

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. Newsletter Fall 2017

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

-Isaac Newton

I don't think there is a better fit to the metaphor attributed to Mr. Newton than archaeology. All the work that has been completed, all the holes that have been dug, all the artifacts that have been cleaned, and all the fieldnotes that have been pondered over to form an article, are all based on previous work completed by generations of archaeologists who have come before us. Looking back over the archives of the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*, it's easy to see the work that others have done to advance archaeology in Pennsylvania. For me, looking back over the previous presidents of the Society, I'm humbled to be in the same role. I'm also excited to leave my imprint on the SPA.

For those of you who don't know me, I went to my first SPA meeting in 2005, while I was a student at the University of Pittsburgh. A few friends and I walked down to Carlow University and attended a meeting of Chapter 1 where Dr. William Johnson was giving a talk about Monongahela pottery. The depth and breadth of his lecture impressed on me how much work has gone into understanding the prehistory of the state, as well as how much is still left for us to discover. After graduating from Pitt, I traveled around Pennsylvania and throughout the eastern U.S. working in Cultural Resource Management (CRM). The opportunity to be a shovel bum showed me how unique the archaeological record was and how exciting archaeology can be. After a few years of working in CRM, I went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and got my Masters in the Applied Archaeology Program. While at IUP, I had the opportunity to meet and work with some amazing and talented archaeologists. I also had the chance to work in the Allegheny National Forest for two very memorable summers. This is around the time that I started to get more involved with the SPA, giving a few papers at the annual meeting, and regularly reading the journal. After graduate school, I moved to North Carolina for a few months, only to move to Harrisburg less than a year later, and now I'm back in Pittsburgh (who says history doesn't repeat itself?). Throughout my brief time interacting with the membership of the SPA, I've been inspired by the passion that I see to learn about the past, and the meticulous nature that people go about investigating it.

In preparing to be president, I've had many conversations with people who I greatly admire about what I should aim to accomplish during my tenure, where to focus my efforts, and how to best serve the membership. I think the SPA is strong; we are fortunate to have an active membership, as well as vibrant traditions, but there are also areas where we can improve.

One of my main goals is to continue to work on the changes to the journal requested by the membership. Increasing the size of journal and changing the format are important steps to make *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* the nationally recognized publication that is. Myself and the rest of the committee dedicated to updating the journal will be working diligently to make the requested changes. After speaking to the editor, Dr. Bernard Means, it is apparent that we are in need of articles. This is a great opportunity to showcase personal or chapter research (as well as any CRM project). Don't hesitate to contact me or Dr. Means if you are interested in submitting article, or you would like more information about the process.

Another of my goals is to work to increase the Society's social media presence. I believe that promoting Pennsylvania Archaeology through social media will allow the SPA to become more cohesive, as well as appeal to a wider audience of people who are interested in Pennsylvania's rich heritage.

Finally, I'm looking forward to working with the board and further getting to know the membership. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as the Society's president, work to expand and promote archaeology in Pennsylvania, and continue the rich tradition of the SPA. Building on the progress made by past presidents, and the rich legacy of the SPA, I'm excited to serve the society. We truly stand on the shoulders of giants. Jonathan Libbon, President, SPA

2017 Society for Pennsylvania New York State Museums Trip by John Nass, Jr.

Imagine visiting four museums and a winery all in three days! That was the task facing those daring individuals who joined the 2017 SPA New York State Museum trip. This year we gathered at the Comfort Inn in Binghamton, New York, for our orientation. Our first stop on Friday was the state museum in Albany. Dr. John Hart met us at the visitor's desk and after checking in, we started our visit in the collections room of the museum. Several of the collections division research staff shared with our group information about Paleoindians, maize farmers, and the historic archaeology of Albany.

It was a remarkable visit! We were able to see artifacts in collections that are not viewable by the public. For me, one of the most striking moments was when John Hart showed us examples of carbonized maize from Late Woodland and Iroquois-age sites. I have seen a lot of carbonized maize, but never kernels still adhering to the cobs or in large clumps, or individual kernels in a 20-gallon plastic container shown in the picture below. These were just a few of exciting discoveries (for us) at the museum.



New York State Museum in the background.



Carbonized maize cobs and kernels

Thousands of carbonzied maize kernels the same feature

After lunch, the group departed for the Iroquois Museum near Howes Cave, west of Albany. Our guide was Fred Stevens, Archaeology Department Head. Fred shared with the group past research by museum staff and talked about the museum and its collections. From there, we traveled to the nearby Quality Inn and Suites for the night. John Hart graciously agreed to be our guest speaker for that evening. John's enlightening talk reviewed the past 100 years of New York archaeology with special attention devoted to his research on farming and social network analysis that measures interaction between tribal groups in New York and Canada.



Colonial Dutch artifacts from New York



Our group talking with the historical archaeology collections curator. Trip co-organizer, Sarah Neusius, is in the foreground.



Group picture outside of the Iroquois museum.



On Saturday we traveled to the Rochester area by way of the Montezuma Winery and Distillery near Waterloo, New York. Everyone enjoyed the wine tasting and the winery made more than a few dollars from the group. After a lunch provided by a local caterer, we continued our trip to Ganondagan State Historic Site to tour the Seneca Arts and Culture Center and the Seneca Bark Longhouse. After touring the museum, the group walked to the Bark Longhouse and set on the sleeping benches for a talk about the building, internal structure, and family space within the longhouse. Our guide was a member of the Mohawk tribe. From there we traveled to the Country Inn and Suites for the night. Jay Toth, Seneca Tribal archeologist, was our guest speaker that evening. His talk focused on the importance of cultural landscapes.



