

**The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc
Newsletter Fall 2011**

The Struggle Continues: Survival of Non-Profits

Not much has changed since our 2010 plea for support of the Society. If anything, the situation is a bit worse financially. No grants, no support for the museums, no answer for the lack of funding for our historic and archaeological heritage, and no real end in sight for relief.

Since so much is out of our control, we must address what we do have control over. Supporting the SPA is one of those things. Don't stop entreating our governments (local, state and federal) from doing what's right in supporting our museums and heritage but take the time to help organizations like the SPA to survive.

How do we survive?

We still need to cut back on the ever rising mailing costs by encouraging members to request the delivery of the SPA Newsletter by email. We need to increase membership—a most important feat to insure survival. Our current members need to—if they can—step up your support, perhaps by renewing your membership as a sustaining member, remembering a loved one or special occasion with a donation, or remembering the SPA in your will.

The 2012 Membership renewal form is included in this newsletter. Please consider adding the extra amount for sustaining membership when returning your forms promptly to the Treasurer. The support for educational programs, Archaeology Month in Pennsylvania and the financial health of the Society depend on your continued support. Dues are payable NOW! Timely renewal prevents the costly mailing of journals and newsletters at a higher rate.

Please note that the Society has a newly elected treasurer. Kenneth Burkett took over from Paul Cowin who has done a remarkable job for the Society for a number of years. Paul's meticulous records and budget management has kept the Society functioning within its means and solvent. The Society appreciates the many volunteer hours Paul committed to the position and offers our sincere thanks.

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

Annual Meeting hosts are needed for 2013 and beyond. If your chapter would be willing to host the meeting, please contact Mary Alice Graetzer at rxg8@psu.edu. Guidelines for hosting can be found at the SPA website: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com under archives.

Highlights from the 82nd Annual Meeting

Education Committee Activity The Cabela display was very successful and will be repeated. A location in western Pennsylvania is being sought. Logistics will change according to lessons learned. A new promotional brochure in the form of a rack card is being designed by Jim Wosochlo. Estimates for printing the rack cards have been obtained. Other members will have input on the design and message stressing the SPA information and pointing interested persons to the website for chapter localities and events. The committee also is exploring new ways to reach the public through schools and outdoor groups with an emphasis on families. A new speakers list is also being compiled using both PAC and SPA speakers.

PAC/SPA Student Scholarships for Annual Meeting Attendance Three **James W. Hatch Scholarship** recipients: Andrea Boon, Callista Holmes and Katherine Peresolak were awarded. **Student Scholarship State Museum**—the first **W. Fred Kinsey Award** was presented to Jonathan R. Libbon.

The SPA Website is being updated by Jim Wosochlo and his wife, Aurora. The Forks of the Delaware Chapter website will be used as prototype for revising the SPA site. Brian Fritz will work on form and content. A new face and current materials on the SPA website are vital to the Society. Costs and domains will also be reviewed.

Guidelines for conducting SPA business by e-mail are now in place. This is enable the Society to conduct urgent business between scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

The Society Welcomes a new chapter Venango Archaeology Chapter #30. The new chapter's charter was presented at the banquet. The Chapter is located in Franklin, PA

EBSCO Licensing Proposal—Details will be explored to insure that the SPA would maintain and retain the copyrights, the possibility of obtaining back issues on searchable compact disks and other information about compatibility with our current publishing procedures. The Vice Presidents of the Society are reviewing the proposal and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Election of Officers and Directors at Annual Meeting

Officers to serve for two year term 2011-2013

President	James Wosochlo
First Vice President	Sarah Neusius
Second Vice President	Jason Espino
Treasurer	Ken Burkett
Secretary	Judy Duritsa

Board of Directors (six year term)

Bob Oshnock (2017)
Paul Nevin (2017)

Honoring Deceased Members 2010-2011: Robert Nale, Life Member, past President SPA 1963-1965 and Arthur Fletcher Jolly III, Life Member



2011 SPA Annual Awards

For his dedication to the highest principles of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, James P. Bressler is presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

From a young child surface- collecting on the family farm, to a college student investigating sites to a teacher and leader JAMES P BRESSLER hung up his trowel at the age of 92 after directing one final season of excavation at the Ault Site near Williamsport. His experiences, curiosity, enthusiasm, and desire to learn lead him down many paths.

