



The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
Newsletter Spring 2015

SPA President's Message

It's annual meeting time again, and this year's 86th Annual Meeting in Bethlehem at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center April 10-12 promises to be an excellent one. I hope many of you have plans to be there for the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council Symposium on the "Industries of Pennsylvania" which is being held Friday afternoon April 10, and for the many other paper presentations on Saturday and Sunday as well. This year's Banquet speaker is Dr. James Adivasio, Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute, speaking on "After Clovis: What We Know Now". This meeting has been organized jointly by the Forks of the Delaware Chapter 14 and the Hawk Mountain Chapter 31, and provides us with many opportunities to share our interest in Pennsylvania archaeology.

I hope you also have found many ways to be involved with Pennsylvania archaeology throughout this winter. Judging from our SPA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SocietyforPArchaeology>), our chapters have been busy despite the very cold and snowy winter we have had. I am sure spring and summer will be bringing us chances to be even more active in learning about and promoting the past across the state. Look for some new membership initiatives and opportunities from the SPA in the next few months as well.

This is my last newsletter message as at the annual meeting Dr. John Nass, currently President-elect, will be taking over as SPA President. I've been able to learn a lot about what is going on in Pennsylvania archaeology while President as well as to meet many more members. I believe more than ever in the mission of our society, and I admire the commitment of many of you. I want to thank everyone I have worked with over the past two years, especially the members of the Board of Directors, for your assistance and support. It has been an honor to be SPA President, and I look forward to continuing to be active in the SPA in years to come. Sarah Neusius

The 86th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc is happening soon. Registration information follows. Those of you who have never attended an Annual Meeting don't know what you have been missing!

Besides observing the business of the Society and having a chance to vote at Annual Meeting, the opportunity to hear all the information presented in the papers, the annual awards presented at the banquet and the camaraderie at the hospitality suite, you will enjoy the unique experience of finding a group of people who share your love of archaeology, learning and conservation. Everyone is accessible and helpful. Primitive games are planned, artifacts will be displayed, books will be available for sale and new technology will be demonstrated. See you in Bethlehem!

Nominations for Election at Annual Meeting 2015

Nominees: President: John Nass
First Vice President: Jonathan Libbon
2nd Vice President: Tom Glover
Secretary: Judy Duritsa
Treasurer: Ken Burkett

BOD: Susanne Haney
Valerie Perazio

Scholarships and Awards:

2015 James W. Hatch Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC), in cooperation with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA), will again award scholarships to enable students of archaeology to attend the joint annual SPA/PAC meeting, April 10-12, 2015, in Fogelsville (Allentown), Pennsylvania. We anticipate that at least two such awards of \$100 apiece will be made. We encourage all current college or high school students with a demonstrated interest in Pennsylvania archaeology and the activities of the SPA to apply, although preference will be given to students planning to present papers at the meeting. Applications, in the form of a brief letter of interest explaining the student's background and qualifications for the award, should be sent by mail or e-mail by March 31, 2015 to Paul Raber at: Paul Raber, Heberling Associates, Inc., 904 Main Street, PO Box 376, Alexandria, PA, 16611, praber@heberlingassociates.com or (717) 935-2204

The Kinsey Scholarship

Students currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree are eligible to apply for the W. Fred Kinsey Meeting Scholarship. Eligibility is dependent on a complete, single-author paper with PowerPoint slides (if appropriate) to be presented at the annual meeting of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Student presentations must be accepted by the program chair for the SPA annual meeting to qualify. Papers should focus on topics relevant to Pennsylvania archaeology. Award of the Scholarship requires submission of the complete paper by a single author, in an electronic format (Word or WordPerfect) to the Program Chair by the regular submission deadline date for papers as set by the Program Chair. The Program Chair Person this year is Noël Strattan at dstrattan@pa.gov, submission deadline is March 1, 2015. Selection of the winning paper is decided by committee review and will be based on quality of original research, presentation and appeal to the avocational and professional archaeology community. The committee consists of at least three members of the Society, one from staff of the PHMC and one member from the education committee of the Society. More information can be found at www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/Awards

Presentation of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology on April 10-12 in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. The selected paper will be published on-line through the PHMC website and submitted for review to the editor of the journal *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* for possible publication. The editor of the journal will make the final decision on publication. Donations are encouraged to support the W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship fund. In addition to the monetary award and publication assistance, one year of membership in the Society is included in the award. Questions regarding this scholarship may be directed to Janet Johnson, Curator of Archaeology at the State Museum of Pennsylvania (janjohnson@pa.gov).

