



The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. Newsletter Fall 2023

President's Message:

Hello SPA! I trust that each of you has had a safe and enjoyable summer. Seems like the beginning of spring - and its highly anticipated burst of wildflowers after a long winter - was just last week. Now, I'm thinking of firewood...

I'm thrilled to serve as newly-elected President of SPA. I hope to meet as many members as I can during my term, especially by attending SPA chapter meetings and events. Please feel free to contact me for a visit and talk at your meetings (chuckwilliams2019@outlook.com). I'm big on outreach, and I'd especially love to learn from you.

For those of you who don't know me, I go by Chuck and I'm an informal person. I'm both a biologist and archaeologist, having been a professor of biology at Clarion University (now Pennsylvania Western University - Clarion) for 15 years. I moved into distance education in 2009 and am now Lead Faculty in Natural Sciences for Columbia Southern University in Alabama. I teach biology and ecology online, and supervise faculty in biology, chemistry, and physics.

How did I get into archaeology? Like many of you, I've been intrigued by archaeology since I was young. I grew up in the Delaware River Valley, an area rich in cultural history - Lenape, English, Swedish/Finnish and many others. But in later years, as a biologist in northwestern Pennsylvania, my research on the historical ecology of forests and rivers of the region often led me to archaeology for answers to many research questions. To formalize my connection to archaeology, and desire to learn more, I went back to graduate school and earned an MA in Archaeology and Heritage from the University of Leicester in England, graduating in 2020. My thesis focused on charcoal-makers (colliers) and charcoal production in the 19th century iron industry of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where my wife Kim and I currently reside. I continue my research on the archaeology of the 19th century iron industry in northwestern Pennsylvania, as well as landscape and industrial archaeology in the region, and of course, field biology.

SPA has had a very successful 2023 thus far, with a wonderful Annual Meeting in Dubois in April, and a great Civil War Tour in June. More good things are coming down the pike, from Archaeology Month in October 2023 - Harrisburg, Meadowcroft, the Arkhaios Film Festival in Pittsburgh, and events elsewhere - to the SPA Annual Meeting in Carlisle in April 2024. Hope to see you there!

Finally, I'd like to thank Kira Heinrich for her service as President of SPA. Her guidance during, and after the pandemic, is especially appreciated. Cheers to Kira!

Yours in archaeology,

Chuck Williams

Look for SPA membership renewal notices for 2024.

Mailing soon!! Forms available on the SPA website at:

www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Summer Field Trips Are Back! SPA 2023

For the first time since the start of the pandemic in 2020, we were able to have a full-scale summer field trip in June. Twenty-three SPA members, their family members, and friends participated in this year's trip, "The Archaeology of Civil War Battlefields", which took place between June 8 and June 11. Our bus trip was a modified version of the trip we had planned but had to cancel in 2020, and it felt like a return to the fun trips we had together before Covid.

Since everyone was from Western Pennsylvania this year, we took the bus together from New Stanton to Gettysburg on the afternoon of Thursday June 8 where we checked into the 1863 Hotel in downtown Gettysburg. This allowed some of us to explore a little of Gettysburg before dinner and several of us visited Ronn Palm's Museum of Civil War Images. This fascinating place has regimental pictures and memorabilia with an emphasis on the Pennsylvania regiments in which some of our ancestors served. That evening we had a tasty orientation dinner at Sweney's Tavern in the Historic Farnsworth House.



Participants on the 2023 Field Trip

On Friday morning the bus took us to Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, MD, where a major battle in 1862 stopped Lee's first attempt to invade the north. Here, after viewing the orientation video, we were met by Dr. Stephen Potter, Former Regional Archaeologist, National Capitol Region and Karen Orrence, NPS Capitol Region Archaeologist. A lot of archaeology has been done at Antietam by these archaeologists. Through his lecture and handouts as well as a walk through parts of the battlefield Dr. Potter gave us a good understanding of what archaeology has added to the story of this battle. Most notable was the way archaeological recording of the precise locations for exploded and unexploded shells and bullets on the battlefield can clarify exactly what happened in a battle. This is in part because of the different ammunition used by different armies and regiments. It really was a fascinating morning, and we could easily have spent more time at Antietam with Dr. Potter.

After a picnic lunch, we went to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park where we had a lecture by Darlene Hassler, CRM Specialist, 106 Coordinator and Archaeologist, about NPS archaeological work, especially investigations of the area of the armory which she directed. Harper's Ferry, located at the confluence of the Shenandoah and the Potomac has an extensive record of human use extending back to at least Late Archaic times. Here a National Army was constructed in 1799 that



Dr. Stephen Potter addressing our group near Antietam's Bloody Lane

became the target of

John Brown's

famous raid in 1859, but Harpers Ferry also was strategically important during the Civil War, changing hands eight times.

Besides this, it is an important place in black history as the site of Storer College one of the first places to offer higher education to African Americans. There's a lot of archaeology here, and our lecture gave us a sense of how complicated the task of documenting and preserving is for the National Park Service.

After the lecture, we had free time to explore the grounds of the armory and the town on our own before our bus picked us up at the end of the day.



