

GLENN SPRAY DONATES ARTIFACTS TO KNOX COUNTY AG MUSEUM

by
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Glenn Spray, long time member of the ASO and Charter member of both the Flintridge (Newark) and Kokosing (Mt. Vernon) Chapters, donated select pre-historic native American Indian artifacts from his collection to the Knox County Agriculture Museum in 2010.

The display includes 88 flint points from all the pre-historic cultures and 5 stone tool artifacts. They represent the typical pre-historic artifacts found in central Ohio. This is just a small sample of the many artifacts found by Glenn on his farm and surrounding properties in Knox County, Ohio. Glenn has hunted artifacts since moving to his farm in 1940 from West Virginia.



The Sugarcreek Valley Chapter of The Archaeological Society of Ohio

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U. S. Army Corp of Engineers
Huntington District
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, WV 25701-2070

Dear Sirs:

It has come to our attention that Historic Zoar Village, the jewel of Tuscarawas County historical treasures, is now at risk. Seepage through the Zoar Levee has been detected during flood control events.

Zoar village represents more than a collection of old buildings. It is a cumulation of 114 years of communal effort, first as a religious and political entity and since the 1930's, a broader endeavor of both private and public efforts to save this cherished historic landmark of national importance.

Local residents have for generations worked and sacrificed to preserve both the values and archaeological important structures at the site. While the cheaper solutions may be appealing in this era of budget cutting, the site deserves both national historical landmark status and the repair and stabilizing of the levees. What we do here makes a statement about who we are and what we believe in. The destruction or relocation of the structures will destroy or diminish the importance of the site. Places like Zoar Village are rare and irreplaceable historic treasures as are the communal efforts of its residents to preserve it.

Sincerely,

SKEETER KISH
President

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
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