



The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. Newsletter FALL 2022

President-elect's message

Hi folks! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. The big news of the year so far, is the successful 91st Annual Meeting of SPA, and PAC Symposium, held at Fort Ligonier last April, the first since 2019 and the onset of the COVID pandemic. This meeting would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many: volunteers, Board members, presenters, and Fort Ligonier staff, among others. I would especially like to thank Susanne Haney, Jessica Schumer-Rowles, Angela Jaillet-Wentling, Kira Heinrich, and Janet Johnson for their stalwart leadership.

The 2022 SPA Mini Field Trip - Exploring Pennsylvania's Iron Furnaces, held in June, was also a success. The group toured three historic iron furnaces in eastern Pennsylvania: Joanna, Hopewell and Cornwall furnaces and were given lectures on the historic iron industry of Pennsylvania by Brian Fritz and me. Thanks are due to Sarah Neusius and John Nass for organizing this event and seeing it through, and to Cathy Spohn for an insightful tour of Joanna Furnace.

As we transition into fall and SPA chapters resume their activities, please consider attending these wonderful archaeological events during the remainder of 2022:

- October 8: Workshop in Archaeology at Meadowcroft, themed on tattoos and body art.
- October 29: Workshop in Archaeology at the State Museum, titled Pathways to the Past.
- November 4-6: Eastern States Archaeological Federation 89th Annual Meeting, Shippensburg, PA.

Finally, please mark your calendars for SPA's 92nd Annual Meeting, to be held in Dubois from 14 to 16 April 2022. It's not too early to begin planning a presentation. See you there!

Be safe and stay healthy! Best regards, Chuck Williams, President-elect

SPA Receives Keystone Grant

The Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission has recently announced that the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology has been approved to receive a Keystone Grant in the amount of \$13,700 to administer the **Western Pennsylvania Petroglyph Recording Project**.

This undertaking will be headed by **Ken Burkett and Brian Fritz**. The expected outcome includes a detailed resurvey of the known petroglyph sites within the Upper Ohio Drainage including validation for national register eligibility for each.

The project will formally begin late this fall and run during the next two years.

Participating volunteers will be welcome.

2022 SPA Mini-Field Trip Participants Explore Early Iron Industry Sites

By Sarah Neusius

This year's mini-field trip, "Exploring Pennsylvania Iron Furnaces", was held June 10-12. Sixteen SPA members and friends, mostly from chapters in Western Pennsylvania, participated in this field trip. We were based near Reading, PA and, using a carpool approach, we visited three iron furnaces and one iron forge together. The area south of Reading was an area of great importance in the American iron industry in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Thanks to lectures by Brian Fritz and Dr. Chuck Williams we gained a broader perspective on the iron industry and the many people once involved in it. As usual we had an intense two days, but also had fun being together while learning about archaeological and historical topics and socializing.

We gathered for socializing on Friday evening, June 10 at our hotel in Reading, and set out on the field trip on Saturday, June 11. Our first stop was at Joanna Furnace, Geigertown, PA, where the John Shrader Chapter of the SPA has done archaeology to help with reconstructing the furnace plantation. This furnace operated from 1791-1898 and was a cold-blast furnace for most of its existence. Like other iron furnaces eventually a large complex of buildings was constructed here to support the furnace, and archaeological work has helped interpreters understand the layout and operation of the furnace. Our tour was ably led by Cathy Spohn who has had a long association with the work being done at Joanna Furnace. We were also fortunate that the Kutztown University field school was excavating at Joanna Furnace in June. Although they had a field trip planned for the day we were there, they were able to give us a quick tour of their excavations, which were documenting the ironmaster's house, and this really added to our sense of how archaeology has helped the Hay Creek Valley Historical Association bring this furnace to life for visitors. You can look up more about this furnace at <https://haycreek.org/joanna-furnace/>



Our second stop was at the Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site in Elverson, PA. Here the National Park Service has reconstructed many aspects of early furnace communities, presenting the site as an industrial landscape. After viewing the introductory video, our group toured the site on our own, but we gathered in the cast house after touring to participate in a ranger-led casting workshop. This workshop took us through the steps in the sand casting process as we made a small plaque. Although few of us were happy with the results of our efforts, we did come to a greater appreciation of the process. Touring Hopewell reinforced our sense of just how many activities were needed at an early iron furnace operation. Furnaces were truly plantations where many kinds of laborers and their families lived and worked. The contrast between stories told at a private historical society and the National Park Service was also an interesting aspect of these first two stops.