Darlene Hassler addressing the group at Harper's Ferry

We spent Friday evening in Winchester, Virginia with some of us finding dinner in the Historic Old Town. In the morning we learned a little about Union General Phillip Sheridan's Shenandoah campaign against the Confederate General Jubal Early in 1864. Although most of us don't know much about this campaign it was a turning point in the Civil War shifting the balance toward Union forces. We visited an important battlefield in this campaign, braving a cow pasture to get a sense of the lay of the land and how it contributed to the Battle of Fishers Hill near Strasburg, VA.

Then it was on to Manassas National Battlefield in Manassas, Virginia. There were two significant battles here, First Manassas in 1861 and Second Manassas in 1862. These are also called First and Second Bull Run. Both battles were won by the Confederates with the First Manassas being the first major battle of the Civil War and the Union loss a shock to many northerners. Here we met Karen Orrence, NPS Capitol Region Archaeologist, and other NPS archaeologists once again. We also saw the NPS film and then had a fabulous battlefield tour focusing on First Manassas led by long-term NPS Ranger Jim Burgess. At the end of this tour most of us visited the stone house where wounded soldiers carved their names and initials while waiting for care. Following the walking tour, over our picnic lunch, Karen Orrence told us the story of the finding and investigating the surgeon's pit at Manassas. Found by accident, this pit contained disarticulated limbs that show surgery techniques of that era. However, the ultimate disposition of these remains is still in dispute as the NPS, the Smithsonian Institution, the SHPO, and the DOD sort out the various claims and authorities.



Participants exploring the Fishers Hill Battlefield

By mid-afternoon, our bus was headed back to Gettysburg, where we stopped at the Gettysburg National Cemetery where over 6000 soldiers are buried. Just off the edge of this cemetery, as it was dedicated, Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address. It was meaningful to stop here as it reinforced the sense of how many lives were lost in the Civil War. Saturday evening, we spent the night at the 1863 Inn once again and found dinner on our own though a number of us gathered to socialize in the empty breakfast area that evening.



Wounded soldiers' carvings into the floor molding at Manassas' Stone House

On Sunday we wrapped up the trip with an exploration of the Gettysburg National Military Park. We started at the Visitors Center where we viewed the introductory film and then had presentations on NPS archaeology at Gettysburg given by Jeff Irwin, NPS

Cultural Resource Manager, and Kaitlyn Ball, NPS Archaeological Technician. A highlight of this was the chance to examine some artifacts recovered from work around Devils Den and Little Roundtop. We wrapped up our time at the Visitors Center by viewing the panoramic Cyclorama painting. Painted by



Viewing the Cyclorama painting

French artist Paul Philippoteaux, this huge painting is a rare surviving example of a very popular art form that was used to dramatize events in the 19th Century. If you have not seen this painting in its relatively new setting, it is worth a visit as the multimedia presentation is excellent.



Examining artifacts with NPS archaeologists at Gettysburg

Following our picnic lunch, we were met by licensed Gettysburg Guide Debra Novotny. Originally from the Uniontown area, she has had a lifelong interest in all things Gettysburg, where she spent many years

teaching history at Gettysburg High School. She also became one of the first female licensed guides and is now one of the longest serving guides. We understood why, as the battlefield bus tour she led us on was informative and very fun. Many of us wished that our high school history teachers had been more like Ms. Novotny!

Following our bus tour, the bus headed back to New Stanton, where we picked up our cars and went home. It was another full field trip. Though our focus was on the archaeology associated with the battlefields and museums we visited,



Guide Debra Novotny and our intrepid bus driver, George Rinehart at a stop on the Gettysburg battlefield

we managed to get some sense of the Civil War events that took place as well. I know I came away with a deepened sense of exactly what happened and of how archaeology can help tell the story of battlefield events. I also gained greater appreciation for the work of NPS archaeologists and rangers. There was certainly lots more that we could have seen and done at each stop, and many of us remarked on wanting to return to explore further. This was especially true with regard to the lesser known places in the Shenandoah Valley like Fishers Hill. However, as always on our field trips, it was especially fun to travel to these places and learn with and from fellow SPA members, many of whom know a lot about the Civil War already. Perhaps this is the less obvious part of these field trips. Besides learning about the archaeology of places and times besides our own, we also get to know each other and share our common interest in all things archaeological.

If you'd like to see more pictures and learn more about our experience, there is more on the story of our trip by John Nass posted on the SPA website (www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com). We hope to see others on future field trips. Look for information in the winter newsletter about what we are planning for 2024, and plan to join us!

News from the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO)

This summer the PASS program welcomed [PHMC Keystone Intern](#) Rhiannon Flaig, an undergraduate majoring in archaeology at Millersville University. During her internship, Rhiannon was able to go on several site visits with PA SHPO staff, conduct preliminary field investigations, and help avocational archaeologists record sites in PA-SHARE. However, her main task was updating site records with information found in the SPA's journal: *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. Since the 1930s, the SPA has collected and shared information on hundreds of archaeological sites through the publication of the journal which includes contributions from both professional and avocational archaeologists. The journal articles contain valuable site information however, for a multitude of reasons, that information rarely made it to the official site record. It has been a long-standing project at the PA SHPO to go through the journal and update the PASS files and with Rhiannon's help we were able to complete it. Rhiannon updated records with artifacts, features, dates, and any other pertinent details gleaned from the articles. As a result of this project, 175 site records were updated.



