

**The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
Newsletter Spring 2010**

The 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. will be held in Greensburg, PA, April 9-11, 2010 at the Four Points Sheraton hosted by Westmoreland Archaeological Society #23.

Are you ready for spring? Here is an opportunity to get out and enjoy.

If you have never attended an Annual Meeting of the Society, this is a great opportunity to get involved. The Annual Meeting is part business but the real purpose is education with the sharing of new archaeological site reports from our members and an opportunity for discussion. The Society spends time socializing and renewing friendships also. The bookroom, hospitality room and awards banquet are the especially enjoyable. An auction is held to support the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund which is our financial insurance for life members of the Society.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. If you would like to support the Elmer Erb auction, please send or bring items to the meeting.

Report on the 2010 Farm Show Exhibit by Kurt W. Carr

There is no question in my mind that our exhibit at the Farm Show makes a difference in Pennsylvania archaeology. I continue to see excitement in the eyes of children and adults as they sit in the dugout, amazement as Bob Winters quickly forms a variety of stone tools and wonder as they stand gazing at the artifacts in the display cases. We spoke to thousands of visitors and over seven thousand brochures on Pennsylvania archaeology and history were distributed.

Pennsylvania has an outstanding wealth of archaeological resources that I believe can enhance the lives of everyone. This exhibit and the information we disseminated is one step in communicating this heritage to the people of Pennsylvania. The *Archaeology through the Pennsylvania Trails of History* exhibit was an opportunity to feature the Commonwealth's most historic properties, but also to highlight their plight – we did so at every opportunity. In addition, and as you know, the archaeology of Pennsylvania is being destroyed at an ever-increasing rate. We need help in slowing this destruction. I feel the Farm Show exhibit represents a significant vehicle for the dissemination of information and for increasing the public's awareness of the threats to their archaeological resources.

I think this presentation is also a great way to promote the goals of the SPA. This event represents one of the most intensive interactions with the public that we have all year. Using our sampling scheme of counting all visitors coming into the exhibit for two, one-hour periods each day, we touched over 41,000 visitors. This high volume of attendance is a testimony to the quality of the exhibit, our initiative in engaging the public and the public's interest in archaeology.

As usual, the highlights for the public were the dugout and Bob's flint knapping demonstrations. They also seemed very interested in the artifacts we had on display from the sites. I spent more time in this area of the exhibit than in previous years and I noticed that they read the labels and frequently had questions. I found that it was easy to engage them in a conversation about the significance of these artifacts. As I have observed at other events, the public is fascinated with prehistoric artifacts but they don't know much and I find myself lecturing. The public can more easily relate to historic artifacts, and the exchange is more of a conversation. Unfortunately, bottle collecting frequently comes up and that is an attitude we need to change.

My disappointment this year, shared by some but not all of my colleagues, was the banner presentation. It was too small, the images on the banner were too small and the side panels should have been higher and larger. We have met with the exhibit staff at the State Museum and they have made some good suggestions for improving our presentation. For one thing, they think that we should have a rug so that our space is distinctive and clearly demarks the dugout, Bob's area and the banner as all being part of the exhibit. They have also recommended brighter colors on the banner.

I would think that one of our goals for next year would be to increase the efficiency of getting our message or messages to the public. I would like to do more to rally support for archaeology and the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Bob and the dugout easily pull the people in, but I think we need to have a more defined product to sell once we have their attention.

We were very fortunate this year that several partners made significant contributions but funding will be an issue next year. We may need to re-cycle an exhibit used previously. If you have suggestions, please let me know. A meeting celebrating our success, and to prepare for Farm Show 2011, will be held in March.

This Week in Pennsylvania Archaeology

A New blog about Pennsylvania Archaeology

sponsored by The State Museum

<http://www.twipa.blogspot.com>

ESAF Call for Papers

Eastern States Archaeological Federation 77th Annual Meeting hosted by the Archaeological Society of Virginia

October 28-31, 2010, Clarion Hotel historic District 757-229-4100

Tours: Jamestown and Chippokes Plantation State Park

Program Chairs: Michael B. Barber and Bernard K. Means Abstracts due August 31, 2010

Send to: bkmeans@juno.com or 1902 Woodlyn Drive, Apt. 3, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Presenters must be individual members of ESAF for 2010 and pre-registered for the meeting.

