



The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

Newsletter Fall 2021

President's Message

Hello SPA! Although many of you already know me from my years at the PA State Historic Preservation Office, I wanted to take up a little bit of my first President's Message to introduce myself to the rest of you. I have been working in Pennsylvania as a professional archaeologist since I moved here permanently in 2000. My family is originally from the Pacific Northwest, but I found myself at Mercyhurst in Erie to get my undergraduate degree in archaeology. After graduating in 1997, I moved back to the west coast to attend Washington State University for my master's degree. I missed PA while I was gone and decided to relocate here permanently once I completed my Masters. I got a job with a small archaeological consulting firm based in Stroudsburg, then started in 2007 with the PA SHPO. My husband Keith and I relocated to Pittsburgh a few years ago and I now work for Christine Davis Consultants and teach as an adjunct professor at California University of Pennsylvania and University of Pittsburgh. In our free time, Keith and I have a great Craftsman bungalow with tons of original features that we work on restoring. Much of the rest of our time goes into my ever-expanding flower and vegetable garden. And of course, there is no way I can leave out our three cats, Savannah, Sophie, and George, who in truth run really our household and our schedules.

I am excited to be serving as President this term and I am looking forward to everything that is to come over the next couple of years as we slowly emerge from COVID lockdown. Unfortunately, there has not been as much progress this summer toward completely leaving the virus behind as we would all have liked. Fortunately, the perseverance and dedication of our SPA membership and leadership has continued to carry us all ahead. Some SPA summer highlights include the 2021 Virtual Meeting in April and the Parkers Landing Petroglyphs marker dedication. Both events were a success! In addition, I want to complement the Awards Committee members on their logistical prowess in getting the 2020 and 2021 award winners their awards and certificates. This fall it is still looking favorable for in-person workshops at Meadowcroft and State Museum, as well as the Mead Island marker dedication in Warren. My fingers are crossed that these events will give us all a chance to meet up and catch up – and get a look at what some of our fellow SPA members have been working on while in quarantine!

Looking further to the future, during my term as President, I am looking forward to working with all of you to continue, and expand, upon the education and outreach efforts that our SPA membership has worked over the years to establish. In my view, providing information about archaeology to the public and providing a forum in which archaeologists, both avocational and professional, can learn from one another is one of the most important functions of the Society. Over my term I am looking to foster our nascent efforts in this area while at the same time providing whatever support is needed to keep our already successful efforts moving ahead. I can't wait to see what we will all make happen together!

Kira Heinrich
President SPA

Note: If chapters have or are developing video material suitable for YouTube programming, please review the content and quality for educational viewing. Additional information for submitting the video and any restrictions will be coming in the near future. Check the SPA Website for up to date information at: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com



Birthday Celebration

A special thank you to all who sent birthday wishes to Dr. Stan Lantz on the occasion of his 96th year. It was very much appreciated.

Stan's work on the Mead Island Tradition will be commemorated with a Pennsylvania Historic Marker in Warren County as part of the SPA's effort to mark archaeological site in Pennsylvania. See the SPA website for more information on the project, to donate and to help with applications for future site recognitions. www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

2021 SPA Mini Field Trip—Parker's Landing Marker Dedication



The best laid plans are subject to the weather as well as the pandemic. The Parkers's Landing marker dedication and the SPA's Field Trip was subjected to a deluge that left the petroglyphs underwater and the celebrants soggy. The weekend was by no means a washout. Unable to get to Parkers landing, our group ventured from the marker site to the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum in Brookville. There, we enjoyed a dry afternoon visiting the award winning displays that Ken and his staff have worked so hard to produce. That evening we enjoyed a lecture from Ken on the petroglyphs and Rainbow Rock along with some much needed social time for all of us who have sorely missed out archaeology family over the past year and a half. On Sunday we hiked out to the Rainbow Rock site and explored the area before heading home. The weekend was enjoyed by all. The ceremony was well attended by state and local dignitaries, the local residents, local historical society and the state archaeological officials. Ken deserves the credit for making this happen and for spearheading the committee to ensure more important archaeological sites in Pennsylvania are marked for recognition. Thanks Ken!