When Rhiannon wasn't combing through issues of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*, she was out in the field learning about the various roles the PA SHPO plays in preserving the history of the Commonwealth. She was able to lend a hand excavating at the Shoop Site (36DA0020) with Kurt Carr and help PA SHPO staff archaeologists prepare for survey at Pithole City in Venango County. Further details on Rhiannon's internship experience can be found on the [PA SHPO's Blog](#). We sincerely thank Rhiannon for all her hard work this summer and for helping improve the PASS files!

Kurt Carr and Rhiannon Flaig looking at the stratigraphy at the Shoop Site (36DA0020).

In partnership with PennDOT, the PA SHPO is working to refine the Hardyston Jasper Prehistoric Archaeological District. The Hardyston formation, located in eastern Pennsylvania, was initially investigated in the 1890s by Henry Mercer who documented several jasper quarry sites including the largest quarries- Vera Cruz (36LH0012) and Macungie (36LH0011) in Lehigh County. The area was further investigated by James W. Hatch, David Anthony, and Daniel Roberts in advance of the I-78 highway construction project in the 1980s. These surveys resulted in the discovery of numerous quarries and quarry related workshop areas in the region. In a 1988 publication, Anthony and Roberts officially defined the boundaries and site criteria that compose the Hardyston Jasper Prehistoric Archaeological District. At the time, the district included 176 sites disturbed throughout Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton counties. The sites range in age from Paleoindian through Late Woodland and document the changing use of jasper mining and tool technology.

For practical reasons the district was not mapped or defined as a district in PA SHPO records and as a result an undefined number of sites that likely meet the criteria for inclusion were never evaluated. Due to intense development in the region, the PA SHPO is reevaluating the PASS data to formally designate a district, refine the boundaries, and identify and evaluate sites for inclusion. If you have any information that can aid in this endeavor, please contact Taylor Napoleon at tnapoleon@pa.gov.



*View of quarry depression at the Vera Cruz (36LH0012).
Photo dated August 24, 1967*

2023 James W. Hatch Scholarship awards

Hatch Award: The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC), In cooperation with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA), will award scholarships to enable students of archaeology to attend the annual joint SPA/PAC meeting.



Three students were awarded the James W. Hatch award for 2023. **Sophia Velto**, a senior at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva NY., who is working with Amy Covell-Murthy at Carnegie Museum on an internship.



Amanda Telep, a grad student at IUP.



Lucien (Luke) Nicosia, a grad student at IUP
At right

Dual Award winner

2023 W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship Recipient



Amanda Telep received the 2023 Kinsey Scholarship for her presentation of an investigation at the Keith House, Bucks county. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and GPS collection of ground features was conducted by the PennDOT Highway Archaeological Survey Crew (PHAST) of which Amanda is a crew member. This historic property was home to Sir William Keith, the first Provincial Governor of Pennsylvania (1717-1726). Numerous excavations have occurred at the site, but the location of the enslaved quarters mentioned in historic documents had not been located. PHAST identified areas for potential future excavation at this historic site as they seek to improve and enhance the story of the peoples who lived at this site.

SPA Annual Awards

The SPA Awards are given to members who do dedicated work at the chapter and state levels and who should be recognized for that work. The nominations for these awards have been sparse in recent years. Whether it be due to the disruption on the pandemic or due to disruptions in chapter activity, we need to stop and take account of the work being done by individual members of the SPA and of chapter members. Please consider nominating a hard working member of your chapter for these awards.

Qualifications for the awards, nomination forms and lists of past recipients are available on our website at www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com under awards.

The committee members feel there are individuals who qualify for all three individual awards. It is up to the chapters to nominate individuals for the awards. The committee will work towards better communication with the membership to insure that there is at least one nomination for each of the award categories.

Information about the updated annual awards for 2024 will be available after January 1, 2024. Please consult the SPA website for downloading the nomination form and the nomination criteria. The due date for nominations has not yet been set, but is usually four weeks before the annual meeting.

Questions about the award process should be directed to John Nass at nass81@breezeline.net.

Awards 2023



Only two nominations were submitted to the committee for consideration this current award season.

The committee presented the **Archey Award to Carl Maurer**, Mon-Yough Chapter #3. His nomination was submitted on behalf of his chapter.

Carl has been involved with the SPA for more than 30 years. His initial involvement was with the Paul Stewart Chapter based at Waynesburg College. There he participated in the testing of several pre-contact sites in Greene County. In the early 1970s, he helped with the salvage excavation of the Meadows Mound (36Wh276). This multi-year project culminated in an article written by him on the excavation that was published in 1975 in the Pennsylvania Archaeologist 44(3).

After a hiatus, Carl became active again as a member of the reactivated Mon-Yough Chapter #3 in 2010, serving as president of the chapter, and as the chapter treasurer, a position he held for nearly 10 years. Carl played a key role in the chapter's hosting of two state meetings, 2012 and 2019.

Carl volunteered at the Bluff site (36Gr3), a CRM sponsored excavation in 2007-2008, and helped with the analysis of the debitage from the site. Between 2015 and 2017, he directed volunteers testing the Shriver Site, a multicomponent pre-contact site in Greene County. The largest component is Late Archaic. The analysis of the lithic artifacts is still ongoing.