In the mid 1950's Jim spearheaded the effort to organize and secure a charter from the Society of Pennsylvania Archaeology for North-Central Chapter #8. For the next 50 years Jim was the heart and soul of the Chapter. He was as an officer, developing and editing the chapter newsletter, contributing to the evening programs, organizing and directing excavations, conducting workshops and field trips, and ALWAYS reaching out as an educator to attract young people to archaeology. He served as a patient and good-natured mentor to generations of budding archaeologists.

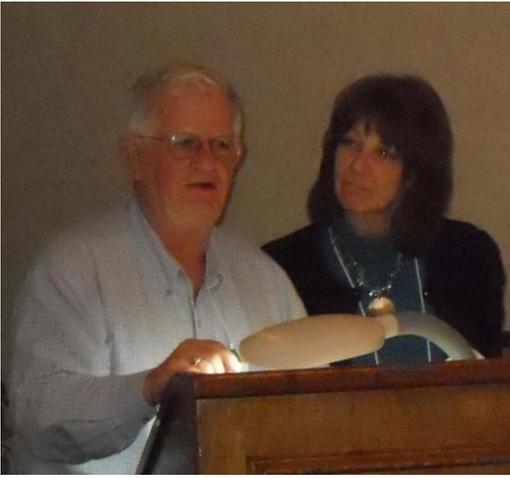
In 1960, a devastating fire hit the Lycoming County Historical Society's Victorian-mansion museum in Williamsport. With Jim's vision, leadership, and sleeves rolled up; "Like a phoenix rising from the ashes," the Thomas T. Taber Museum became a showcase for the history and archaeology of north-central PA.

Today the "James P. Bressler Archaeological Gallery" features attractive professional exhibits based on actual research conducted on local sites. The archaeological storage facilities housed elsewhere within the museum holds thousands of cataloged artifacts and research materials organized by Jim for the use of future generations.

Canfield Island lies against the banks of the Susquehanna River between Williamsport and Montoursville. Over the years Jim led North-Central Chapter #8 in excavations at a number of locations on the island and in the immediate vicinity. Through Jim's efforts the islands natural history and cultural resources are preserved as open space for picnicking, walking, bird watching, and other recreations activities. The "James P. Bressler Archaeological Trail" is the core of the unique Riverfront Part encompassing Canfield Island.

James Bressler has published articles in "The Pennsylvania Archaeologist", North-Central Chapter #8 newsletter, local historical society journals, and others.

Now at the age of 96 James P Bressler continues to keep close tab on the local archaeological scene though his writing, reading, and consulting with others in the field. Nominated by William A. Turnbaugh, Ph.D.



For his many contributions to archaeology and dedication to the principles of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Gene Delaplaine is presented with the Archey Award.

Gene Delaplaine is currently serving as president of John Schrader Chapter # 21 and is the Education Chairperson for The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

Gene radiates enthusiasm and shares his passion for archaeology as a participant, educator, and leader. Chapter meetings are described as an "educational adventure and joy." He strives to share archaeology and history and to afford others with the opportunity to learn.

Gene's current projects include work at the Hoefferrer House, the Mill at Anselma, and Newlin Griest Mill and Joanna Furnace. He is affiliated with various museums and historical societies and is a frequent speaker and guide at the various sites where he has been involved.

Gene has worked with government archaeologist at Ft. Christian in the Virgin Islands, with students and SPA members. He has been instrumental in excavations and research at many sites including, Coventry Forge, Blackbeard's Mistress House, and Iron Master's office and Store. Nominated by: Barbara Allen Lessi Nominated by: Katherine Peresolak



For his many contributions to archaeology and dedication to the principles of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, William Black is presented with the Archey Award.

William (Bill) Black is Vice President of the newly formed Venango Archaeology Chapter #30 and a member of North Fork Chapter # 29. He led in the effort to secure the charter from the Society of Pennsylvania of Archaeology.