Arrangements Chair: Mike Madden, 540-265-5212 or mjmadded@fs.fed.org

For more information, go to: esaf-archaeology.org

Thank you to ESAF Sponsors

The following firms provided funding for hospitality at the 2009 ESAF Meeting hosted by the SPA in Johnstown. Their support was very much appreciated. Thanks to Dr. Verna Cowin for securing support for the meeting.

GAI Consultants, Inc., 385 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120-5005
Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc., PO Box 482, Centre Hall, PA 16826
Heberling Associates, Inc., 904 Main Street, P.O. Box 376, Alexandria, PA 16611
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Ohio Valley Chapter #22, SPA

Back in the 1970s the Carnegie Museum's lab facility was located in Meridian, PA. Two archaeologists working at the lab at that time, Don Dragoo and Stan Lantz, thought that it would be beneficial to form an archaeology chapter. At the SPA 1976 annual meeting in Uniontown, PA a charter was granted to the Ohio Valley chapter. The charter is dated May 1, 1976 and signatures record the first President as Stan Lantz and the first secretary as Helen Wilson. A select group of professionals and amateur archaeologists from various counties in Pennsylvania were invited to join their chapter. Meetings were held at the lab, with special topics as the focus for each meeting such as archaeological photography or the demonstration of surveying equipment by a local engineer. Early members of the group included Ed Dlutowski, Dick George, Emil Alam, Bob LaBarr, Bob Oshnock and John Zavinsky. In 1980 the Carnegie Museum moved its lab facility to Pittsburgh. This ended the meetings at the Meridian facility.

Rather than let the chapter die, Ed Dlutowski took matters into his own hands and contacted the Butler County Community College and worked out an agreement for the chapter to meet at the college. Both Ed and his wife Ginger Dlutowski were instrumental in keeping the chapter organized and operating smoothly. Past Presidents have included Ken Burkett, Ed Dlutowski, Wayne McGinnis, and Dan Phillips. The chapter met at the Butler County Community College on a monthly basis during the school year for many years. Annual picnics were held in the summertime and an annual dinner banquet was held in the spring. During the 1990s, under the direction of Ed Dlutowski, the chapter excavated a historic house property in downtown Butler called the Lowry-Shaw House. For Archaeology Month 2009 the chapter put together a display at the Butler Area Public Library on the Lowry-Shaw House excavations complete with artifacts recovered from the outhouse. This display was then given to the Butler County Historical Society for their use. The Ohio Valley Chapter has also hosted several state meetings over the years.

The Ohio Valley Chapter currently meets at the Butler Area Public Library on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May. We have a video night in January and a "Show and Tell" meeting in February. Our February "Show and Tell" meeting encourages member and guest interaction and we get to see what everyone is involved in outside chapter activities. For the rest of our meetings we have invited guest speakers presenting a program on their various archaeological and anthropological related projects. We hold our annual dinner meeting in June and at Christmas we have a holiday potluck party.

Ohio Valley Chapter has two life members, Ed Dlutowski and Delores Bergmark, and one Honorary member, Stan Lantz. Our general membership consists of approximately 15 members. Our current slate of officers consists of Amanda Valko as President, Bill Black as Vice President, Dave Badger as Secretary and Lanny Vavro as our long term Treasurer. Directors on the board are Ron Miller, Bob Mikolas, Donna Smith and Tom Snyder. Our Archivist and Web Master is Ginger Dlutowski. For more information our web site can be accessed via the SPA web site under the chapter section or at this link: <http://www.orgsites.com/pa/chapter22/>. Editor's note: chapter profiles are intended to acquaint the society with our member chapters. Chapter submissions are always welcome in the SPA Newsletter.

Member Contribution

One Lone Hunter and Gatherer

Most anthropologists and other students of history seem to agree that all humans who wandered Earth about ten thousand years before the present were nomads who got their sustenance by hunting animals for their meat and gathering seeds and berries which satisfied their palates. Not so says the account that follows: On the contrary, you will see that the title will not be altered in meaning though the connotations will vary greatly.

Instead of hunting mammoth or long-horned bison, or storing acorns and squash seeds in dry caves, I will shift over to a much more personal and recent use of the words. Hence, what follows is at once autobiographical: hunting and gathering no longer refer to getting things to eat, then stashing them away in barns.

I have spent many decades pursuing what I believe is the perfect hobby: Indian relic hunting. First, there is the thrill of picking up from a plowed field a perfect jasper spear point chipped out by another human perhaps four or five thousand years ago. Second, what more perfect way of exercising—stooping to the ground several hundred times while enjoying nature with all its by-products of sight and sound. Third, with your pockets and knapsack stuffed with goodies you can show to your friends, no need to brag about “the one that got away!”