Carl has always attended the Meadowcroft Archaeology Workshop. Rather than attend the papers, he opted to spend the day identifying artifacts for the public.

Most recently, the recipient has played a significant role in the ongoing excavation of the Green Tree Tavern Stand site in Fayette County, as well as helping supervise the processing and cataloguing of the artifacts from the site, dedicating 3-4 days a week at the site or at our lab at the Green County Historical Society. The tavern dates between ca. 1815 and 1850. Not bad for a person in his 80s. Recently, the recipient stepped down as chapter treasurer to focus on recruitment of new members to insure the long-term viability of the chapter.

Well done, Carl!

John Witthoft Award

John Nass Chapter #3 & Ken Burkett



The **Mon-Yough Chapter #3** received the **John Witthoft Award** for the most new SPA members and/or reinstated the most delinquent SPA members in the calendar year of 2022.

The **Westmoreland Archaeological Society Chapter #23** received the **Frances Dorrance Award** for the most newly recorded sites and/or submitted the most site updates with the Pennsylvania



Archaeology Site Survey (PASS) at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in the previous calendar year.



Taylor Napoleon and Jim Barno Chapter #23

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

At the Annual Awards Banquet, Janet Johnson was singled out by the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council with a plaque on the occasion of her semi-retirement. The plaque reads:

The PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Recognizes Janet Johnson

For her over 30 years of service to the Pennsylvania State Museum as Curator in the Archaeology Section, and to the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, and the Council, in



the interpretation and promotion of archaeology and history of Pennsylvania.

News from the State Museum Fall 2023



Please join us in welcoming our new Senior Curator of Archaeology at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, **Paul Nasca**. Paul brings three decades of archaeological and curatorial experience with him, most recently as the Delaware State Curator of Archaeology. Prior to his time in Delaware, Paul served as an archaeologist and collections manager with Alexandria Archaeology. He is no stranger to fieldwork, having spent nearly ten years as a staff archaeologist with the George Washington Foundation supervising the search and discovery of George Washington's boyhood home in Fredericksburg, Virginia. During graduate school he worked on

multiple field projects in the Caribbean and Bermuda, and he got his start in the field with the archaeology program at Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown, New York. He holds degrees in Anthropology from the State University of New York at Buffalo (B.A.) and the College of William and Mary (M.A.). Paul will be instrumental in leading the Section of Archaeology with collections management, revising curation standards, exhibit updates, public outreach, and developing community research projects.

We welcomed our new Director, **Angelica Docog**, to The State Museum of Pennsylvania in late April 2023. Angelica has extensive experience in the museum field having worked at History Colorado, Arizona Museum of Natural History, University of Texas at San Antonio's Institute of Texan Cultures and at the Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria, Texas. Her interest and enthusiasm for the Section of Archaeology has been important as we move forward for updates to the exhibits and storage facilities.

Collections

Our Keystone summer intern, **Gwen Michaels**, arrived from Gettysburg College with an interest in learning about curation and what goes on in the archaeology lab. Gwen assisted with processing artifacts and site data in the Fred Veigh collection and in creating a drawer/box inventory of the **Sheep Rock Shelter (36HU0001)** artifacts. Sheep Rock Shelter was excavated in the late 1960's cooperatively by Penn State University, Juniata College, and the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) prior to construction of the Huntingdon Dam flood control project. The collection was analyzed by multiple students and a series of reports produced by artifact type. Gwen worked with the collection to develop a finding aid for specific catalog numbers identified in reports and inventories. The amazing preservation of organic materials from this site continues to inspire researchers. Recent research has included AMS of corn, macrobotanical analysis, and 14C

testing. Results from this study will be presented at the Workshops in Archaeology program on October 28th at The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

Woven Mat from Sheep Rock

Identification of an unusual artifact in the **Fred Veigh collection** has been entered into the PHMC on-line collections ([Argus: Collections - Object \(sydneyplus.com\)](https://collections.sydneypm.com)). A small brass disc stamped "SAMPSON BRASS PLUGS" "PAT.APR.19.98.SEP.5.99" is the cap portion of a pneumatic tire puncture closure for repairing punctures in bicycle tires in the late 1800s-early 1900s. Recovered at the Hendricks Creek Site (36WM0022) this multi-component site contains Early Archaic and Woodland period projectile points as well as 19th & 20th century artifacts.





**THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
2023 ANNUAL WORKSHOPS IN ARCHAEOLOGY
PROGRAM**

**DISCOVERING THE PAST: *THE SCIENCES OF
ARCHAEOLOGY*
OCTOBER 28, 2023**

Archaeology is the study of past people and cultures through objects preserved and excavated from the ground. These material remains allow archaeologists to reconstruct the activities and lifeways of people, from our earliest inhabitants to present. Archaeologists also incorporate scientific methods and rely on other disciplines to help tell a more complete story. Technical applications such as radiocarbon dating (C¹⁴), analysis of plant and animal remains, soil chemistry, geospatial data, and non-intrusive survey methods such as Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), are just a few examples that archaeologists draw upon. In addition, refinements in scientific methods are applied to reexamine artifacts already in museum storage. Studies such as these have furthered our understanding of change over time and the adaptation and movement of people across the landscape.

