



**The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
Newsletter Winter 2015-16**

President's Column

SEASONS GREETINGS!

As 2016 rapidly approaches, please remember to renew your annual membership to the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. While the Board of Directors and officer of the society serve as the administrative arm, the vitality and success of our organization rests squarely with you, the membership. Many of us hold dual memberships; that is we are members of one of the various chapters across the commonwealth, as well as members of the parent organization. However, it is at the level of the chapter that the goals of the Society for Pennsylvania are most evident and it is also at the level of the chapter that we are most visible to the public. My challenge to you is to continue supporting the Society for Pennsylvania and the activities sponsored by whatever chapter you are currently a member.

Over the next several months I will be traveling to visit more of the chapters. This fall I focused on those in the western portion of the state, but in the spring and next fall I will be visiting those of you in the central and eastern half of the state. I will notify each chapter about visiting to insure my visit would not be an inconvenience. If chapters are conducting excavations this summer, please let me know as well.

The society website will be updated as board initiatives are enacted. A digital version of the society membership card will be available, along with a membership certificate for students who want to use it as part of their portfolio. Both can be found in the Member's Only portion of the website. I will also have Roger Moeller continue to add PDF files of theses and dissertations to the Member's Only section. Remember that the State Museum and the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh have agreed to discount the admission to their respective museums for SPA members for 2015. The discount does not apply to the gift shop or to the cafeteria. To get the discount a membership card must be presented when purchasing tickets. I hope to secure the continued cooperation of both organizations for 2016 and adding additional partners. Look for other additions this winter.

Those in attendance at the fall BOD meeting were briefed about the reorganization of the Awards and Education Committees. First Vice President Jonathan Libbon and co-chair Donna Smith are now responsible for the annual awards given by the SPA, and Second Vice President Tom Glover is overseeing the activities of the Education Committee. The activities of both committees are vital to the success of our organization and membership support is a must!

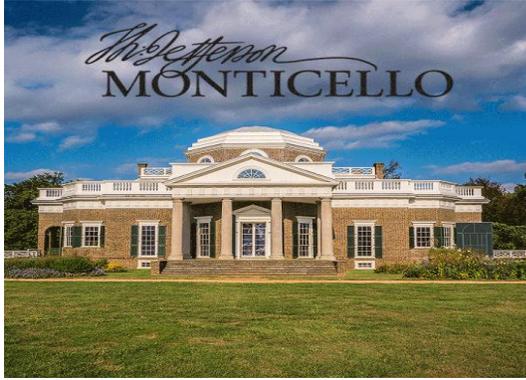
Immediate past President Sarah Neusius and I are pleased to announce that the next planned SPA trip is scheduled for June 2-5, 2016. The theme for this trip is Presidential Homes in Virginia. All sites have active archaeology programs and we will be able to visit the excavations as well. Please read the accompanying article in this newsletter about the trip and consider joining us for a memorable outing and educational experience. Look for information on the website and watch for communications from the Society secretary.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Jill Schutz, daughter of Donald Tanner who died in 2015, has given to me several boxes of papers, maps, and artifacts from his years of archaeology in Pennsylvania. Although I never met Don, I am aware of his involvement in Pennsylvania archaeology and the SPA. Don's most recent contribution was an article on the Mathies Mine Mound published in 2012 in the Pennsylvania Archaeologist and co-authored with Bill Tippins, Robert Laidig and Mark McConaughy. The items in question will be given to the state museum in January for curation. His daughter also provided a monetary donation to the SPA in memory of her father. The BOD will decide how best to use this generous gift given the history of her father's involvement in Pennsylvania archaeology.

Best Wishes and a Happy New Year!

John Nass, Jr.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2016 SPA Field Trip



Ferry Farm

Plans are being completed for the 2016 SPA field trip, which will take place June 2-5 and will focus on the archaeology of Virginia's presidential homes. We will be visiting some wonderful places associated with Presidents Washington, Jefferson and Madison and learning a lot about the archaeology associated with these homes and founding fathers in the process. Like the 2015 trip to the Ohio mounds there will be behind the scenes tours and evening speakers to enhance what we learn about presidential archaeology as well as opportunities to relax with other SPA members as we travel in Virginia.

