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WHAT'S IT?



Fig. 1 Side view. PHOTO: © 2022 Archer "Buck" Noble

ARTIFACT 20-05

SPECIFICATIONS:

Material: Iron.

Length: 420mm (~16.5")

Width at business end: 223mm (~8.75")

Diameter at handle: 125mm (~5.85")

Greatest Diameter: 280mm (~11")

CLUES & QUESTIONS:

Keeping Your Edge Without Injury

It's always good to have an "edge", but as many of us know, being on the cutting edge has its disadvantages. Forward looking thinkers/creators are often targets of ridicule: Socrates, Mendel, Edison, etc., but there are ways to

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Fig. 2 Side view. PHOTO: © 2022 Archer "Buck" Noble

“buffer” the introduction of “sharp edge” thinking/creations. This artifact is a literal example of buffering cutting-edge technology.

Another clue as to how this artifact functions involves it being one-way ratcheted—it only rotates clockwise and is locked anti-clockwise. Best of luck in being on the cutting edge and predicting what this device might be!

—Cheers... Archer Lowell Noble Jr., aka Buck

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HOW THIS WORKS:

Every so often an artifact will be on display in the Seymour Library near the information desk and also be posted simultaneously on the Museum website. Seeing the artifact in person at the Library is best because there it can be viewed from different angles and distances (touching the artifact is not allowed).

YOUR GUESS?

Prediction cards can be found near the exhibit display at the Seymour Library and on this page. Fill either card out and return it to “Ye Olde Prediction Box” near the exhibit display.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to everyone.

DEADLINE

All entries must be received by: **November 21, 2022**

ANSWERS

Answers will be available near the exhibit display at the Seymour Library and published on the museum website around **December 5, 2022** when the next artifact will go on display.


PRIZES

There are NO prizes, but winning entrants names will be posted. (unless you indicate otherwise on the prediction card).

PREDICTION CARD

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Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Contact info (voluntary): _____


Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Artifact Number: _____ What do you think this object might be, and how would it be used?

Continue on back of card, if necessary.




Scan the QR code for more details!



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BACKGROUND

“WHAT’S IT?” has been a feature of the BCM website since its inception in 2007. In 2017 Brockport Community Museum board member Archer “Buck” Noble, a Brockport Central School District teacher (now retired) developed “The Mystery of History” school project that encouraged fourth and fifth grade students to use observational and investigative techniques to help determine the type and use of different historic artifacts.

That project was introduced to the general public during a Brockport Community Museum outreach presence at the 2017 Brockport Sidewalk Sale. That success led to this collaboration between the Brockport Community Museum, Seymour Library and Brockport Central School District.

GET INVOLVED

- **Take your best guess** regarding the current artifact.
- **Do you have an artifact** you would like to know more about? Open your query to a larger audience.
- **Have a suggestion** about how we can improve this project?

If so...

Leave your contact information in “Ye old prediction box” near the exhibit display.

CREDITS

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