This year's Workshops in Archaeology will feature experts in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), C¹⁴ dating, GPR survey, geoarchaeology, and more. Please join us as we explore how these specialized analyses are conducted and how the results enhance our understanding of the environmental and human past. Sessions include:

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ***Recording***

Archaeological Discoveries in PA-SHARE, Taylor Napoleon

Session 2: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ***Radiocarbon and Archaeometry at Penn State: Technology Supporting the Historical Sciences***, Brendan J. Culleton, Ph.D.

Session 3: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ***Ground Penetrating Radar in Community Based Archaeology***, Heather A. Wholey, Ph.D., RPA

Session 4: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ***21st Century Geoarchaeology: Strategies for Exploring Ancient, Present and Future Human Landscapes***, Joseph Schuldenrein, Ph.D.

Session 5: 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ***Using Rockshelter Sites to Reconstruct Chronological, Cultural and Paleoecological Sequences***, Thomas K. Harper, Ph.D.

Session 6: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ***A Primer on Use-Wear: Toward Further Meaning and Explanation of Prehistoric Artifacts***, Jack Cresson

Session 7: 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ***The Significance of Environmental Archaeology for Reconstructing Complex Human-Environment Interactions and Indigenous Landscapes of Appalachia***, José M. Capriles, Ph.D.

Session 8: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ***Archaeobotanical Evidence Supports Crop Domestication in the Mesoamerican Neotropics***, Alejandra I. Domic, Ph.D.

After the presentations, a question-and-answer session will be held with the presenters followed by light refreshments.

For the full schedule or to register, please see statemuseumpa.org/WorkshopsInArchaeology/

Scholarship and Research Funds

Graybill Specialized Research Fund

In memory of Jeff Graybill his family has donated funds to honor him and his career in archaeology. A former student of W. Fred Kinsey, this donation supports the fundamental ideals of both Jeff and Fred towards research, specialized analysis, and publication. Award of funds is dependent on a research proposal which identifies the project, analysis method, and its relevance to our understanding of Pennsylvania archaeology. Review of proposals will be conducted by a three-person committee as approved by the fund administrator.

- Proposals should be submitted in electronic format to the fund administrator, currently Janet Johnson (janjohnson@pa.gov)
- Specialized analysis includes starch residue, phytolith, micro-wear, use-wear, DNA, trace element & Strontium Isotope Analysis
- **Application deadline is December 31st.** Applications can be accessed at <https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/Awards.htm>
- Maximum award of \$1,000 per applicant
- **Priority will be given to proposals from Pennsylvania schools, but approval is not restricted to Pennsylvania students or professionals.**
- Applications are accepted through December 31st; awarded applicant will be notified by March 1st.

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Research Grant

The Trustees of the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund are interested in providing funds to support Pennsylvania archaeology – research that will enhance our understanding of past cultural behavior. In support of that goal, we have developed a grants program for students and non-professional members of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Award of funds is dependent on a research proposal detailing methods, significance of the project and the feasibility of completion within 18 months. The application form is available on the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology website.

- Proposals should be submitted in electronic format at erbresearch22@gmail.com.
- **Grants are restricted to students (currently registered at an accredited college or university) or avocational archaeologists who are members of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.**
- The grant can be used in research to enhance our understanding of past cultural behavior in Pennsylvania such as travel, expendable supplies, equipment rental, remote sensing studies, radiometric dating, or curation fees.
- The application deadline is December 31st.
- The maximum award is \$1500.00 per applicant.

Applications will be accepted for calendar year ending December 31st; awarded applicant/s will be notified by March 1st.

[Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Research Grant Application](https://pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/Awards.htm) is available at <https://pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/Awards.htm>

The W. Fred Kinsey Meeting Scholarship provides student membership to The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) for one year, a \$150.00 award, and banquet costs for the annual SPA meeting. Students currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree are eligible to apply for the W. Fred Kinsey Meeting Scholarship. Students are not required to attend Pennsylvania institutions, but research must be relevant to Pennsylvania Archaeology. Publication of student papers in Pennsylvania Archaeologist is at the discretion of the editor but this is an excellent opportunity to share your research with the archaeological community. Eligibility is dependent on a complete, single-author paper with PowerPoint slides (if appropriate) to be presented at the annual meeting scheduled for April 12-14, 2024, in Carlisle, PA. Paper abstracts must be submitted to the Program Chair; Chuck Williams, chuckwilliams2019@outlook.com. Please visit the Society's Annual Meeting page for additional information - <https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/conferences.htm>

Note—Newsletter photo credits: Susan Haney, Janet Johnson, The State Museum, John Nass, and Sarah Neusius.

Seventh Annual Workshop in Archaeology

Theme: By Thought, Word and Deed: Ways of Expressing Social Identity

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Avella, Pennsylvania

2023 Workshop Description

The theme for the 2023 Meadowcroft Workshop in Archaeology is to explore the way(s) individuals and groups express their social identity to the world around them. Clothing, carvings, textiles, and hairstyles are ideal for expressing identity, but these generally perish. Instead we are left with the durable artifacts made from stone, clay, bone, antler, metal, and glass.

To this list can be added architecture styles and landscapes. The speakers will address the different ways material culture, architecture, and space can be used to set us apart, as well as uniting us.

