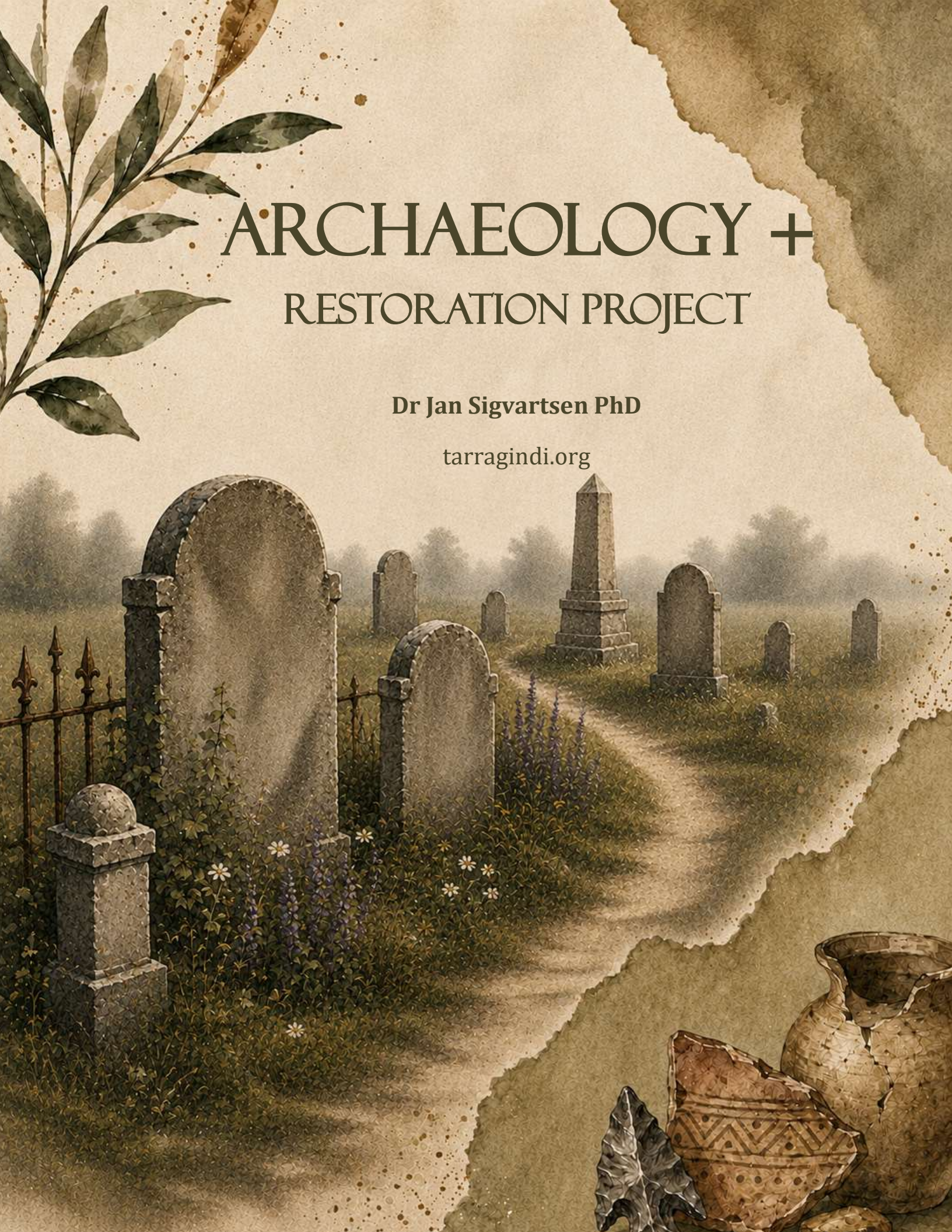




# ARCHAEOLOGY + RESTORATION PROJECT

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## Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project

CLASS TITLE: Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project (ages 10-20)  
TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16  
ADDITIONAL TIME POSSIBLE: Yes (if needed).  
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS: 16.5  
LOCATION (address): Long Lake Cemetery, next to 11087 Old US 31, Berrien Springs  
PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR: Dr Jan A. Sigvartsen PhD  
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### LOCATION REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS, IF REQUIRED:

- Orientation for all of Dr Sigvartsen's 12 History, Archaeology, and Genealogy classes will be held on: September 1 **OR** September 3, 6pm – 8pm, 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
- Your Local History Tour that gives context to your program will be held on: September 12 **OR** September 13, 3pm – 5pm.
- This class is then held every Monday, 4pm-6.30pm from September 14 – October 12.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: BA, MA, PhD

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To introduce students to the stories of some of the earliest settlers in Berrien Springs – the people who lived in and built this town - who are largely buried in the Long Lake Cemetery, Berrien Springs – one of the county's oldest cemeteries that has War of 1812 and Civil War veterans.
2. In learning about these real people and their (often difficult) lives, undertake a much-needed community service restoration project of this 190-year-old cemetery.
3. To teach students (and their parents) how to undertake stone restoration, cleaning, and preservation techniques, used by archaeologists and preservation experts. This is so they, in partnership with their communities, can care for stone statues, brick buildings, and monuments in our community in the future.

