

The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
Winter Newsletter 2011-2012

Welcome 2012. Welcome also an opportunity to build the Society in the coming months. Every year we have opportunities to reach more people, to teach conservation and preservation and to expand our membership. We have welcomed new chapters to the Society but our state membership numbers have not risen accordingly. Every member should take on the job of promoting SPA membership. Every member should try to volunteer for a state event, the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the Annual Meeting, the Cabela event, Workshops in Archaeology, and most importantly, every October, Archaeology Month in Pennsylvania. If all members took on one new event each year, the results would be phenomenal. Imagine the variety of ideas and new expertise that would be brought to our annual events.

In this issue you will find the information on the Annual Meeting being held in Clarion, April 2012. There is also information on Student Scholarships for this event as well as the call for papers and the registration form. If you have never been to an Annual Meeting, you are missing an important opportunity and benefit of membership. You can take part in sessions to hear papers presented on the newest, current archaeological research being done in Pennsylvania and the surrounding area, the primitive games, the display and book room and the camaraderie of the hospitality suite.

Please consider ways that you can help further the mission of the SPA. We face the same financial difficulties as other organizations but each of us can do our part to make sure that the Society thrives.

Call for Nominations for the Annual SPA Awards

Deadline for submitting: February 28, 2012

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:

LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD :

The Life Time Achievement Award is a special award that is given during the dinner banquet at the SPA annual meeting. A nominee should have at least 25 years of outstanding service to archaeology in Pennsylvania and/or SPA, should have been a member of SPA for the same amount of time, and be an exemplary proponent of the purpose and objectives of SPA. Recipients can be professional archaeologists (or professionals in a closely related science), or avocational archaeologists who exhibit an outstanding record of contributions to the field of archaeology and to the SPA. The nominee must demonstrate a passionate dedication to archaeology in Pennsylvania and to the SPA, and work assiduously to promote archaeology and/or historic preservation in the Commonwealth through public outreach activities. The nominee should have inspired others to become involved in the SPA and in Pennsylvania archaeology, or serve as a mentor for students interested in a career in archaeology or a related field.

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 2010.**

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.

Please mail or email nominations to: Lynne Baer, SPA Awards Committee Chairperson, 320 Robin Drive, Franklin, PA 16323 Phone: 814-437-6813 email: lynbaer1@yahoo.com

Nomination Forms can be found on the SPA website: www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Jacob L. Grimm IV Carbon 14 Award

Please complete one copy of the application form found on the SPA website for each sample you wish to submit. Should you require space for additional information, please append as attachment sheets. **DO NOT SEND SAMPLES WITH THE APPLICATION.** Submissions must be reviewed prior to approval by the Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award Review Committee.

Applications will be processed as they are received. Submission deadline is normally four weeks prior to the next SPA Annual Meeting. In 2012, the deadline will be March 13, 2012

Submit applications to: Dr. Bernard K. Means, Chair, 1205 Littlepage Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

OR, as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF file to: bkmeans@juno.co

CALL FOR PAPERS

83rd ANNUAL MEETING THE SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY

HOSTED BY THE NORTH FORK CHAPTER #29

at the HOLIDAY INN, CLARION, PA on APRIL 13- 15, 2012

The theme of the 83rd annual meeting will be "From East to West, Over the Hills and Through the Dales: Sifting Through Pennsylvania's Past". There will be three open sessions, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Students are encouraged and welcome to present. All students presenting papers will have the meeting registration fee waived. We will also be sponsoring a Student Poster Session this year in the bookroom.

Anyone wishing to participate should send abstracts of 150 words or less for papers and posters to the Program Chair by March 23, 2012. Students please send a copy of your student identification when you submit your abstract.

Program Chairs: Amanda Valko & Brian Fritz
 116 E. Englewood Avenue
 New Castle, PA 16105
 Phone: 724-654-2744 (H)
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2012 James W. Hatch Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC), in cooperation with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, will once again award scholarships to enable students of archaeology in Pennsylvania schools and universities to attend the joint annual SPA/PAC meeting in April 2012. We anticipate that at least three such scholarships of \$100 apiece will be awarded. We encourage all current students in Pennsylvania high schools or universities with an interest in archaeology and the activities of the SPA to apply, although preference will be given to students planning to present papers at the meeting. Applications, in the form of a brief letter of interest explaining the student's background and qualifications for the award, should be sent by mail or e-mail by March 31 to Paul Raber at:

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W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship

The annual W. Fred Kinsey Meeting Scholarship will provide student membership to The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology for one year, a \$100.00 award, and banquet costs for the annual meeting. Dr. Kinsey was a curator with the PHMC before going to Franklin and Marshall College and The North Museum from the early 60's thru the mid 1980's. His work on the prehistory of the Upper Delaware laid the foundation for much of the interpretation of this region of Pennsylvania. In addition to his contributions to archaeological investigations he mentored many students who went on to become significant archaeologists on their own merits.

