



The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

Newsletter Fall 2019

SPA President's Message

Greetings Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Members! With the SPA in its 90th year, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of such a reputable organization that does so much to promote archaeology in the Commonwealth. In this capacity, I hope to continue to assist the SPA with its mission to the best of my abilities and vision. Increasingly, archaeology unfolds on the public stage with diverse stakeholders; therefore, I am a proponent of community-based involvement to grow our organization and facilitate its mission.

As an archaeologist who has always had one foot in the field of Cultural Resource Management and the other in academia, I would like to use this platform as an opportunity to bolster networks between these two worlds, local communities, and SPA members. Additionally, I am committed to assisting the PHMC in implementing the goals and action steps of Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan (2018-2023). Another priority is continued coordination with the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC) and their exciting new initiative focused on mentorship of students and young professionals.

From my current academic post, I maintain mutually beneficial relationships with non-profit organizations, such as Fort Ligonier and The Archaeological Conservancy, finding ways to involve students in projects that meet real-world historic preservation needs. For example, a Fort Ligonier archaeology program for military veterans has had profoundly positive effects on all participants involved. I am convinced that the pairing of learning opportunities with archaeological projects results in mutual benefits to all constituencies, and should extend to community members as much as possible.

One thread that binds SPA membership is our common interest in learning of new discoveries and the desire to share data and to debate archaeological evidence. The future of the SPA depends upon the involvement of students and young professionals, as well as the education of those with interdisciplinary or avocational interests. It is my hope that we can continue to grow the organization as we demonstrate to the public that they can share in the knowledge and participate in archaeology in ways that are responsible, ethical, and significant.

Excitement surrounds the next annual meeting in Ligonier focused on blacksmithing! This will be a great way to highlight Pennsylvania's rich colonial history, so I hope to see you there in April 2020. I am hopeful that all local chapters get involved with the work of the new SPA Site Survey and Collections Committees—back to two very important basics that serve SPA's mission! We all know that Pennsylvania has a rich archaeological profile that is significant and worthy of research—let us continue to get that message out to our communities and our politicians. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and thank Jonathan Libbon for his yeoman service as SPA President over the past two years. Looking forward, I am anticipating positive energy working with Amanda Rasmussen, Kira Heinrich, Judy Duritsa, Kenneth Burkett, and Roger Moeller!

SPA President
Jonathan A. Burns, PhD

2019 SPA FIELD TRIP FOCUSES ON COLLECTIONS AND THEIR CONSERVATION

Between June 14th and 16th 26 SPA members and friends once again participated in the annual SPA field trip to museums in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. This trip was a chance to view significant archaeological and ethnological collections and learn about their conservation and study in museums and collection centers at the federal, state, and city levels. We were able to compare collections, techniques, and perspectives across this spectrum of museums. The trip also was an opportunity to get to know other SPA members and friends from across the Commonwealth and share our common interests in archaeology, anthropology, and history.

The trip began with an orientation and get-acquainted meeting on Thursday evening June 13 at the Country Inn and Suites in Frederick, Maryland, which provided our lodging throughout the field trip. Some participants met the bus in California, PA earlier that day, while others drove to Frederick on their own and met us there.

On Friday, June 14, we had a long and very full day, leaving the hotel at AM and not returning until the end of the dinner hour, but it was well worth it because of the fabulous collections we saw and learned about. first stop was at the Maryland Conservation Lab at Jefferson Patterson and Museum in St Leonard, Maryland. The MAC Lab houses approximately 8 million artifacts from more than 5500 sites in Maryland and has participated in the conservation of significant artifacts from Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge*, the rebuilding of World Trade Center, and many other projects. It also conducts extensive public archaeology programs and has an important regional presence (http://www.jefpat.org/mac_lab.html). Our group was impressed by the facilities and fascinated by what we learned from guides Patricia Sanford and Ed Patterson, the archaeologists who lead facility. There was much more to see at Jefferson Patterson Park itself, many of us have promised ourselves that we will return soon.



At the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab

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Learning about textile conservation at the Cultural Resources Center of the NMAI

After eating our box lunches in the MAC lab conference room, we journeyed back to Suitland, Maryland and the Cultural Resource Center (CRC) for the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Here curators treated us to glimpses of artifacts from famous archaeological sites and discussed their work with conservation of textiles. We also visited the smudging room where Native people are able to hold ceremonies important to their spiritual understandings of the NMAI collections and the world. It was a bit of a surprise to discover how much archaeological material is held by this museum, and we were happy to learn that the curators here welcome visits from

archaeological researchers.

Late in the afternoon we went next door to the Museum Research Center (MRC) which is associated with the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). This huge facility houses many of the world's largest (145 million objects) and most significant anthropological and archaeological collections, and we could only see a tiny fraction of the objects. We had short tours of the National Anthropological Archives, where they had laid out notes and documents associated with some key excavations in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. We also saw materials from the famous Neanderthal site, Shanidar Cave in Iraq, learned about procedures for DNA extraction in the ancient DNA clean lab, and got a chance to view some artifacts from several Pennsylvania sites we had asked about when setting up the tour. Although our brains and feet were tired at this point, it was hard to leave the MRC for the bus ride back to Frederick through DC traffic. Once again, there was some consolation in learning that archaeological researchers also are welcome at this facility.