Bill reaches out as an educator through archaeology field school programs for students and adults and numerous programs to regional SPA chapters and other organizations, including presentations at annual SPA meetings.

He is an avid researcher and strives to document information pertaining to local historical and pre-historical sites and collections. Bill has arranged to display many of these collections at the Venango County Courthouse and has developed numerous exhibits at various institutions.

Bill helped form and is President of Ziegler Collection, Inc, and oversees the collection and maintenance of the archaeology display cases at the Venango County Courthouse. He is also a member of Venango County Historical Society.

Bill has assisted on numerous archaeological excavations throughout the region and most recently Bill has conducted an excavation at Fort Machault, in Franklin, PA. Nominated by North Fork Chapter 29

John Schrader Chapter #21 has been granted the **John Witthoft Award** for recruiting the most members during 2010.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #14 has been granted the **Frances Dorrance Award** for recording the most sites during 2010

Certificate of Appreciation presented to **Gene Delaplane and Jim Wosochlo** in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology for the S.P. A. weekend at Cabela's Outdoor Outfitters, August 14-15, 2010.

Chapter Profile: A Brief History of the Bald Eagle Archaeological Society, SPA Chapter 24

The Bald Eagle Archaeological Society (BEAS) was formed in 1980 with the help of Dr. James Hatch and Dr. Conran Hay at Penn State University. It became Chapter 24 of the SPA in 1981. Since its formation the chapter has met at various locations in State College and on the Penn State campus and has been involved in a variety of activities.

In 1981 we conducted a small excavation at the Jacks Mill site (36CE230) near Boalsburg. The area we opened contained many Archaic artifacts and 19 pit features. Plans for a housing development on the site in 1983 led to a mitigation project that was undertaken by Penn State personnel. Many additional features and artifacts were discovered then. This location was evidently favored as a campsite by Archaic groups and may have been a fall base camp for some groups between 3000 and 1000 B.C.

The chapter also conducted a survey in the vicinity of the Jacks Mill site and later excavated part of the Herzog site (36CE245), a smaller site nearby. In 1984 we excavated part of Graysville Cave (36HU101), a small rockshelter south of State College. The deposits were disturbed, but the ceramic sherds and points recovered show that this shelter was used occasionally during the Late Archaic and Woodland Periods.

In 1985 and 1986 we investigated a complex of stone walls, the Wolfe site (36CE276), at a springhead on Nittany Mountain north of Centre Hall. People who hoped it had Celtic origins were disappointed with the results. From the recovered metal, bone, and historic ceramics we concluded that the site had been constructed and used from about 1830 to 1850. Its function may have been related to the roundup and butchering of pigs that were allowed to forage on the mountain.

From 1990 to 1994 and in 1998 we excavated part of the Shuey site (36CE362), a late Woodland hamlet along Spring Creek on the edge of Bellefonte. The portion of the site we worked on produced eight house patterns, four keyhole patterns, other postmolds and pit features. Radiocarbon dates and ceramics indicate occupations by Late Woodland groups between A.D. 1200 and 1500. In addition, part of the site contained Middle Woodland material, as shown by ceramics and radiocarbon dates.

Over the years we have done small surveys and shovel tests at various locations in the State College area, such as the Boalsburg Heritage Museum property. Recently we have done extensive testing of the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center property.

Chapter 24 hosted the Annual Meeting for the SPA in State College in 1984, 1992, and 2003. North Central Chapter 8 was a co-host in 1984. We thank the SPA for providing matching funds for two radiocarbon dates at the Shuey Site. A report on that site was presented at the Annual Meeting in 2000.

The chapter currently meets eight times a year and we usually have a guest speaker. Most of our members come from the State College area, but some live in neighboring counties. The chapter has exhibits at the annual Spring Creek Day in State College and has a representative on the Advisory Board of the local Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. Members have given talks on regional archaeology to the chapter and various local groups. We have a summer picnic and organize visits to museums, Penn State field schools, and other excavations. Currently we are working with people from Penn State and the Centre County Historical Society on an exhibit about local prehistory that will be open in October at the Centre Furnace Mansion in State College. Submitted by Mary Alice Graetzer, President, Bald Eagle Archaeological Society

Editor's note: chapter profiles are intended to acquaint the society with our member chapters. Chapter submissions are always welcome in the SPA Newsletter.