Sponsored by the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, and the Heinz History Center. Workshop updates will be posted to both the SPA and the Meadowcroft websites.

Additional Activities

- Weaving demonstrations
- State's archaeological resources. Stop at their table and talk to staff from the State Historic Preservation Office who will assist you in recording your archaeological sites.
- Artifact Identification by Mon-Yough Chapter #3 members. These individuals have over 70 years of combined experience with archaeological artifacts. Bring in your historic or prehistoric artifacts for identification.

Workshop Registration Form:

Registrant Name(s) _____

Make check payable to the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village. Please, no cash.

Contact Information: Please clearly print your Address

_____ (Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Phone (Home)

(Work)

Email* (required for email registration confirmation)

Registration must be received by October 1st. Includes admission and a boxed lunch (options below). If no lunch, only the admission fee is required and may be paid upon arrival at Meadowcroft.

Meadowcroft admission: Adults: \$15, Seniors: \$14, Youth/Student: \$7, History Center Members and Children (5 and under): Free

Registration Type	Amount	Number	Amount
Adult	\$29.00	_____	_____
Senior (62+)	\$28.00	_____	_____
Student (w/ valid ID)	\$21.00	_____	_____
Youth (6-17)	\$21.00	_____	_____
SPA Members	\$26.00	_____	_____
Children (5 & under) Free Admission			
Cost of Lunch	\$12.00	_____	_____
Heinz History Center Members Free			
Cost of Lunch	\$14.00	_____	_____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks should be mailed to: Seventh Annual Archaeology Workshop

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
401 Meadowcroft Rd.,
Avella, PA 15312

Please Select Boxed Lunch Option (Cost of Lunch \$14.00)

Deli sandwich options include a Kaiser roll with American cheese, fresh homemade deli salad and chips. All options include a Spring House Drink and an Old-fashioned cookie.

Deli Sandwich

Turkey Number _____

Baked Ham Number _____

Roast Beef Number _____

Vegetarian/Gluten-free Option Number _____

**The 93rd Annual Meeting of
The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
Hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
April 12-14, 2024
Carlisle, PA**

Meeting Venue; Comfort Suites, 10 S. Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013
Group Rates; 109.00 Single King, or 2 Queen Beds- Early reservations are recommended.
Reservations at (717)960-1000

Additional Information and Registrations in the upcoming Winter 2024 Newsletter and on the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology website <https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/AnnualMeeting.htm>

Call for papers

Program Chair: Chuck Williams at: chuckwilliams2019@outlook.com

Presentation at the SPA annual meeting is open to any member of the society in good standing. Papers are limited to 20 minutes and must relate to some aspect of Pennsylvania Archaeology. Individuals are invited to submit an abstract of 150 words or less to Chuck. NO later than March 18, 2024.

The Program Committee will evaluate each submission and will notify by email of acceptance, recommended changes based on the nature of the material, or rejection for ethical issues or sensitivities.

Poster Session Chair: Angela S. Jaillet-Wentling,

Students wishing to present posters should email their title and abstract NO later than March 18, 2023 to ajailletwe@pa.gov . Please include a copy of your student identification card when submitting.

MORE information and registrations in the upcoming SPA Winter 2024 Newsletter.



STORIES FROM AN
ARCHAEOLOGIST'S NOTEBOOK

FOLK TALES AND MEMORIES
OF PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THE
RAMAPO MOUNTAINS

BY
EDWARD J. LENIK
WITH
NANCY L. GIBBS

THE NORTH JERSEY HIGHLANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY is pleased to announce the publication of **STORIES FROM AN ARCHAEOLOGIST'S NOTEBOOK. FOLK TALES AND MEMORIES OF PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THE RAMAPO MOUNTAINS**. The book, priced at \$20, tax included, is available at the NJHHS Gift Shop in Ringwood Manor State Park in Ringwood, NJ or at Long Pond Ironworks Visitor's Center at Long Pond Ironworks State Park in Hewitt, NJ. This book can also be ordered by mailing a check for \$23 for each book and shipping to NJHHS, P.O. Box 248, Ringwood, NJ 07456.

New Book by Ed Lenik and Nancy L. Gibbs



Call For Papers

**New York State Archaeological Association
105th Annual Meeting
April 12-14, 2024
Best Western Plus Oswego Hotel and Conference Center
26 E. 1st St., Oswego, NY**

The William M. Beauchamp and Thousand Islands Chapters are proud to host the 105th Annual Meeting of the New York State Archaeological Association and the annual Spring meeting of the New York Archaeological Council April 12-14, 2024. NYAC will meet Friday April 12. The NYSAA annual business meeting will be Friday evening, with paper presentations Saturday and Sunday morning. The annual banquet, awards ceremony and special guest speaker will be held Saturday evening. All events will be at the Best Western Hotel, 26 E 1st St., just a short distance from historic Fort Ontario and the Safe Haven Holocaust Museum.

This is an open call for anyone interested in submitting abstracts for papers or posters on any subject of interest in the archaeology of New York and adjoining regions. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes in length. One paper/poster per presenter- although individuals may co-author multiple papers. All presenters must register for the conference. Abstracts, authors, affiliation and AV preferences must be received by March 15, 2024 for consideration. Meeting registration must be pre-paid by April 1, 2024. Registration information will be available online at <http://nysarchaeology.org/conference>.