Group sitting within the replica longhouse listening to the guide.

After breakfast Sunday morning, we drove to our final stop, the Rochester Museum and Science Center to tour the museum and see some of the permanent Native American collections. The Rochester Museum exhibits on the Iroquois was very impressive. I was especially impressed with the display of collections using display of collections using a time-line. This provided the viewer a historical account of acculturation. After lunch and a few more pictures, we departed for Pennsylvania.



Although we covered several miles over four days, I believe the trip was enjoyed by all. While the education component of the trips is the focus, equally important are the connections we build with those who attended. Sarah and I hope that those of you who have not attended any of our trips will accompany us next year. Our recommendation for 2018 will be made at the fall BOD meeting at Bedford.

Details for 2018 will be made available in January.

1600-1620

News from the State Museum of Pennsylvania

Fort Hunter Archaeology

The Section of Archaeology at the State Museum will be conducting their **excavation at Fort Hunter Mansion & Park** between September 6th and October 6th, 2017. The public is welcome to visit and archaeologists will be on site, weekdays between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

This year's investigations will focus on two areas. The first is a midden area west of the milk house that was encountered in 2008 and in 2016. It consists of two layers of artifacts dating to the late 18th and/or early 19th centuries based on ceramics. Artifacts were deposited in some type of depression approximately 2.5 feet below the present ground surface. It is unclear what this represents, but it may be an early building relating to the Hunter or McAllister occupation.

The second are we plan to further investigate is a circular rock foundation, 12 feet in diameter, interpreted as the smokehouse described in an 1820's magazine article. During excavation last year we recognized an area of hydrophobic soils in the center area of this feature. Additional soil samples from this area will be gathered for specialized analysis. Additionally, further investigation of a small open ended rectangular structure on its north side, possibly a stove as described in historic documentation will be completed. The recovery of 18th century artifacts and the low density of artifacts, suggests that these are indeed the early structures mentioned in documentation. We are starting to get a better picture of the cultural landscape of Fort Hunter. Mr. Hunter and Mr. McAllister were true entrepreneurs and their stories are unfolding as we uncover the archaeological record of this fascinating and important site in the development of Harrisburg.

Visitors at Fort Hunter Mansion and Park enjoy learning about the archaeological investigation and often stop by several times a week to check on our progress. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit an archaeological site and experienced volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact Kurt Carr at (717)783-9926 or kcarr@pa.gov for additional information or to volunteer.

2018 Pennsylvania Farm Show January 6 to January 13, 2018

This is the 102nd Pennsylvania Farm Show and a great opportunity to participate in this wonderful treasure of our farming heritage. Visitors seek out our booth to sit in the dugout canoe or to view the artifacts on display which allows us to engage in conversation. Our participation at this event is in cooperation with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. and the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council. With over 500,000 people visiting the Farm Show annually, this is our largest public outreach event during the year. It provides a wonderful opportunity to interact with people while promoting the Society for Pennsylvania, Inc. and the preservation of archaeological resources. The Society has received several new members through this popular event at both the state and local chapter level. We will distribute chapter newsletters or membership information if you submit them for the SPA table. We need your help in staffing the booth during this event. Please contact Kurt Carr at 717-783-9926 or kcarr@pa.gov if you are interested in volunteering.

Please make plans now to volunteer!!

Watch the mail for your 2018 SPA Dues Reminder coming soon!

Workshops in Archaeology 2018

Immigration, ethnicity, and multi-culturalism are significant issues in contemporary American society. Archaeologists can examine these issues through the recovery and analysis of artifacts. Pennsylvania's archaeological record is as diverse as its population and reflects upon our founding under William Penn as a welcoming place for freedom from religious persecution. Identifying and connecting with our ethnic origins is important as we strive to recognize our own sense of place in an ever-changing society.

The Archaeology Section of The State Museum of Pennsylvania invites you to attend the annual Workshops in Archaeology on Saturday, October 28, 2017. This program is designed to provide the public with an overview of archaeological discoveries and research being conducted in the region. Papers presented at these sessions will focus on *Ethnicity in the Archaeological Record* as it can be identified at farmsteads, industrial sites, religious sites and other locations in Pennsylvania. By recognizing cultural markers of preceding populations in Pennsylvania, archaeologists are better equipped to understand the fluid cultural landscape of our country.

In addition to the presentations, attendees can share their archaeological discoveries with staff from the State Historic Preservation Office who will provide assistance with artifact identification and recording archaeological sites, an essential task for protecting and preserving our archaeological heritage. An additional offering includes a demonstration by a master flintknapper who will make stone tools using Native American techniques. An informal reception at the close of the sessions will provide an opportunity for the attendees to meet with the presenters and staff in the Anthropology and Archaeology Gallery of The State Museum.