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After dinner on Saturday, we gathered for a lecture by Brian Fritz entitled “From British Plantation Style to the American Integrated Urban Ironworks: The Nineteenth Century Transformation of the Iron Industry Across Pennsylvania.” Brian used Shade Furnace in Somerset County, about which he has published (Fritz 2016), to describe the kinds of communities that developed around iron furnaces in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. On Sunday morning, we had a second lecture by Dr. Chuck Williams, our new SPA President, about his work exploring colliers and ore miners at furnaces in northwestern Pennsylvania. This lecture was entitled “Charcoal and Ore for the Furnaces: Perspectives from Northwestern Pennsylvania.” Despite the failure

of our projector and laptop setup, Chuck gamely gave us a good sense of his research and of his enthusiasm for finding out about the people who labored in the iron industry. He also helped us begin to see some contrasts between the iron industry as it developed in eastern and western Pennsylvania.



After Chuck’s lecture, we checked out of the hotel and carpoled to Historic Poole Forge. This park in Narvon, PA doesn’t have much interpretation, but it was a good place for our picnic lunch because the remains of the forge community still are evident. Poole Forge operated from 1775-1852, using iron from all the furnaces we visited on our field trip. A highlight of this stop were the actual forge hammers, which remain in the gardens at this spot. You can learn a little more about this park and the bed and breakfast in the old paymaster’s house at <http://historicpooleforge.org/>.

Our final stop was at Cornwall Iron Furnace located in Cornwall, PA. This site, operated by the PHMC, gave us new perspectives yet again. Cornwall Furnace was in operation from 1742-1883, but iron ore began to be mined adjacent to the furnace location as early as 1730 and ore was mined there until 1972 both through underground and strip mining. The ranger at Cornwall, who had some archaeological experience, gave us the most thorough description of the technology used in these early



furnaces that we had received. This was really helpful in clarifying the process of iron making. You can learn more about Cornwall Furnace and ironmaking at <https://www.cornwallironfurnace.org/index.htm>.

Overall, it was great weekend field trip. We learned about the early iron industry, and we had a good time doing it. If you haven't been on one of the SPA field trips, this is the usual takeaway for participants. We go to interesting places, keep the costs low, and enjoy travelling with people also interested in archaeology. Watch for information next Spring about a 2023 trip and consider joining it.



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Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, Somerset, Pennsylvania.

New Website for the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council: www.pennarchcouncil.org

Our own Ken Burkett has had a year of well deserved recognition starting with:

Burkett Awarded the 2022 Crabtree Award by the Society for American Archaeology



Ken Burkett, SPA Treasurer and President of the North Fork Chapter, has been selected as the 2022 recipient of the Crabtree Award given by the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) to an outstanding avocational archaeologist in remembrance of Don Crabtree. Crabtree was a highly skilled, self-taught flint knapper, who trained both professional and avocational archaeologists in flint-knapping and contributed significantly to archaeological understanding of lithic technology. Recipients of this award are recognized for their significant contributions to local, regional, or national archaeology, their collaboration with the professional community, and/or their participation in significant public outreach.

