

An appeal: Historic Markers for Pennsylvania's Archaeological Sites Here is an opportunity for Chapters and individual members to help.

The SPA's new committee to nominate and mark archaeological sites in Pennsylvania with the iconic gold and blue markers has succeeded with the first marker at Parker's Landing Petroglyph Site.



Ken Burkett, committee chair, has been successful in winning approval for the **next marker at Mead Island Tradition**. Marker wording has been finalized and approved by PHMC and the panel has moved into production. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at 1:00 pm along route 62 in Starbrick (Just west of Warren). Ken will drive down to Marietta Ohio and pick it up and make sure it is installed.

After the installation ceremony the Warren County Historical Society will be hosting a small reception for **Dr. Stanley Lantz** and attendees at the Wilder Museum in Irvine, PA. This should be a nice event honoring Stan's work at Mead Island that began in 1964 with identification of the Mead Island type and extensive study and excavation being performed over decades.

As part of this initiative – the SPA needs to raise the \$2200.00 for the cost of manufacturing this marker. The Society has set up a Marker Fund to pay for this and future archaeological site markers.

To this end, we are asking the membership for donations by way of the donation button on the SPA website at: www.PennsylvaniaArchaology.com or checks made out to Treasurer, SPA earmarked for the marker fund and mailed to: Kenneth Burkett, Treasurer, P.O. Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242.

This is an opportunity to honor the work of Dr. Stanley Lantz and show our appreciation for Stan in his 97th year. Stan has mentored many over the years and his body of work is extensive.

Named for an island in the Allegheny River near Warren, Pennsylvania, the *Mead Island Tradition* was first identified in 1964 by Dr. Stanley Lantz, staff archeologist with the Carnegie Museum of Natural History (CMNH). Mead Island was the dominant archaeological culture within the Middle Allegheny River in western Pennsylvania between ca. A.D. 960-1360.

Although the type site for the tradition is located on Mead Island, extensive excavation at the nearby multi-component Penelec site (36Wa152) located near Warren, Pennsylvania, helped clarify the characteristics of the culture. Some 40 years of excavation by Dr. Stan Lantz has exposed over 1,100 square meters of the fortified village.

A news release with more information on the Mead Island site and marker marker can be found here: <https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2021/03/a-center-of-culture/>



Please support this very important project by making a donation to the SPA Marker Fund!