THE SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY, INC. Encourages submissions for the SPA Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award

Applicants must complete one copy of the attached application form for each sample they wish to submit. Should space be required for additional information, please append as [attachment sheets](#). DO NOT SEND SAMPLES WITH THIS APPLICATION. Submissions must be reviewed prior to approval by the Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award Review Committee. Generally a single sample is approved per year by the committee, but this varies depending on available funding. Please note that this is a MATCH and only half the sample cost is funded. Any SPA member in good standing may submit for C-14 samples. SPA Chapters are especially encouraged to submit C-14 samples.

Applications will be processed as they are received. Submission deadline is normally four weeks prior to the next SPA Annual Meeting. Submit applications to: **Dr. Bernard K. Means, 1205 Littlepage Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401**
OR, as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF file to: bkmeans@juno.com

Auction at Annual Meeting: SPA and the host chapter are requesting that each chapter consider providing auction items to help support the Erb Permanent Fund. Items for the auction should be brought to book room for display.

Chapter and Membership Obligations

Annual Chapter report forms have been mailed or emailed to the individual chapters. This report details chapter activities for the previous year (2014). This report is a chapter obligation under the SPA constitution. Forms are available to download from the SPA website. If you have questions, please contact the Secretary.

All SPA chapters are required to report **chapter officers** to the Secretary **annually**. This report is necessary for maintaining current contact information for all chapters. Please report officers even if there has not been an election or change of positions in your chapter. Please include addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if possible.

Dues Reminder: 2015 annual membership dues are now payable. The membership form can be found in the 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.

2015 SPA Annual Meeting Preliminary Program

Saturday April 11

AM Session

Hannah Charlton	Glass, Floods, and "Gov'ment Work": Finding Blairsville's Industrial Past
Michael Young	Technological Style and the Style of Consumption at Quaker Domestic Sites: The Link between Religious Values and the Archaeological Record of the Society of Friends
Jonathan Burns	Colonial Archaeology at Fort Lyttelton (36FU42): A Mission-Oriented Field School Approach
David Sorg	Some Picataway Terms in Henry Fleet's Journal
David Rue	The Middle and Late Woodland Components at the Muncy Creek Site, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.
Janet Johnson	New Collections at the State Museum of PA
Sarah W. Neusius, Beverly A. Chiarulli and Phillip D. Neusius	Documenting the Late Prehistoric in West Central Pennsylvania: Further Study of the Johnston Site (36IN2)
Paul Raber	The Prehistory of Fort Hunter: Recent Investigation of 36DA159
David Gutkowski	Updates to Council Rock Mountain Site: Nearby rockshelter and a remarkable standing, flaked sandstone

PM Session

Bill Black	A.D.Wood Site (36VE0176)
Nicole E. Skidmore and Rocio Vidal-Ronchas	Analysis and Presentation of the Excavation at the Ephrata Tract: Moravian Historical Society
Bernard Means	3D Scanning and Printing Pennsylvania's Past: An Update from the Virtual Curation Laboratory
Joe Baker	It Must Be Around Here Somewhere! Community-Focused Archaeology at Fort Halifax Township Park Introduction
Angela Jaillet-Wentling	Remote Sensing Techniques at Fort Halifax (36DA8)
Laura Kauffman Ptak and Joe Baker	Archaeological and Geomorphological Testing at Fort Halifax
Amanda J. Rasmussen	Surface Collection and Block Excavation Testing at Fort Halifax Park
Jesse Lewis Gunnels	Coal Silt: An Anthropocene Landform at the Fort Halifax Township Park.
Joe Baker	Conclusions: What This Place Really Needs: The Archaeological and Heritage Resource Future of Fort Halifax Park

