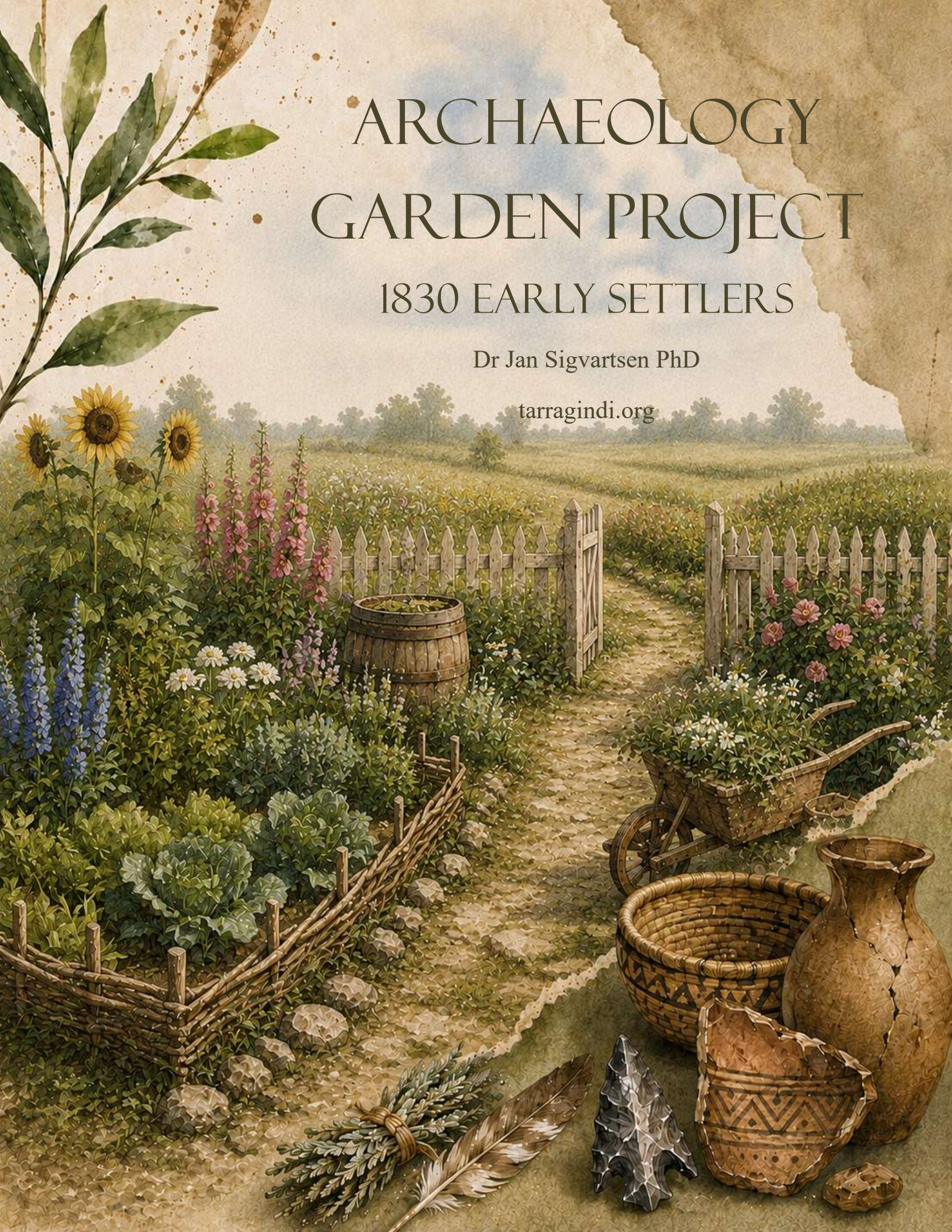


ARCHAEOLOGY GARDEN PROJECT

1830 EARLY SETTLERS

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Archaeology Garden Project – 1800s Early Settlers

CLASS TITLE: Archaeology Garden Project – 1800s Early Settlers

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16.5

ADDITIONAL TIME POSSIBLE: No

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LOCATION (address): 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR: Dr Jan A. Sigvartsen PhD

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LOCATION REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS, CLASS TIMES

- 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 Tuesday, from September 8 – October 6, 10am - 12.30pm

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: BA, MA, PhD

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To allow students to learn and experience the total self-sufficiency of the people who moved to this region 200 years ago.
2. To recreate an 1800s Early Settler garden that they would have planted upon their arrival.
3. To teach local history in an engaging, experiential way with the view of students developing belonging and a sense of place in their local community by connecting with these early residents from their home town.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: Weekly approximate breakdown of activities:

Week 1 – 2 hours (September 1 **OR** September 3, 6pm – 8pm)

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.

Week 2 – 2.5 hours (September 8, 10am – 12.30pm)

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Using the Tarragindi property, we will recreate an Early Settler period self-sufficiency garden using research from the period. We will also identify both perennial and annual plants these early settlers used for their food, medicine, and for pollination. We will plot out the garden and orient it to the south.

Week 2 (second class) – 2 hours (Saturday, September 12 OR Sunday, September 13, 3pm – 5pm)

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.

They are located at: 13988 Range Line Rd, Niles, MI 49120. Park in the carpark, wait on the patio outside for Dr Jan.

Did you know that a Native American trail went right through this area 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 over the past 200 years and was developed by different people over time.

Week 3 – 2.5 hours (September 15, 10am – 12.30pm)

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We will start creating the garden itself, and creating a barrier/fence to keep out deer and critters.

Week 4 – 2.5 hours (September 22, 10am – 12.30pm)

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We will continue creating the garden, and creating a barrier/fence to keep out deer and critters.

Week 5 – 2.5 hours (September 29, 10am – 12.30pm)

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We will complete the garden itself, and start planting it with period appropriate perennial plants, based on our research of the period. (Annual plants will be planted in the Spring 2027 semester.)

Week 6 – 2.5 hours (October 6, 10am – 12.30pm)

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We will finish planting the perennial component, and plant food crop trees that early settlers planted on their properties – a condition in some regions for claiming land.

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.

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.

- 2) Other class-specific assessment: Engagement in the program, follow through with instruction, and participation in research of artifacts found.

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

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 enter the Tarragindi property or dig site when Dr Sigvartsen is not there. Be kind to the neighbors by parking in the designated areas, being courteous, and keeping the noise down.