Viewing some collections at the Museum Resource Center of the NMNH

Saturday, June 15 was another very fun and full day. We began this day by



In Dr. Owsley's Lab at NMNH

meeting Dr. Douglas Owsley, Curator of Biological Anthropology at the National Museum of Natural History at the museum in downtown DC. Dr. Owsley, who is a well-known forensic anthropologist, gave us a fabulous tour of his lab, while introducing us to the science and art of the research he does. If you have ever heard Dr Owsley speak you know this was an unusual treat as he knows how to fascinate audiences and get them thinking about scientific problems all at once. We learned a good deal about work he has been doing reconstructing the health of people living in the Chesapeake region during the seventeenth century, and all

of us are looking forward to the book on this topic he has coming out soon.

After our morning in Dr. Owsley's lab, we ate our box lunches on the National Mall and continued to visit with Dr. Owsley. Then we boarded our bus and traveled across the river to Alexandria, Virginia. Here we encountered an archaeological museum on a much smaller scale, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. It was interesting because Alexandria was one of the first cities in the US to develop a city archaeology program. Our afternoon started at their bus barn facility where we learned about the eighteenth-century ship timbers Alexandria Archaeology excavated and is conserving, as well as about other archaeological programs of the city. After this more formal part of the day, we were dropped off in Alexandria's Old Town at the Torpedo Factory where the Alexandria Archaeology Museum co-exists with artist studios and shops. We had several hours to explore and shop in Alexandria's Old Town. Then we met at Gadsby's Tavern for a colonial themed dinner in this eighteenth century building once frequented by the likes of George Washington.



Dinner at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, VA

After dinner, the bus took us back to Frederick.

On Sunday morning our bus took us to the National Museum of the American Indian itself, but people were free to visit other museums especially the National Museum of Natural History (NMAI). For lunch we were given vouchers to the Mitsitam Café at NMAI, a nice change from box lunches and a chance to try things like bison burgers! Having seen collections held by these two national museums, our main goal was to see some of their exhibits. These helped us clarify our sense of how different the perspectives and missions of these two national museums are.

In the early afternoon we boarded our bus a little reluctantly for the trip home. It had been a very full weekend for all of us, and we had enjoyed each other's company. Over the course of two and a half days we also had seen some amazing artifacts and exhibits while learning about conservation techniques and research. The scope of the collections being curated was very impressive as were the technologies involved in conservation, but the possibilities for research and public education using them were most exciting. The places we visited are true treasures, and it was a privilege to have these inside tours led by dedicated curators. This was a takeaway regardless of the size and scale of the facility or the perspectives of the curators and staff. Our visits gave us a strong sense of the continuing importance of museums and their collections to our society.*



Field Trip Participants Outside the National Museum of Natural History

*You can see more pictures from this trip on the SPA website.

News from The State Museum of Pennsylvania:

The Dugout Canoe Joins the Tall Ships Event in Erie, Pennsylvania



stone adzes used to make it. In addition, we distributed the Section's brochure series that covers a wide range of subjects in ten different pamphlets, from pre-contact times to the archaeology of the late nineteenth century.

This past weekend (8/22-25 2019) the Section of Archaeology of The State Museum of Pennsylvania traveled to Erie to attend the Tall Ships event. Featured were 13 sailing vessels and the worlds largest rubber duck and her baby. The event is a celebration of maritime culture and technology from a bygone era and was attended by tens of thousands of visitors. Members of the Section of Archaeology, Kurt Carr, Janet Johnson and volunteer, Judy Hawthorn, were there to promote the State Museum and Pennsylvania archaeology. The exhibit featured the dugout canoe, guaranteed to attract visitors of all ages, including the



We spoke to thousands (over 4600) of visitors and, along with the dugout, they were also very interested in Pennsylvania history, archaeology and natural science. They were especially interested in the archaeology of the Erie area, unfortunately, there are few popular publications. The people of Erie frequently feel forgotten and were very appreciative that we traveled the 300 miles to meet them. Not surprisingly, most were not aware of the State Museum and we were quick to give them a museum brochure and encouraged a visit.

This was a joint public outreach program involving the State Museum and the Erie Maritime Museum. Local arrangements were facilitated by Linda Bolla (Erie Maritime Museum), Marcus Masternak (Tall Ships Erie 2019), and Rebecca Grimaldi (Tall Ships Erie 2019). Negotiating a 20-foot dugout in and out of the convention center with tens of thousands of visitors was very tricky, but with their help, there were very few problems. We sincerely appreciate the invitation to attend the event and can't thank them enough for making our visit trouble free.

Fort Hunter Dig

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Section of Archaeology will be digging at Fort Hunter Mansion and Park for Archaeology Month 2019. The excavations, now in their 12th season, will open on Wednesday, September 4th in two locations on the Fort Hunter property. Fort Hunter was the location of a fortification during the French and Indian War. Based on historic documents, the Fort was built in 1756 at the confluence of Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River in Dauphin County, five miles north of the state capitol. The "fort" likely consisted of a blockhouse with a defensive trench, officers' quarters, and a barracks for the soldiers, as well as a structure for storing supplies to be shipped north by river to Fort Augusta in current-day Sunbury.



In 2018, excavations centered on an area along the north end of the house's 1876 kitchen addition. Local folklore indicates that Mr. McAllister built his mansion over the remains of the French and Indian War block house. Although the fort was not definitively discovered last year, a large burn feature that likely dates to the period (possibly burnt wooden remains of the blockhouse?) was noted off the northwest corner of the mansion. The 2019 season will continue to focus on this area, as well as a location on the east side of Front Street behind the Centennial Barn. Topographical anomalies on aerial photos of this area indicate the possible location of former structures that will be investigated.

Excavations will be open from 8:30am to 4:30pm on weekdays and during Fort Hunter Day on September 15. We will close for the season on October 4th, 2019. Volunteers are welcome! Please contact Kurt Carr at 717-783-9926 or kcarr@pa.gov.

