Avocational archaeologists and organizations are a primary source for increasing our knowledge base about any region. Cooperation between professional and avocational archaeologists is one key to understanding the past of any region. Avocational archaeologists often know the locations of sites that are threatened with imminent destruction and can provide important background information and context about sites and regional resources. Avocational organizations, local historical societies, and other public and/or quasi-public organizations provide excellent outlets for the dissemination of information to the public.

This past year, contact was maintained or initiated with several groups and individuals who provided information and/or labor for field and laboratory projects and other collaborations, including the:

Wisconsin Archaeological Society
Kenosha County Archaeological Society
Rock River Valley Archaeological Society
Archaeological Rescue, Inc.

Arch Rescue, a non-profit group of avocational and professional archaeologists who have been very active in southeast Wisconsin for several decades, is now in residence at our Archaeological Research Laboratory. The group has provided considerable volunteer labor on the Trimborn Farm excavations, and we are working on cooperative efforts to finish laboratory analyses and reporting for several sites.