Long active in the SPA, Ken fits this description in multiple ways. His archaeological work at the Fishbasket complex of sites located on Red Bank Creek (Burkett 1999) remains an important contribution to the archaeology of Western Pennsylvania, and his systematic work with

rock art promises to be just useful as well (e.g. Burkett 2021). Since the 1970s, Ken has been a Field Associate of the Anthropology Department of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and he has supported professionals from the Carnegie and other institutions in their research in many ways ever since. Ken also led the North Fork Chapter and the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) in their creation of the award winning Scripture Rocks Heritage Park outside Brookfield, co-authoring a book about Douglas Stahlman and Scripture Rocks with Brian Fritz (Fritz and Burkett 2014). Among other things, Ken has been responsible for first rate archaeology exhibits at JCHS, encouraged the SPA's participation in archaeology booths at the Farm Show in Harrisburg, helped with SPA field trips, and led many of the activities of the North Fork Chapter. He is the long-standing Treasurer of the SPA as well. Currently he is leading the SPA's focus on adding archaeological markers to the State Historical Marker program. We know Ken as a friend and companion in the study of Pennsylvania archaeology, but as even this incomplete summary of his activities shows, he embodies the kind of avocational archaeologist that the Crabtree Award recognizes.

Ken received the award at the SAA Business Meeting held on Friday, April 1 during the SAA's Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Burkett, Kenneth

1999 Prehistoric Occupations at Fishbasket. *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* 69(1):1-99.

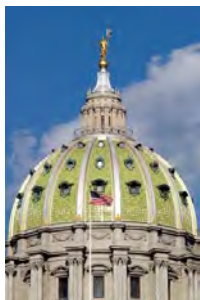
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Fritz, Brian L. and Kenneth Burkett

2014 *Scripture Rocks: Why Douglas Stahlman Carved His Legacy in Stone* (with Brian Fritz)

Brookville, PA: Jefferson County Historical Society.

Next:



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State Capital Senate Citation, PA House of Representatives Citation and Congressional Citation Honoring Kenneth Burkett for his Archaeology Accomplishments By Kat Lyons, JCHC Staff

In honor of Ken Burkett receiving a coveted Society of American Archaeology national award, both the PA Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, presented him recently with ceremonial "Citations." Ken is a former President, Vice-President and current Treasurer of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA), and Carnegie Museum of Natural History Field Associate since 1983. He is also SPA local North Fork Chapter 29 past President and current Treasurer. Ken is the current Executive Director and past Board President of the Jefferson County History

Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg: Senator Cris Dush and Senator Scott Hutchinson, Jefferson County and Clarion County Sponsors. The Citation document was presented in a ceremony on the Senate floor by Senator Dush on April 6th. Ken's brothers, Jack and Barry Burkett attended the ceremony and were seated on the floor of the Senate with Ken while the Citation was read.



“Recognized for his outstanding service to Pennsylvania Archaeology, Kenneth Burkett was honored with the SAA 2022 Crabtree Award, given to an outstanding avocational archaeologist who has contributed to advancing local, regional and national archaeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collections preservation. The Senate...congratulates Kenneth Burkett upon his richly deserved recognition...whose many contributions are worthy of deep gratitude and respect.”

House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
Presented on April 7th by Representative Donna Oberlander below. Sponsor (Clarion):



“To his great credit, he is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 1983 SPA Archey Award, the 1998 Eastern State Archaeological Federation Publication Award, the 2015 American Association of State and Local History Leadership in History Award (for the Scripture Rocks Book he co-authored), and the 2017 PA Museums Individual Special Achievement Award.

The House...congratulates Kenneth Burkett upon his well-deserved recognition, proudly notes his exemplary record of service and contributions, in keeping with the highest ideals of this Commonwealth; and offers best wishes for the continuation of his many worthwhile and beneficial endeavors.”

AND--

117th United States Congress, Washington, D.C.: Congressman Glen Thompson noted: “This award is well deserved for Kenneth, as he has spent his career conducting archaeological research and excavations in western Pennsylvania, focusing on the lifeways of prehistoric Native Americans who once lived in the Redbank Creek watershed. Kenneth has a true passion for bringing our history to life and sharing the artifacts of the people who walked this Earth before us. Once again, I want to congratulate Kenneth on this well-deserved achievement.”

