

The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
Winter 2008-2009

President's Message

The Past is Important in Bad Times Too

It is more than ironic that the PHMC's 2008 theme would revolve around the Great Depression: "75th Anniversary – The New Deal". By this summer, with the extent of the economy's deterioration becoming apparent, emergency measures were being implemented to cut spending for the remainder of the year – including the prospect of canceling the archaeology exhibit at the 2009 Farm Show. More than 400,000 people visit the Farm Show each year, and a rough estimate indicated that perhaps 50,000 visitors had stopped by the PHMC archaeology exhibit last year. The cuts also called for the halt of reprinting the popular series of archaeology-themed brochures the PHMC has been producing in recent years (the PHMC given out all 10,000 "Petroglyphs of Pennsylvania" it had produced last year). The SPA, PAC, and PHMC staff all realized the need for this kind of public outreach, and in October agreements were reached with the SPA and PAC to help fund the exhibit and reprints, and with the Farm Show to donate the exhibit space. SPA and PAC will benefit by having increased presence and exposure at the exhibit, and it is thanks to you that the SPA had the financial resources to help in this effort.

This demonstrates the predicament of hard economic times and also presents us with an opportunity to pursue one of the major purposes of our organization – public education. When budgets are squeezed, perhaps "savings bits of the past" doesn't seem to be as much of a priority as in more prosperous times. It is during times like these that we need to step up to remind the public that when the past is lost, it's lost forever. I ask that in the coming year we redouble our efforts to reach out to the public to educate them about the importance of archaeology -- it's place in helping us preserve, learn about, and understand our past. Knowing about our past gives us an anchor, a sense of place, an identity. It gives us insight and understanding of other cycles of good times and bad. And it gives us hope and courage to face the future and prevail as the countless generations who have come before us have done.

Paul Nevin, President SPA

National Park Service's 2009 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2009 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century will be held May 18-22, 2009, at the National Park Service's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Lodging will be at the Ramada Inn. The field exercises will take place at the Los Adaes State Historic Site (a Spanish presidio and capital of the Spanish province of Texas between 1719 and 1772). Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Adaes State Historic Site, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology. This will be the nineteenth year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field. There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/history/mwac/>. For further information, please contact Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873; tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141; fax: (402) 437 5098; email: steve_de_vore@nps.gov. The workshop is open to all archeologists and students, as well as those interested in forensic and cemetery investigations.

Dr. James W. Hatch Student Scholarships

Through the efforts of PAC and the SPA there will be a limited number of \$100 scholarships made available for students to attend the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology's Annual Meeting. Academic advisors and individual students should contact Paul Raber for information on applying. Also, if any member or institution is interested in donating funding for scholarships, contact Paul.

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Annual Meeting Call for Papers

The theme of the 80th annual meeting will be "The Archaeology of Penn's Woods". SPA registrants are invited to attend the PAC symposium on Friday afternoon. This year's PAC theme will be the Archaeology of the Terminal Archaic/Transitional Period. There will be three open sessions, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Anyone wishing to participate should send abstracts of 150 words or fewer to the Program Chair by March 1, 2009. Note that all presenters at the Annual Meeting must be members of SPA for 2009 and be preregistered for the meeting. SPA membership does not include meeting registration.

Program Chair: Jim Herbstritt, Bureau for Historic Preservation, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pa 17120-0093
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Call for Nominations for the Annual SPA Awards

Deadline for submitting: FEB. 27, 2009

Any individual SPA member, or SPA Chapter as a whole, may submit nominations in writing to the Awards Chairman of an **SPA MEMBER**, of any chapter, or an SPA member who is unaffiliated with any chapter, who is deemed worthy of an SPA award in the categories listed below:

ARCHEY Award: Nominee must be a member of SPA, not just a chapter. This award is presented to a non-professional who has given significant contributions, over an appreciable period of time, toward the unselfish furtherance of archaeology. The number of separate nominations and the significance of the reasons for the nomination are weighed in making the selection for this award.

The individual's contributions toward archaeology may be offices held; numbers and kinds of speaking engagements; published articles or reports; number and kinds of sites recorded and/or excavated; work with young people to acquaint them with archaeology, etc.

J. ALDEN MASON Award: This award is presented to an SPA member who is a professional archaeologist and is based on his or her contribution to education and encouragement of SPA members in the proper pursuit of archaeology.

A professional in a related science, which similarly assists SPA members, may also be considered for this award. The nominee need not reside in Pennsylvania.