Please send your title, abstract, A/V preference and contact address to:

Tim Abel, tabel@twcny.rr.com

<p>Eastern States Archaeological Federation 90th Annual Meeting October 26-29, 2023 Ocean City, MD Location: Holiday Inn Oceanfront, 410-524-1600, 6600 Ocean Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842 Tours: Thursday October 26, 2023 Information and registration at: www.esaf-archeology.org</p>
--

Chapter News: Westmoreland Archeological Society

- * The chapter was at Bushy Run Battlefield for the 260th anniversary of the battle. We had an artifact display and engagement with the public explaining the importance of archeology. The chapter was there on August 5th, 2023.
- * The Westmoreland Archeological Society **will be** at Friendship Hill National Historic Site on September the 2nd 2023 for the Whiskey Rebellion event. We will have an artifact display and engage with the public again explaining the importance of archeology.
- *The Westmoreland Archaeological Society was at Historic Hannahstown on June 17th for an artifact display and public engagement.
- * The Westmoreland Archeological Society was at Fort Necessity National Battlefield on July 1st of 2023 and we had an artifact display and public engagement about the importance of archeology.
- * The Westmoreland Archeological Society will have a joint meeting with the Allegheny chapter at Phillips Recreation Center at Phillips Park; 201 Parkfield St., Pittsburgh PA 15210 CONFIRMED DATE/TIME: October 14, 12 noon to 4:00 pm.

* The chapter continues phase 1 Site Identification and Boundary Definition at 36WM633. If anybody is interested in participating, please contact Jim Barno at the following e-mail: bar3686@pennwest.edu .

In Memorium



Donna Smith of Butler passed away April 4th, 2023 after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma. Donna graduated from Point Park College & ICM School of Business. After graduation she worked with International Students at Point Park College & Carnegie Museum Library. Later Donna worked on various archeological surveys & excavations in Western PA. She also published an article on the early Allegheny Erie Indians, assisted Dr. Bryan Gordon of Quebec w/ research on the Paleo Indians in Western PA, & worked closely w/ Dr. Stanley Lantz on archeological research papers. Donna was a member of the Ohio Valley Archeological Chapter of SPA & was the previous chair of the Archeological Award Committee of the Society of Pennsylvania Archeology. She was accorded the Cowin award in recognition of her many volunteer efforts. Along with her love of archeology, Donna also enjoyed researching geology, anthropology & genealogy. Donna is survived by her longtime companion Dr. Stanley Lantz & extended family.

CHRISTINE DAVIS

Christine Elizabeth Davis, died peacefully on March 25, 2023 Christine was a professional archaeologist and entrepreneur who started her own cultural resource management company (archaeological and historical consulting) in 1986 from the basement of her home that grew into a flourishing family business that continues on. Her love of archaeology began when she discovered the historic archaeological remains of Ramsey's Tavern on family property in Ligonier. From there, she volunteered countless hours at the Section of Anthropology and Archaeology at Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh while earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in Anthropology/Archaeology at the University of Pittsburgh. She became a highly respected businesswoman and pioneer in an industry that was just starting to find its way. Through her countless excavations of Native American villages, hamlets, and mounds, frontier forts, log homes, Civil War Era residences and stores, industrial steel mills, and so many more she was able to further our understanding of the past and make important contributions to the knowledge of pre-contact and historic archaeology and history.