2017 Annual Workshops in Archaeology Program

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Registration

Opening Remarks by Beth Hagar

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Ethnicity in the Archaeological Record				
9:10 a.m9:40 a.m. Session 1- Ethnicity All Around Us- Keith Heinrich				
9:40 a.m10:20 a.m. Session 2- Identifying a Delaware Town- Brice Obermeyer				
10:20 a.m10:40 a.m. Break				
10:40 a.m11:20 a.m. Session 3- Identifying Ethnic and Community Markers- Ken Basalik				
11:20 a.m12:00 p.m. Session 4 - 20th Century Glass Workers' Community- Hannah Harvey				
12:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch				
1:15 p.m1:55 p.m. Session 5- African Influenced Burial Practices- John McCarthy				
1:55 p.m2:35 p.m. Session 6- Slave Quarters at President's House, Philadelphia- Jed Levin				
2:35 p.m3:15 p.m. Session 7 - Preserving Practice and Tradition at Ephrata Cloister-Steve Warfel				
3:15 p.m3:30 p.m. Break				
3:30 p.m4:10 p.m. Session 8- German Farm Life -Cristie L. Barry and Amanda J. Rasmussen				
4:10 p.m4:50 p.m. Conclusions and Closing Summary				
4:50 p.m5:00 p.m. Questions and Discussion				
5:00 p.m6:00 p.m. Reception in the Hall of Anthropology and Archaeology				

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Additional Programming Flintknapping Demonstration - Steve Nissly CRGIS-Noel Strattan & Hannah Harvey Artifact Identification – Doug McLearen & Kira Heinrich

Additional information is located on our web site at; http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/archaeology/

And at the SPA Website: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

<u>http://twipa.blogspot.com/</u> Visit our blog to learn about This Week in Pennsylvania Archaeology!

Second Annual Workshop in Archaeology

Experimental Archaeology: how we know what we know

Saturday, October 7, 2017

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

2017 Workshop Description

Understanding past Native American behavior regarding technology is a perplexing task. To help understand change, archaeologists must have some knowledge to the purpose or function of prehistoric technology. This includes knowing how tools were made as well as used. Experimental archaeology has played an important role in providing archaeologists with examples conducted through controlled experiments which are then studied and compared to archaeological examples. Presentations in this workshop cover both the production and use of tools.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Welcome:

1100 AM– 1110 AM Dr. John Nass, Jr. (California University)

Session One: Experimental Production

1110 AM– 1145 AM <i>Experiments with Soaps</i>	Dr. Heather Wholey, (West Chester University of Pennsylvania) tone		
1145 PM- 1220 PM	Dr. Kurt Carr, (State Museum, Harrisburg) The making of a dugout canoe.		
1220 PM – 1255 PM	Stacy Barton, Experimental manufacturing and firing of Early Woodland Pottery		
LUNCH 1255 – 140 Session Two: Artifa			
140 PM – 215 PM	Sara Wingert (Kutztown University of Pennsylvania): Missing the Point: Identifying Perishable Projectiles in the Archaeological Record from Bone Damage.		
215 PM – 250 PM	Dr. Richard Yerkes (Ohio State), Ariane Pépin (Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, Canada) and Jay Toth (Tribal Archaeologist, Seneca Nation of Indians, Salamanca, NY): Using Microwear Analysis and Indigenous Native American Perspectives to examine the Functions of Large Hopewell Bifaces made of Flint and Obsidian		
250 PM- 325 PM TBD			
325 PM- 400 PM	Tom Glover (North Fork 29 Chapter, SPA) Review of the Johnson-Thompson Adena Mound and Cache of Burial Goods		
$400\ PM-430\ PM$	Dr. Sarah Neusius (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) The Role of Experimental Archaeology in Understanding the Pennsylvania's Past		

430PM - 500 PM Concluding remarks and Question

Additional program

1100 AM – 4:30 PM Flint Knapping Demonstration. This demonstration will feature an expert flintknapper who will demonstrate how stone tools were made by Native Americans before contact in Pennsylvania.

1100 AM – 430 PM Native American Food Processing and Technology Demonstration.

1100 AM - 4:30 PM Site Recording in Cultural Resources Geographic Information System. Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office. Recording of archaeological sites is an essential task in protecting and preserving our archaeological resources. Assistance in recording your archaeological sites will be provided by these qualified individuals. Stop and talk to the staff from the Historic Preservation Office.

1100 AM - 4:30 PM. Artifact Identification – SPA chapter members. These individuals have over 50 years of combined experience with archaeological artifacts. Bring in your historic or prehistoric artifacts for identification and analysis by the experts.

Workshop Registration Form: Registrant Name(s)		Registration is free with museum admission paid upon arrival at Meadowcroft. Adults \$15; Seniors (62+) \$14; Students (w/ valid ID) \$7; Youth (6-17) \$7; Children (5 & under) Free; Heinz History Center Members Free. Lunch must be pre-paid in advance.		
Contact Information: Please print	clearly Address			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Street)
Phone (Home) (V Boxed Lunch Option; must preord deli sandwich, a fresh homemade #1: Kaiser roll - American cheese	ler and pay in advance. deli salad, chips, a Sprin dowcroft Rockshelter an	gHouse Drink and an Old-) each. All opti fashioned cooki	ions include a
Checks should be mailed to:		,	Village	

For additional museum information & driving directions visit <u>www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft</u> For information on local accommodations please visit <u>www.visitwashingtoncountypa.com</u>

Student News



Student Profile

My name is Rachael Marks. I am a recent graduate from West Chester University, where I studied Anthropology, with a focus in Archaeology. I also minored in Geography, with a focus in GIS. I began my undergraduate career at Westmoreland County Community College, which then led to my receiving of an academic scholarship to study at West Chester. This opportunity is what introduced me to archaeology, the Middle Atlantic, and all of the exciting/vital work that is being done here.