This year's trip will start in Bedford, Pa where we will gather for an introduction and orientation meeting at the Fairfield Inn and Suites on Thursday evening June 2. We expect that we will be able to leave our cars at this hotel for the weekend, but do plan on carpooling to Bedford. Early on Friday June 3, we will head south to begin our tour at Washington's Mount Vernon and then Ferry Farm (George Washington's boyhood home). Friday night we will stay in Fredricksburg at the Clarion Inn. Then on Saturday we plan to visit both Jefferson's Monticello and Madison's Montpelier and stay near Charlottesville at a Best Western. On Sunday we may break up the long trip home with a stop or two, but we plan to be back in Bedford before 5 PM.

One change this year is that we have negotiated group rates at the three hotels, but participants must make their own reservations BEFORE MAY 1 to get these rates. Your application and full fee for the other costs will be due to the SPA by that date as well. We hope this approach will work better for all of us. We also hope to go by motor coach rather than rental vans if enough of you are able to participate.

We still are working to get the lowest prices possible and to provide this trip at cost for SPA members and one guest non-member. Otherwise there will be a higher price again for non-members. More details, fees, and application forms will be sent to your chapter presidents by February 1 or can be obtained from either John Nass (nass@calu.edu) or Sarah Neusius (sawn@iup.edu) via email at that time. There will be also be a sign-up table at the Annual Meeting in April. This will be another not to be missed trip, so don't plan to be part of it! Please mark your calendars and plan on coming with us in early June.

Mount Vernon



Montpelier



2016 Spring PAC Symposium

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council will continue its symposium series with a session on the archaeological study of prehistoric quarries, *Lithic Quarries in Pennsylvania: The Archaeology of Tool Stone Procurement*, organized by Kurt Carr and Paul Raber. The session, to be held on Friday afternoon, April 15, 2016, at the joint SPA/PAC spring meeting, will examine how the prehistoric inhabitants of Pennsylvania and surrounding states obtained and processed tool stone from quarries and outcrops. Most of the papers for the symposium are already lined up but if you have an idea for a presentation or might be interested in contributing a paper to an edited volume based on the proceedings, please contact Kurt (kcarr@pa.gov) or Paul (praber@heberlingassociates.com).

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council and the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology working together to support publications on archaeology.

One of the goals of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc., is the *dissemination of archaeological knowledge by means of publication and forums* (SPA website). Major efforts in achieving this goal are our annual meeting and the publication of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. The membership should be aware that the Society is involved with many other activities and this year we are also supporting a publication on the Transitional period sponsored by the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC). Over the years, PAC has organized several symposiums (Paleo-Indian, Archaic, Early and Middle Woodland) that were held at the annual PAC meeting the Friday of the annual SPA meeting and later published by PAC. The Series Editor is Paul Raber. The newest publication is titled *The Nature and Pace of Change in American Indian Cultures: Pennsylvania, 4000 to 3000 BP*. In 2011, the Society received the Louis A. Brennan Publications Award in the amount of \$2000 from the Eastern States Archaeological Federation and contributed these funds the publication of this book. It should be available to purchase from the Penn State University Press in late January of 2016.

The theme of this year's PAC meeting symposium is lithic quarries in Pennsylvania.

News from The State Museum of Pennsylvania

2015 Report on the Workshops in Archaeology Program.

The 2015 Workshops in Archaeology Program went very well this year. Our theme; *Weed Seeds to Garden Seeds: the Archaeology of Farming in the Keystone Site* attracted an interested audience. We had 138 in attendance which was the second highest in the past five years. Ken Burkett worked at a table promoting the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and brought in approximately eight new members. Kudos to Ken and his team!!

The date for next year's Workshops in Archaeology is Saturday, October 29th. The general theme will be iconography (pipes and ceramics), petroglyphs, rock cairns and rock walls.

Farm Show 2016 – January 9 – 16, 2016

Foragers to Farmers: Tracing 3000 years of the development of agriculture in Pennsylvania.