Calling All Students-

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. Students are not required to attend Pennsylvania institutions, but research must be relevant to Pennsylvania Archaeology. Eligibility is dependent on a complete, single-author paper with PowerPoint slides (if appropriate) to be presented at the annual meeting scheduled for April 3-5, 2020 in Ligonier, PA.

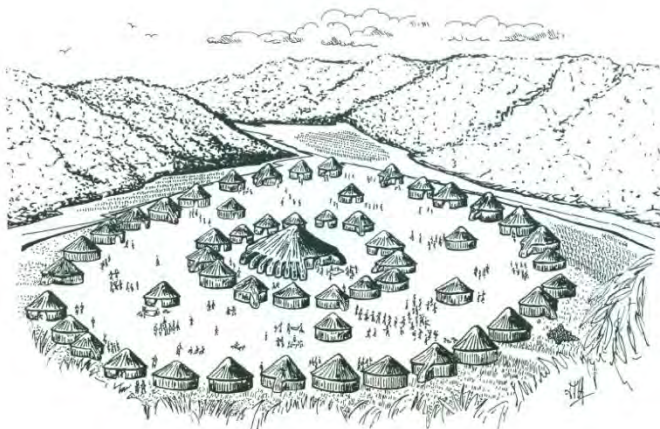
Publication of student papers in Pennsylvania Archaeologist is at the discretion of the editor but is an opportunity to share your research with the archaeological community. Some of the past recipients include Jonathan Libbon, Jenn Rankin, Hannah Charlton Harvey and Casey Bleuel. Casey's undergraduate research and cataloging of the Ross P. Wright collection at Mercyhurst University was published in the Spring 2019 [(89(1))] issue of the journal.

Now is the time to start thinking about submitting your paper for the 2020 W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship! Deadline for abstract submission to the program chair is March 22, 2020. Keep up to date with conference registration and abstract submission information on the SPA web site (<http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/>).

Workshops in Archaeology

On November 9th, 2019 the Section of Archaeology in partnership with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council will present the Annual Workshops in Archaeology Program at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg. As a continuum to last year's Workshop's which focused on the Susquehannocks, we will be exploring the story of the Monongahela Indians.

Beginning around 1000 AD, they were the dominant Indian culture in southwestern Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia. Their distinctive pottery, circular houses, maize dominated diet, ring-shaped village patterns and social organization provide archaeologists with an interesting picture of the lives of these people. Both their origins and disappearance will be examined. What factors played a role in the transition from living in small farmsteads growing a variety of plant foods (sunflower, maygrass, squash) to living in large stockaded villages with maize as the most important element in their diet? The mystery of what caused the demise of the Monongahela during the Protohistoric period (1590 – 1635 AD) has been debated and researched by archaeologists for decades. Our panel of experts will explore the archaeological record of this group and share new data and insights into these questions.



How does the story of the Monongahela differ from other Indian tribes in the Middle Atlantic region such as the Susquehannock Indians or their Delaware Indian neighbors? What role did the environment, economy and arrival of the Europeans play in the survival of these groups? These questions and many others will be explored during this fascinating program.

The program also includes a flint-knapping demonstration, instruction in artifact identification and site recording, and admission to The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Archaeology and history enthusiasts are encouraged to attend this informative program that will provide additional insight into the story of the Monongahela Indians and Pennsylvania's past.

For those traveling a long distance, we have made arrangements with the *La Quinta Inn & Suites Harrisburg Airport Hershey*, 990 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA, 17111. Phone 717-939-8000 and mention that you are with the State Museum and you should get a rate of \$69/night.

Keep watch on our blog <http://twipa.blogspot.com/> for registration information, including a new option for on-line registration! Check SPA website: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com for more information.

The Monongahela

2019 ANNUAL WORKSHOPS IN ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration (Ground-floor hallway)

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Opening remarks - Beth Hager, Director, The State Museum of Pennsylvania

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Introduction and Logistics, Jim Herbstriff

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Session 1 Bob Maslowski, Continuity and Change in Monongahela

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Session 2 Bernard Means, Coming Full Circle: 70 Years of Monongahela Village Studies

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break (Foyer to the Auditorium)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session 3 John Nass, Social-political Organization of Late Prehistoric Populations in the Lower Upper Ohio River Valley

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session 4 Sarah Neusius, Subsistence Systems and the Monongahela Use of Animals

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own) Pre-ordered box lunch pick-up in Allegheny Room

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Session 5 Dana Kollmann, Physical Anthropology and the Biological Record**
 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Session 6 Bob Oshnock, The Consol Site: Two Monongahela Late Prehistoric Villages**
 2:30 p.m. – 3:00p.m. **Break (Foyer to the Auditorium)**
 3:00 p.m. – 3:30p.m. **Session 7 Ken Burkett, Examining Culture Diversity in the Middle Allegheny River Valley**
 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Session 8 Jim Herbstritt, The 17th Century Disappearance of Monongahela**
 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Questions and Discussion**
 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Reception, Ground Floor, Susquehanna Room**

Additional Programming

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Flintknapping Demonstration* – **Foyer to Auditorium** – Steve Nissly Expert flintknapper and avocational archaeologist, Steve Nissly, will demonstrate and share his knowledge of stone tool production and tool use during the Prehistoric and Contact periods in Pennsylvania.
 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. *Site Recording in the Pennsylvania Site Survey System (PASS) - Artifact Identification* - **Susquehanna Room** Noel Strattan, Doug McLearn & Casey Hanson, State Historic Preservation Office and Curators from the Section of Archaeology Recording of archaeological sites is an essential task in protecting and preserving our archaeological resources. Assistance in identifying artifacts and recording the archaeological sites from which they came will be provided by these qualified individuals.