As for avocations, the French who have always claimed to have a very civilized nation, refer to their hobby as a musical instrument or an artistic painter named Ingres; hence, it is not improper to ask, “What is your violon d’Ingres?”

My avocation may not be a stringed instrument, but it has entitled me to amass a huge collection of over thirty thousand artifacts housed in three rooms, thirty spool cabinets and in two hundred glass-covered frames holding spear-points, beads and the like. All this made my wife a bit unhappy since she wanted to dust almost every piece.

One day while I was surface hunting, along the Schuylkill River, I suddenly came across a large cluster of brown jasper chunks. The amazing thing was that all the pieces had ink printing on them, for example, “Frick Locks, 1993”. Solution: here was the result of another disgruntled housewife who had surreptitiously nor not, disposed of a collection by exposing the stones to the open air.

I will conclude by referring back to my specific collection. When my family needed my presence for some reason and could not find me, it was quickly decided that I was out “stone hunting”. This was an indictment. Then, after the fifth household move, my wife confronted me with a serious look and the works, “When you die, I’m thinking of digging TWO holes.....!”

John Neidley Chapter 21 , founding member, February 2010 Cornwall, PA

If any of the collectors in our membership (or their wives) are interested in cleaning house, please consider donating your collections or un-provenienced points to the Senator John Heinz History Center. Contact: Andrew E. Masich, President and CEO, Senator John Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222, 412.454.6371, www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Announcements

2010 Special Meadowcroft Tours

Meadowcroft is located in Avella, Washington County, PA

Dr. James Adovasio will be presenting lectures, slide presentations, and tours of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter Insiders.

Tour Dates: Saturday July 10, 2010

Saturday September 11, 2010

Saturday October 9, 2010

Saturday November 13, 2010

All tours are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$20.00 fee. Reservations are required please contact: Fran Skariot, Visitor Services Manager, 724-587-3412

Visitors may also visit Meadowcroft's Eastern Woodlands Indian Village a recreated village based on archaeological evidence from the region.

National Park Service's 2010 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2010 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century will be held May 24-28, 2010, at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site near Stanton, North Dakota. Lodging will be in the in the communities of Beulah, Hazen, and Riverdale, North Dakota. The field exercises will take place at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. The park preserves the historic and archeological remnants of the culture and agricultural lifestyle of the Northern Plains Indians during the 18th and 19th centuries. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service and the State Historical Society of North Dakota. This will be the twentieth year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation.

There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Applications are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/history/mwac/>. For further information, please contact Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873: tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141; fax: (402) 437-5098; email: steve_de_vore@nps.gov. The workshop is open to all archeologists and students, as well as those folks interested in forensic and cemetery investigations. Please pass this information on to your students, faculty, and/or staff.

The 56th annual meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference

The meeting will be held at the Indiana Memorial Union on the campus of Indiana University from October 20 - 24, 2010. The MAC 2010 will be hosted by the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology at Indiana University in celebration of its 45 years of innovative archaeology. Several exciting sessions and events are already being organized, including symposia on Indiana archaeology, new research at Angel Mounds, and geoarchaeology in the Ohio valley. A lithic exchange event, a curation workshop, and a field trip to Angel Mounds are also planned. We also encourage the development of other symposia, workshops, or field trips. For more information contact: G. William Monaghan or Timothy Baumann, The Glenn A Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University, Bloomington, In 47405, Phone: (812) 855-9544 Email: gbl@indiana.edu
Web: <http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/mac2010.html>

SAA Annual Meeting

The Society for American Archaeology will hold its 75th Anniversary Meeting, April 14-18, 2010, St. Louis, MO. Volunteers are needed to help at the meeting. Registration, hotel information and volunteer applications can be found at www.saa.org. The 2010 CRM EXPO will also be featured at the meeting. The Expo is sponsored by the SAA Consulting Archaeology Committee and the American Cultural Resources Association showcasing the work done in the Cultural and Heritage Resource Management fields.

The SPA is an SAA member organization in the Coalition of Archaeological Societies. We support the activities of the SAA and request our members to volunteer at the meeting if possible.