Through my time at WCU, I participated in many archaeological adventures. For around 2 years, I did an independent research project at the Allee House in Smyrna, DE under the National Parks Service. On this project, I participated in the

excavation, lab processing, and cataloging of the ~4,000 artifacts at the site. I was fortunate enough to have presented on this research at multiple conferences and public events, as well. Some of these events include the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Archaeological Society of DE meetings, a DE Huguenot Society meeting, etc. I also completed two field schools during this time, one with Dr. Heather Wholey, and another in Ireland with NUI Galway. I also occasionally volunteered at the Newlin Grist Mill's Public Archaeology Day events. All of these experiences are what encouraged and shaped me to become a motivated archaeologist.

Other experiences that I had at WCU that also shaped my future, were being in positions of leadership, which I predict will translate into my career. I served as the President of our Anthropology Club, the Media Coordinator for our chapter of Lambda Alpha, and the Secretary for a Student Outreach to Urban Schools club. For this, I was fortunate enough to receive a few awards. For example, the *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* and the *Outstanding Graduating Anthropology Student Award*.

I have multiple possible goals for my future in this career. One includes studying and identifying high-risk archaeological sites in the Mid-Atlantic, and being involved with developing a proactive plan to either preserve or recover these sites. Another goal of mine is to get involved with policy surrounding archaeological sites; an example that I would suggest is for the protection of sites that are at risk of harm from off-shore wind farms. Overall, I wish to become an archaeologist that contributes to the scientific record, and works to protect cultural resources for the enjoyment of future generations.

2017 Student Poster Sessions at 88th Annual Meeting

Winning Entry by Sara Wingert, Kutztown (Department of Anthropology & Sociology) Missing the Point: Identifying Perishable Projectiles in the Archaeological Record from Bone Damage

Abstract: For decades, archaeologists have used replicative studies to develop a better understanding of prehistoric technology. The technological changes archaeologists commonly document through their morphometric analysis of stone projectile points occurred against a backdrop of perishable technologies often not represented in the archaeological record. The study re-examines explanations offered to account for the transition from the dart to the bow and arrow in eastern North America.

Entries:

 Dr. DeeAnne Wymer_received her Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1987, specializing in Hopewell moundbuilder archaeology. directed or She is currently a professor of archaeology at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. <u>Together</u> <u>with</u> Dan Caister, who received a B.A. and M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Michigan and the M.L.A. degree from The John Hopkins University. He is a past president of the Triple Cities Chapter of the NYSAA. "2016 Excavations at the DeSisti Site (36BR20)"

- Matthew Bjorkman, Mason Luster, & Eleanor Schultz, IUP, Particle Size Analysis of Soils at the Squirrel Hill Archaeological Site (36Wm 0035) is a Johnston-Phase Monongahela village located in Westmoreland County on a terrace of the Conemaugh River.
- Amanda Telep, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Senior Anthropology Major, History Minor, Discovering Boundaries: A Geophysical Survey at Mary Rinn (IN29)
- Paige Reimers, IUP, Honors thesis research that utilized microartifacts to study the Johnston (36IN2) site, a middle Monongahela village.
- Bram Kyer, Juniata, Documenting the Transitional Archaic in the Upper Raystown Branch of the Juniata River on the Sparks Farm near Everett, PA
- Eden Vantries, IUP, Historic Hanna's Town: Prehistory? Examines the occupation evidence of the site prior to the arrival of Europeans
- Kelsey Schneehagen, Indiana University of Pennsylvania , An Analysis on 18th Century Settlement Patterns in Western Pennsylvania
- Christine O'Brien, University of Pittsburgh, Examination of the processes of removal and reapplication of museum accession numbers from materials the Carnegie Museum of Natural History's archaeology collection including: stone, ceramic, bone, and shell.

Congratulations to all the entries. They were very well done, informative and drew a lot of attention and interest. Thanks to Tom Glover and his Education Committee for developing the Poster Session Guidelines and judging the session.

Scholarships

Calling All Students – Win an SPA Membership, free food and money for your research!

Student Reminder—The W. Fred Kinsey Meeting Scholarship provides student membership to The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) for one year, a \$150.00 award, and banquet costs for the annual SPA meeting. 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 scheduled for April 6-8, 2018 in Dubois.

Victoria Cacchione, University of Massachusetts was the **2016** recipient of the **Kinsey scholarship** for her presentation on an historic multi-component site within Michaux State Forest, Cumberland County. Victoria's research of historic documentation and analysis of artifacts identified use as a farm, POW camp for German and Japanese soldiers during WWII and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) activities. Victoria will join the ranks of previous award recipients in the next issue of the journal, Pennsylvania Archaeologist.

Now is the time to start thinking about submitting your paper for the 2018 W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship! Deadline for submission to the program chair is March 2018. Keep up to date with conference registration and abstract submission information on the SPA web site (<u>http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/</u>).

2018 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 annual joint SPA/PAC meeting, April 6-8, 2018, in Dubois, Pennsylvania. We anticipate that up to six 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, 2018 to Paul Raber at: Heberling Associates, Inc., 904 Main Street, PO Box 376, Alexandria, PA, 16611, praber@heberlingassociates.com, (717) 935-2204.