Sunday April 12

Am Session

Tom Glover	Birding the Pleistocene
Andrew J. Myers	Glaciated Allegheny Plateau (GAP) Tradition Occupations at Indian Camp Run No. 1 (36Fo65)
Bob Maslowski	Cordage Twist: From Watson to Ban Chiang
Angela Goreczny	Analysis of the State Road Ripple Site (36CL0052)
Dave Ray	Blue Mountain Forts
George M. Leader, Jason C. Hammer	The William Green Colonial Farmhouse in Ewing, New Jersey: A billet for Continental Army Troops during campaigns in New Jersey?
Charles E. Williams	Hunting with Gist: wild game provisioning during the 1750 expedition of Christopher Gist to the Ohio Country.
Brian Fritz	Geospatial Reconstruction of the 1959-1960 Excavations of the Chambers Site (36LR0011), Edinburg, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

86th Annual Meeting
The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
April 10, 11, and 12, 2015

Hosted by the Forks of the Delaware, Chapter 14
and Hawk Mountain, Chapter 31
of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Location: Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Bethlehem, PA

Program Chair: Noel Stratton Arrangements Chair: Jim Wosochlo
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Accommodations: Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017 – is just off rt. 512 and rt. 22 just north of Bethlehem City. They are offering \$79 spec. rate per night and parking is free. Reservations can be made by calling Tel: 610-866-5800. Reservations must be made by Wednesday March 4th. Identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. – www.lehighvalleyhotel.com or email: info@lehighvalleyhotel.com

Saturday Banquet: The banquet speaker will be Dr. James M. Adovasio, Director, Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute. His topic is **“After Clovis: What We Know Now”**.

Auction: We are requesting that each chapter consider providing an auction item(s) to help support the Erb Permanent Fund. Items for the auction should be brought to book room for display.

Book/Exhibit Room: Please direct table reservations and inquiries in advance. We encourage artifacts for display and discussion. Inquiries to Dave Ray at: rayrealty@verizon.net

SPA Board of Directors Meeting: Friday evening in The Foundry Room

PAC Meeting Symposium: Friday, Theme to be determined.

Primitive Games: Saturday afternoon, with weather permitting.

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chapter/Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Pre-Registration: \$30.00 x _____ Student Registration: \$25.00 x _____

Late Registration after March 15, 2015 and at hotel: \$ 35.00

Dinner: \$27.00 x _____ dinners.

Choice of: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian Dinner _____

Make check payable to: Forks of the Delaware, Chapter 14
Mail to: Robert Rodgers, 1218 Tatamy Rd., Easton, PA 18045, rjrdgrs@aol.com

Promoting Archaeology at the 2015 Farm Show



Climate change and the Archaeological Record: Implications for the 21st Century

The 2015 Farm Show exhibit - another year, another success! Considering the bad weather with temperatures in the single digits and a couple of days of snow, I think we did well in promoting the archaeology of Pennsylvania. I continued to see excitement in the eyes of children and adults as they sat in the dugout and as they stood gazing at the artifacts in the display cases, wondering what it must have been like to live in Pennsylvania many, many years ago. The dugout is becoming the place to take the annual family picture and they are still excited to sit down! We spoke to thousands of visitors and distributed over 8700 archaeology brochures, 460 copies of American Archaeology magazine and 1000 Archaeology Month posters. We also handed out 560 back issues of Pennsylvania Heritage Magazine, 1600 Planetarium tickets and 5800 tattoos. These handouts are especially important in promoting the

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the State Museum, the Heritage Foundation and the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc (SPA). In my mind, this presentation makes a positive difference in Pennsylvania archaeology that is well worth the effort.

The Farm Show presentation is a great way to advance the goals of our respective agencies and organizations. For most, if not all, this event represents the most intensive interaction with the public that we have all year. Our primary goal is to share highlights of Pennsylvania archaeology with the citizens of the Commonwealth. However, it is also an opportunity to promote archaeology, visitation to the State Museum, Heritage Magazine and the contribution of the SPA. This year, Ken Burkett organized volunteers to man a table promoting membership. We had some people sign-up but next year, we need more volunteers and possibly a larger sign. Using our sampling scheme of counting all visitors coming into the exhibit for two, one-hour periods each day, we touched over 49,000 visitors. This is a 13% increase over last year. This high volume of attendance is a testimony to the quality of the exhibit, the initiative of our volunteers in engaging the public, and the public's interest in archaeology. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their fantastic work.

