

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. SPA Newsletter Spring 2003

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The subject of today's sermon is renewal. As we look forward to the end of this seemingly interminable winter, thoughts of springtime, rebirth, etc. etc. come to mind. My mental wanderings in this reverie, or perhaps nightmare, slowly arrive at the subject of the future of the SPA, its chapters and members. (Please, don't try to discern any psychological meaning in this progression! It's simply the result of cabin fever.) My own experience with Chapter 14, and recent reports from several other chapters, point up some potentially serious problems for our organization. I'm sure that it's no great revelation to many of you that the SPA is undergoing a general 'graying' trend. It's not that there is no recruitment of new members, but we're certainly flirting with the negative side of ZPG (Zero Population Growth). At the same time, and probably to some degree related, the movement of fresh faces into positions of official responsibility in the organization seems painfully slow. Individuals who have for years carried out key duties at various levels are reaching the point of burn-out. Some have kept on in these positions for longer than they may have preferred due to a lack of potential replacements.

It is almost a truism that in any organization a relatively small proportion of the membership takes on the great majority of the work. This is probably as it has to be. After all, people vary in their ability to carve out 'disposable' time from their basic work and domestic schedules. In recent years, the amount of such disposable time seems to have diminished at an ever accelerating rate. I don't think this is simply a case of longing for 'the good old days'. Life is simply more full of demands and stresses.

Despite these trends, if the SPA and its constituent chapters are to remain viable organizations and carry out the important tasks of education and preservation that are their core mission, we must find ways of encouraging and motivating people to take on positions of responsibility. Perhaps as part of this process, we should devise ways of making the necessary tasks a bit less onerous. After all, participation in the SPA and involvement in archaeology are voluntary undertakings. Both avocational and professionals are in archaeology because they love it, certainly not for money or power. If the chores of a position are overly time consuming, find some way of dividing them up into smaller pieces and spreading those pieces amongst a number of people. Now that access to computers and the Internet are so widespread, it should be relatively easy to disperse and reassemble bits of work (mailing lists, gathering information, communication via email, etc.).

With respect to the more general problem, prospects for membership growth are not as bleak as one might think. Surprisingly, given the tenor of our times, there are still young people who discover archaeology and find it interesting. The SPA can provide them with valuable experience and exposure to a tradition of investigation of the past. Remember when you were young and eager to learn. You now have many things to teach those just coming into the field. Teaching is the best way to keep learning! So, let local schools and colleges know you're there. Offer ways in which your chapter can interact with their students and staff. But be realistic. Better to do one thing well, than to attempt a dozen and do them poorly, or fail altogether.

End of sermon.

SPA Collections and Curation Committee Update

As Chair of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology's Collections and Curation Committee, I have been asked to develop a brochure or pamphlet that lends guidance to collectors concerning all aspects of artifact curation. Curating a private collection begins with record-keeping at the time of artifact discovery and eventually ends with transfer of the collection to a museum or comparable repository, which can provide perpetual care. The assumption is that prehistoric and historic artifacts, although found by individuals, really belong to all of us. Such artifacts represent our common heritage. Many collections are initially cared for by private individuals, who, in turn, donate them to professionally-staffed repositories when they are no longer able to insure their safe-keeping.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting draft brochure text was reviewed and discussed. The next step is to layout revised text with color graphics, select a publication format, and secure printing price quotes. A final draft of the brochure will be presented to the Board of Directors at the upcoming annual meeting in State College.

Because we live in an age where access to electronic media is nearly universal, the Board decided that the publication should also be made available via the Society's WEB site. Additionally, we hope to provide a list of Society members who are willing to answer questions about artifact collecting and curation as well as visit private collectors to provide object identifications, promote site recording, and encourage Society membership.

The Society needs your help. If you are willing to serve as a collecting and curation resource person, please contact me no later than May 5, 2003. Thanks for your interest and willingness to participate in this educational project.