Registration Fee:

Early Registration (**by Nov. 1**) \$25.00
 Student \$15.00
 PA Heritage Foundation \$20.00 SPA and PAC Members \$20.00

Registration at Door \$35.00 **No Discounts at Door**

Participants can register online with a credit card at: <https://phmc.info/ArchWorkshop2019>
 Completed registration form and your check payable to:
 Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation

May also be Mailed to:
 Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation
 400 North Street
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0024

Workshop Registration Form		Note below if you are a student, PA Heritage Foundation, SPA or PAC member
Registrant Name(s) _____ _____ _____		_____ affiliation _____
Contact Information: Please print clearly Address (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____		
Phone (Home) _____	(Work) _____	Email* (required for email registration confirmation) _____
Boxed Lunch Option; must pre-order and pay in advance. _____ \$6.50 each Lunch includes chips, pickle and cookie		
Option #1: Baked Virginia Ham & Swiss on Sesame Bagel <input type="checkbox"/> With Lettuce & Tomato		
Option #2: Turkey, Bacon & provolone on a Spinach Tortilla <input type="checkbox"/> With Lettuce & Tomato		
Option #3: Garden Veggie Pita With L.T, Broccoli, Cucumber, sprouts & lite veggie cream cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		
		Registration Fee: Early Registration (by Nov. 1) \$25.00 Student \$15.00 PA Heritage Foundation \$20.00 SPA and PAC Members \$20.00 Registration at Door \$35.00 No Discounts at Door
		Participants can also register online with a credit card at: https://phmc.info/ArchWorkshop2019 Completed registration form and your check payable to: Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation Mail to: Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120-0024
		Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Promoting Archaeology at the 2020 Farm Show

In 1981, Dr. Barry Kent initiated the Section of Archaeology's first exhibit at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Except for about five years in the early 1990s, we have had a Farm Show exhibit ever since. It has increased in size and the attendance is in the tens of thousands. Our exhibits have been and continue to be successful because they represent a great vehicle to advance the contributions of archaeology, the preservation of archaeological sites and creating a larger public awareness of the value and contributions of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

Currently, the Farm Show attracts more than 500,000 people over the eight-day event. It is by far the largest annual outreach initiative for archaeology in the Commonwealth and one of the largest on the east coast. Based on our sampling system, we document between 30,000 and 40,000 people visiting our exhibit each year. This is a very a high number of face-to-face interactions between archaeologists and the general public. It is a testimony to the quality of the exhibits, the initiative of our volunteers in engaging the public's interest in archaeology. Although our dugout canoe is a "kid magnet" and a means to get visitors to stop at our exhibit, many of these people walk around the dugout to read the information panels on Indian culture and marvel at the artifacts in the cases. All along, we are talking to them about Pennsylvania archaeology.

The exhibit has grown from a 100 square foot area managed by two people for the week to a 600 square foot unit managed by three people serving 2, six hour shifts each day. In addition, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, has a table to promote the contributions of the organization and to increase its memberships. At times, the entire space is filled with visitors. As such, we need your help in filling the 48 slots on the sign-up sheet. The staff of the Section of Archaeology fills at least 18 of these so we need about 30 volunteers from outside the agency. In December, we'll have a sign-up sheet and we hope you will volunteer. If you have not been to the Farm Show recently or never, it is an experience you won't want to miss and talking about archaeology is easy and fun! Actually, we think of it as "selling archaeology".



Our plan for this year's exhibit is a continuation of last year's theme on Indians and the Late Prehistoric/Contact period. We will be exploring the same time period in the Upper Ohio Valley developing a story on the Monongahela culture.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show runs from January 4 to January 11, 2020. Mark your calendars; it will be here sooner that you think .

Pennsylvania has an outstanding wealth of archaeological resources that I believe can enhance the lives of all citizens. Our exhibit and the information we share with the public is one step in communicating this heritage to the people of Pennsylvania. As you know, the archaeology of Pennsylvania is being destroyed at an alarming rate. We need help in slowing this destruction. The Pennsylvania Farm Show represents a place where we can dissemination information increasing the public's awareness of the threats to our archaeological resources and the value of what we have learned to better prepare for the future.



Fourth Annual Western Pennsylvania Workshop in Archaeology
“Perishable Technologies: the importance of organics for expanding our understanding of the Past”
Saturday, October 5, 2019, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Avella, Pennsylvania

2019 Workshop Description

The archaeological record is bias towards those remains that are resistant to decomposition. While chipped stone tools, ceramics, bone and antler tools can tell us about certain activities, perhaps the most culturally sensitive component of population’s material culture, organic artifacts, tend to be missing. This year’s workshop will feature presentations by archaeologists and museum staff members that discuss organic artifacts found within different types of archaeological sites, their manufacture, and their preservation/curation once removed from their archaeological context.

**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 and basketry making demonstration.
 - 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.
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Workshop Registration Form: 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.**

Registrant Name(s) _____

Contact Information: Please clearly print your Address

(Street) (City)(State)(Zip)_____

Phone (Home)_____ (Work)_____ Email*_____ (required for email registration confirmation)

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 Vegetarian Option _____

(A Gluten-free sandwich option is also available) _____

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Checks should be mailed to: Fourth Annual Archaeology Workshop, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, 401 Meadowcroft Rd., Avella, PA 15312

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology 91st Annual Meeting 2020 News

The 91st Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Board of Directors on April 3-5, 2020 at the Fort Ligonier Educational Center, Ligonier, PA. The Friday evening Board of Directors meeting, Saturday evening banquet/auction, and accommodations are at Ramada Ligonier in Ligonier, PA.