JOHN WITTHOFT Award: This award is presented to the chapter of the SPA that recruited the most new SPA members or reinstated the highest number of delinquent SPA members since the previous SPA Annual Meeting.

SHRADER/GEORGE Award: Nominee must be an SPA member under 18 years of age and be an example of the SPA's ideal youth, whose character, accomplishments, and unselfish effort have furthered the cause of Pennsylvania archaeology. Sites upon which the nominee has participated should be recorded and have a designated State site number and the nominee should have experience in recording such sites and properly cataloging artifacts from the sites.

Please provide adequate background and information on nominees as inadequate information or failure to meet the award criteria could result in disqualification.

FRANCES DORRANCE AWARD: This is an award that will be given to the Chapter of the SPA that has recorded the most new sites with the Pennsylvania Archaeology Site Survey at the State Museum, Harrisburg, PA, **FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2008.** **Note: Members recording sites should fill in the Chapter area on the PASS site reporting form. Noel Strattan will tally the sites from these reports.**

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Person nominated should have at least 25 years of outstanding service to archaeology in Pennsylvania; been a member of SPA for the same amount of time and be an exemplary proponent of the purpose and objectives of SPA.

Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual member in good standing of SPA. Nominees can be either a professional archaeologist (or a professional in a closely related science), or an avocational archaeologist with an outstanding record of contributions to the field of archaeology and to SPA. **See complete award guidelines on the SPA's website along with nomination forms for all categories at: www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com.**

Mail all nominations to:
Awards Chair: Cathy Spohn President, SPA Chapter 21
141A Grandview Road
Wernersville, PA 19565
Home Phone: (610) 678-1274
Work Phone: (610) 205-6711
Email: cspohn@state.pa.us

Jacob L. Grimm IV Matching C14 Award

Submissions for the 2008 Jacob Grimm C-14 Annual Award should be sent to:

James **Herbstritt**, Chairperson
Jacob Grimm Radiocarbon Award
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North St, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0093

Annual Chapter Reporting Requirements

Annual Chapter report forms have been mailed or emailed to the individual chapters. This report details chapter activities for the previous year (2008). This report is a chapter obligation under the SPA constitution. Forms are available to download from the SPA website. If you have questions, please contact the Secretary.

All SPA chapters are required to report **chapter officers** to the Secretary **annually**. This report is necessary for maintaining current contact information for all chapters. Please report officers even if there has not been an election or change of positions in your chapter. Please include addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if possible.

Dues Reminder: 2009 annual membership dues are now payable. The membership form can be found in the Fall SPA Newsletter or on line at www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Only members in good standing may vote at Annual Meeting, hold office or present papers. Membership includes your subscription to the Pennsylvania Archaeologist, the SPA Newsletter and other informational mailings.

**Volunteers are needed to help with hosting duties for ESAF 2009.
Contact the Secretary to Volunteer ASAP.**

Rock Art of the Upper Ohio Valley

by James L. Swauger

On CD-ROM in PDF format for use with Adobe Reader

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In 1974, James L. Swauger published the landmark book *Rock Art of the Upper Ohio*, which still stands today as the most comprehensive study of Native American petroglyphs in this area. Since the book had a limited print run and was produced in Austria, it was difficult to obtain in the United States, even when it first appeared. I therefore considered it a rare opportunity when I purchased a copy in mint condition at a recent Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology meeting. I then launched an effort to digitize this copy so that future researchers would be able to access Swauger's work more easily. Although the enclosed CD doesn't match the grandeur of the original 10 3/4" x 14 1/4" hardcover version (printed in black and white), the information and images are captured for your benefit. All proceeds from the sale of this CD benefit the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Bill Tippins, Editor, *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*

Cost: \$25.00 including tax, and shipping.

Make checks payable to: Treasurer, SPA

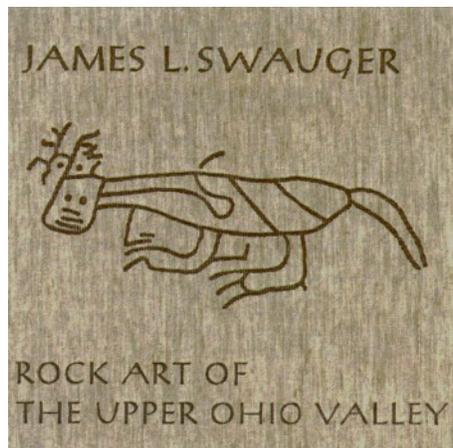
Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____

