



## HTHS NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACT COLLECTION

By Amy Wolfe

Visitors to Nitre Hall are invited to examine the Society's newly mounted Native American Artifact Exhibit. This exciting collection is on permanent display in the library.

In the spring of 2017 local archeologist and volunteer Mike Lenert, husband of board member Deb Lenert, completed an examination of nearly one hundred artifacts recovered in Haverford Township and gifted to the Society. He identified each item by age, material and function. They include projectile points, knives, hand mauls, stone axes and pestles, and were used for woodworking, hunting, butchering and food preparation. Also in the collection are a few pottery sherds and an ornamental pendant.

The items were crafted by the Lenape, the indigenous people of the region. Mike found that the artifacts date from a few hundred to thousands of years ago, a humble reminder that the history of our area did not begin with the arrival of Europeans. "We live in such a wonderfully historic town," says Mike, "and now this collection clearly documents a human past in our township that stretches even farther back into history!"



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