Call for Papers

The theme of the 91st Annual Meeting will be "Forging Ahead: Innovation in Pennsylvania Archaeology."

There will be sessions on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning. Students are encouraged and welcome to present. There will also be a Student Poster Session on Saturday April 4th.

Anyone wishing to participate should send abstracts of 150 words or less for papers to the Program Chair no later than Monday March 16, 2020. Students wishing to present posters should e-mail their title and abstract to Thomas Glover, Educational Committee chair tonglover@comcast.net no later than Monday March 16, 2020. Students, please send a copy of your student identification card when you submit your abstract for posters and/or papers. Please also submit a printable version of your poster for early review by Friday, March 27th. The printable version should include an image of the overall poster, as well as a readable version of the written content. All presenters must be current members of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

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2020 PAC Symposium: In conjunction with the SPA Annual meeting, the PAC Symposium will be held Friday April 3 at the Ramada Inn in Ligonier, PA. Prior to the Symposium (noon to 1:00 pm) a wrap luncheon buffet will be available for \$17.64 (Includes turkey or chicken wrap, garden salad, potato salad, iced tea/coffee/tea and a dessert. You will pay the hotel on your own that day). The Symposium this year will be a workshop: *The Archaeology of Blacksmith Shops*. The workshop is part of the FHWA/PennDOT 's mitigation commitments for the adverse effect to 36IN463 McQuilkin Blacksmith Shop in Indiana County.

There will be a special blacksmith demonstration with a focus on what to look for at these types of sites and what can be learned from them. A shuttle from/to the Ramada Inn will be provided (donations to defray cost will be accepted). The entrance fee to the museum is \$10.00. This can be paid in advance through the SPA Annual Meeting registration (via PayPal on the SPA



Braddock Road PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Presents the 31th Annual Jumonville French & Indian War Seminar,
Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2, 2019
Information at: www.braddockroadpa.org

Registration at: http://braddockroadpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019.brpa_brochure.web_pdf

Contact Information: Braddock Road Preservation Association
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(724) 439-4912
(724) 439-1415
brpa@jumonville.org
www.braddockroadpa.org



91st Annual Meeting
Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
April 3-5, 2020

Forging Ahead: Innovation in Pennsylvania Archaeology
Hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Board of Directors

Location: Fort Ligonier Educational Center, 200 South Market Street, Ligonier, PA 15658.

Accommodations: Ramada Ligonier, 216 West Loyalhanna St, Ligonier PA 15658. Identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. The single/double room rate is \$89.00 + tax. For more than two people per room there is a \$10.00 + tax per person additional fee. A complimentary hot/cold breakfast is served daily for guests from 6:30-9:30 am. This rate is in effect until **March 13, 2020**. Make reservations directly with the hotel at 724-238-9545.

Program Chair: Jessica Schumer 724-238-4138 or email jschumer@markoskv.com.

Student Poster Chair: Tom Glover tomglover@comcast.net.

Book/Exhibit Room Chairs: Angela Jaillet-Wentling, at 724-699-2874 angela.jaillet@yahoo.com or Kira Heinrich 610-657-0700 preslerheinrich@gmail.com.

Auction Chair: Janet Johnson janetleaijohnson@gmail.com 717-705-0869.

Friday Afternoon PAC Symposium: *Archaeology of Blacksmith Shops Workshop/Compass Inn Museum Tour.* The workshop includes a tour of Compass Inn Museum, Laughlintown. A shuttle from/to the Ramada Inn will be provided (donations accepted). The entrance fee to the museum is \$10.00. We encourage you to pay in advance, but it can also be paid that day. There will be a wrap luncheon buffet at the Ramada Inn from 12:00 to 1:00 pm for \$17.64 (Includes turkey or chicken wrap, garden salad, potato salad, iced tea/coffee/tea and a dessert. Pay hotel on your own that day).

SPA Board of Directors Meeting: Friday evening at 6:00 pm, St. Clair Room Ramada.

SPA Business Meeting: Saturday morning at 8:00 am, Fort Ligonier Educational Center.

Saturday Banquet: St. Clair Room Ramada, Ligonier. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Erica Nuckles, Fort Ligonier Director of History and Collections.

Auction: Items for the auction should be brought to the Fort Ligonier Educational Center for display on Saturday morning. We are asking that each chapter consider annually providing a special auction item to help support the Erb Permanent Fund.

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chapter/Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Registration: \$30.00 x _____ After 3/27/20: \$35.00 x _____

Student Registration: \$20.00 x _____ After 3/27/20: \$25.00 x _____

Indicate if you are interested in the PAC Symposium Luncheon Buffet (pay hotel that day) x _____

Compass Inn Museum Tour \$10.00 x _____

Saturday Dinner Buffet: \$32.00 x _____ (vegetarian options included)

Registration is available via PayPal at <http://pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com> or by check payable to "SPA Meeting," and mailed by March 20, 2020 to Ken Burkett, SPA- PO Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242.

Graybill Specialized Research Fund—Research Opportunity

In memory of Jeff Graybill, his family has donated funds to honor him and his career in archaeology. As a former student of W. Fred Kinsey, this donation supports the fundamental ideals of both Jeff and Fred towards research, specialized analysis and publication. Award of funds is dependent on a research proposal which identifies the project, method of analysis and its relevance to our understanding of Pennsylvania archaeology. Review of proposals will be conducted by a three-person committee as approved by the fund administrator.

