

The Ancient Ohio Art Series

"The Late Woodland Period"

ca., 1,500 - 1,100 BP

Panel 5 of 6



The lives of the Late Woodland people revolved around their villages such as this one situated along the Scioto River in central Ohio. There the people raised crops such as squash, sunflowers, and other seed-bearing plants. Hunting was still an important occupation for the men and boys, although they were now shifting from spears to the bow and arrow as their main weapon. For the women and girls, making pottery and weaving were probably frequent tasks. Unlike the pottery, woven textiles, baskets, and mats have not been preserved, however, they were probably important commodities for clothing, containers, and household furnishings. Dogs, such as the one here, probably accompanied the Paleoindians, the Archaic people, and Early and Middle Woodland societies as well. Besides assisting in hunting and providing security, the animals were likely also appreciated for their companionship. This artwork is based on evidence from the Water Plant and Zencor/Scioto Trail sites in Franklin County and the Lichliter site in Montgomery County.

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