Group photo at Rainbow Rock

Photos from Duritsa



News from the State Museum

The State Museum of Pennsylvania announces its annual **'Workshops in Archaeology'** conference to be held on **Saturday, October 30, 2021**. The topic of the Workshops this year is ***Hidden Stories: Uncovering African American History through Archaeology and Community Engagement***. This year's workshops will be held **in-person** at The State Museum in Harrisburg, PA and will also be offered in an online format due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

The lives and activities of African Americans during the 18th and 19th centuries are poorly documented in the historic record and frequently biased. In addition, the contributions of enslaved, indentured, and free African Americans are missing from our history books and museums. Archaeology is a method that can be used to fill this gap in our understanding of past cultural behavior in the Commonwealth. This year's Workshops in Archaeology program will feature an overview of African American archaeological investigations and community archaeology projects in the region. Community archaeology is the practice of archaeological research in which at every step in a project, at least partial control remains with the community. These Workshops are an opportunity for archaeologists to share information and for the community to provide input on the future of African American community archaeology in Pennsylvania.

Our featured Keynote Speaker will be **Dr. Cheryl LaRoche**, professor in the American Studies Department at the University of Maryland. Dr. LaRoche is involved in the study of 18th and 19th century free black communities and their relationships to the Underground Railroad. She has consulted on projects for the National Park Service, the African American Museum of Philadelphia, the Smithsonian, and other institutions and worked with the PBS series 'Time Team America' in the search for the Josiah Henson House in Maryland. Dr. LaRoche's 2014 book *Free Black Communities and the Underground Railroad: The Geography of Resistance* explores the Underground Railroad using archaeology and focuses on the free black communities that assisted in the escape of fugitives from slavery. She will be speaking on Community Archaeology and her ongoing work in this field.

Many of our presenters are members of either the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC) or our Society and we appreciate their willingness to contribute to this dynamic program. There is so much to discover about our past and hearing these untold stories promises to be fascinating.

- **Dr. Alexandra Jones** - professor and member of the Society of Black Archaeologists, founder of the nonprofit organization Archaeology in the Community. Dr. Jones will be introducing Community Archaeology.
- **Barbara Barksdale** – historian and caretaker of the African American Midland Cemetery in Steelton, PA, will speak on The Hallowed Ground Project in Pennsylvania, highlighting the identification and preservation of cemeteries containing Civil War-era United States Colored Troops.
- **Samantha Taylor** – archaeologist with New South Associates, discussing The Role of Archaeology in Bridging Informational Gaps Between Diasporic Communities: A Case Study at Pandenarium, Mercer County, Pennsylvania and how work at this site is changing perceptions and helping in its preservation. <http://paheritage.wpengine.com/article/piecing-together-pandenarium-archaeology-at-the-site-of-a-free-black-community-in-western-pennsylvania/> and <https://pahistoricpreservation.com/unearthing-the-forgotten-past-at-pandenarium-site-36me0253/>
- **Wade Catts** – archaeologist at South River Heritage Consulting, The Perkins-Dennis farm presentation will explore how investigations at this historic site are sharing the story of free African Americans in the north: A Gift to the Nation: The Perkins-Dennis Farm, an African American Farm in Pennsylvania's Northern Tier. <https://pahistoricpreservation.com/three-centuries-the-dennis-farm-looking-forward-part-1/>
- **Douglas Mooney** – archaeologist with AECOM, discussing important sites in the city of Philadelphia, including the National Constitution Center, the President's House, and Bethel Burying as well as of the public involvement that, in many cases, helped make the study and celebration of these sites a reality.



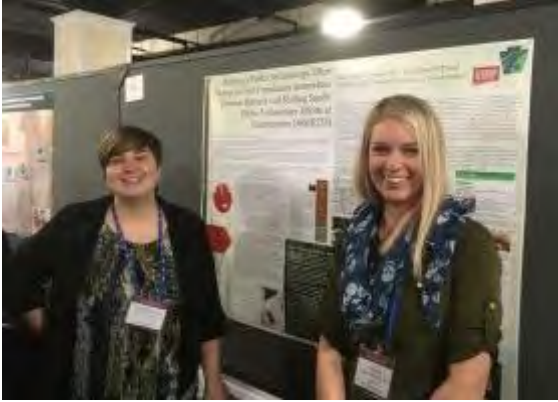
Doug Mooney and Cheryl LaRoche at the President's House site