The theme of the 2016 Farm Show exhibit by the Section of Archaeology at the State Museum of Pennsylvania focuses on the development of agriculture from its beginnings with hunting and gathering peoples 3000 years ago to the 20th century. Our exhibit will document how Indians began cultivating common weeds such as lambs quarters and maygrass 3000 years ago, adding maize to their gardens by A.D. 1000 and finally their dependency on corn, beans and squash by A.D. 1300. Europeans arrived with their own farming practices but added animal husbandry that eventually grew into the big business of today.

The exhibit will include artifacts such as stone hoes, Indian pottery and iron tools documenting the prehistory and history of farming in Pennsylvania. The replica dugout canoe will be on hand for children (and adults) to imagine riding down the Susquehanna River. There will be activities for children such as grinding corn with stone tools. Staff archaeologists will be present every day from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm to answer questions and offer insight to the exhibit.

The Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show attracts between 500,000 and 600,000 visitors. It is wonderful opportunity to promote archaeology and the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. Towards that goal, Ken Burkett is encouraging volunteers to work at a table distributing information on the Society including membership applications. Please contact Kurt Carr at kcarr@pa.gov or 717-783-9926, if you are able to volunteer. We work in six hour shifts beginning at 9:00 each morning.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is proud to announce that it has volunteered to host the 2017 annual meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology in Harrisburg. We have a geographically central location for the members, a renovated auditorium, several other meeting rooms and an up-to-date audio-visual system for presentations. We are looking forward to presenting a stimulating and enjoyable meeting.

Recently donated collections to the Section of Archaeology

The Section of Archaeology has recently accepted several important archaeological collections. Donated collections were received from Mr. Sid Hostetter, Kim Mattern, John Blacksmith, Bob Oshnock and Jan Wise. These collections represent for many a lifetime of interest in archaeology and a dedication to the preservation of these resources. Each of these individuals is recognized for their efforts to record archaeological sites and retain the provenience information associated with their collections. If you have questions regarding donating your collection to the State Museum, please contact Janet Johnson (janjohnson@pa.gov) or (717)705-0869.

National Park Service's 2016 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2016 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled *Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations of Fort Gadsden, a War of 1812 Fort and Fight* will be held May 16--20, 2016, at the War of 1812 Fort Gadsden site in Florida. Lodging will be in Tallahassee, Florida at a motel to be determined. The lectures will be at the Southeast Archeological Center in Tallahassee, Florida. The field exercises will take place at the Fort Gadsden site in Apalachicola National Forest, Franklin County, Florida. The site consists of two successive forts. The first was built by the British during the War of 1812. It occupied a strategic spot along the Apalachicola River. On July 27, 1816, U.S. Navy forces bombarded the fort hitting the ammunition shed inside the fort. The resulting explosion killed more than 300 African-Americans holding the fort. In 1818, a second fort was built in the heart of Spanish territory under the direction of Major General Andrew Jackson. The fort remained in use until 1821 when Florida became a U.S. Territory. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center, Southeast Archeological Center, and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training; and the Apalachicola National Forest. This will be the twenty-sixth 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. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field. There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <<http://www.nps.gov/mwac/>>. Payment may be made by credit card through the Friends of NCPTT for non-government employees. Federal employees may pay by check, through a training form (SF-182) or by credit card through the Friends of NCPTT. 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>.

Attention Members:

Pennsylvania Archaeologist Volume 85(2) is being completed and will be mailed to members in early 2016. This issue has been delayed due to a lack of manuscripts.

Manuscript Submissions for 2016 are Urgently Needed

Publication guidelines may be found on the inside cover of any copy of the Pennsylvania Archaeologist. Please consider submitting your work or perhaps re-visit an earlier work that now has more data and information to share.



**Eastern States Archeological Federation
83rd Annual Meeting
SHERATON BUCKS COUNTY
LANGHORNE, PA
November 4 - 6, 2016**

Call for Papers

Individuals are invited to submit abstracts for papers, posters, and workshops on any topic related to archaeology in the Eastern United States to be presented at the 83rd Annual Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF) held Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6, 2016. Thematic sessions, prehistoric and historic archaeology, northeastern US Paleo-Indian, and lithic sourcing, are especially welcomed. Students are encouraged to submit papers for the Best Student Paper

Send Submissions to:
ESAF Program Chair
Roger Moeller
PO Box 386
Bethlehem, CT 06751-0386
alchemy60@sbcglobal.net
<http://goo.gl/forms/ZTEpcZepfD>
Updated information: <http://esaf-archeology.org/meetings.htm>

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 (2015). 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: 2016 annual membership dues are now payable.