**SYLLABUS/OUTLINE:** Weekly approximate breakdown of activities:

#### Week 1 – 2 hours

*Orientation: at the Tarragindi Archaeology Dig site: 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.*

You will be required to sign a waiver and choose if you want to participate in photographs or not during this program. We will go over expectations and give you some background of the four groups of indigenous people, and three distinct waves of settlers who moved to Berrien Springs. We will talk about how Dr Jan's programs endeavor to use local history and archaeology as a catalyst to build belonging and a sense of place. Both can have very advantageous effects on your school work, your potential for success, and your future career.

## **Week 2 – 2 hours**

*Local History Tour: This semester we are going to Fernwood Botanical Gardens for our local history tour – our treat for you and one parent/guardian, if they want to join us. Siblings not registered in the program or additional parents/grandparents/guardians are welcome, but are responsible for paying for their own discounted entry fee.*

*Fernwood Botanical Gardens is located at: 13988 Range Line Rd, Niles, MI 49120. Park in the carpark, wait on the patio outside for Dr Jan so we can go in together.*

Did you know that a Native American trail went right through this garden and its landscape in the St Joseph river valley makes it almost perfect for settlement both now and 10,000 years ago. We will walk around this historic garden and hear stories of how this beautiful space came about in our community, and over the past 200 years was developed by different people.

## **Week 3 – 2.5 hours**

*Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project – Long Lake Cemetery, next to 11087 Old US 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103*

We will tour the cemetery and introduce students to some of the earliest settlers in our community who came west 200 years ago on covered wagons – at 20 miles a day – and built our town. We will also talk about stone monument restoration techniques and products. We will start our restoration project.

## **Week 4 – 2.5 hours**

*Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project – Long Lake Cemetery, next to 11087 Old US 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49013*

Focus family: the Marrs (Mars) Family – Mars Elementary in Berrien Springs was named after the Mars family. We will continue our restoration project, and learn more about the people whose memorials we are respectfully restoring from newspaper articles, early settler records, and genealogy resources.

## **Week 5 – 2.5 hours**

*Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project – Long Lake Cemetery, next to 11087 Old US 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49013*

Focus family: the Simpson Family – was one of the largest family groups to move to Berrien Springs and their son, William, was the original owner of the Tarragindi Archaeology Dig site property. We will continue our restoration project, and learn more about the people whose memorials we are respectfully restoring from newspaper articles, early settler records, and genealogy resources.

## **Week 6 – 2.5 hours**

*Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project – Long Lake Cemetery, next to 11087 Old US 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49013*

Focus family: the Johnson Family – John Johnson was the first permanent settler in Berrien County. He walked to Berrien County from Southern Indiana in 1824, but moved to Long Lake in what is now Berrien Springs in 1826 with his wife. They were just 24-years-old. While he is buried in his family cemetery in Niles, his children are buried in the Long Lake Cemetery. We will continue our restoration project, and learn more about the people whose memorials we are respectfully restoring from newspaper articles, early settler records, and genealogy resources.

## **Week 7 – 2.5 hours**

*Archaeology Plus – Restoration Project – Long Lake Cemetery, next to 11087 Old US 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49013*

Focus Family: The Hand Family – Michael Hand was a prominent community leader and one of the first representatives from this area to serve on the Michigan State Legislature. We will continue our restoration project, and learn more about the people whose memorials we are respectfully restoring from newspaper articles, early settler records, and genealogy resources.

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**STUDENT ASSESSMENT** - In addition to the 2 items below, what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Students agree to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Unexcused absences resulting in failure to meet 80% threshold may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The rubric is found on the teacher's online attendance sheet. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, excessive absences, etc. may result in program discontinuation.
- 3) Other class-specific assessment: Engagement in the program, follow through with instruction, and participation in project.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:** (online, books, video, etc.):

[www.tarragindi.org/resources](http://www.tarragindi.org/resources) - page on our website giving links to local history resources.

## **CLASS-SPECIFIC POLICIES:**

**Attendance:** Students are to attend each week. If they cannot make it one week, we are happy to reschedule or have them attend one of our other archaeology classes that has some crossover content.

**Behavior:** To be careful, listen to instructions, wear your safety gear, identify everything you like about others (not what you don't like about them – ancient and settler communities succeeded through team work), zero tolerance of bullying, report bullying, have fun!

**Weather:** If it is raining, the class will be canceled and all students emailed. Dr Sigvartsen will still go down to the site to ensure everyone got his email message.

**Other:** Do not undertake restoration work at the cemetery on your own time, or when Dr Sigvartsen is not there. He has special permission from Berrien Township to supervise this restoration, due to his professional qualifications. Be kind to the neighbors by parking in the designated areas, being courteous, and keeping the noise down.