News from the 88th Annual Meeting 2017

Election of Officers at 2017 Annual Meeting for two year terms of office spanning 2018-2020 First Vice President - Bill Black, resigned and was replaced by appointment of Jonathan Burns, Secretary - Judy Duritsa Treasurer - Ken Burkett, Second VP - Tom Glover, Director - Paul Nevin, Director - Angie Jaillet

Membership renewals are still an issue but new members are on par with last year. Institutional memberships are also down. This may reflect cutbacks at the institution or the perceived unattractiveness of our journal. When format changes are in place, we hope to see renewed interest in membership. The following is an outline of the discussion. If you would like to help with this problem or have ideas to share concerning membership, please contact one of the officers.

Collections and Curation Committee chair, Janet Johnson received funding from the Board for a rack card promoting the collections at the State Museum and outlining the process for the donation of collections for permanent curation and study at the State Museum and other repositories.

Chapter reports for 11chapters were received from the 14 active chapters. This report is a constitutional mandate and this is a basic need for the Society. These chapters are active and involved in excavations as well as educational activities. The reporting process is important so that contacts can be maintained and information shared.

Archey Award Winner 2017 Tom Glover

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology recently honored Thomas Glover of Punxsutawney, PA with the organizations Archey Award at its recent annual meeting in Harrisburg. This award annually presented to an avocational archaeologist in acknowledgement of significant contributions toward the unselfish furtherance of this field.

Tom currently serves as the 2nd Vice President for the Society. He began his lifelong interest in Archaeology at the age of 14 when he contacted a local archaeologist about the imminent destruction of a mound near his home in Ohio, and then assisted with the excavation. Tom has been active with the North Fork chapter 29 in Brookville for many years serving as Board member, Vice-President and President. He is an important planner and participant in the ongoing success of the chapter's annual Indian Artifact Show on Labor Day weekend. He was a key volunteer in the chapter's multi-year project to record the Scripture Rocks and then helped to construct the Scripture Rocks Heritage Park. Last year he co-directed the current chapter

excavation of the Port Barnett Rockshelter located within the park.

He has also presented numerous papers relating to his co-interest in ornithology and ice age geology at both the SPA annual meetings and to most of the chapters Societies chapters located here in Western PA. Tom's personality and love of archaeology along with his love of sharing a good story is always visible no matter if he is talking to the masses at the State Museum exhibit during the PA Farm Show, teaching kids about the atlatl at our event or presenting a program to the chapter or public.



Jeff Graybill, Kurt Carr, W. Fred Kinsey, III, Roger Moeller

Lifetime Achievement Award to W. Fred Kinsey III

Dr. W. Fred Kinsey III has assembled an outstanding record of contributions to the field of archaeology and the Society and is a lifelong ambassador for Pennsylvania archaeology. Dr. Kinsey received his Bachelor's degree from Columbia College in 1951, his Master degree from Columbia University in 1953 and his Ph. D. from Catholic University in 1973. He began his career with The State Museum of Pennsylvania as the State Archaeologist in 1955. He served as the Chief Curator from 1960 to 1963 and helped design the Anthropology and Archaeology gallery in the new William Penn Memorial Museum.

In 1963, he began his career at Franklin and Marshall College where he served as a professor in anthropology and as the Director of the North Museum from 1963 until his retirement in 1990. Since that time, he's held the position of Director Emeritus and Professor Emeritus.

In addition to his insights in archaeology, he mentored at least nine students who went on to make significant contributions in Pennsylvania archaeology. His publications include 42 papers and monographs, including 12 in the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* and three books. He received the J. Alden Mason award in 1975 from the Society in recognition of his professional contributions in archaeology.

Fred has supported the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology in both leadership roles and publications since 1955. He served as the Vice President of the Society in 1960-61, on the Editorial Committee 1961-1991 and as the Book Review Editor in 1964-1981. In regional archaeological associations, he served as president of the Eastern States Archaeological Conference 1974-1976; he was a Co-founder of the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference and president of the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council 1993-1995. His willingness to share his knowledge of archaeology with others continues to this day

Frances Dorrance Award for the Chapter recording the most sites went to Westmoreland Chapter # 23 John Witthoft Award for most new members went to Conejohela Chapter # 28 for the 3rd year in a row!

Scholarships awarded at Annual Meeting

Hatch Award Winners 2017 announced by Paul Raber, Chair of Hatch Scholarship Committee reports that six scholarships of \$100 each were awarded to: Casey Bleuel, Mercyhurst; Bram Kyer, Juniata; Cristine O'Brien, University of Pittsburgh; Christopher Swisher, Eden VanTries, and Zaakiyah Cua, all from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations all!

Plan now for the 89th Annual Meeting of the SPA 2018

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology 2018 Annual Meeting Hosted by The North Fork Chapter 29 At the Comfort Suites, 10 Lakeside Avenue, Dubois, PA, 15801

APRIL 6-8, 2018

Call for Papers

The theme of the 89th annual meeting will be "Of the Past, For the Future: Current Contributions to Pennsylvania Archaeology".

There will be three open sessions, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Students are encouraged and welcome to present. Papers are accepted on a first come first served basis. 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 Chair by March 17, 2018. Students please send a copy of your student identification when you submit your abstracts. All presenters must be current members of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

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Preparing for Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan 2018-202

The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO), a bureau within the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), is leading the <u>Community Connections: Planning for Preservation in Pennsylvania</u> initiative for the development of the next statewide historic preservation plan. The statewide historic preservation plan isn't the PA SHPO's plan, it's Pennsylvania's plan. Our goal is to connect with as many traditional and non-traditional communities – and archaeologists! – as we can during this process to create a plan with clear, practical goals that serve as a general guide for decision-making and a resource for anyone working with Pennsylvania's older and historic places, including archaeological sites.

