

## “Dealing with Finds – Archaeological Artefact Handling”

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 - 10.30am-4pm  
at the Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro, Cornwall.

To be led by **Anna Tyacke** – Cornwall Finds Liaison Officer & **Sarah Cooper** SW Fed County rep & Cornwall Collections Manager

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This workday should be of great interest to all museum staff working with archaeological artefacts and especially those responsible for finds.

This informal workshop will provide an overview of how to identify the archaeological artefacts that the public bring to your museum and what to do with them. It will give an introduction to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and look at the best ways of dealing with these enquiries.

You will also learn of the benefits of working with your local field walkers and metal detectorists and how to get the best out of the relationship.

Caroline Barton from the British Museum will explain the Treasure process and the laws of Treasure Trove and finally, there will be a handling session, with a selection of real artefacts including metal and pottery.

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### **FREE to anyone working or volunteering in a museum in the South West**

If you are interested in attending the work day, please return the enclosed booking form by the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2008 or contact Ed Bremner. To keep this workshop really hands-on, we have to keep the numbers low, so please do book your place as soon as possible.

This workshop is part of a series of Skill-sharing Workdays, on a range of topics, throughout the region brought to you by the South Western Federation of Museums & Art Galleries.

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For more information on this workday, please contact either:

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- 10:30 **Coffee** (Sarah Cooper – SW Fed Rep for Cornwall to chair)
- 10:45 **Introduction and the role of the Portable Antiquities Scheme** (Anna Tyacke – Cornwall Finds Liaison Officer) - *The Portable Antiquities Scheme is a voluntary recording scheme that has recorded over 200,000 items in 10 years and has now been extended by the government due to its success*
- 11:10 **Public enquires, a curators view** (Jane Marley, Curator of Archaeology & World cultures, RCM) – *Find out some of the best ways to deal with these enquiries and some best methods to deal with difficult items*
- 11:40 **The Benefits Field Walker and Metal detectorists to Museums** (Sarah Lloyd, Curator of Social History and Laura Pooley, Curatorial Assistant, RCM) – *A look at how useful these artefacts are to museums in both enriching the collections as well as displays, with instruction on artefact selection and labelling*
- 12:10 **A Finders View** (David Edwards, Metal detector user & Graham Hill, Field Walker) – *Find out what motivates him and how they work together to increase our knowledge of Cornish archaeology and to support their local museums and landowners*
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **The Treasure Process** (Caroline Barton, Treasure Registrar, British Museum) *In 1997 the laws of Treasure Trove were replaced with the 1996 Treasure Act. The Treasure Act is one of the few laws that protect archaeological artefacts – find out what this law entails*
- 14:20 **Artefact handling** Anna Tyacke (FLO) - *A chance to work with a selection of artefacts, both metal and pottery, found by metal detectorists and field walkers alike, that have been brought into the museum with advice on conservation and packaging*
- 16:00 **End**

Each session will finish 10 minutes early for any questions and answers on the subject.

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