SUTER FAMILY ARTIFACTS

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THIRD GENERATION FOR THE SUTER BIRDSTONE

Gene Suter saw the bird stone peeping out of the sandy soil of the Black Swamp in the 1970's. Stepping off the tractor, he picked it up. When the dust and dirt was cleaned off, he saw a perfect banded slate artifact which measured exactly four inches from nose to tail. Both posterior and anterior holes were completely intact, meeting each other in the usual slanted configuration. The artifact was first pictured in an early edition of Ohio Archaeologist shortly after it was found. Mr. Suter passed the piece down to his son, Jerry, who has in turn given ownership of the treasured family artifact to his son, Tom, the new owner.

A CLASSIC DOVETAIL

The Suter family of Putnam County has been in possession of the multi-colored dovetail pictured here. Its actual origin is somewhat cloudy, as it was found among their maternal great grandmother’s effects after her demise. It is certain, however, that it is an Allen County piece. Perfect except for two slight nicks on the edge [possibly from farm equipment damage] it measures exactly four and three eighths inches in length by one and seven eighths inches in width.

2011
Best Ever #8 Winners

The winners in each class were given a plaque and permanently retired from best ever competition. Congratulations!

- Flint Projectile Point - Scott Banks
- Fluted Point - Perry County
- Flint Tool - Bob Montgomery
- Blade - Madison County
- Groundstone Tool - Shawn Meyers
- Grooved Adze - Huron County
- Slate Pendant or Gorget - Doug Hesson
- 2 Hole Gorget - Marion County
- Banner Stone - Ray Jordan
- Prismatic Banner - Wyandot County
- Miscellaneous Class - Ray Jordan
- Chlorite Bead - Marion County