

Robert Bickensderfer Profiles PaleoAmericans, 1960s, 1970s

Robert Bickensderfer looks at a headdress and vest from his collection of Indian relics. The vest is made of leather, rattlesnake skins, and beads.



Robert Blickensderfer, better known as “Blic,” of Blic’s Studio & Photo supply, travels thousands of miles searching for Indian artifacts each year, and he is considered an authority on the subject.

Bob Blic
carefully
catalogues his
Paleo-Indian
Collection. He
is looking over
some recent
finds from the
Lake City,
Pennsylvania
area.





Rugs, pottery, crude tools of earlier years, as well as an elaborate feather headdress are in the Conneaut man's collection.

AUCTION - 3 3/4" TAN ARCHAIC STEMMED (PROHOBITION)
 TAN ADENA 1.00 (COSH. CO.)
 " - DARK GREY PALE-PLANO 100 (STARK CO.)
 " - BLUE GREY KNIFE 1.00 (STARK CO.)
 " - BLACK 3 5/8" KNIFE 1.50 (TUSCAR)
 " - BLACK 3 3/4" KNIFE 2.00 (TUSCAR)
 " - VARIOUS STEMMED POINTS @75¢ (COSH. CO.)
 THRU
 THRU " - VARIOUS POINTS (KNOX CO.)
 ALSO (COSH. CO.)
 FOLLOWING POINTS MARKED "AL" PURCHASED IN BERGHOLZ,
 OHIO AT ARCH. SOCIETY MEETING ON JUNE 18, 1972, FROM
 NORTHERN ALABAMA - PRICE \$1.00 EACH
 RED STEMMED
 PALE PINK STEMMED
 RED STEMMED
 MEDIUM GREY KNIFE 3 1/8"
 CHERT OVATE KNIFE 3 5/8" LONG 1 7/8" WIDE
 FOLLOWING POINTS G93 THRU G103 GIVEN TO MICHAEL B.
 BY MRS. CHARLIE (LAURA) POWELL FALL OF 1971. SHOULD ALL
 BE OHIO FARM FINDS.
 BEAUTIFUL BLACK ADENA - PERFECT! 2 5/8"
 BLACK ADENA - 3 1/4", TIP MISSING
 GREY FLINT RIDGE, SIDE NOTCH, FLARING BASE
 ARCHAIC " BLACK FLINT RIDGE, STEMMED, SERRATED
 GREY CORNER NOTCHED (SNYDER'S?) 2 1/8"
 " MOTTLED GREY, CORNER NOTCHED, SERRATED
 BLACKISH BROWN, STEMMED 1 1/2"
 DARK GREY DOUBLE ENDED DRILL
 CRUDE DULL GREY CHERT

It has been almost a lifetime hobby
 with Bob Blic, and he is as
 enthusiastic about a good area find
 as one from Arizona or other area
 far from Conneaut. Each item is
 carefully catalogued.

Bob Blic
meticulously kept
records of his Amer
collection of relics
on the pages of his
catalogue.

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1 200 SHEHANGO RES. (SITE B) BROKEN BASE 'WORKSHOP' SITE
201 THRU 207 " " - SCRAPERS, WORKED PIECES, "
1 208 " " - SHALLOW NOTCHED POINT
209 " " - SCRAPER POINT, ROAD BED, "
MOST OF ABOVE SHEHANGO FINDS WERE FROM A
SMALL POINT WITHIN A 20 MINUTE PERIOD...
210 SHEHANGO RES. (SITE C) - BASE ONLY, GRAY FLINT...
211 " " " - GRAY FLINT SCRAPER
1" 212 IV " " " - THICK, SHALLOW NOTCHED
1" 213 01 " " " - BASE ONLY, BLACK SERRATED LG. CROY
1" 214 " " " - NICE, TWO-TONE TAN, WIDE BASE, SIDE
" " " NOTCHED HUNTING HEAD, (BEACH
" " " AREA WHERE LG. CROY WAS FOUND...
1" 215 " " " - THIN, CHERT, CORNER NOTCHED POINT?
14 Annual Pilgrimage to Flint Ridge - our favorite cow-field.
15 216 FLINT RIDGE - SEPT '72 - SIDE NOTCHED CHERT POINT - FLAT FIELD
15 217 " " " - BLACK, THIN, CORNER NOTCHED, CONCAVE BACK
15 218 " " " - LARGE PINK SCRAPER - $2\frac{5}{8}$ "
1 219 " " " - WHITE FLINT "
1 220 " " " - LITE TAN RECT. KNIFE - $3\frac{1}{16}$ "
1 221 " " " - TWO-TONE GREY SCRAPER
1 222 " " " - BLACK, TIP ONLY FROM LARGE SPEAR
1 223 " " " - " " SLENDER "
1 224 " " " - OFF WHITE, TIP HALF, WELL WORKED
1 225 " " " - MULTI-COLORED GREY, LOWER HALF OF CIR
" " " HEA NOTCHED LARGE SPEAR - BY FRAN.
1 226 " " " - VARIOUS FLAKE KNIVES, WORKED BUTTER
1 227 Flint Ridge, Sept '72 - COIN SCRAPER, ISLAND HORN, JAHNSONIAN, CR.

Among the interesting items in his collection are the Paleo points. Although the Paleo-Indian period is said to have not been specifically dated east of the Mississippi, it is believed to date from about 12,000 B.C. to 8,000 B.C. in the Ohio area.



Fluted points are from one to six inches in size and two and a half to three inches long. Materials vary, but Flint Ridge material was used, although early hunters apparently preferred fine black flint found in eastern and southeastern Ohio.





Tools in a Paleo-Indian workshop.
Left to right: three drills, three rectangular knives, bifurcated drill, knife - regular, three scrapers.



In the background a Navajo rug frames artifacts from the Columbia River area In the foreground are several celts, blades, points, a Pre-Columbian pottery head, and a Peace Pipe.

Paleo Points from Ashtabula County.





Indian points (arrowheads) drills, and triangles (arrowheads_ from the Conneaut Area shown mounted.

Paleo-Indian tools shown are: top - skinning tool found at Elk Creek; left - three-inch-wide blade; middle - banner stone, and a bear's tooth found at Fort Hill in Conneaut, and at right, a knife with a flint ridge.



These colorful
Indian dolls are a
part of the Indian
collection.



Cheryl Golden, who is employed at Blic's Studio, demonstrates how a headdress was worn.

Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Golden, Hatches Corner Road.



Blic explored Indian culture for over twenty years and collected many Indian artifacts from all over the United States and from Ashtabula County. He was a member of the Ohio Archeological Society and the Conneaut Archeological Society.

In 1971, working with the Conneaut Archeological Society, Blic was part of the team conducting archaeological digs in a 5,000-year-old burial site. The team discovered major Indian findings in the Fort Hill area including flint and pottery fragments, molds of structures, and three Indian skeletal remains.