All 3 Citations noted Ken’s archaeology accomplishments, including discovery at age 23 of a Native American burial at Pinnacle Rocks, Elk County in 1975, excavation of the significant Fishbasket site of six Late Woodland Villages along Redbank Creek, which established a new cultural group in western PA, and his work at the Parker’s Landing Petroglyph site on the Allegheny River. Ken also had documented many prehistoric Native American sites and was responsible for dedicating the Fishbasket site (with son Justin), the Parker’s Landing site (Clarion County) and Mead Island Site in Warren County as State Historical Markers.

FINALLY-- The SPA Annual Awards April 2022

The **Life-Time Achievement Award** is given to an individual who has accumulated at least 25 years of outstanding service to archaeology in Pennsylvania and/or the SPA. Nominees can be a professional archaeologist, or a professional in a closely related science, or an avocational archaeologist with an outstanding record of contributions to the field of archaeology and to the SPA, or a non-archaeologist who has assisted the SPA achieve its mission through a life-time of dedication and service in a supportive role.

This year’s recipient has been active in western Pennsylvania for over 40 years. . The recipient has served as president of our organization, as a member of the Board of Directors, has been an active member of the North Fork Chapter, and is currently the society’s treasurer.



He has worked endlessly to promote both the archaeology and local history of the region through articles in the Pennsylvania Archaeologist. The recipient helped form a partnership between the Jefferson County History Center, the North Fork Chapter, and numerous volunteer organizations, to create and maintain the Scripture Rocks Heritage Park located in Jefferson County. The park features biblical scripture carvings on rocks made by Douglas Stahlman. With the assistance of co-author Brian Fritz, a book about Stahlman and Scripture Rocks was published in 2014. The collaboration was recognized by the American Association of State and Local History with its Leadership in History Award in 2017, as well as the Pennsylvania Museum Individual Special Achievement Award. Also in 2017, the Jefferson County Historical Center, Scripture Rocks, and the recipient received the highly prestigious AASLH (American Association of State and Local History) national award through educational programs and first-rate exhibits. Most recently, the recipient has become involved with the Pennsylvania historical marker program, taking a lead securing the needed funding and the placement of historical markers for significant archaeological sites. Finally, the recipient received the 2022 Society for American Archaeology's highest award for an outstanding, avocational archaeologist, the Donald Crabtree Award.

For these reasons and many more that cannot be listed here due to space, the **2022 Life-time Achievement Award** was given to **Kenneth Burkett**.



SPA 2022 Annual Awards

The following awards were given at the annual meeting in Ligonier, in April

2022. **The John Witthoft Chapter Award** for the most new members/and or reinstated delinquent members was given to . accepted



here by **Sarah Neusius** | **The Frances Dorrance Chapter Award** for the most new submitted site forms and/or submitted the most site updates was given to both the **Ohio Valley Chapter #22** accepted here by **Laura DeYoung**,| and to the **Westmoreland Chapter #23**. Accepted



here by **Bob Oshnock**,



Three individual awards were given in 2022. The **Archey Award** recognizes an individual's significant contribution over an appreciable period of time toward the unselfish furtherance of Pennsylvania's Archaeology.

This year's award recipient has spent a lifetime surface collecting, researching, and recording archaeological sites in Armstrong, Butler, Allegheny, and Westmoreland Counties. The recipient keeps meticulous records of surface collections, not to mention having conducted a number of solo rockshelter excavations. Field records and reports are sent to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for curation on a regular basis. For these reasons and many more not mentioned due to space, the **2022 Archie Award** was given to **Thomas Rabbitt**.

The J. Alden Mason Award is given to a professional archaeologist, or a professional in a related science, based upon her/his contribution to education and encouragement of SPA members in the proper pursuit of archaeology, and the mission of the SPA.

This year's award recipient is an educator who has introduced hundreds of students both in the classroom and through field projects to Pennsylvania's rich historical and prehistoric past..

The joy of research is seen in the recipient's scholarly contributions to archaeology. The nominee has either authored or co-authored seven books, 10 book chapters, and more than 15 journal articles over the past 20 years. These include edited volumes on thematic subjects, as well as contributions to industrial and maritime archaeology.

