

## 2014 LOVELAND STONE AGE FAIR

### Biography

#### **Dr. Richard Michael Gramly**

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Dr. Gramly, who is retired from teaching and museum work, administrates a national organization of amateur scientists. He found his first Paleo-American stone

tool in 1964 at the West Athens Hill site in New York's Hudson River valley; it sparked his interest in the peopling of the New World, which continues undiminished. Gramly received a BS in Geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and graduate degrees in Anthropology from Harvard University. His areas of fieldwork have been Kenya, Tanzania, Costa Rica, Peru, Canada (Labrador and Ontario), and 27 states apart from his native New York State. Currently he is focusing on the origin of the Cumberland Tradition and late manifestations of the Clovis Tradition.



Title of Talk: ***THE ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF THE CUMBERLAND TRADITION***

The origin of fluted points, which has long been a research question of North American archaeology, has never been explained adequately. Failure to address this question stems from erroneous assumptions about the age and cultural position of Cumberland. It can be argued that the oldest Cumberland vestiges are older than Clovis and that Clovis developed from Cumberland. Further, Folsom is a terminal manifestation of the Cumberland Tradition in the West.