Proposals should be submitted in electronic format to the fund administrator, currently Janet R. Johnson (janjohnson@pa.gov). Specialized analysis such as starch residue, phytolith, micro-wear, DNA, trace element and Strontium Isotope Analysis are given priority. Application deadline is December 31st, 2019.

Maximum award of \$1,000 per applicant

Priority will be given to proposals from Pennsylvania schools, but approval is not restricted to Pennsylvania students or professionals.

Applications will be accepted through the 2019 calendar year ending December 31st, awarded applicant/s will be notified by February 1st of the following year.

2019 Kinsey Scholarship Recipient, Kristina Gaugler



We were pleased to award Kristina Gaugler, an M.A. Student in Applied Archaeology at Indiana University with the Kinsey Scholarship in April at the annual meeting. Her research paper was on Analysis of Fire Cracked Rock- **Standardizing Fire-Cracked Rock Analysis: A Case Study in Southwestern Pennsylvania**. Kristina's experimental research and analysis of FCR was an excellent example of examining past research and curated collections prior to conducting this research. Utilizing ethnographic resources to gain valuable insight into the process of selecting rocks for this project and developing a rubric for future analysis were two key components that led to Kristina's selection as the Kinsey Scholarship recipient.

Hatch Scholarship Winners 2019

The Hatch Scholarship committee had four applicants this year and decided to award the scholarships to all four. Winners are: **Tamara Alchoufete** (University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Museum), **Jake Amsler** (Juniata College), **Kristina Gaugler** (IUP), **Andrew Malhotra** (IUP) The awards were made at the Annual Awards banquet at Annual Meeting. Thanks to both the SPA and PAC organizations for their continued support.

Highlights from the 90th Annual Meeting--2019

PAC News PAC has issued its Spring 2019 newsletter (digital-only). If SPA chapters wish to receive the newsletter, they should provide an e-mail contact to Gary Coppock (gcoppock@skellyloy.com) or Hannah Harvey (hharvey@pa.gov) to insure that they are included.

PAC continues to partner with the SPA to support the Hatch Scholarship at the present level of \$600 (\$300 from each organization; covering up to four \$150 awards). **The Hatch Scholarship committee received four applications and has awarded \$150 scholarships to all four applicants: Tamara Alchoufete (Pitt/Carnegie), Jake Amsler (Juniata), Kristina Gaugler (IUP), Andrew Malhotra (IUP).**

The new officers of PAC are: Ira Beckerman (President); Mike Stanilla (Vice President); Hannah Harvey (Secretary/Treasurer); Bill Chadwick and Gary Coppock (board members).

The next volume in the Recent Research in the Pennsylvania Archaeology series on Susquehannock studies (edited by Paul Raber) will be in the PSU Press warehouse by October 2019.

2019-2021 SPA Elections:
President, Jonathan Burns
First Vice-President, Amanda Rasmussen
Second Vice-President, Kira Heinrich
Secretary, Judy Duritsa
Treasurer, Kenneth Burkett
SPA Board of Directors (six year terms, ending in 2025): Amanda Valko and Chuck Williams.

Deceased Members 2018-2019: Ray Stewart, at large and Marjorie Johnson, John Shrader Chapter #21

Financial: Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report—The committee has prepared a proposal for future use of the profits of the fund. The full proposal can be viewed on the SPA website or from the Secretary.

Education Committee—Tom Glover with committee Members: Beverly Chiarulli, Thomas Glover, Susanne Haney, and Jessica Schumer reported on the Student Poster Competition with 7 entries consisting of 2 teams and 5 individuals as follows:

Teams:

Angela Rooker and Madilyn Sadowsky, Indiana University
Benjamin Schlenker and Jakob Amsler, Juniata College

Individuals:

Leighann Wharton, California University
Andrew Malhotra, Indiana University
Christopher Thompson, Indiana University
Tamara Alchoufete, University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Museum
Melissa E. Lee, Millersville University

Winners of the SPA 2019 Poster contest:

1st Place Andrew R. Malhotra, IUP Grad Student (at left

Alliance Formation and Social Signaling: Village Interaction
Among the Monongahela



2nd Place Benjamin Schlenker and Jakob Amsler, Juniata College Stroud Mansion: An Undergraduate Archaeological Experience

Annual Awards 2019

The Awards Committee was pleased to announce the following winners at the annual meeting this past Spring: **John Witthoft Award: Allegheny Chapter #1 (most new or reinstated members: 5); Frances Dorrance Award: Westmoreland Archaeological Society Chapter #23 (most sites recorded: 7); Archey Award: James Barno; J. Alden Mason Award: Dr .John P. Nass, Jr.; and Lifetime Achievement Award: Robert Oshnock.** Overall, Ken Burkett reported 57 new SPA members for 2018. Congratulations to all recipients!

The nomination period usually opens early in the new year -- in this case, 2020. Nominations are accepted until about a month before the annual meeting is held. We need time to vote and to have plaques and certificates prepared. Please remember that it's never too early to think of an individual in your chapter for a nomination! –Donna Smith, Co-chair.

Lifetime achievement Award

The 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award for service to the Society was presented to Robert Oshnock.

Bob has been an SPA member for 35 years and in that time has continually made major contributions to archaeology in Pennsylvania serving in the Westmoreland Chapter #23 as president, Vice President, Treasurer and board member. He has willingly shared his knowledge about Westmoreland County sites with many other SPA chapters over the years

as well as presentations at Annual Meetings and historical societies, and ESAF. He has received the Jacob L. Grimm C-14 award several times for work on the Consul Site (36Wm100). He has published several articles and site reports in the Pennsylvania Archaeologist on sites and artifacts. He has volunteered on sites in Westmoreland and Indiana counties. He has aided in collection donations for several collections that were donated to the PHMC most recently, the extensive Fred Veigh Collection. He photographed, packed and delivered several of these donations. He has worked on many sites over the years: The Brown Site, Household, Wilkinson, Hannastown, Penelec, Wylie, Fort Morehead, Byerly House, Boyce, Troseltown, and Kalgren to name a few.