Earlier this year the PA SHPO wrapped up the information-gathering phase of the Community Connections planning. We hosted nine <u>Open Houses</u> across Pennsylvania, participated in numerous focus groups – including one at the SPA annual meeting – and collected over 3,100 responses to the <u>public online survey</u>. Sixty-seven people who self-identified as archaeologists took the online survey. Unsurprisingly, archaeological sites ranked highest when asked which of the older and historic places in your community are in danger of being negatively changed or lost. Archaeologists also identified a lack of funding and local and regional advocates as the top two challenges to protecting historic resources.

PA SHPO's internal statewide plan analysis group has been working very hard to make sense of the all the data and information we have collected. The group collated this information to develop a list of nine prominent <u>themes</u>. Archaeology was included as a sub-theme in the "Specific Resources Concerns" theme. PA SHPO's consultant for the plan, Gannet Fleming, will take these themes and current studies, articles, demographic data, etc., to identify a set of issue statements that reflect the current state of historic preservation, historic communities, and above-ground and below-ground historic resources in Pennsylvania.

Most of the work for the next few months will focus on outreach with the Planning Partners. We are happy that SPA has signed on as a Planning Partner and we look forward to working with you to further develop the issue statements at one of our Planning Partner outreach events in the future. Our goal is to have draft documents ready for public comment in the beginning of 2018. Please watch for opportunities early next year to provide your comments on the draft statewide historic preservation plan. The PA SHPO is planning to publish the new plan in May 2018.

For more information about the PA SHPO and historic preservation in Pennsylvania, please visit our blog, <u>www.pahistoricpreservation.com</u>, and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter. Contact: Shelby Splain, PA SHPO Education and Outreach Coordinator, <u>ssplain@pa.gov</u>.



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Friday during the day will feature an optional bus tour of Forbes Road from Juniata Crossing to Ligonier. The tour will be led by Douglas Cubbison and Phil Light

Friday evening will feature a dinner at Fort Ligonier's new Visitor Center, followed by presentation by Erica Nuckles which will include an update on Fort Ligonier.

Saturday will include a lecture by Dr. Walter Powell–"Captain Lewis Ourry's Hobby Horse and the "Communication, "a lecture by Brady Crytzer on Hugh Mercer, Lunch and updates, music of the Forbes Campaign and More by David and Ginger Hildebrand from the Colonial Music Institute.

Archaeology Month Calendar 2017

Second Annual Archaeology Workshop in Western Pennsylvania

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology in partnership with Meadowcroft Museum and the Heinz Historical Center are sponsoring the second annual archaeology workshop during archaeology month on Saturday, October 7. The theme of the workshop is Experimental Archaeology. For more information contact John Nass at mass@calu.edu. Further information about registration, lunch, and the workshop schedule will be made available later this month on the SPA website, the Meadowcroft Museum website, and Heinz Historical Center website, as well as the fall SPA newsletter.

2017 Annual Workshops in Archaeology

October 28, 2017 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, PA. The theme is *Ethnicity in the Archaeological Record*.

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Fort Hunter Archaeology

The Section of Archaeology at the State Museum will be conducting their excavation at Fort Hunter Mansion & Park between September 6th and October 6th, 2017. The public is welcome to visit and archaeologists will be on site, weekdays between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Visitors at Fort Hunter Mansion and Park enjoy learning about the archaeological investigation and often stop by several times a week to check on our progress. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit an archaeological site and experienced volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact Kurt Carr at (717)783-9926 or kcarr@pa.gov for additional information or to volunteer.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Archaeology Open House on Saturday, October 21st from 12-3 PM in McElhaney Hall on the IUP campus. There will be artifact displays, stone-tool making & spear throwing, bone lab & specimen tours, laser scanning, 3D printing & geophysical demos. Examine artifacts & faunal remains, try your hand at prehistoric technologies, print artifacts in 3D, view student research and more! Kids activities include hand-painting, wampum & pottery. Also enjoy complimentary archaeology-themed snacks!

Allegheny Chapter #1

Christopher Espenshade, Archaeologist, Skelly and Loy, will be presenting *Palimpsests and Archaeological Interpretation: The View from 36WH1686* on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Michael Baker International office, 100 Airside Drive, Moon Township, PA in the first floor presentation room. Parking is free. Building is locked so please buzz the security guard to get in and sign in at the reception desk.

Skelly and Loy conducted a Phase III data recovery of the Yuhas site (36WH1686) for District 12-0 of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The site was threatened by proposed improvements to I-70 in Washington County. The field methods included the excavation of 50 x 50 cm units at 7.5-m intervals, the hand excavation of 30 1 x 1 m units, and the machine-assisted removal of the plow zone from 20 percent of the site area. The spatial distributions of Late Archaic and Woodland projectile points, generalized debitage, features, and Woodland period radiocarbon dates provide a cautionary tale against equating spatial proximity with temporal concordance.

John Shrader Chapter #21

Monday October 2: Chapter member Gene Delaplane is writing a play about "The Arch Street Excavation" in Philadelphia, which is scheduled to be presented on Monday, October 2 at 2 PM in Exton, PA.