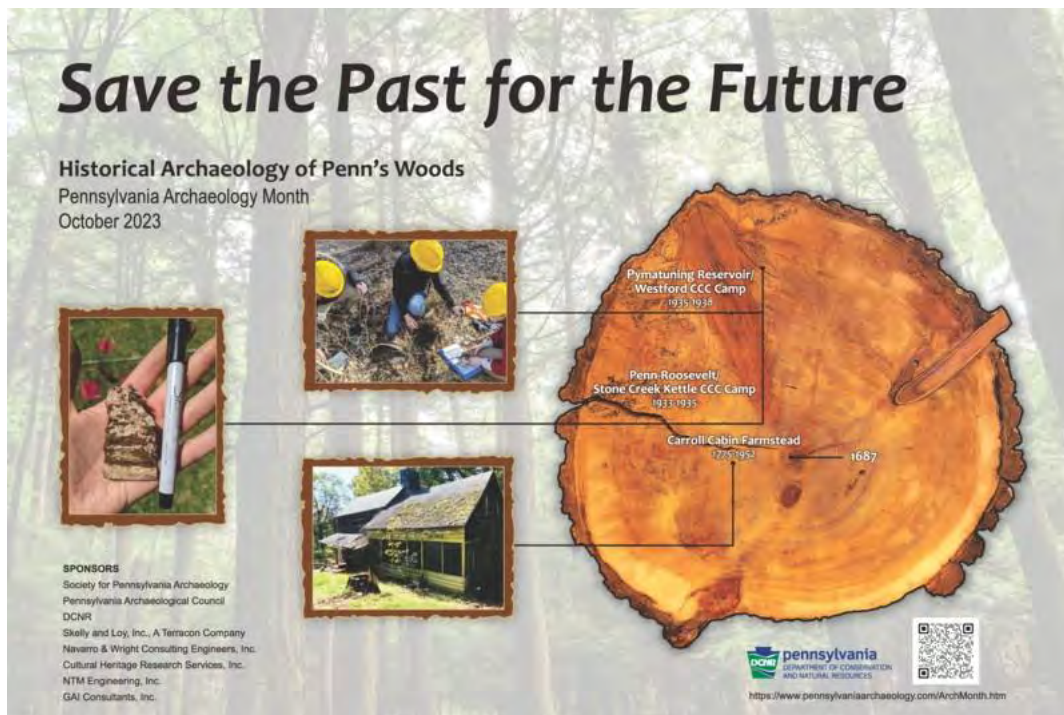


2023 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

The BRPA will once again be conducting an in person seminar and bus tour for 2023 but this year's event will be hosted out of Fort Ligonier. Information and registration can be found by following the link below. There are options for in person as well as virtual attendance. At the link you will find information about the bus tour, seminar topics and speakers as well as lodging and meal options.

Join us for the 35th annual BRPA Seminar and Bus Tour! This year's seminar is being held at Fort Ligonier's Center for History Education. This seminar will include scholars focusing on different fascinating topics of the French and Indian War!

<https://www.fortligonier.org/event/braddock-road-preservation-association-seminar-at-fort-ligonier/>



Archaeology Month Calendar 2023

Meadowcroft Workshop in Archaeology

The 7th Annual workshop will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, 2759, 401 Meadowcroft Road, Avella, PA 15312. The theme, By Thought, Word and Deed: Ways of Expressing Social Identity, will explore the way(s) individuals and groups express their social identity to the world around them. Clothing, carvings, textiles, and hairstyles are ideal for expressing identity, but these generally perish. Bring in your historic or prehistoric artifacts for identification. See registration form in this newsletter. For more information contact Dr. John Nass at nass81@atlanticbb.net.

Archaeology Day in Pittsburgh Archaeology Day, Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. at October 14, 2023 at the Phillips Park Recreation Center, Pittsburgh PA. Sponsored by Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Chapters 1 and 23, Friends of Phillips, City of Pittsburgh Parks and Recreation, Phillips Park, and Carrick Community Council. For more information contact Chris Hrabos at cmhrabos@yahoo.com.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Annual Archaeology Month Open House, Oct. 28, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the Ground Floor (and outside of) McElhane Hall on IUP's main campus. Activities include flintknapping, spear throwing, mock excavation, kid's activities, artifact and faunal displays, and technology demos (flotation, GPR, 3D printing etc). For more information contact Dr. Lara Homsey-Messer at lmesser@iup.edu.

Workshops in Archaeology The 2023 Workshops in Archaeology Program will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA. For more information visit statemuseumpa.org/WorkshopsInArchaeology.

Allegheny Chapter #1 Monthly Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Speaker to be determined. Please contact Sarah Neusius for Zoom link at sraahneusius@gmail.com.

Ohio Valley Chapter #22 Monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Lutherlyn, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA 16001. Speaker to be determined. For further information contact Laura at deyoungl59@gmail.com.

North Fork Chapter #29 Monthly meeting on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Education Building, Corner of Main and White Street, Brookville, PA 15825. The speaker is John Cornman, who will present the program *Primitive Technology and Tools*. John is a skilled craftsman as a flintknapper and likes to replicate all types of primitive technology. His interactive program will provide some interesting aspects of how tools were made and hafted as well as some other interesting how-to aspects of archaeology. Everyone is Welcome! Contact ken Burkett at kenburkett@comcast.net or (814) 229-2816.

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Chapter Meetings in October are not limited to the above chapters. Information on other SPA chapter meetings can be found on the SPA website at pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com.

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
P.O. Box 213
New Bethlehem, PA 16242

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Time to renew your
SPA 2024 membership

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

President:	Chuck Williams, chuckwilliams2019@outlook.com
First Vice President Angela	Jaillett-Wentling, Angela.jailet@yahoo.com
Second Vice-President	Ben Ford, Benford@iup.edu
Secretary:	Judy M. Duritsa, 301 North Drive, Jeannette, PA 15644 or e-mail at: jmduritsa@comcast.net
Treasurer:	Kenneth Burkett, P.O. Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242, kenburkett@comcast.net
Editor:	Roger Moeller, alchemy60@sbcglobal.net
Webmaster:	Roger Moeller, alchemy60@sbcglobal.net
Facebook:	Jonathan Libbon, jlibbon@gmail.com

Officers 2023-2024

Send SPA Newsletter information to the Secretary

Newsletter Deadline: December 15, 2023

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. was organized in 1929 to: Promote the study of the prehistoric and historic archaeological resources of Pennsylvania and neighboring states; Encourage scientific research and discourage exploration which is unscientific or irresponsible in intent or practice; Promote the conservation of archaeological sites, artifacts, and information; Encourage the establishment and maintenance of sources of archaeological information such as museums, societies, and educational programs; Promote the dissemination of archaeological knowledge by means of publications and forums; Foster the exchange of information between the professional and the avocational archaeologists

To subscribe to the SPA Newsletter by email, contact the newsletter at: jmduritsa@comcast.net
All **current updates** are available at www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com and our Facebook page.