This well deserved award for Bob caps off his many years in the field and extensive contributions to Pennsylvania Archaeology. Congratulations, Bob!

J. Alden Mason Award

The J. Alden Mason award for professional archaeologist went to Dr. John P. Nass, Jr.

Congratulations, John!

The following are excerpts from his nomination: John has been an ambassador for American archaeology. His leadership and service to professional associations, ranging from local, state, and regional groups, promoting scholarly research and sharing of knowledge has helped to support and grow research in all aspects of archaeology.

From his students: *Dr. Nass has been inspiring students for over 20 years with his love for archaeology and his passion for teaching. He has spread the joys of archaeology with his students and has created a passion in us that will never cease to inspire. While some of Dr. Nass's teaching methods may be unconventional, he is undoubtedly the most unforgettable professor of our college careers. His continuous support of his students' goals and dreams has created the perfect learning environment and has motivated us to pursue careers in anthropology.*



John truly takes the idea of stewardship to heart and seeks to protect archaeological resources for future generations. He has volunteered his time to assess sites at the request of local landowners, concerned about the impact of the energy industry on local archaeology and helping to protect and preserve those sites. John played an instrumental role in the assessment of Teeter's Fort, an 18th century stockade blockhouse, at Plantation Plenty, now referred to as Manchester Farm, which was being threatened by long-wall mining. With the assistance of students and myself, John conducted a ground-penetrating radar survey and contributed written materials as part of an application which saw Manchester Farm selected as one of the most endangered historic sites in the United States in 2011. Whenever possible, John has always included students and alumni in these many endeavors.



2019 Archey Award

James Barno was presented the 2019 Archey Award at the Annual Awards Banquet. Jim completed his degree in Anthropology at California University of Pennsylvania in the spring of 2018, however, he has been active on local sites and in local chapters for a number of years. He worked on the Consul, Wiley #3, Dunbar School, Pitt-Gas and Shriver Farm sites. Hi is a member of Allegheny Chapter #1, Mon-Yough Chapter #3, and Westmoreland Chapter #23 where he is currently serving as president. He also edits the WAS newsletter, *The Trowel*. He is a volunteer at the O'Neil Research Center of The Carnegie. Congratulations, Jim!

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Encounter with the Susquehannock Indians Archaeology Month Poster

Artist: Linda Heberling



Number Key:

1. Laughing Gulls, 2. Cownose Ray, 3. Shellfish, 4. Dogs, 5. Tattoos, 6. Dugout Canoe, 7. Bows and arrows, 8. Netting, 9. Woven baskets/bags, 10. Axe, 11. Atlantic Sturgeon, 12. John Smith (1580-1631), 13. Helmet, 14. Halberd, 15. Mail and Plate Armour, 16. Shallop- small workboat 17. Glass Beads, 8. Iron, 19. British Union Jack, 20. Shell beads.

<http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/ArchaeologyMonth2019.jpg> Captain John Smith's

Archaeology Month Calendar 2019

Fourth Annual Archaeology Workshop in Western Pennsylvania

The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology in partnership with Meadowcroft Museum and the Heinz Historical Center are sponsoring the fourth annual archaeology workshop during archaeology month on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The theme of the workshop is "Perishable Technologies: The Importance of Organics for Expanding our Understanding of the Past". For more information contact John Nass at nass81@atlanticbb.net. Further information about registration, lunch, and the workshop schedule will be made available on the SPA website, the Meadowcroft Museum website, and Heinz Historical Center website, as well as the fall SPA newsletter.

2019 Workshops in Archaeology

The Archaeology Section of the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg invites you to attend our annual Workshops in Archaeology program on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Last year's popular theme Exploring the Susquehannock Indians of Central Pennsylvania will be continued with an examination of Western Pennsylvania's Monongahela Indians. We have invited a panel of experts to share their knowledge and research with us on this mysterious culture. The Monongahela were the dominant Indian culture in southwestern Pennsylvania, Ohio and northern West Virginia around 1000 AD, but by 1635 they vanish from the archaeological record. This year's Workshops in Archaeology will explore the mystery surrounding their disappearance and discuss topics concerning the events that led to their demise. For more information visit the State Museum's website at <http://statemuseumpa.org/event/19archwrk/>

2019 Fort Hunter Archaeology Excavation

The Section of Archaeology at the State Museum will be conducting their excavation at Fort Hunter Mansion and Park between September 4 and October 4, 2019. Every fall since 2006, the Archaeology Section of the State Museum of Pennsylvania has led a month-long excavation at Fort Hunter Mansion and Park in Harrisburg, PA. Come out and see what we find this year! Artifacts will be on display and archaeologists will be on hand Monday-Friday, 9:30 am- 4:00 pm, weather permitting, to answer questions about the site and how field archaeology is conducted. This is a great 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 19th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. on the ground floor in McElhane Hall on the IUP campus. Celebrate International Archaeology Day by examining artifacts and faunal remains, try your hand at prehistoric technologies, watch artifacts print in 3D, and tour their laboratories. Kids activities include hand-painting, wampum, pottery and more. Also enjoy complimentary archaeology-themed snacks!

Allegheny Chapter #1

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny chapter will be held at the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will include a short program about the museum and a tour of the exhibits by Jennifer Christmas, Associate Curator. A hands-on activity will also be conducted. For more information and reservations contact Amanda Valko at amanda@quemahoning.com.