Pennsylvania has an outstanding wealth of archaeological resources that I believe can enhance the lives of all citizens. Our exhibit and the information that was disseminated is one step in communicating this heritage to the people of Pennsylvania. I think our theme of *Climate Change* was timely and attracted a lot of attention. There was always somebody reading the script on the four panels. However, visitors really enjoyed the artifacts in the display cases. At this time, we had the opportunity to point out how archaeological sites were being destroyed at an alarming rate and we needed their help in preserving these resources. I feel the Farm Show exhibit represents a significant vehicle for increasing the public's awareness of the threats to their archaeological resources.

In past years, I have been concerned that we were not effectively getting the message out on the value of archaeology and visiting the State museum. A variety of additions to our presentation, such as the tattoos and the stand-up image of the "Chief" have encouraged visitation to the State Museum but I am still concerned about promoting the SPA. We are very interested in everyone's comments so please send me your thoughts. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Thank you again.

Kurt Carr

Chapter News:

During the 2014 summer excavation season, **Venango Archaeology SPA #30** continued working at the AD Wood site, 36-Ve-176 near Cooperstown, PA. Nearly 65 sq m of plow-zone soils were shoveled from three 5m x 5m units and screened for artifacts. Ten additional features were identified including four post-lined shallow pits and several deep storage pits.

Partial excavation of Feature #18, a deep storage pit/ hearth, revealed remains of what is believed to be carbonized woven cordage. After contacting Kurt Carr at PHMC the feature was stabilized by James Herbstritt and given to the State Museum for conservation. Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute (MAI) agreed to complete the evaluation and the intact feature has been transported to their lab in Erie.

Additional ceramics include shell-tempered, cordmarked, everted-rim pottery, and an incised elbow-pipe bowl. Numerous Onondaga chert uni-face flakes appear to show use-wear. Carbonized seed remains include butternut and acorn shells, maize kernels and a squash seed. Flotation results from the features have yet to be analyzed.

Excavation will continue during the summer of 2015. Venango Archaeology has tried to maintain the site as an educational resource for the community and have made archaeological excavation opportunities available to interested individuals. Inquiries may be sent to Bill Black at blblack2@verizon.net.



Announcements

Penn State Press to Publish Latest Book in Pennsylvania Archaeology Series The Penn State University Press will publish *The Nature and Pace of Change in American Indian Cultures: 3000 to 4000 BP*, edited by R. Michael Stewart, Kurt W. Carr and Paul A. Raber in 2015. This is the fourth volume in the series Recent Research in Pennsylvania Archaeology and contains papers originally presented in the PAC symposium on the Transitional period by Joe Blondino, Kurt Carr, Pat Miller, Roger Moeller, Michel Stewart, Frank Vento, Bob Wall, and Heather Wholey. Previous volumes, dealing with the Archaic, Early and Middle Woodland and Paleoindian periods, were published by the PHMC.

The Penn State Press hopes to acquire unsold copies of the previous volumes for sale through the press and has committed to publishing future edited volumes on the proceedings of the PAC symposia. Look for an announcement later this year when the book is available.



STUDENT PROFILES



by California University Field School in 2013.

Student profiles is a new addition to our organization's newsletter. Each year one graduating undergraduate student and one graduating graduate student who are current members of the Society will be featured. It is not required that the graduating students be citizens of Pennsylvania. In this issue of the newsletter student Kyle Norman from California University is featured.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE (Kyle D. Norman)

Kyle is a resident of Fayette County. As a student at California, Kyle has been an active member of the Mon-Yough Chapter 3 which is affiliated with California University since the reactivation of the chapter. He was an active member of the Anthropology Club, served as an officer, and is a member of Lambda Alpha, the national honor fraternity for Anthropology.