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Field School Listing Historical Archaeology Field School at Ephrata Cloister

Location: Ephrata, Pennsylvania
Site: Ephrata Cloister
Period: 1732-1813 AD; also some prehistoric
Dates: June 9-August 1, 2003
Sponsors: The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Ephrata Cloister Historic Site
Application Deadline: April 7, 2003; for application contact the Director or visit www.statemuseumpa.org

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Members News

Pennsylvania Archaeologist-a Status Report
The Society apologizes for publication delays. The following is the expected publication schedule for the next two issues: **Volume 72 (2) expected print date, April 15, 2003; Volume 73 (1) expected print date, June 30, 2003.** All future editions are expected to return to normal Spring and Fall deadlines. The editor is requesting manuscripts for Volumes 73 (2) and forward. A special request from the Editor, in the interest of regional parity, is for articles from places other than southwestern Pennsylvania. Address manuscripts to: Joe Baker, Editor, Pennsylvania Archaeologist, PO Box 462, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Refer to the journal for submissions guidelines or email the Editor at josebaker@state.pa.us

Eastern States Archaeological Federation

Membership: ESAF will donate 20% of the membership fee to the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. if dues are paid through the SPA. Membership includes Archaeology of Eastern North America (AENA), and informational announcements throughout the year.
Fees are: \$30.00 Individual membership and \$40.00 Institutional. For postage to foreign countries add \$5.00. Please make checks payable to Treasurer, SPA. Foreign Checks must be in US funds or drawn on a US bank. Send to: Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc., P.O. Box 10287, Pittsburgh, PA 15232-0287

Annual Chapter Reports have been mailed to the individual chapters. The report details the chapter activities for the previous year (2002). The report is a chapter obligation under the SPA constitution.

Please remember to report **chapter officers** to the Secretary annually. This report is necessary for maintaining proper contact with the chapters. Please report officers even if there has not been a change of positions in your chapter.

Please check your **address label** to determine your **dues status**. The last year of paid dues is above your name on the address label.

Annual Awards Notice

Donna George, Awards Chairman, announces that SPA chapter presidents and secretaries will soon be receiving forms for the nominations of members for the **Archey, J. Alden Mason, John Witthoft, Francis Dorrance and Shrader/George** awards. The awards are for the following: Archey – for significant contributions by an advocational archaeologist; J. Alden Mason – for outstanding contributions by a professional archaeologist; John Witthoft - the SPA chapter that recruited the most new state members; Francis Dorrance – to a chapter that recorded the most sites; and Shrader/George – to any young person, 18 years old or younger, who's accomplishments significantly furthered the cause of Pennsylvania archaeology. Additional forms can be obtained from: Donna George, Awards Chairman, 370 McDonald Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 , email dlgeorge00@earthlink.net

Nominations for Officers of the Society

Two-Year Terms

First Vice President: Amanda Valko

Second Vice President: Paul Nevin

Secretary: Judy Duritsa

Treasurer: Paul Cowin

Board of Directors (2)

Six year Terms (2009)

Edmund Dlutowski

Dr. Verna L. Cowin

Only members in good standing are eligible to vote in the election.

The Revised **SPA Constitution** has been reprinted in Vol. 72 (1) of The Pennsylvanian Archaeologist. The Constitution outlines the purpose of the Society, the duties and responsibilities of the officers, directors, chapters and members. Please review the document for changes. This is your personal copy of the SPA Constitution please keep it for future reference.

Jacob L. Grimm IV C14 Award

The Society's C14 program was designed to help chapters and individual members with the cost of C14 dating. Individual applying must be a member in good standing to qualify for the funding. Applications will be review and awards made at the SPA Annual Meeting if applications are received before the meeting date. In 2003 that would be May 9th.

Please address all requests for matching C14 dating funds to: James Herbstritt, BHP, Keystone Building, 400 North St., 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093 or e-mail: jherbstrit@state.pa.us

SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY
74th ANNUAL MEETING-Preliminary Program

Friday, May 9, 2003

12:00 - 6:00 Registration, Book Sales and Exhibits
7:30 SPA Board Meeting
Hospitality Suite, opens after board meeting

Saturday, May 10, 2003

8:00 - 2:00 Registration
8:00 - 9:00 SPA Business Meeting
9:00 - 6:00 Book Sales and Exhibits
9:00 - 6:00 Silent Auction, in Book Room

“THEY ARE NOT DEAD WHO LIVE IN THE HEARTS THEY LEAVE BEHIND”