John Shrader Chapter #21

- John Shrader Chapter 21 Archaeology Day on a Saturday in October – Date to be determined.
- Joint Archaeological Exhibit with Amity Township at the Mouns Jones House in Douglassville, Pa on September 21st. It is Amity Township's 300th Anniversary.
- Monthly Chapter 21 meeting on October 2nd at Joanna Furnace in Morgantown, Pa . Our speaker will be Janet Johnson, who will be presenting updates on Archaeology at Fort Hunter, a French and Indian war fort in Harrisburg, Pa.
- On October 19th, Mr. and Mrs. George Douglass, colonial re-enactors from Douglassville, Pa will be accepting visitors at the George Douglass House. Chapter 21 members will also be available at the Mouns Jones House for the public to ask questions and tour the four historic buildings. Supported by the Historic Trust of Berks County.
- Monthly Chapter 21 meeting on November 6th at Joanna Furnace in Morgantown, Pa. Our speaker will be Wade Catts, who will be doing a presentation on excavations at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site located in Elverson, Pa.

For more information contact Mike Brady, President of John Shrader Chapter 21, at rustinator@comcast.net.

Ohio Valley Chapter #22

Dr. Sarah Neusius, Retired Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Research Associate in Anthropology at CMNH, will present the program *Forest, Field, and River: Use of Animals by Monongahela People* on Wednesday, October 16th at Lutherlyn, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA 16001. The social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and the regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Laura DeYoung at deyoungl59@gmail.com.

Although there has been considerable research on the Monongahela, including some faunal analyses, there has been little effort to summarize their use of animals. Examination of published and unpublished faunal reports from Monongahela sites, including several recent and on-going studies done by zooarchaeologists at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), suggest that although the Monongahela used a variety of animal resources for food and raw

material, there was a strong emphasis on forest and forest-edge mammals. Turkey and other terrestrial birds, both pond and terrestrial turtles, and a variety of fish also were utilized. Not only were these animals used for food, but their bones were modified into an array of utilitarian and decorative items. It is possible, given this forest emphasis, that the Monongahela did not clear the forest as extensively as other Late Prehistoric groups such as Mississippians did.

North Fork Chapter #29

Brian L. Fritz, M.S., RPA, GISP, Principal Investigator, Quemahoning LLC, will present the program Archaeology on a Beach: Presque Isle Light House on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Education Building, Corner of Main and White Street, Brookville, PA 15825.

The Presque Isle Light House was built in 1872 and was listed on the National Register in 1983. The light house still functions as an aid to navigation with an automated light maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. In 2016 the non-profit Presque Isle Lightstation Association and Presque Isle State Park initiated an effort to restore the light house and open it to public tours. Planned upgrades included sidewalk installation which required a phase I archaeological survey. This presentation will include the finds and discuss some of the challenges of conducting archaeology at a popular state park attraction.



In Memorium

We are deeply saddened at the passing of our dear colleague, mentor and friend, Dr. Barry C. Kent. He died on May 8th. He was the Pennsylvania State Archaeologist in the 1960s, 70s and 80s and shaped what has become the state wide archaeological program for the Commonwealth. Barry implemented design concepts and developed much of the Hall of Anthropology and Archaeology at The State Museum. His extensive field work and research led to significant contributions in Susquehannock culture history, Archaic projectile points typology, gunflints, experimental lithic analysis and the formal establishment of the Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey files (PASS). He also initiated public outreach programs such as the Archaeology exhibit at the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. He was always the teacher and mentor, sharing his knowledge freely with others.

Colleagues: Kurt Carr, Janet Johnson, and Jim Herbstritt.

A more extensive obituary and accounting of Barry's life will be presented in a future *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*.

Insiders Tours of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter

Saturdays, Sept. 7, Nov 2 at 10:00 a.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1:00 p.m.

On these select dates throughout the 2019 season, visitors can enjoy exclusive Insider Tours with James M. Adovasio, Ph.D., who achieved international acclaim with his archeological excavation of the Rockshelter in 1973.

Dr. Adovasio will present a lecture and lead a special tour of the site.

Online Reservations required at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft

Watch the mail for your 2020 SPA Dues Reminder—coming soon!

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Volunteers Needed:

The Site Survey and Collections committees are looking for volunteers to serve on each committee and to participate in documentation projects. Both of these committees are chaired by archaeologists who work for the PHMC, but we would like to expand our range of activities and more actively engage with SPA members and chapters. The Collections committee is interested in documenting collections held by SPA members, and the Site Survey committee is seeking to conduct a variety of activities related to site survey and recording. There are many ways to be involved, and we welcome your help!

Committee members could be involved in:

- Updating the SPA's "Recording Sites" webpage with new information and photos
- Identifying site recording needs and potential projects
- Developing a training program to teach best practices in documenting sites and collections
- Conducting site and collection documentation projects with SPA chapters and members
- Providing contact information for local collectors interested in potentially donating to the State Museum

We have prepared a short SurveyMonkey questionnaire to get more information from SPA chapters and members about: potential volunteers, different activities that you would be interested in doing, and training/support needs. Please see the follow the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZFRFNJH>

If you have any questions, you may contact Janet Johnson (janjohnson@pa.gov) or Hannah Harvey (hharvey@pa.gov).

Thanks you for your time!

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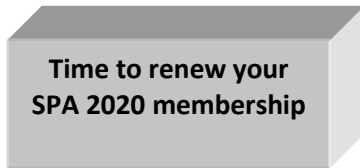
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