Wednesday October 4: Monthly Chapter meeting will feature Tom Lewis from CHRS, Inc., who will give a presentation on "New Perspectives with Some Current and Traditional Interpretations of Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Prehistory," at 7 PM in the mule stable of Joanna Furnace.

Excavations will be ongoing through October on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at the Mouns Jones House in Douglassville, Berks County, PA. Members of Chapter 21 and students from a Montgomery County Community College archaeology class will be working at the site.

We will have an exhibit on archaeology at Joanna Furnace and SPA Chapter 21 at the Apple Festival to be held at Joanna Furnace on Saturday and Sunday, **October 14 and 15**.

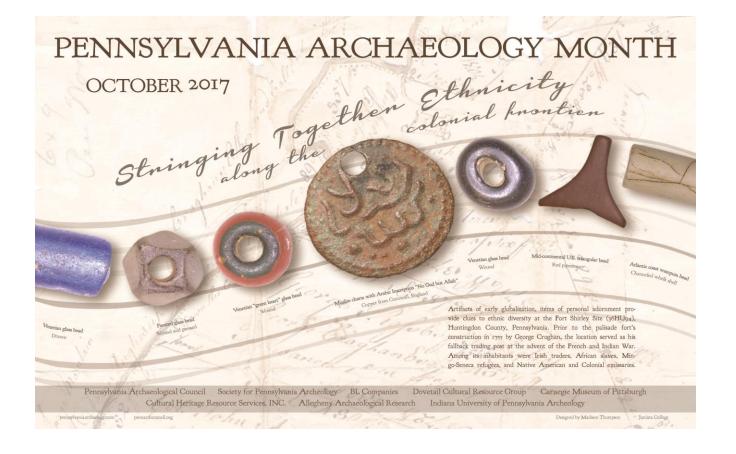
International Archaeology Day will be celebrated on October 21 at the Mouns Jones site in Douglassville.

For more information contact Cathy Spohn at CSPOHN@pa.gov.

North Fork Chapter #29

Thomas N. Glover, North Fork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, will present the program *Review of the Johnson-Thompson Adena Mound and Cache of Burial Goods* on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage House, 4 Sylvania Street, Brookville, PA 15825.

Excavated by Ernest Sutton in the fall of 1963, the Johnson-Thompson Adena Mound was located in Troy Township, Athens County Ohio. It was situated on top of a hill ½ mile west of the lower portion of the Hocking River and 2 ½ miles northwest of the village of Coolville, OH. The Mound contained six burials and four cremations. The central feature was a double burial of a male and female in a subfloor pit. Associated with the male burial was a cache containing points, bone awls, a gorget, whetstones, an atlatl handle, and of particular interest cut upper wolf jaws. Also associated with the male burial was a stone wall containing 618 small sandstone and limestone rocks. Also incorporated in this wall were 13 large slabs of sandstone. Four of these large slabs were worked, a narrow grooved abrading stone, a wide grooved abrading stone, an anvil stone, and a cupstone. The four worked slabs of sandstone provide an insight into the manufacturing of Adena artifacts.



ANNA L. WARREN

IN MEMORIAM



For everyone who knew Ann as a teacher, archaeologist and friend this is a passing to be noted. Ann's work at Hannah's Town was exceptional in the quality of information but also in her willingness to share and teach others. She had many summer FEMA students who learned digging, cleaning and cataloging under her supervision. She managed the HUGE collections that were used by many other French and Indian War sites as reference. She worked on sites with the Westmoreland Chapter all over the county including the Blank site, Denmark Manor, Ft. Ligonier, and many more. She was a sweet, kind, intelligent person who made the work enjoyable and pleasant. She underestimated her contribution to the history of the region with her publications. She was just doing archaeology the way it should be done and sharing the results. She also worked on the Pennsylvania Volunteers—the 11th from the Civil War. We enjoy

the rewards of her passion and diligence. Thank you, Ann.

Anna L. Warren, 90, formerly of Southwest Greensburg, born Sept. 28, 1926, died Thursday, June 1, 2017. She was a resident of OFallon, Ill. Mrs. Warren was a retired reading specialist, working with many children over the years at Queen of Angels Catholic School, North Huntingdon. Anna also had a long and dedicated career with Westmoreland Historical Society, devoting thousands of hours to the development of Hanna's Town historical site. Mrs. Warren held numerous key positions with the WCHS during her 30 year tenure. Anna was a charter member of the Westmoreland Archeology Society, a founding member of the Elizabeth Hanna Guild and chairperson of Westmoreland Historical Society Research Committee. Mrs. Warren was named field archeology supervisor in 1978 for the Hanna's Town site. She lead numerous archeological digs at Hanna's Town, supervising visitor digs, student digs and also teaching summer college interns in archeological methodology and research as they pertained to Hanna's Town. Mrs. Warren resigned from this position in 2006 after many decades of devoted work. Further, Mrs. Warren conducted extensive research on the development and subsequent burning of Hanna's Town and also on the Pennsylvania 8th, who was mustered in Westmoreland County. Anna Warren published several historical research articles in related publications over the years. She participated in archeology and research panel presentation/discussion at various colleges and universities in western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Warren received the prestigious "Archy Award" from the Society for Pennsylvania Archeology in 2004 in honor of her decades of work and extensive historical and archeological contributions to Western Pennsylvania, Westmoreland County and Hanna's Town. Mrs. Warren also participated in archeological contributions to Western Pennsylvania, Westmoreland County and Hanna's Town. Mrs. Warren also participated in archeological contributions to Western Pennsylvania, Westmoreland County and Hanna's Town. Mrs. Warren also participated in arch