A SESSION IN HONOR OF DR. DOROTHY A. HUMPF, 1960 - 2002

Moderator, Barbara Shaffer

9:15 - 9:30 Barbara J. Shaffer and Mark D. Shaffer *“They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind”: The Contributions of Dr. Dorothy A. Humpf*
9:30 - 9:45 Ira C. Beckerman *Pre-contact Settlement in the Bald Eagle Valley B Some Thoughts*
9:45 - 10:00 Paul A. Raber *The Early and Middle Archaic at 36Ju104: A Preliminary Report*
10:00 - 10:15 Patricia Miller *Recent Excavations in Area 2 of Site 36AL480, a Stratified Site along the Ohio River at Leetsdale*
10:15 - 10:30 Noël Strattan and Christina Fingleton Lieb *Pennsylvania's Burial Laws and Policies: The Steven's School Site and Other Examples*
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 11:00 Kurt W. Carr, Stanley Lantz, and Gary Fogelman *An Inventory of Fluted Projectile Points in Pennsylvania: Preliminary Results*
11:00 - 11:15 Andrew Wyatt, Francine Arnold, and Barbara Shaffer *Prehistoric Lithic Reduction Sequencing and Historic Farm Life at the Snook Farm (36BD217) and Other Sites in Bedford County, Pennsylvania*
11:15 - 11:30 Joseph Baker, Elaine Branigan, John Branigan, Sara Clark, Rich Petyk and Elizabeth Wagner *A Gap in Time*
11:30 - 11:45 Barbara J. Little *Archaeology and Public Outreach*
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

GENERAL SESSION

1:00 - 1:20 Mark A. McConaughy *It's Time to Draw the Line on the Middle Woodland in Western Pennsylvania*
1:20 - 1:40 David Rue *Early and Middle Woodland Occupation at a Site in the New Cumberland Army Depot along the Susquehanna River*
1:40 - 2:00 Robert Oshnock *The Meyer Site, 36Wm478, a Late Woodland Village*
2:00 - 2:20 Bernard K. Means *Time Enough at Last? Chronological Conundrums and the Monongahela of the Somerset Plateau*
2:40 - 3:00 David J. Sorg *Linguistic Affiliations of the Massawomeck Confederacy*
3:00 - 3:20 Nancy Herter *The Canadian Connection: Exploring a Southern Ontario Iroquoian Migration into Western New York*
3:20 - 3:40 Amanda Valko *Excavations at Captain William Vicary's Mansion*
3:40 - 4:00 James T. Herbstritt *“To Be or Not to Be:” Monongahela Houses with Separate Walls and Roofs*

4:00 - 6:00 **Open House** at Matson Museum of Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University

6:00 - 6:30 **Cash Bar and Silent Auction**

6:30 **Banquet Dinner**

Address by Dr. David Webster, Department of Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University

Sunday, May 11, 2003

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 - 9:20 Daniel N. Bailey and Gregory M. Katz *Taking a Closer Look at Penns Creek Chert: An Archaeological and* 9:20 - 9:40
Paul Nevin *The Safe Harbor Petroglyph Recording Project*
9:40 - 10:00 Beverly Chiarulli, Christine Lasser, Amanda Shafer, Kelly Coates, William Caramana, and Alicia Ebbitt *The Use of
Magnetic Susceptibility Analysis to Identify Buried Cultural Horizons*
10:00 - 10:20 Susanne Haney *Site 36Cr129, an Upland Middle/Late Archaic Colluvial Site in Carbon County*
10:20 - 10:40 Gary E. Stinchcomb *Geoarchaeological Investigations at the Rivercrest Site (36MG112): Particle-Size Analysis as an
Interpretive Tool in Upland Geological Investigation*
10:40 - 11:00 Brian L. Fritz *A Path out of Prehistory: Evidence of a Prehistoric Precursor to the Raystown Indian Path at the John
Bridges Tavern, Site 36Wm902*
11:00 - 11:20 Nicole C. Minnichbach *Late Woodland Ceramics at Mytuk Rockshelter, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania: Cultural Use
and Activity in an Upland Rockshelter*
11:20 - 11:40 David L. Weinberg [* Title to be determined *]

SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY
74th ANNUAL MEETING
STATE COLLEGE -- MAY 9-11, 2003

LOCATION: The Bald Eagle Archaeological Society (BEAS) Chapter 24 will host the annual SPA meeting at the RAMADA INN, 1450 S. Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801. For reservations, phone (814) 238-3001, and specify "Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology" (not just SPA) to guarantee a reduced rate of \$69 (+8.5% tax) for a room with a king or two double beds. Make reservations by April 9, 2003 to insure room availability.

DIRECTIONS: If coming from the south, take Business Rte. 322 (S. Atherton Street) into State College. The hotel is on the left side before reaching center of town. If coming from east or west on I-80, take Exit 161 (old Exit 24) to the newly opened section of US Rte. 220, toward State College. Take Exit 74, Innovation Park, then take left fork to Penn State, Go 3.3 miles (along Park Ave.) and turn left onto Business Rte. 322 (Atherton St.); go 2.0 miles, hotel on right.