Email address: _____ for questions only

Quantity: _____ X \$25.00 = _____ Total enclosed

Mail to:
The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
P.O. Box 10287
PITTSBURGH, PA 15232-0287



Erratum: Plate 50 was scanned incompletely. The correction may be found at www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Chapter Profile: Frances Dorrance #11

The Frances Dorrance Chapter No. 11 had its beginnings in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1958. The Chapter was named for Frances Dorrance, director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. Miss Dorrance was instrumental in helping to establish the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

The Chapter has continuously operated for fifty years. Its first excavation was at the Schacht Site (36-Lu-1), a Late Woodland fortified village in the Dundee section of Nanticoke, southwest of Wilkes-Barre. Since that time, numerous sites have been excavated by members of the Chapter under the direction of professional archaeologists.

The Conrail Site (36-Lu-169) is continuing on this vital research. We are working on Block 17 EXT. which has produced artifacts from the Middle Woodland to Early Archaic Periods and are constantly up-dating our statistics since the early 1990's in the preparation of an article regarding the Conrail Site. While shovel testing in area near Block 17, we have found a foundation dating to 1840's and earlier. Much more work is needed. We are planning to excavate the entire foundation area. This will be part of our chapter activity in 2009. This firmly places the site in an important early historic/prehistoric reference to its location at the juncture of the Lackawanna River and the Susquehanna River respectively.



Block 17 EXT. Late Archaic Feature & Historic Foundation



Steps into Historic Foundation

Thanks to the dedication of our chapter members and volunteers we have been able to disperse archaeology information and enabled hands-on training and experiences to both the public and private sectors of our community. Many offers have opened up to research possible privately owned sites for registration. Programs with educational institutions have involved senior graduation projects in high schools such as Wyoming Valley West High School and others, field school experience for nearby Wilkes University class students, school class field trips and project programs -(Chester Street Elementary School - Reading Program), and many youth scout groups on site visitation experiences. We have set up displays at local community events which were held up and down the Wyoming Valley and neighboring counties all year round - (OPEN HOUSE - PICNIC at SITE 36Lu169, 8th Annual RIVERFEST, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 5th Annual NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - "HIKE AND BIKE", Hazleton,

Pa., First RIVERFRONT PARK DAY - "WALKWAY THROUGH OUR PAST", Pittston, Pa., COMMUNITY DAY - "TOOLS IN MOTION", Scranton, Pa.) These sponsors being the Everhart Museum and events sponsored by varied organizations

Chapter meetings, which are open to the public, are held at the Duryea Community Building, Duryea, Pa. bring in additional featured resource people as well as other speakers of note year round on the last Tuesday evening of the month. (Exception being: December, June, July, and August.) Time: 7 P.M. The Chapter is active year round and dedicated to bringing relevance to the meaning of archaeology in Pennsylvania.

Edythe L. Gozdiskowski, President

Editors Note: Each newsletter will feature an article on our chapters beginning with Chapter #1. The purpose is to become acquainted or reacquainted with our membership. Chapter submissions are always welcome.

McJunkin Site Report—The recently published report on the work at the McJunkin Site is available to members via a link on the SPA website: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com made possible by author and primary investigator, Richard L. George. The hard copy publications was made possible through a grant from the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council.

Chapter News

John Shrader Chapter 21 will participate in the 9th Annual Archaeology Fair at the Archaeological Institute of America's (AIA) 2009 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday, January 10, 2009. The Archaeology Fair is open to the public and consists of presentations and hands-on activities provided by various institutions and organizations such as museums, PAC and SPA. Chapter member Ken Biles will provide demonstrations of tools and natural resources used by Native Americans in southeastern Pennsylvania, using models and tools that he has made to illustrate how Native Americans lived in Precontact times. We will also have artifacts from Joanna Furnace and other sites to demonstrate how archaeologists identify, date and classify artifacts. We will have handouts and explain to visitors about archaeology and SPA, and encourage people to join a local chapter. The fair will run from 10 AM to 3 PM at Loews Hotel at 12th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. At least seven chapter members will attend.