MAAC 2010 Annual Meeting

The middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference will be held at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel 10100 Coastal Highway , Ocean City, Maryland 21842 March 18 - 21, 2010. For Call for Papers, Registration, and Membership information go to <http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/>

SPA News

SPA Newsletter by Email

We are all aware of the increased mailing costs. Communication is more difficult and expensive for all organizations especially non-profits like our Society. A list service to email our SPA Newsletter is being investigated. We would like to gauge the membership for support of an email distribution of our newsletter. If you would be interested in receiving the newsletter by email, please contact me at jmduritsa@comcast.net. Members must understand that maintaining a current email list is vital! This project will not succeed if members are not responsible for updating their own email addresses (as well as mailing addresses) in a timely manner. The SPA Newsletter is always available on the SPA website at www.PennsylvaniaArchaology.com The Newsletter is available at the same time as the printed letter is being mailed. If you would prefer to simply read the current SPA Newsletter online, we can delete you post office mailing. Please contact the President at brian@quemahoning.com or the Secretary to make your wishes known. We need to use funding more conscientiously. Thank you for a prompt response.

Dues Reminder: 2010 annual membership dues are now payable. The membership form can be found in this 2009 Fall SPA Newsletter or on line at www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Only members in good standing may vote at Annual Meeting, hold office or present papers. Membership includes your subscription to the Pennsylvania Archaeologist, the SPA Newsletter and other informational mailings.

Address changes: Please send address changes to the Secretary or Treasurer. The new mailing regulations require that returned mail is charged to the sender. The post office will not forward bulk mail. If you wish to continue receiving your Pennsylvania Archaeologist and SPA Newsletter, your current address is essential.

Jacob L. Grimm IV Matching C14 Award

Submissions for the 2010

Jacob Grimm C-14 Annual Award

should send them to:

James Herbstritt, Chairperson

Jacob Grimm Radiocarbon Award

Commonwealth Keystone Building

400 North St, 2nd Floor

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0093

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council

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2010 James W. Hatch Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC) and Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) will provide up to five \$100 scholarships to enable students to attend the SPA annual meeting. The meeting will be held April 9-11, 2010 at the Four Points Sheraton in Greensburg, PA. The meeting includes a PAC symposium on Friday afternoon, April 9, and general sessions on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11. Current undergraduate or graduate students at Pennsylvania colleges and universities and Pennsylvania high school students are eligible.

The scholarships honor the memory of Pennsylvania archaeologist and scholar, Dr. James W. Hatch.

Please contact Paul Raber to apply (praber@heberlingassociates.com; 717-935-2204; mail: c/o Heberling Associates, Inc., PO Box 376, Alexandria, PA, 16611). Applicants should provide a brief statement summarizing their interest in attending the annual meeting, their educational background and the name and contact information of a faculty reference. Preference will be given to students planning to present a paper at the annual meeting. **Applications are due by March 12, 2010.**

The Society is without an awards committee at this time.

To volunteer to chair or serve on this committee, please contact the Secretary

or President Brian Fritz,

In Memoriam

We just wanted to let you know that our mom, Jean Zimmerman, passed away Sunday, January 24, 2010 in Thomaston, Ga. She led an active life and had a great love of archaeology as well as being very good at many aspects of it. As you may recall, she won the ARCHEY Award in the 1990's and as I was reading the Winter 2009-2010 Newsletter, I noticed that nominations were being requested for this award. As I read through the requirements, I could see how she won the award. If you could let her archaeology friends of her passing, my brother George and I would appreciate it.

Thank you for your help, Dick and George Zimmerman

Jean Zimmerman

Mrs. Jean Zimmerman, age 89, of Concord, Ga., formerly of Waynesburg, PA passed away Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Providence Healthcare in Thomaston, Ga.

She was born July 6, 1920 in Wheeling, W.Va., to the late Merle Thomas Ochsenbein and Irene Mount Ochsenbein. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, James B. Zimmerman and her twin sister, Jane Dydek.

She enjoyed painting and was an amateur archeologist. She was a former board member of the Greene County Humane Society, a member of the First Christian Church, the Greene County Museum in Waynesburg and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Dick and Cynthia Zimmerman of Concord, Ga. and George and Rhonda Zimmerman of Lawrenceville, Ga. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

Editors Note: Jean was the long time Secretary of Paul Stewart Chapter #19 in Waynesburg, PA Greene County. Jean and James "Fuzzy" Randolph as president worked on numerous sites in Green County and have displays from that work at the museum at Waynesburg College and the Greene County Historical Society. The last site that Jean and the Paul Stewart Chapter participated in was the Old Courthouse of Greene County. Jean was the recipient of the Archey Award in 1992.

Nominations for Election at Annual Meeting 2010

President-elect: James Wosochlo,

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #14

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