Penn State Archaeological Field School at Fort Shirley, 2011

Under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Burns, 13 students completed the second season of the Penn State University field school at the site of Fort Shirley in Huntingdon County. Last year's field school had confirmed the fort's location on a knoll overlooking Fort Run and the Aughwick Creek, revealed posts marking the eastern palisade line and uncovered a bake oven in the interior of the fort. Building on last year's successes, field school students this year uncovered at least two of the remaining palisade walls and the first bastion. Perhaps just as importantly, we defined and examined a midden/latrine area lying just outside the northern wall, filled with animal bone and artifacts dating to the fort occupation.

Fort Shirley was one of several forts commissioned as a first line of defense against Indian and French incursions in the mid-1750s. Originally the site of trader, middleman and sometime provincial official George Croghan's homestead, the site lies astride the main route west to the forks of the Ohio. Following Braddocks' defeat and the British and colonial retreat from western Pennsylvania, Croghan built his house and trading post on the site, while a group of Indian allies who accompanied him after Braddock's defeat settled at the adjacent village of Aughwick Old Town. A few years later, the provincial government directed Croghan to build more substantial defenses to replace his initial informal efforts. It was hoped that Fort Shirley, like Fort Granville to the northeast and Fort Littleton to the southwest, would deter or stop attacks from hostile Indians and the French who controlled the Ohio and its tributaries.

The location of the fort has long been a matter of speculation by historians, archaeologist and local residents, all of whom had theories about the size, shape and precise spot occupied by Croghan's homestead and fort. Local artifact collectors had reported French and Indian War-era artifacts from the vicinity, but it was not until the 2010 field school located the eastern palisade that we have been able to say precisely where the fort lay and what it looked like. Contemporary documents suggest that it was laid out on a standard plan with four bastions at the corners, but last year's efforts and the early results from this year's excavations had failed to find a bastion in the southeast corner. The discovery of the bastion in the northwest corner—which, predictably, happened during the last few days of this year's field school—has provided some confirmation that the fort followed the standard plan and has given us a reference point for exploring the remaining fortifications next year. We anticipate a third season of investigations sponsored by Penn State in 2012.

The success of the field schools depended in large measure on the contributions of the enthusiastic students from Penn State and Juniata College we have had in 2010 and 2011, the able direction of Dr. Burns and the critical efforts of several people: field assistants Suzanne Ostyn and Jared Smith; soil scientist Dr. John Wah; our liaison with the Penn State University Anthropology department, Dr. Clair Milner; and Steven Warfel, who provide valuable advice based on his experience at Fort Morris and Fort Loudon. We also owe thanks to all the informed and interested visitors we have had, including the members of the Bald Eagle Archaeological Society (PA Chapter 24) and Dr. Walt Powell and associates from the Conococheague Institute. The results of the 2010 season were presented in a paper by Dr. Burns at the SPA annual meeting in April of this year and we plan to update this information at next year's annual meeting in Clarion, and in a presentation at the annual French and Indian War seminar at Jumonville in November. Paul Raber, Heberling Associates, Inc. and Axis Research, Inc.

23rd Annual French and Indian War Seminar - November 4-5, 2011

The Braddock Road Preservation Association will hold its' 23rd Annual French and Indian War Seminar at Jumonville, a Christian camp and retreat center located in the beautiful Laurel Highlands near Fort Necessity National Battlefield. The seminar will include a bus and walking tour on portions of the historic Braddock's Road from Dunbar's Camp (at Jumonville) to the scene of the "Battle of the Monongahela" in Braddock, Pennsylvania. Friday evening will host a keynote speaker, with sessions continuing all day Saturday on the historic Jumonville campus. The seminar will feature presentations on British forts during the French and Indian War, the Braddock Road, and the Battle of the Monongahela. A tentative list of this year's speakers includes: David Preston, History Department at the Citadel with a book coming out on the Braddock Campaign in 2012 and Nicholas Westbrook, former Director at Fort Ticonderoga.