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Guest Banquet Speaker 8PM: Dr. Kevin McBride, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, University of Connecticut

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Shade Furnace: Raising an Iron Furnace in the Frontier Forest of Somerset County Wins 2017 AASLH Award of Merit

NASHVILLE, TN—July 2017—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, Inc. is the recipient of an Award of Merit for the publication *Shade Furnace: An Early 19th Century Ironmaking Community in Somerset County, Pennsylvania*. Brian L. Fritz, author of the Shade Furnace book, will receive the award at a special banquet during the 2017 AASLH Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, on Friday, September 8. The banquet is supported by a generous contribution from the History Channel. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 72nd year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

Shade Furnace: Raising an Iron Furnace in the Frontier Forest of Somerset County, by Brian L. Fritz

In the year 1808, Somerset County, Pennsylvania was little more than a mountain forest with patches of fledgling farmsteads connected by rutted bridle paths. From this frontier forest, a partnership of industrious men launched a plan to raise an iron furnace along the banks of Shade Creek. Thomas Vickroy provided the land and startup capital. Peter Gearhart and George Reynolds supplied the knowledge and managerial skills needed to construct and operate the ironworks. Their daring plan brought to life a charcoal blast furnace, a forge for refining pig iron, and an iron plantation of more than 5,000 acres. Shade Furnace resulted in both success and failure to its many owners over an operational life of fifty years. Today, the ruins of Shade Furnace remain relatively undisturbed along the rugged valley slopes of Shade Creek. Its stone walls and foundations are a time capsule to a nearly forgotten era when the engines of industry lay in the rural forests and not in the sprawling cities. The legacy of Shade Furnace continues to inspire our imagination and that particular entrepreneurial drive so deeply rooted in the pioneering spirit of the American Frontier.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to www.aaslh.org.



Brian L. Fritz is a 2011 graduate of the University of Akron earning a Master's of science degree in geology. Mr. Fritz is a native of Somerset County, Pennsylvania with roots on a farm near Stoystown. He is the owner and Principal Archaeological Investigator of Quemahoning LLC, a cultural resources consulting firm based in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fritz earned bachelor's degrees in geology and anthropology from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in 2007. He is a registered professional archaeologist (RPA) and geographic information system professional (GISP). Mr. Fritz and his archaeologist wife, Amanda Valko, have organized and hosted public archaeology and educational programs for more than a decade.

"Archaeology and geology fulfill a vital role in understanding humanity and our relationship to the environment. Most people would agree that we live in a complex world and that social complexity is likely to increase in the foreseeable future. How can we forge humanity's future if we do not have a firm understanding of our present condition? How do we evaluate our present condition without a scientifically enlightened perspective of our past? Archaeology and geology are tools that provide us with a window into our past and a frame of reference to gauge the evolution of the human condition." -- Brian L. Fritz



ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

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Also enjoy Complimentary Archaeology-Themed Snacks! Artifact Displays
 Stone-tool making a spear throwing
 Bone Lab & spear throwing
 Bone Lab & spear throwing
 Laser scanning, 3D printing & Geophysical Demos

ANTHROPOLOGY McElhaney Hall Ground Floor

Saturday October 21st 12-3 PM

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. is a participant in International Archaeology Day. We hope you will all participate in one of the events listed in our calendar and on our website at <u>www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com</u>. For Archaeology Month posters for your chapter's events or educational use, please contact: Amanda Valko at <u>amanda@quemahoning.com</u> or Janet Johnson at janjohnson@pa.gov

2017 Annual Workshops in Archaeology

October 28, 2017-The State Museum of Pennsylvania-Harrisburg, PA

Ethnicity in the Archaeological Record

Immigration, ethnicity, and multi-culturalism are significant issues in contemporary American society. Archaeologists can examine these issues through the recovery and analysis of artifacts. Pennsylvania's archaeological record is as diverse as its population and reflects upon our founding under William Penn as a welcoming place for freedom from religious persecution. Identifying and connecting with our ethnic origins is important as we strive to recognize our own sense of place in an ever-changing society.

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Looking at the Complexities of Identifying Ethnic and Community Markers in the Archaeological Record: Examples from Pennsylvania—Kenneth J. Basalik, Ph.D., CHRS, Inc.

German Farm Life in Pennsylvania—Cristie L. Barry, M.A. and Amanda Rasmussen, M.A., RPA, McCormick Taylor

Labor and Ethnicity in a 20th Century Glass Workers' Community—Hannah Harvey, PHMC

Hidden Founders: Uncovering African American Lives at Independence National Historical Park—Jed Levin

Magic, Popular Spirituality, and African Identity in Antebellum Philadelphia: African-Influenced Burial Practices at the First African Baptist Church Cemeteries—John P. McCarthy

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The Pennsylvania Archaeologist Journal is in

URGENT need of Manuscripts.

You have probably noticed that your Spring 2017 journal has not arrived. We cannot publish on time if there are inadequate manuscript submissions. The issue is being edited and will be delivered before the end of the year but we will still be behind an issue for 2017. Please visit the SPA website under publications to view the Guidelines for Submission and to prepare your work and research for publication. There is also room for artifact forums and book reviews.

This situation cannot be remedied without your help!

Contact editor, Bernard K. Means at bkmeans@vcu.edu

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