The recipient has shared his time and talents with audiences at the national, regional and local levels. In recognition of their public outreach, the recipient was selected as the



2015 McCann-Taggart Lecturer by the Archaeological Institute of America. The recipient is also a founding member of Pennsylvania's Archaeological Shipwreck Survey Team, serving as the trainer for many of its members. For these reasons, and many more that cannot be mentioned here due to space, the **2022 J. Alden Mason Award** was given to **Dr Ben Ford**, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Hatch Scholarship Winner 2022—presented by Dr. Paul Raber to Evan Harris, MS Student, Anthropology and Archaeology, Mercyhurst University.



Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award--Bob Oshnock will receive funding for dating charcoal from the 36wm811 rock shelter.

W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship 2022-- Stephanie Zellers for: Protecting the Unknown in Watershed 18B: the Kiskiminetas River and Beaver Run

This project synthesizes the archaeological site data collected from CRGIS (prior to its migration to PA-SHARE) for the Kiskiminetas River and Beaver Run drainage (Watershed 18B). Few sites have been recorded in this watershed and the main purpose of this project will be to explore potential explanations and present recommendations for the necessity of additional surveying. Amateurs and informants, particularly farmers, are a vital resource to understanding the archaeology of this watershed which is documented through interviews with two locals who have lived in the same area for 90 years. Increasing fracking on private property without any survey is putting unknown sites in significant danger of damage or destruction and the only way to increase our knowledge and understanding of this watershed is through collaboration with landowners. A collaborative project would help to build trust and understanding between landowners and archaeologists, would aid archaeologists in identifying known sites quickly, and would greatly improve the knowledge of this area.

News from Annual Meeting 2022—Ligonier, PA

AT the Board of Directors meeting, the secretary was asked to express the Society's appreciation to **Dr. Paul Raber**, excerpts as follows:on behalf of the Board of Directors to let you know that we are greatly appreciative of the many years of dedicated work you have provided to the Society in publications. Looking back in the records, it is difficult to find a time when you have not been working on either special publications or working as a member of the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* editorial committee. These are time consuming tasks that you have completed since at least 2006 and possibly longer. If it were not for your dedication and tenacity, these projects may have never been realized. Working as a team with others on you committee and finally handing off some of the responsibility ensures continuity and thereby, ensuring the future of publications for both the SPA and PAC..... Your contributions have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated and this letter is to reinforce our gratitude for all you have accomplished. Thanks Paul!



Graybill Specialized Research Fund

Award presented to John by Janet Johnson

In Memory of Jeff Graybill, his family has donated funds to honor him and his career in archaeology. As 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. The 2022 recipient is **Dr. John P. Nass, Jr.** for research on the Sorn Site.

A new program to support student and avocational archaeological research in Pennsylvania.

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. Draft guidelines for this program are below. We are interested in feedback from the membership. Please direct comments to the following email address: erbresearch22@gmail.com. We plan on adding an application form to the SPA web site in the near future.

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Research Grant Guidelines

Submission Deadline: December 31

Description: The Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Trustees have established a grant to support original research in Pennsylvania archaeology by students and avocational archaeologists. The grant can be used to support travel, expendable supplies, equipment rental, remote sensing studies or radiometric dating. Research should result in curation and/or a public presentation, such as an exhibit, conference presentation or publication within an 18-month period. Applicants are encouraged to identify an appropriate mentor/advisor. A progress report will be submitted to the Trustees after 6 months and an expenditures report at 12 months.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Grants are restricted to students (currently registered at an accredited college or university) or avocational archaeologists

Member of SPA

Research project must focus on the archaeology of Pennsylvania

Submission Materials (submitted to Trustee Chair by Dec. 31):

Research proposal detailing methods and significance of project

Budget

Timeline

Curation plans are necessary for projects involving the collection of artifacts, especially those involving excavation.

If excavations are involved, a letter granting permission to the property is necessary.