- **Erik Kreusch** - Archaeologist/Compliance Coordinator at Gettysburg National Military Park, The National Park Service (NPS). This presentation will highlight efforts being made by the NPS to improve upon and diversify the park narratives through historic and archaeological research. <https://www.nps.gov/gett/learn/historyculture/warfield-house.htm>

- **Matthew Reeves** – Director of Archaeology at Montpelier Plantation in Virginia, home of President James Madison, speaking on Communities Reclaiming Ancestral Lands through Public Archaeology: A case

study from a presidential

Angela Jaillet-Wentling – Cultural Resources Program Coordinator for DCNR Bureau of State Parks, presenting new interpretations of the Pandenarium site and the lessons learned that can apply to future work in this field, Telling Untold Stories of Underrepresented Populations. home. <https://www.montpelier.org/learn/unearthing-the-past>



Angie and Sami's share an interest in Pandenarium site(36ME0253)

Site recording and artifact identification will be available, and everyone is encouraged to bring your site information and questions for the archaeology team. There are some new staff in the **State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)** and this is a chance to meet them as well. **Noel D. Strattan**, PA-SHARE Administrator as well as staff members **Sara-Ladd Clark**, PA-SHARE Triage Specialist, **Taylor Napoleon**, Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey (PASS) Coordinator, **Casey Hanson**, Eastern Regional Archaeologist and **Justin McKeel**, Western Region Archaeologist will be on hand to assist.

Suggested donation for the Workshops is \$25. The event will be held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg with doors opening at 8:30 a.m. Sessions will also be available virtually via Zoom, but registration is required. Once you are registered, attendees will receive a link and password for the sessions listed. Please visit The State Museum of Pennsylvania (<http://statemuseumpa.org/>) or The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation (<https://www.paheritage.org/resources/events/>) site to register.

Continue to visit our blog <http://twipa.blogspot.com/> for updates and additional information on this exciting program.

News from The State Museum, Section of Archaeology

The State Museum of Pennsylvania has reopened, and museum staff members are scheduled to return to the office in September. We have been continuing to work either remotely or on a limited basis in the office throughout the pandemic. One of our tasks has been the posting of images and catalog information in an on-line portal of artifacts currently on display in the museum. This project is a collections management initiative for the entire Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission putting our collections from the historic sites and museums in a searchable format and visible for research, education, or just general viewing pleasure. Access to the collections is available via this on-line portal for everyone to see and learn about our notable items. Information included in the on-line data includes the Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey number (PASS) or collector/donor, culture time period, and the significance of the artifact.

To access the on-line collection please go [to https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/Online-Collection/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/Online-Collection/Pages/default.aspx), multiple search options are available; collection (archaeology), artifact type (i.e., stone tool) or site name or number (PASS #).

Unfortunately, this return is on a limited basis, and we are currently not open for researchers or volunteers. We also will not be conducting an excavation this fall, hopefully next year.

Nominations for Election at Annual Meeting 2022

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Trustees for 6 year terms ending 2028

Janet Johnson
Melissa Diamanti

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY WORKSHOP

WHEN

**October 16, 2021
10am - 5pm**

WHERE

**Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
1401 Meadowcroft Road | Avella, PA 15312**

FEATURING PRESENTATIONS BY

**Jim Herbstritt | A Survey of Native American Smoking Pipes
from the Susquehanna Valley: 3000 BP – 250 BP**

William Johnson | TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Michael Lucas | White Clay Tobacco Pipes Recovered from
Dutch and Mohawk Sites, ca.1640-1660: A Comparison of Use-
Wear, Modification, and Stylistic Traits**

**Mark McCaughy | Evidence for Smoking during the Early
Woodland in Western Pennsylvania and Vicinity**

**Sean Rafferty | Intoxicants of Eastern North America: The
Ethnohistoric and Archaeological Record**

**Andrew Weiland | Scioto Hopewell Pipes: Their Origin, Use,
and Destruction**



On-site demonstrations will include Donna George, (prehistoric textile spinning and weaving), John Cody Edgar (hand weaver and dye chemist), and Steve Hissley (expert flint knapper).

