Ellis Library building.

We are working with Native American tribes indigenous to Missouri on the new exhibit content. The exhibits will feature objects selected by our tribal partners. This will not be all the same items from the past – expect brand new art and objects too!

Renovations will begin in the new space this fall: improved lighting, sprinklers to protect the collections, and

new exhibit cases. We are able to reuse many of the cases and supports from our Mizzou North location, as well as the glass exhibit doors, but new built-in exhibit cases are necessary. Would you help fund the new cases? Your support would mean so much, and you can tell others that you helped build the museum!

Donate here: <https://anthromuseum.missouri.edu/giving-moa>.

If you would like to talk about a larger donation or sponsorship, please contact me at sallc@missouri.edu or 573-882-3764. ♦

- CANDACE SALL

CLOSING DATE AND A NEED FOR DISPLAY CASES

BY AMANDA STALEY HARRISON

As we enter the fall semester, we only have a few more weeks until it will be time to start packing up for the move to Ellis on Lowry Mall in the heart of MU campus. Our closing date is October 15, 2021 - exactly 5 years after our grand opening in our current location of Mizzou North.

We have found through our discussions with the planners and contractors that in order to build all of the cases that we need, additional funds will need to be raised. We will spend the next few months asking for the support of friends, colleagues, museum allies and alumni to help us in our journey towards a museum that does the collections justice and brings a broad spectrum of our objects to the public. Our goal is to raise \$58,000 to complete the case projects needed for the move. Included are cases for our Missouri Archaeology collection, Grayson Archery, visible storage of our Mississippian vessels, and funds for special exhibits, vitrines, and miscellaneous exhibit infrastructure such as lighting.

Our doors will remain open every Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm until our closing in mid-October. You can stop by the museum and donate via the collection boxes or you can visit the donation page on our website. Any amount, large or small, will help us on our journey. If you are interested in covering the cost of a full project, please contact us for details. We know that with the support of our community the new space will be one for us all to be proud of. ❖



COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT - NORTHWEST TRADE GUN

BY JESSICA BOLDT

Thinking of the bicentennial and the time period during which Missouri became a state, one can't help but think of the massive change that was happening. Next to the introduction of the horse, one of the most profound alterations in native cultural life was the widespread access to firearms. As trade for European goods increased, we can see the archaeological record begin to drastically change, especially at Osage sites in Vernon and Saline counties. Gun parts were prominent at these sites and many examples of Northwest trade guns have been



Serpent side plate, early 19th century Proto historic exhibit at Mizzou North



Serpent's head detail

identified. At the time of Missouri's statehood in 1821, the Northwest trade gun was in its height of popularity. These guns became so ubiquitous across the frontier that they all became known as Northwest trade guns, even though they were manufactured by various different companies and countries throughout the fur trade era.

The serpent or dragon side plate is the most easily identified feature of the Northwest trade gun. There were many small variations depending on the manufacturer, but they all shared the same relative shape, serpent head, and scales. It is even said that most Native Americans would not trade for a gun unless it had the serpent side plate. A lock plate from the Osage site Carrington (23VE1) in Vernon County was treated to remove rust revealing the letters "NETT", identified as a Northwest trade gun made by the manufacturer Barnett in 1805. ❖

The MoA's collections and archives have been online and accessible to the public for almost two decades. Click the quick link to the databases on our website's home page to learn more: anthromuseum.missouri.edu.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

BY AMANDA STALEY HARRISON

A new semester and a new academic year has begun at Mizzou! While the move back to central campus will be a big part of our fall and winter we still have some great outreach going on.

The MoA joined the Office of Undergraduate Research and several departments from across campus at the first ever Undergraduate Research Fair, which was held at the Bond Life Sciences center during Mizzou's Welcome Week. During the two hours, we were able to meet with new and existing undergraduates interested in the research opportunities at the MoA. Visitors to our table were excited to learn that our collections are available to all students for research, regardless of their major, and that potential multidisciplinary research covers a large number of majors beyond just anthropology, including chemistry, biology, and engineering. It was a successful and fun event that we look forward to joining next year.

In September, the MoA will be celebrating Missouri Archaeology Month by hosting a lecture by historian Greg Olson on September 16th. This lecture coincides with Columbia's (and Missouri's) Bicentennial and will look at the role of treaties during acquisition and settlement of the Missouri Territory during the early 1800s. See our website and Facebook event post, for more information.

Are you a K-12 teacher interested in the MoA collections to round out your lesson plan? The MoA continues its strong relationship with Columbia Public Schools. While we are still not offering tours

due to pandemic concerns, we are able to visit your classroom virtually or in-person. Whether you are interested in a visit from us to your classroom with artifacts from our education collection or scheduling a virtual discussion with a curator, send us an email. Let's talk about how the MoA can partner with you! ♦

 **Museum of Anthropology**
University of Missouri

MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH LECTURE 
Presentation by Greg Olson

"White Man's Paper Trail: Extinguishing Ingenious Land Claims in Missouri"

When Missouri Territorial officials petitioned for statehood in 1817, they did so with equal measures of moral conviction and legal ambiguity.

As we reflect on Missouri's Bicentennial in 2021, as well as the bicentennial of MU's hometown of Columbia, **Greg Olson** joins us to examine the treaties that gave the U.S. legal claim to the state of Missouri and the legal foundations that led Americans to believe they had the right to infringe upon Native Sovereignty 200 years ago.



Greg Olson is an independent researcher and writer who lives and works in Columbia, MO. He is the author of five books and a number of articles about the Indigenous people of Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. His most recent book is *loway Life: Reservation and Reform, 1837-1960* (2016). He was also a Center for Missouri Studies Fellow in 2020.

This lecture is based on research he has conducted for an upcoming history of Missouri's Native people, tentatively titled *Indigenous Missouri: Ancient Societies to the Present*.

SEPTEMBER 16
6:30pm
101 Swallow Hall MU Campus

We will be moving to Ellis Library during the 2021-2022 academic year. Our closing day is October 15, 2021 at 2 pm.

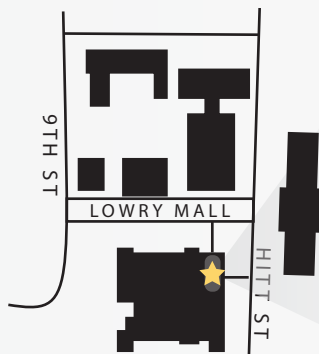
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NEW HOURS
(starting July 13th):

Tuesday - Friday
10am - 2pm

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Lower level of Ellis Library on the east end.