Nature of Award:

The panel will award various amounts based on need up to a maximum of \$1500. Grant funds will be distributed in three equal payments; at the beginning of the grant, at six months based on an interim status **report and at twelve months based on a summary of the results and an expenditure's report.**

Selection or evaluation criteria:

Significance of proposed research

Feasibility of completion within 18 months

Relevance of budget to project completion

Trustee Deliberation Process:

A sub-committee within the Board of Trustees has been established to read and rank all eligible proposals. After each trustee reads and ranks the applications the chair tallies the rankings. Awards will be made from the ranked list of applicants starting with the highest ranked applicant until the available funds for that year are expended.

Award decisions will be made by March 1 and the applicants will be notified. The award will be announced at the annual meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Manuscripts

Dear SPA members

As the editor for *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*, I am giving the members the opportunity to present their research. I will consider articles on prehistoric and historic topics in any part of Pennsylvania. I recently have had discussions with people working outside of archaeology with interesting applications and perspectives from their own non-archaeological professions. College and graduate students are also encouraged to submit manuscripts.

Dr. Roger Moeller at: alchemy60@sbcglobal.net

Westmoreland Archaeological Society Chapter #23 Site Excavation

Fieldwork opportunity at the Trout Run Rock Shelter (36Wm1493

Daily field hours vary (weather permitting) starting in April 2023

Volunteers are welcome and prior experience is not needed. Non-chapter members will be required to sign liability waiver as per our chapter insurance policy.

Hand tools will be provided by the Chapter, if needed, along with all other necessary field supplies.

If interested, volunteers must contact Jim Barno at bar3686@calu.edu for further instructions.

The 92nd Annual Meeting of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

April 14 -16, 2023

Hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Meeting Venue: Dubois Country Club, 10 Lakeside Avenue, Dubois, PA 15801

Accommodations: Comfort Suites Dubois, 8 Lakeside Avenue Dubois, PA 15801

Reservations at (814) 375-6028

Identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Single King rate is \$109.00, 2 Queen Beds - \$119.00 Early reservations are recommended.

Call for papers

Program Chair: Amanda Valko

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 Amanda at: amanda@quemahoning.com NO later than March 18, 2023.

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 angela.jaillet@yahoo.com . Please include a copy of your student identification card when submitting .

MORE information and registrations in the upcoming Winter 2023 Newsletter.

Archaeology Month Calendar 2022

Late updates can be found on the SPA website at: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Annual Workshops in Archaeology *Pathways to the Past* on Saturday, October 29th, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0024. Visit statemuseumpa.org/WorkshopsInArchaeology for more information. Presenters include:

Trade, Migration, or Both: Delmarva Adena-Hopewell by Darrin L. Lowery, Ph.D.

The Search for the Ephemeral Feature Type: A Look at some Potential Native American Travel Routes on the Allegheny Plateau by Andrew J. Myers, Marienville Ranger District, Allegheny National Forest.

The Venango Path: History, Archaeology and Environment by Chuck Williams, Ph.D., RPA, Williams Ecological, LLC.

Over the Hump: Portages and Pathways into Western PA by Kenneth Burkett, Executive Director, Jefferson County History Center, Field Associate, Carnegie Museum.

The Underground Railroad through Cumberland County by Matthew March, Education Director, Cumberland County Historical Society, Mount Tabor AME Zion Church and Cemetery and Carmen James, Board President, Mt. Tabor Preservation Project.

CCC Company 361-C, S-62 PA: Exploratory Archaeology at Penn-Roosevelt State Park by Kate Peresolak, M.A., RPA, Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps (PAOC) Cultural Resources Crew (CRC) Leader, The Student Conservation Association (SCA).

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village

Sixth Annual Workshop in Archaeology presenting “Tattooing and other forms of Body Alteration: Expressions of Self & Status” on Saturday, October 8, 2022, 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM at the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Avella, Pennsylvania, 401 Meadowcroft Road, Avella, PA 15312, 724-587-3412. This workshop is sponsored by the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, and the Heinz History Center. Participants will discuss the practice and significance of tattooing and other forms of body modification in America among American Indians and Europeans, along with the traditional tools, pigments, and materials used. Speakers will include members of federally recognized American Indian tribes who will also demonstrate traditional tattooing techniques. Additional Activities include admission to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village including tours of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter National Historic Landmark, demonstrations by skilled artisans, artifact identification by SPA members, assistance by staff from the State Historic Preservation Office with recording your archaeological sites, and screening fill for artifacts from a regional 18th century archaeological site.