Join Heinz History Center Staff to screen salvaged 18th Century fill materials!

**[WWW.HEINZHISTORYCENTER.ORG/
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ARCHAEOLOGY-DAY-2021](http://WWW.HEINZHISTORYCENTER.ORG/EVENTS/MEADOWCROFT-ARCHAEOLOGY-DAY-2021)
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ARCHMONT.HTM](https://WWW.PENNSYLVANIAARCHAEOLOGY.ORG/ARCHMONT.HTM)**

Fifth Annual Workshop in Archaeology

**“American Indian and Early Colonial Usage of Tobacco:
pipes and their contexts for smoking”**

Saturday, October 16, 2021, 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Avella, Pennsylvania

Participants will discuss the temporal and spatial variability of Native American pipes across the Upper Ohio Valley and Pennsylvania, from the Early Woodland until contact with Europeans, and the commercialization of tobacco in the 17th century by European colonial powers.

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

Additional Activities

Flint Knapping Demonstration will feature an expert flintknapper who will demonstrate stone tool manufacture.

Weaving demonstration. The program will be a sampling of prehistoric fiber techniques that were most likely used in this region. This will include weaving and spinning.

Recording of archaeological sites is an essential task in protecting and preserving our state's archaeological resources. Stop their table and talk to the staff from the State Historic Preservation Office who will assist you in recording your archaeological sites.

Artifact Identification – SPA chapter members. These individuals have over 70 years of combined experience with archaeological artifacts. Bring in your historic or prehistoric artifacts for identification.

Assist in **screening** a pile of salvaged fill from a regional 18th c. site.

Workshop Registration Form:

Registrant Name(s) _____

Contact Information: Please clearly print your Address

_____ (Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Phone (Home)

(Work)

Email* (required for email registration confirmation)

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; SPA Members \$12.00.

Lunch must be pre-paid in advance.

Boxed Lunch Option; must preorder and pay in advance. _____ \$12.00 each. All options include a deli sandwich, a fresh homemade deli salad, chips, a Spring House Drink and an Old-fashioned cookie. **Box lunch orders must be received at least one week prior to workshop.**

Option #1: Kaiser roll - American cheese

Turkey _____

Baked Ham _____

Roast Beef _____

Option #2 Chef salad with honey vinaigrette instead _____

Make check payable to the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village. Please, no cash.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks should be mailed to:

Fifth Annual Archaeology Workshop
Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
401 Meadowcroft Rd.,
Avella, PA 15312

The SPA Awards Committee has done a wonderful job of keeping the Annual Awards moving forward. The anticipated Annual Meeting was postponed for a second year in April of 2021. The committee instead made the awards at the Annual Business Meeting held via zoom. The results are as follows:

2020 Awards

J Alden Mason – Joe Baker—exerpt from nomination:

Joe's infinite energy for advocating for archaeological resources and his interns knows few bounds. In his "free" time, Joe has committed himself to various ongoing efforts to preserve Pennsylvania's historical and archaeological past. He is a frequent and continuing contributor to the PHMC's popular magazine, Pennsylvania Heritage writing on topics ranging from castanea to Martin guitars. At the colonial Fort Halifax, he is continuing to support graduate research efforts pursue archaeological investigations at the site through the development and support of field schools. At the frontier farmstead of Carroll Cabin, Joe's efforts include supporting graduate research and recordation as well as coordinating conservation measures with the PHMC and DCNR.

His commitment to archaeology has continued in the various organizations he actively serves in including the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, the Society for American Archaeology, and the Association of Transportation Archaeologists to name just a few. Joe's advocacy for archaeological resources extends into his personal passion for hiking where his volunteer efforts with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy has helped the organization to preserve its heritage resources. While his professional accomplishments as an archaeologist are substantial, Joe's true legacy is one of mentorship, dedication to education of young professionals, and public outreach to the many publics he has served.

Archey Award – Roger Jones—exerpt from nomination:

Since 2016 he has been conducting extensive research at the Lantz Archaeological Research Center in Butler. This work will be used to produce a comprehensive publication of beads recovered from the Penelec site. Forty-plus years of excavation have produced over 13,000 beads of various materials including stone, fossil and glass. When completed, this work will provide a major classification reference for the Upper Ohio Valley drainage and mid-Atlantic area of northeastern North America. For this project Roger has acquired an extensive library of bead publications covering the United States, Canada and South America.