Picture of Kyle (right) and the owner of the Leech Farm Site during excavations

Kyle has also attended several archaeological conferences over his tenure at California. In addition, he has presented research papers at the Middle Atlantic Conference (2014), the Eastern States Archaeology Federation annual meeting (2013), the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology annual meeting (2013), and the annual PASSHE Undergraduate Anthropology Conference (2012), and he was invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on the steamship Arabia and the Snowdon Foundry Site in Brownsville sponsored by the Heinz History Center with Dr. Marc Henshaw (2014).

Kyle has also participated in excavations at the Snowdon Foundry, the Cox House, and Gormley House (all in Brownsville), the Late Prehistoric Sweetz Site in Fayette County, and he has served as a student field assistant during Phase I and Phase II testing at the Dunbar Business Park in Fayette County. He will be assisting with the Phase II testing of the Dunbar School Site by the Mon-Youg Chapter this spring.

In addition to being a member of our organization, Kyle is also a member of the Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference and the Eastern States Archaeology Federation.



Manuscript Submissions Needed

The Pennsylvania Archaeologist is seeking manuscript submissions for 2015.

Publication guidelines may be found on the inside cover of any copy of the Pennsylvania Archaeologist.

National Park Service's 2015 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2015 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled *Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century* will be held May 25-29, 2015, at the Tobias-Thompson Complex sites in Rice County, Kansas. 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>.

**Eastern States
Archaeological
Federation
Annual Meeting
October 16 - 18, 2015
Midland, Ontario,
Canada
<http://esaf-archeology.org>**

**SAA 80th Annual
Meeting
San Francisco,
California
April 15-19, 2015
www.saa.org**

**Middle Atlantic Archaeological
Conference 2015
March 12-15, 2015
Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842
www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org**

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

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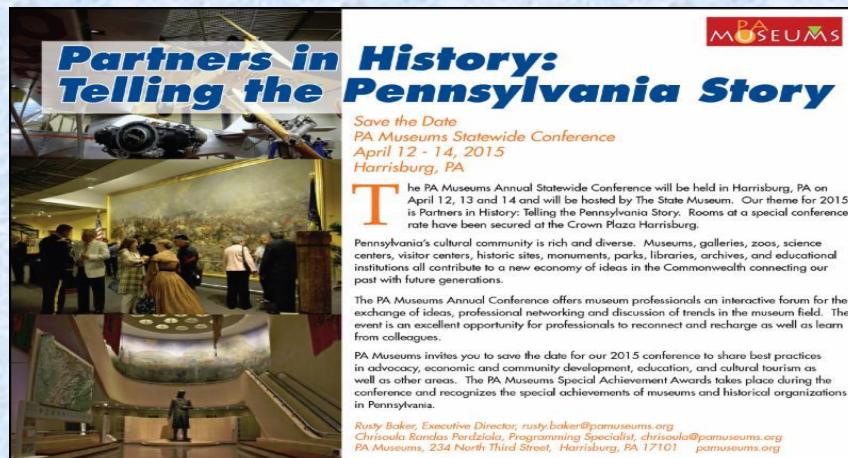
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Telling the Pennsylvania Story**

PA MUSEUMS

Save the Date
PA Museums Statewide Conference
April 12 - 14, 2015
Harrisburg, PA

The PA Museums Annual Statewide Conference will be held in Harrisburg, PA on April 12, 13 and 14 and will be hosted by The State Museum. Our theme for 2015 is Partners in History: Telling the Pennsylvania Story. Rooms at a special conference rate have been secured at the Crown Plaza Harrisburg.

Pennsylvania's cultural community is rich and diverse. Museums, galleries, zoos, science centers, visitor centers, historic sites, monuments, parks, libraries, archives, and educational institutions all contribute to a new economy of ideas in the Commonwealth connecting our past with future generations.

The PA Museums Annual Conference offers museum professionals an interactive forum for the exchange of ideas, professional networking and discussion of trends in the museum field. The event is an excellent opportunity for professionals to reconnect and recharge as well as learn from colleagues.

PA Museums invites you to save the date for our 2015 conference to share best practices in advocacy, economic and community development, education, and cultural tourism as well as other areas. The PA Museums Special Achievement Awards takes place during the conference and recognizes the special achievements of museums and historical organizations in Pennsylvania.

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