The membership form can be found 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.

87th Annual meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Annual Meeting is the best weekend of the year. It is a time to meet, in person, with our members who are stretched across the state and the United States and Canada. We socialize at meetings, meals and hospitality suites. We educate and are educated. We question, discuss, sometimes argue and generally find ways to connect our interests, theories and projects with our members, peers and fellow researchers. We recognize our members for their work. We enjoy the camaraderie of old and new friends. We put faces to names. If you have never attended an Annual Meeting, here is your chance. We meet in West Middlesex, PA on April 15-17, 2016. Hope to see you there.

CALL FOR PAPERS

HOSTED BY THE OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER #22

At the PARK INN BY RADISSON, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

APRIL 15- 17, 2016

The theme of the 87th annual meeting will be **"Digging Down into Pennsylvania's Past: Pre-Clovis through Postmodern"**. There will be three open sessions, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Students are encouraged and welcome to present. We will also be sponsoring a Student Poster Session this year. Anyone wishing to participate should send abstracts of 150 words or less for papers and posters to the Program Chairs by **March 31, 2016**. Students please send a copy of your student identification when you submit your abstracts.

Program Co-Chairs: Amanda Valko & Brian Fritz, 116 E. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105
Phone: 724-654-2744 **E-mail: amanda@quemahoning.com**

SPA Annual Awards

Call for Nominations for the Annual SPA Awards

Deadline for submitting: February 28, 2016

Any individual SPA member or SPA chapter as a whole may submit nominations to the Awards Committee. A nominee must be an SPA member, a member or affiliated with any SPA chapter, and be deemed worthy of an SPA award. Categories are listed below: **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, ARCHEY AWARD, J. ALDEN MASON AWARD, JOHN WHITTOFT AWARD SHRADER/GEORGE AWARD—Youth Award, FRANCES DORRANCE AWARD** (Note: sites must be recorded by December 31 to be counted for the year. This award is determined by the official number of sites recorded and the recorder is identified as an SPA chapter member to qualify)

Please refer to the SPA web site for detailed descriptions and nomination forms. (www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com)

Please mail nominations to:

Jonathan Libbon
4242 Carlisle Pike, Suite 260,
Camp Hill, Pa 17011
717.433.8851
jlibbon@blcompanies.com

Donna Smith
103 Amherst Drive
Butler, PA 16001
Landline: 724-283-0650
Cell: 724-841-4356
DAriSmith@aol.com

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
87th Annual Meeting
April 15 – 17, 2016

Digging Down into Pennsylvania's Past: Pre-Clovis through Postmodern
Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter 22

Accommodations: Park Inn by Radisson, 3377 New Castle Road, West Middlesex, PA 16159. The hotel is located off I-80 Exit 4B and PA Route 760. Reservations should be made by calling 724-528-2501. Please identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Room rate is \$109.00/night plus taxes. Discount reservations should be made by March 25, 2016.

Program Chairs: Amanda Valko & Brian Fritz
116 E. Englewood Avenue
New Castle, PA 16105
Phone: 724-654-2744 (H) E-mail: amanda@quemahoning.com

Saturday Banquet: The guest banquet speaker will be Dr. Aksel Casson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Slippery Rock University who will be presenting *Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Syria: Thinking Globally and Locally*.

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

Book/Exhibit Room: Please direct table reservations and inquiries to Pam Billman at pbillman7@comcast.net.

Primitive Games: Saturday afternoon on the hotel grounds.

SPA Board of Directors Meeting: Friday afternoon, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Friday Afternoon PAC symposium: *Lithic Quarries in Pennsylvania: The Archaeology of Tool Stone Procurement*, from 1-5 P.M.

SPA 2016 Registration Form: Please Return by April 13, 2016 or visit the SPA Website and pay by Paypal

Names (s) _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chapter/Institution _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Registration: \$30.00 x _____ Student Registration: \$25.00 x _____ **Registration at the door will be \$35.00.**

Saturday Evening Annual Awards Dinner Buffet with Roast Sirloin of Beef Au Jus, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Penne Marinara, vegetable, potato, dessert and coffee or tea.