Allegheny Chapter 1

Chapter meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Dr. Rose-Marie Muzika will present a program about forest ecology and dendrochronology. If you are interested in joining the meeting contact Sarah Neusius at sraahneusius@gmail.com.

Frances Dorrance Chapter 11

Open House at the Conrail Dig Site in Duryea, PA from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The site is located off Coxton Road just over the Lackawanna River from Main St. For more information contact Ted Baird at tedbaird@verizon.net.

Westmoreland Archaeological Society Chapter 23

Artifact display and artifact identification at the Greene County Historical Society’s annual Harvest Festival on October 8th located at the Greene County Museum, 918 Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Event contact Jim Barno at bar3686@calu.edu.

North Fork Chapter 29

Chapter meeting Friday, October 21st at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Education Center at 100 S. White Street (Corner of White and Main Streets), Brookville, PA 15825. Ken Burkett, Executive Director, Jefferson County History Center, and Carnegie Museum Field Associate will present the program *Over the Hump Portages and Pathways into Western PA*. Use of canoes by the early Native Americans in Pennsylvania is often an overlooked aspect of long distance mobility. This session will examine both historical, geographical and artifact evidence relating to extensive prehistoric inter-regional travel by water between the Susquehanna and Allegheny River basins by peoples portaging between the upper Susquehanna River into the east to west flowing tributaries of central western Pennsylvania. For more information contact Ken Burkett at kenburkett@comcast.net.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Archaeology Day

Archaeology Day at IUP is on Saturday, October 15th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. this year. For more information contact Andrea Palmiotto, at apalmiot@iup.edu



October is Archaeology Month in Pennsylvania

The State Museum of Pennsylvania
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

2022 ANNUAL WORKSHOPS IN **ARCHAEOLOGY**

PATHWAYS TO THE PAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Visit statemuseumpa.org/WorkshopsInArchaeology for more information

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In association with:
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The 2022 Workshops in Archaeology Program
at The State Museum of Pennsylvania
Saturday, October 29, 2022
For registration, schedule and details
Please visit the SPA website

<https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/workshops.htm>

Sixth Annual Workshop in Archaeology

“Tattooing and other forms of Body Alteration: Expressions of Self & Status”

Saturday, October 8, 2022, 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Avella, Pennsylvania

Participants will discuss the practice and significance of tattooing and other forms of body modification in America among American Indians and Europeans, along with the traditional tools, pigments, and materials used. Speakers will include members of federally recognized American Indian tribes who will also demonstrate traditional tattooing techniques.

Sponsored by the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, and the Heinz History Center

Additional Activities

- Flint knapping and weaving demonstrations
- Recording of archaeological sites is an essential task in protecting and preserving our 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 SPA chapter members. These individuals have over 70 years of combined experience with archaeological artifacts. Bring in your historic or prehistoric artifacts for identification.
- Admission to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village (www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft) including tours of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter National Historic Landmark
- Participate in screening fill for artifacts from a regional 18th century archaeological site

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)

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Registration must be received by October 1st. Includes admission and a boxed lunch (options below). If no lunch is desired, only 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	\$27.00	_____	_____
Senior (62+)	\$26.00	_____	_____
Student (w/ valid ID)	\$19.00	_____	_____
Youth (6-17)	\$19.00	_____	_____
SPA Members	\$24.00	_____	_____
Children (5 & under) Free Admission			
Cost of Lunch	\$12.00	_____	_____
Heinz History Center Members Free			
Cost of Lunch	\$12.00	_____	_____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks should be mailed to: Sixth Annual Archaeology Workshop
Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
401 Meadowcroft Rd.,
Avella, PA 15312

Please Select Boxed Lunch Option

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.