For brochure and schedule go to: <http://www.braddockroadpa.org/seminar.html>

Workshops in Archaeology to be held in the State Museum of Pennsylvania

Please join the Archaeology Section of The State Museum of Pennsylvania for a day long program for the general public to participate in the newly revised annual Workshops in Archaeology program. This event will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Third and North Streets, Harrisburg. This popular program is designed for the non-professional and will feature a review of Native American Archaeology in the Commonwealth. Recent excavations have contributed to the archaeological communities' understanding of Native peoples in Pennsylvania from our earliest occupants 16,000 years ago to European colonization during the Contact Period. Presentations will include highlights from investigations along the Susquehanna River such as the Routes 11 & 15 project around Liverpool, the Susquehanna Turnpike Bridge and the Susquehannock village site in Lemoyne. The workshop will include a flint knapping demonstration and an artifact identification session. Closing comments from Dr. Dean Snow of Penn State University on the value of archaeology in our everyday life will be followed by a reception in the Anthropology and Archaeology Gallery of The State Museum. This will be a time to chat with the presenters. A recent addition to the gallery is an exhibit on archaeology being conducted at Fort Hunter Mansion & Park by staff and volunteers of The State Museum.

A pre-registration fee of \$20.00 per person (required by November 3rd), \$15.00 for students; \$15.00 for Heritage Society, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and Pennsylvania Archaeological Council members covers the entire day. Registration at the door is \$25.00. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, especially since enrollment for some sessions may be limited.

Included in registration are four classes of your choice, a morning and afternoon coffee break and a closing reception. Lunch is on your own. For more information and a Workshops brochure, call 717-783-9926.

Preliminary Agenda

8:30-9:10 Registration (Foyer to the Auditorium)

9:10-9:25 Opening Remarks and logistics (Auditorium)

Sessions *A Synthesis of Native American Archaeology in Pennsylvania*

	Auditorium	Galaxy Room	Curiosity Room	Gallery
9:30-10:30	Paleoindian Period Carr	Late Archaic/ Transitional Period Miller	Late Woodland Period in the Susquehanna Valley Herbstritt	Late Woodland Period in the Delaware valley Moeller

10:30-10:55 Coffee break

PowerPoint presentation on Forensic Archaeology at Susquehanna High School by **Mary Pat Evans**

10:30-12:00 Flint knapping demonstration – foyer of auditorium - **Steve Nissly**

11:00-12:00 Tour of archaeology lab in Keystone Building - **Johnson**

	Gallery	Auditorium	Galaxy Room	Curiosity Room
11:00-12:00	Early/Middle Archaic Period Bergman	Early/Middle Woodland Period in the Ohio Valley	Late Prehistoric Period in the Ohio Valley Means	Contact Period Kent

McConaughy

12:00–1:15	Lunch			
1:15–3:45	Flint knapping demonstration – foyer of auditorium - Steve Nissly			
1:15-3:45	Artifact Identification – meeting room next to volunteer room – Warfel & McLearen			
	<u>Gallery</u>	<u>Auditorium</u>	<u>Galaxy Room</u>	<u>Curiosity Room</u>
1:15-2:15	Paleoindian	Late Archaic/	Late Woodland	Late Woodland
	Period	Transitional	Period in the	Period in the
	Carr	Period	Susquehanna Valley	Delaware valley
		Miller	Herbstritt	Moeller
2:20-3:20	Tour of archaeology lab in Keystone Building			

Meeting News

**96th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK STATE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
April 27th – 29nd, 2012
HOSTED BY:
THE INCORPORATED ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

**THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE CLARION HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

For additional information regarding this event contact:

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Phone Number – 845-454-1860
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**Society for American Archaeology 77th Annual Meeting
Memphis, TN, April 18-22, 2012 details and Call for Papers at: www.saa.org**

**Middle Atlantic Archaeological 2012 Conference
Virginia Beach, VA, March 22 -25, 2012 details and Call for Papers at:
<http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/>**



Eastern States Archeological Federation

Annual Meeting

October 27 - 30, 2011

Wyndham Hotel, 1111 Rte 73 North, Mt. Laurel, NJ Hotel Room Reservations: (877) 999-3223

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Work) (____) _____ (Home) (____) _____

E-Mail address: _____

Company/University/Affiliation for Name Tag _____

Days expected to attend meetings: ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____ Sat. ____ Sun.