In Memoriam



MacCORD, Howard Arthur Sr., 93, of Brandermill Woods Retirement Community, Midlothian, died November 3, 2008, after a brief hospitalization. He was born in Irvington, New Jersey on October 23, 1915. Mr. MacCord retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel, after 30 years of service. He joined the National Guard in 1930, when he was only 15, and went into the Army in February of 1941. His World War II service took him to France and Germany. He served in post-war Japan and later in the Korean conflict. His lifelong interest in archeology started in the 1930s, helping excavate prehistoric sites around his boyhood hometown of Washington, D.C. While in the Army, he excavated in Japan and Korea during his tours of duty. Following his retirement from the military in 1962, he turned his lifelong avocation into a new career as an archeologist with the Virginia State Library (now the Library of Virginia), from which he retired in 1976. He worked as a consulting archeologist until 1983. He worked closely with the Archeological Society of Virginia during all those years, reaching out to educate the public. His interest in archeology did not abate with retirement; he continued his work and contributed to the advancement of that field until his death. His contributions to Virginia archeology were extensive. They include excavations, or testing, at over 160 sites all over Virginia. His published works include over 127 articles, including his first publication in 1943 and his most recent in 2007. A memorial service was held November 22, 2008 at Brandermill Church, Midlothian. Burial in Arlington National Cemetery, December 9, 2008. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASV/Kittiewan, P.O. Box 70395, Richmond, Va.

Meeting Announcements/Call for Papers

39th Annual Meeting of The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, March 19th – 22nd, 2009, Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842 Reservations: 1-800-638-210 Individuals should register before February 1, 2009. There will be a \$5.00 added late registration fee after February 1. Registration and Membership information may be found at www.maacmidatlanticarchaology.org

The Society for American Archaeology 74th Annual Meeting, April 22-26, 2009, Atlanta, Georgia. Registration and meeting information at www.saa.org

CALL FOR PAPER

Eastern States Archaeological Federation

The 76th Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Nov. 5-7, 2009



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

250 Market Street, Johnstown, PA 15901
ESAF Rate: \$79.99 a night
For Reservations, Please Call 1-814-535-7777
For more information, go to: esaf-archaeology.org

Special Events will include Thursday Tours
JOHNSTOWN FLOOD MUSEUM AND FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL SITE

Others tours to be announced

Meeting Contact Information

Please send suggestions for individual papers and/or sessions to:

Jason Espino – Program Chair
email: jasonespino@hotmail.com
Phone: 412-585-0124
Address: 132 6th Street Oakmont, PA 15139

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80th Annual Meeting
Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
April 3 – 5, 2009

The Archaeology of Penn's Woods
Hosted by Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Location: The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Program Chair: Jim Herbstritt 717-214-8648 Fax: 717-772-0920 E-mail: jherbstritt@state.pa.us

Accommodations: The Comfort Inn Riverfront on Front Street in Harrisburg is offering a special rate of \$79 per night and parking is free. Reservations can be made by calling 717-233-1611. Identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. The hotel offers a hot continental breakfast. It is located about 6 blocks from the State Museum. The rate is in effect until March 20, 2009. A limited number of vans will be available to transport members between the hotel and the Museum.

Saturday Banquet Buffet: The banquet speaker will be Bruce Bomberger, Curator, Landis Valley Museum. He will speak on the French and Indian War Forts of Pennsylvania.

Auction: Items for the auction should be brought to the bookroom for display. We are asking that each chapter consider annually providing a special auction item to help support the Erb Permanent Fund

Book/Exhibit Room: Direct table reservations and inquiries in advance to Noel Strattan at dstrattan@state.pa.us or 717-214-6572.

SPA Board of Directors Meeting: Friday afternoon beginning at 4:30 PM at the museum

The Friday Evening Reception will be held at the Troegs Brewery (www.troegs.com) from 5-7. Please indicate on the registration form if you are planning to attend. A limited number of vans will be available to transport members from the Museum to the reception and back to the Comfort Inn.

The title of the PAC meeting symposium is "The Nature and Rate of Change in American Indian Cultures, 4000 to 3000 BP". It is being organized by Michael Stewart and it will focus on the Terminal Archaic/Transitional Period.

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chapter/Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Registration: \$20.00 x _____ Student Registration: \$15.00 x _____ **After 3/27: \$25.00**

Please check here if you will be attending the Friday evening reception and brewery tour. _____

Dinner Buffet: \$30.00 x _____ dinners Vegetarian dinners x _____

Tours of The State Museum's Archaeology lab and gallery will be offered Saturday at 4:30. Please check here if you are interested in attending. _____

Make check payable to SPA Meeting, and mail to: Roger Moeller, PO Box 386, Bethlehem, CT 06751-0386 Questions to alchemy60@sbcglobal.net