Buffet Dinner: \$32.00 x _____ Vegetarian dinner: \$32.00 x _____

Make check payable to: Ohio Valley Chapter 22

Mail to: Brian Fritz
116 E. Englewood Avenue
New Castle, PA 16105

Annual Meeting Banquet Speaker Biography

Dr. Aksel Casson is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Slippery Rock University, where he also serves as co-director of the Middle East Studies Center. He is an anthropological archaeologist by training, having earned his MA and PhD from the University of Washington where he studied evolutionary archaeology and wrote his dissertation on luminescence dating of pottery from Turkey's Black Sea coast to explain patterns of regional landscape use. His teaching and research continue to be informed by an evolutionary perspective, with course offerings in the *Anthropology of Religion*, *Medical Anthropology*, *Cultures of the Middle East*, *The Archaeology of the Americas*, and seminars in *Applied Anthropology* and *Research Methods*. His current research focuses on the overlaps between political conflict, neoliberal political agendas, and the preservation and management of cultural heritage in the United States and the Middle East.

Abstract: *Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Syria: Thinking Globally and Locally*

The keynote lecture for the 2016 SPA meetings places a regional and international lens of analysis onto the issue of heritage loss as a result of the Syrian Civil War and the rise of Daesh (*aka* ISIS) in the Middle East. Dr. Casson will present the latest information about the devastation to life and heritage in Syria and Iraq, explore the role of the international community in this devastation, and offer an explanatory framework that allows us to understand why cultural devastation is a feature of political violence on this scale.

Scholarships to Annual Meeting available

2016 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 15-17, 2016, in West Middlesex, PA. 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, 2016 to:

Paul Raber, Heberling Associates, Inc., 904 Main Street, PO Box 376, Alexandria, PA, 16611.

email: praber@heberlingassociates.com Phone(717) 935-2204

W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship

The W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship was created in 2009 to encourage students to participate at the annual meetings of the Society by presenting scholarly research in a friendly, professional atmosphere. Dr. Kinsey was a curator with the former William Penn Memorial Museum, now The State Museum, before going to Franklin and Marshall College and The North Museum from the early 60's thru the mid 1980's. He made significant contributions to the archaeological record and mentored many students who went on to become noteworthy archaeologists on their own merits. 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 Amanda Valko, submission deadline for abstracts is **March 31, 2016**. 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 15-17, 2016 in West Middlesex, 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. 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

To subscribe to the SPA Newsletter by email, contact the Secretary at: jmduritsa@comcast.net

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
P.O. Box 213
New Bethlehem, PA 16242

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Time to renew your
SPA 2016 membership

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

Officers 2015-16

President: Dr. John Nass, CUP, California, PA nass81@atlanticbb.net or nass@calu.edu
First Vice President: Jonathan Libbon, jlibbon@gmail.com, Facebook page manager
Second Vice President: Judy M. Duritsa, 301 North Drive, Jeannette, PA 15644 or e-mail at: jmduritsa@comcast.net
Treasurer: Kenneth Burkett, P.O. Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242
Editor: Bernard K. Means, bkmeans@juno.com or bkmeans@vcu.edu
Webmaster: Roger Moeller, alchemy60@sbcglobal.net

Send SPA Newsletter information to the Secretary

Newsletter Deadline: March 1, 2016



Call for Paper Submissions

The OAC's Third Hopewell Conference:

Hopewell Research in the Twenty-first Century: Ohio and Beyond

The Ohio Archaeological Council is happy to issue this call for papers to be presented at our third Hopewell Conference to be held on May 13 and 14, 2016 at the Christopher Conference Center in Chillicothe, Ohio. In accord with the conference theme, paper topics will include recent research in Middle Woodland studies with a focus on Hopewell in Ohio and related developments in adjacent states. Participants interested in presenting research in a poster format should indicate so with their submission.

Interested researchers should submit a title and abstract of up to 200 words to Brian Redmond bredmond@cmnh.org by **March 1, 2016**. All submissions will be acknowledged by return email; however, acknowledgement is not a confirmation of acceptance to the program. A selected group of papers will be considered for publication through the Ohio Archaeological Council. Further details on the conference are forthcoming.