PAC: Business meeting will be Fri. morning, followed on Fri. afternoon by a symposium that is open to all.
SPA: Board of Directors will meet on Fri. evening.

PAPERS: There will be a session in honor of Dorothy Humpf. To present a paper in the two general sessions, contact Melissa Diamanti at 814-364-2135 (day) or 814-466-6607 (home) or ahcinc@earthlink.net.

OPEN HOUSE will be held on Sat. afternoon at the Matson Museum of Anthropology, Penn State. Exhibits include worldwide archaeology and contemporary cultures. The curator will be available to answer questions.

MEALS: The Saturday evening banquet will be a buffet, preceded by a social hour with cash bar. Buffet will include beef, chicken, and vegetarian entrees. Please register for the banquet in advance, because there will only be a limited number of tickets available at the door. The hospitality room will be open Fri. & Sat. evening. Chapter representatives can meet for lunch on Sat., to discuss shared issues. Contact Mary Alice Graetzer to reserve a place.

SPEAKER: Saturday banquet, Dr. David Webster, Professor of Anthropology at Penn State, will speak on recent research in Mesoamerica.

AUCTION: The auction to raise funds for the SPA will be held in two parts. Most items will be placed in a silent auction, held during the day on Sat. in the Book Room. A few items will be in a live auction after the banquet.

BOOK AND EXHIBIT ROOM: To reserve space for publication sales or research exhibits, contact Steve Sywensky at 814-237-0405 or sywensky@aol.com.

COORDINATION: For other questions, contact Mary Alice Graetzer at 814-238-5239 or rxg8@psu.edu.

REGISTRATION: Please submit advance registration no later than April 24, 2003. Registration is \$21 in advance or \$24 at the door, with a reduced rate of \$15 for students (indicate school under Affiliation).

REGISTRATION FORM -- SPA ANNUAL MEETING

Name _____ Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Advance Registration for SPA meeting (\$24 at door) @ \$ 21 x persons = \$

Student Registration for SPA meeting (\$15 at door) @ \$ 15 x students = \$

Banquet Registration for Saturday evening @ \$ 23 x dinners = \$

(A limited number of banquet tickets will be available at the door at \$25 each) TOTAL \$

Make checks payable to BEAS and mail by April 24, 2003 to: Melissa Diamanti, Bald Eagle Archaeological Society, 101 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828

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38th Annual Spring Symposium on Archaeology
Maryland's Changing Landscapes: From the Rise of the Chesapeake to the Rise of
the Suburbs

presented by the
Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc.
and the
Maryland Historical Trust Office of Archaeology

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2003

Location: People's Resource Center, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland
(Donation requested: \$4.00 ASM members; \$6.00 non-members)

The Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture

A Brief History of the Chesapeake Bays, Jeffrey Halka, Maryland Geological Survey

Archaeological Impacts in a Landscape Sculpted by Wind and Water: The Relationship Between Geology, Climate, Environment, Ecology, and Prehistoric Societies Living in the Middle Atlantic Coastal Plain,

Darrin Lowery, Chesapeake Watershed Archaeological Research

Sea Level Rise and Changing Landscapes at the Holland Point Site (18DO220), Jesse Walker, Temple University

Nanticoke Identity through Time and Across Space: an Archaeological Explication,
Virginia Busby, U.S. Army Environmental Center

Recasting the View: Excavating the Historic Landscapes of Mount Calvert, Mike Lucas, MD-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Chesapeake Waterscapes: The Oyster Industry and the State Fishery Force, Rick Ervin, Maryland State Highway Administration

The Iris MacGillivray Memorial Lecture

Landscapes Lost and Meanings Found: A Case Study in Linking Past and Present in a Maryland Suburb,

Julie H. Ernstein, University of Maryland: College Park

This presentation stresses the continuities and discontinuities between three layered landscapes associated with Belair Mansion and Stables in Bowie, Maryland. Archaeological, documentary, and oral historical sources are combined in a diachronic analysis of three superimposed landscapes: an eighteenth-century colonial plantation landscape, an early twentieth-century Delano and Aldrich colonial revival garden, and a mid-century suburban Levittown that came to occupy the estate's former fields and pastures.

For additional information or directions contact Elizabeth Ragan at (410) 548-4502 or earagan@salisbury.edu. **This is a 2003 Maryland Archaeology Month event.** For information on other Archaeology Month events, or the Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc., visit our webpages at www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net and www.smcm.edu/asm.

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