Roger has identified approximately 450 bead types from the Penelec collection, some of which have never been seen. All of the types have been listed according to their color using the Munsell Bead Color Book. Each bead has been measured according to length, diameter, and hole size. The number of beads recovered of each type are entered into a spread sheet designed by Roger. The recovered beads have established a date range of 1620-1925.

All the recovered beads have been provenienced by location and depth in the 820 five-foot squares excavated at the Penelec site. As an aid in this research Roger will be utilizing a digitized map of the Penelec site. Once completed, this information will be archived at the Edward O'Neil Research Center of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Roger has also mounted a sample of each bead type in ten Riker mounts for photography purposes. To date over 1000 close-up photographs have been taken. Roger is working with professional photographer Ed Bernick from Erie, PA. A Canon EOS 35mm DSLR along with Ed's studio equipment is being used for the photography.

In the three years that Roger has worked on this project he has completed 1423 hours and driven numerous 100-mile round trips from his home in Masury, OH. Roger has been a member of the SPA since 2012. He presented the preliminary results of his research at the 2018 annual meeting of the SPA in a program titled "Beads: A Colorful Timeline". Roger is currently president of the King Beaver Chapter of The Archaeological Society of Ohio.

Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Kurt Carr—exerpt from nomination:

Kurt Carr's archaeological education began as a high school student in 1965 as a crew member on Dr. Fred Kinsey's Tock's Island project. He worked closely with Fred and Dr. Barry Kent on archaeological survey and excavation in the Upper Delaware Valley of Pennsylvania. This continued in 1967 when he worked with Dr. Charles McNett at the Brodhead-Heller site. He received his B.A. in Anthropology at Franklin and Marshall College (1971) and M.A. and Ph.D. at Catholic University of America (1975 and 1992). As a graduate student, he became active in the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA).

He started his career with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 1980 as a review archaeologist with the Bureau for Historic Preservation and served as the Chief of the Division of Archaeology and Protection between 1988 and 2005. He joined The State Museum of Pennsylvania in 2007 as the Senior Curator of Archaeology.

He has been a frequent presenter at SPA, Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF), Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC) and Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC) meetings, author and co-author in publications of these societies, and a commenter and formal reviewer of presentations and publications.

In addition to presenting at these meetings, he has served for many years on the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund, been a board member and President of ESAF, and been in charge of the Student Endowment Fund of MAAC.....A major contribution to SPA has been his untiring devotion to archaeological presentations, exhibits and public discussions and volunteer recruitment at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The SPA recognized his



contributions with the J. Alden Mason Award in 1993 and in 2018 he received the MAAC lifetime Achievement Award. **Congratulations Kurt! Well Done!**

**John Witthoft Award for new members was awarded to the Lower Susquehanna Chapter #28.
Frances Dorrance Award for most site recordings was awarded to Ohio Valley Chapter #22.**

2021 Awards

J Alden Mason – Dr. Jonathan Burns—exerpt from nomination:



Since assuming his current position as faculty member and Director of the Cultural Resource Institute at Juniata College, Jonathan has pursued research during field schools and other projects on historic forts—primarily French and Indian War period forts—and precontact sites across Pennsylvania. These include the survey, excavation and interpretation of forts Shirley, Lyttleton, and Dewart, with the results presented at the annual meetings of the SPA, Pioneer America Society, Pennsylvania Historical Association, and the Forbes Road Conference, and in journals including Pennsylvania History, Popular Archaeology, and OpenQuaternary. In cooperation with PennDOT and the Pennsylvania State University Jonathan organized and conducted a field school at the Hatch site, an important source of jasper in central Pennsylvania. This work was reported at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology and in the journal Archaeometry. Jonathan has developed a strong program in archaeology at Juniata College, with a series of field schools and independent projects that have introduced a generation of undergraduate students to Pennsylvania archaeology. He serves as faculty advisor

*to the Archaeology Club and has encouraged Juniata College students to participate in the annual SPA meeting and its student poster contest. He has established a solid reputation as a teacher and researcher in all aspects of archaeology in the state and the Middle Atlantic region. Jonathan served at SPA president from 2019-2021. **Congratulations Jonathan!***