Nights staying at Conference hotel: ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____ Sat. ____ Sun.

ESAF PRESENTERS MUST BOTH REGISTER AND PAY MEMBERSHIP FEES.

DEADLINE FOR PRESENTERS' FEES IS AUGUST 1, 2011.

Visit www.esaf-archeology.org to use PayPal

The PayPal option will be shut down on October 22 to allow processing time before the meeting.

Meeting Registration, Membership, Banquet: \$105.00 (\$120.00 after October 15) \$ _____

Meeting Registration and Membership: \$65.00 (\$75.00 after October 15) \$ _____

Meeting Registration and Banquet: \$75.00 (\$45.00 after October 15) \$ _____

Meeting Registration only: \$35.00 (\$45.00 after October 15) \$ _____

Student Registration, Membership, Banquet: \$95.00 (\$105.00 after October 15) \$ _____

Student Registration and Membership: \$55 (\$60 after October 15) * \$ _____

Student Registration and Banquet: \$70 (\$80 after October 15) * \$ _____

Student Registration: \$30 (\$35 after October 15) * \$ _____

* To qualify for student rates, student photo ID must be submitted by snail mail with this form or scan and email to busmanager@esaf-archeology.org Membership includes Archaeology of Eastern North America 39 published in 2011. See membership form for other options and benefits.

Make checks payable to "ESAF" in US funds.

Send registration fee and form to:

ESAF

PO Box 386

Bethlehem CT 06751-0386

*** Please use a separate copy of this form for each registrant ***

Message from the President

Our summer is already at its end and days of field work grow cooler, shorter and eventually for some, to a close. I would like everyone to keep in mind to remind those who are new to archaeology, what archaeology really is about. There is planning of excavations and investigation while keeping accurate records of a well documented site are mentally challenging and time consuming as well. Chapters are getting older and younger members seem to grow fewer. I notice time for many young individuals is limited and becoming out of touch with archaeology. This is because of growing priorities over rule interest. Archaeologist, professional or amateur can make a small effort to speak to the largest or the smallest group to claim this interest of archaeology back. It is good to see with the financial problems of today that new chapters are forming and events to raise membership are giving archaeology more exposure to those who would not normally receive this information. Those, who search answers of archaeology on the internet, get more exposure today than before. It is up to our members to teach the right ways and ideas of true archaeology then those ideas and methods which mirror looting and destruction of sites.

I am glad to see the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology making such efforts to correct this. We all will be most pleased that we get our information about archaeology across to new potential members to record sites and keep good records, letting new members know there is great importance of archaeology and more than just field work but that of integrity.

I wish everyone a great fall season and a safe holiday to come as well. I also would like to thank those members that helped with the Cabela's event. Please, see the photos posted on our Facebook page of the event. I feel we reached many potential members and raised the interest of Archaeology again in many young minds.

James Wosochlo

A Special Thank You

The SPA has been fortunate to have a behind the scenes volunteer who for years has managed the preparation and mailing of the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. What started out as a chapter project by Allegheny Chapter, evolved into a one man job for Ken Fischer. Ken also does the Society's bulk mailing. Ken has made a personal decision to move to Florida. The SPA could not let him leave without a heartfelt THANK YOU along with our best wishes. Ken has done a great job for many years and we will miss him.

Press Release: Fulfilling a Prophecy: The Past and Present of the Lenape in Pennsylvania

A New Exhibition Opening 16 October 2011 at the Lenape Nation Cultural Center in the Bachmann Publik House, Easton, PA Tells the Long-Unspoken Story of the Region's Local Native Americans

Visit the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania website at www.lenapenation.org and the Sigal Museum website at <http://sigalmuseum.org/>