Turkey Number _____
Baked Ham Number _____
Roast Beef Number _____

Vegetarian/Gluten-free Option Number _____

Graybill Specialized Research Fund

In memory of Jeff Graybill his family has donated funds to honor him and his career in archaeology. As 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. The Application Form is available on the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology website. 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 such as starch residue, phytolith, micro-wear, use-wear, DNA, trace element and Strontium Isotope Analysis
- Application deadline is December 31st
- 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 will be accepted for calendar year ending December 31st, awarded applicant/s will be notified by March 1st.

Activities of The State Museum of Pennsylvania

The museum is in the search process for a new Director and hopes to fill that position later this year. We are open for visitors Wednesday thru Saturday (9-5) and Sunday (12-5). The Section of Archaeology is accepting submissions for scholarly research (janjohnson@pa.gov) and prescheduled collection deliveries. We continue to update our [on-line collection data](#) and offer virtual “learn at lunch” programs as well as the [bi-weekly blog](#). If you would like to view some of our past presentations check out the YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8ZjZK2E6_OuPhKETWj1Vwidobu8n8rAc

Our changing exhibit space in the Hall of Anthropology and Archaeology currently features artifacts donated by Bill Leiser. Bill was a member of the Society’s Lenape Chapter #12, other members included David Werner, William DeGraw and Fred Assmus. Bill’s career as a middle school science teacher led to the introduction of his student, Fred Assmus to advocational archaeology. Bill collected on sites in the Upper Delaware River Valley and his collection includes artifacts from Zimmermann(36Pi14), Snyder (Schneider-36Pi40) and Santos(36PI37), to name a few. We thank Bill and his family for this important donation to the State Museum.

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dues notifications for 2023 will be mailed in the near future.

Please update your mailing or email addresses at that time.



In Memorium

Obituary for W. Fred Kinsey III

A swan song! Fred dodged the bullet several times, but this last time he failed to duck. He died on April 25, 2022. *Shortly after attending the 91st Annual Meeting of the SPA in Ligonier, PA.*

Following graduation from York's William Penn High School in 1947, he attended Columbia College in New York and graduated in 1951. After graduation, he returned to Columbia for graduate study in anthropology. While at Columbia, Fred received a master's degree in 1953 and was immediately drafted (1953 to 1955) into the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Upon completion of his military service, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission employed him from 1955 to 1963, as state archeologist and subsequently chief curator of the Pennsylvania State Museum. In 1963, Fred was named director of the North Museum and assistant professor of anthropology at Franklin & Marshall College.

During the 27 years of his directorship, Fred guided the North Museum from a volunteer organization to a professionally staffed and fully accredited museum. In the summer months, armed with numerous grants, he and his students conducted archeological investigations and research in Washington Boro, Lancaster County and in Monroe and Pike Counties in the Upper Delaware Valley. One cause of great satisfaction and much pleasure is that Fred and a number of his former students have remained in close contact. He earned his PhD at Catholic University of America in 1973. After 27 years at Franklin & Marshall, he retired in 1990 as director of the North Museum and as a professor emeritus of the anthropology department. During the course of his professional career, Fred authored three books, two scientific monographs and some seventy technical articles and book reviews. Fred was active in fostering the growth and increasing the professionalization of archeology in Pennsylvania and throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. He served the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) in numerous offices, and he received the John Alden Mason Award. The SPA named an annual student award in his name and honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to archaeology. Fred was president of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation; he was a co-founder and president of Pennsylvania Archaeological Council and co-founder and president of the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Council. Fred's long professional life touched many other lives. He will be honored and missed for a long time to come.

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Encourages submissions for the SPA Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award

Applicants must complete one copy of the 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 THE 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 and instructions may be found on the SPA website and will be processed as they are received.

Submission deadline is normally **four weeks prior to the next SPA Annual Meeting**.

Dr. Bernard K. Means, chairman, C-14 Committee



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Shippensburg University

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