Lifetime Achievement – Judy Duritsa—exerpt from nomination:

She has been an ambassador and anchor for the Society and for Pennsylvania archaeology. The support, direction and commitment provided to the Society has been limitless and irreplaceable. Judy has served as the Secretary since 1989 and has seen a lot of change in our organization. The position of Secretary might be perceived as just someone who sends out letters or emails to announce the Annual Meeting or Archaeology Month events, but that is not the case. Judy is truly the glue that holds the Society together.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was created to recognize and honor those who have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to archaeology in Pennsylvania and the Society. There is not a better example of someone who has tirelessly contributed so much to our organization and our mission of providing information to support the conservation and preservation of archaeological sites and artifacts. She is often the voice for the avocational community, reminding each of us of our common goal in promoting and preserving our archaeological resources. She has worked to promote the Society through rack cards, Newsletters and support of the Annual Meeting. Her encouragement of students, new members and officers are at the root of our organization's success. Multiple SPA members were contacted in preparing this nomination and each resoundingly supported Judy's nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award. There is not a better example of a person deserving of our gratitude and recognition for their dedication and service in supporting the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology than Judy Duritsa.



John Witthoft Award for new members was awarded to Allegheny Chapter #1.

Frances Dorrance Award for recording of site was awarded to Ohio Valley Chapter #22.

The SPA plans to hold Annual Meeting in Person in Ligonier, PA in April 2022. Please refer to past meeting information to plan for that event. Venue and events remain the same. Details in the SPA Winter Newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Please make certain you have a valid email address on file with the Society that can be used for zoom meeting purposes.

Archaeology Month Calendar 2021

The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Hidden Stories: Uncovering African American History Through Archaeology and Community Engagement

Workshop on Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. This program will be offered as both a virtual and in-person program. Suggested donation of 25.00. Scheduled speakers include Doug Mooney, Wade Catts, Samantha Taylor and Angela Jaillet-Wentling. Featured speaker is Dr. Cheryl LaRoche, Archaeologist, University of Maryland, <https://www.drcheryllaroche.com/>. Please check the Section of Archaeology blog- twipa (This week in Pennsylvania Archaeology) for program details and speaker abstracts.

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village

Archaeology Day, Saturday, October 16, 2021 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Held in partnership with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology as part of Pennsylvania Archaeology Month, Archaeology Day will feature in-depth presentations from experts across the state, fascinating demonstrations, and opportunities for attendees to have their own American Indian artifacts professionally identified and analyzed. Meadowcroft Rockshelter And Historic Village, 401 Meadowcroft Road, Avella, PA 15312, 724-587-3412. For more information visit the website at <https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/meadowcroft-archaeology-day-2021>.

Allegheny Chapter 1

Chapter meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Dr. Aksel Casson, Archaeologist and Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Slippery Rock University, will present a program on land acknowledgments. If you are interested in joining the meeting contact Sarah Neusius at sraahneusius@gmail.com.

Frances Dorrance Chapter 11

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

Westmoreland Archaeological Society Chapter 23

Artifact display and artifact identification at the Greene County Historical Society's annual Harvest Festival on October 9th and 10th located at the Greene County Museum, 918 Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Ongoing excavations at the Bergstrom Hollow Rock Shelter site. Daily field hours are approximately 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Volunteers are welcome and prior experience is not needed. Non-chapter members will be required to sign a liability waiver as per our chapter insurance policy. Hand tools if needed will be provided by the chapter, along with all other needed field supplies. For more information on both events contact Jim Barno at bar3686@calu.edu.

North Fork Chapter 29

Chapter meeting Friday, October 15th at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Education Center at 100 S. White Street (Corner of White and Main Streets), Brookville, PA 15825 Bill Black will present a program on the Wilson Shutes Site (36Cw05). Between 1960 and 1963 Fred Brown led the Cussewago SPA chapter in an extensive excavation of the Wilson Shute Site. When completed, he wrote a paper that was never published that included site maps, and examples of pottery and artifacts. Bill will present a review of the site history, research limitations, and examples of pottery and artifacts to provide a better understanding of this important site. For more information contact Ken Burkett at kenburkett@comcast.net.

Pennsylvania Archaeology Month

October 2021 - Forged in History

Want to learn more about blacksmithing and archaeology? Strike while the iron is hot and go to www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/ArchMonth.htm.



Half of a set of tongs from the Frazier Brothers Blacksmith Shop Site (26J673)



Quenched iron from repairing a rifle from the Hershorn 1 Site (26BL124)



Forge grating from the McQuillen Blacksmith Shop Site (26N443)



Horseshoes, leather, wrought iron ring, clinched horseshoe nails, horseshoe caulkins from the McQuillen Blacksmith Shop Site (26N443)



Center image: Ca. 1890 Photograph of a Blacksmith Shop in Milan, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, Courtesy of Dawn Fenton. Side images: Artifacts recovered from blacksmith shop archaeological sites. The artifacts represent the numerous and diverse tasks performed by blacksmiths.

Sponsors: Pennsylvania Archaeological Council, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, The Markosky Engineering Group, Inc., CHRIS, Inc., Sturdy and Lay, Inc., GAF Consultants, Inc., and Lotus Environmental Consulting, LLC.



Oven shoes from the Frazier Brothers Blacksmith Shop Site (26J673)



Sheep teeth pulled by a blacksmith from the Hershorn 1 Site (26BL124)



Wagon wheel hub, carriage seat spring coils, rubber pedal or brake pads, and a wire buckle from the McQuillen Blacksmith Shop Site (26N443)



Small crucible for melting metal from the Metropolitan Detention Center Site (26PH81), Courtesy of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Recent Donations to the Society:

In Memory of Al Moore:
Ormer:
Charles and Judy Duritsa

In Memory of Bonnie Van
Gene and Dee Delaplane

Donations in Support of the Historic Marker Committee:

Kenneth Anderson
Debbie Casselberry
Charles and Judy Duritsa
Susanne Haney
Kira and Keith Heinrich
Stanley Lantz

Sarah and Phil Neusius
Tony and Becky Piccolin
Tom Rabbit
Donna Smith
Dan Sorg
David Watters

Make donations by way of the [donation button](#) on the SPA website at: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com or checks made out to Treasurer, SPA earmarked for the marker fund and mailed to: Kenneth Burkett, Treasurer, P.O. Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242.

Chapter News



New Geneva Glassware Discovery

In July, Dwayne Santella and Savannah Zitney, **Mon-Yough Chapter #3**, made a unique and exciting discovery at the Green Tree Tavern site excavation in Fayette County: the shards from a broken container which, upon reassembly by Savannah, proved to be a spirits decanter made in the glass factory at New Geneva near Friendship Hill, the estate of statesman Albert Gallatin. Found with the decanter were shards from two pale green glass tumblers. While the factory produced substantial amounts of window glass, the German craftsmen also produced what they referred to as hollowware, i.e. flasks, bottles, decanters, bowls, and drinking glasses. The restored portion of the pale green colored decanter is being held by CalU intern Savannah Zitney. The decanter was probably made between 1798 – 1830. The pontil mark on the underside of the bottle, as well as imperfections in the glass, suggests that it was hand blown. The glass factory closed in 1847.

Bill Tippins Book

Hello archaeology friends:

Bill Tippins here, member of SPA Chapter #1 and former editor of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. I've recently self-published a novel on Amazon directed at Middle School age kids entitled: *The Ghost Warriors*. I originally wrote it as "a tale of two (Monongahela) cities", in an effort to teach young people about Pennsylvania's prehistoric past via a fun and exciting story. But when the cancel culture came along, I realized a white man of European descent interpreting Native American culture might be problematic. So I rewrote it to be much more general. Long ago, all of us had ancestors who once lived in small fortified villages, and who fought with the neighbors. I even included Europe's most famous ancient man, Ötzi the Iceman, as a character. I'm hoping you, or the nearest 12-year-old, will find it interesting. Here are the links to the paperback and kindle eBook (priced at close to cost):

Paperback: https://www.amazon.com/Ghost-Warriors-Bill-Tippins/dp/B08W5WHHDC/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=the+ghost+warriors&qid=1615217701&sr=8-2

Kindle:

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