Students currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree are eligible to apply for the W. Fred Kinsey Meeting Scholarship. Eligibility is dependent on a complete, single-author paper with PowerPoint slides (if appropriate) to be presented at the annual meeting of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. To be eligible for the award the student presentation must have been accepted by the program chair for the SPA annual meeting. Papers should focus on topics relevant to Pennsylvania archaeology. Award of the Scholarship requires submission of the complete paper by a single author, in an electronic format (Word or WordPerfect) to the Program Chair by the regular submission deadline date for papers as set by the Program Chair. The Program Chair Persons this year are Amanda Valko and Brian Fritz AVALKO@mbakercorp.com, deadline for submission is March 23, 2012. Selection of the winning paper will be based on quality of original research, presentation and appeal to the avocational and professional archaeology community. The committee consists of at least three members of the Society, one from staff of the PHMC and one member from the education committee of the Society. Students are eligible for both the Hatch Scholarship and the Kinsey Meeting Scholarship. Two scholarships are available from the Kinsey fund this year, one each at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Presentation of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology in April. The selected paper will be published on-line through the PHMC website and submitted for review to the editor of the journal *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* for possible publication. The editor of the journal will make the final decision on publication.

The link to the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (<http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/>) has additional information on the Annual Meeting and registration is currently open. The 83rd Annual meeting is scheduled for April 13-15 , 2012 in Clarion, Pennsylvania. The theme of this year's meeting will be "From East to West, Over the Hills and Through the Dales: Sifting through Pennsylvania's Past".



Many thanks to this year's sponsor of the W. Fred Kinsey Scholarship
Donations to support the scholarship fund may be directed to Kcarr@pa.gov

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 (2011). 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: 2012 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.

Please note the Society has a new mailing address for remittance of dues, Attention Treasurer, SPA at: The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, P.O. Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242.

National Park Service's 2012 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2012 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled *Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century* will be held May 7-11, 2012, at the Cedar Point Biological Station near Ogallala, Nebraska. Lodging will be at the Cedar Point Biological Station near Ogallala, Nebraska. The field exercises will take place at the site of Alkali Station near Paxton, Nebraska. Alkali Station was a major trail facility used by travelers on the Oregon and California trails, the Pony Express, the transcontinental telegraph, and the frontier army. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center, the Lute Family, and the University of Nebraska's Cedar Point Biological Station. This will be the twenty-second 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.

Chapter News:

John Shrader Chapter 21 is planning a winter 2012 excavation at the DeTurk House in Oley Township, Berks County beginning in late January. The DeTurk house, built in 1767 is a one-room cabin owned by the Historical Trust of Berks County.

Any members interested in participating please contact Gene Delaplane, Chapter 21 President, at 610-873-2128 or plane05@comcast.net.

83rd Annual Meeting
Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
April 13 – 15, 2012

*From East to West, Over the Hills and Through the Dales:
Sifting Through Pennsylvania's Past*
Hosted by the North Fork Chapter 29

Location: Clarion Holiday Inn

Program Chair: Program Chairs: Amanda Valko & Brian Fritz

116 E. Englewood Avenue

New Castle, PA 16105

Phone: 724-654-2744 (H) E-mail: avalko@mbakercorp.com

Accommodations: Clarion Holiday Inn - located at 45 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion, PA 16214 just off exit 62 of Interstate 80. Special room rate of \$88 per night. Reservations must be made by calling (814) 226-8850. Ask for the Front Desk Reservation and identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Do **NOT** reserve using the Holiday Inn 800 number. Discount reservations must be made by March 31st.

Saturday Banquet: The guest banquet speaker will be Dr. Michael J. Shott, Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology and Classical Studies, University of Akron who will be presenting: *Documenting the Archaeological Record: The Complementary Roles of Professionals and Amateurs*

Auction: Items for the auction should be brought to the book room for display. We are again requesting that each chapter consider providing an auction item(s) to help support the Erb Permanent Fund.

Book/Exhibit Room: Please direct table reservations and inquiries to Ed Kaufman at ekaufman@atlanticbb.net

Board of Directors Meeting: Friday afternoon, beginning at 6:00 P.M. **Friday Afternoon PAC symposium:** Susquehannock studies, 1-4 P.M.

SPA 2012 Registration Form:

Name (s): _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chapter/Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Registration: \$27.00 x _____ Student Registration: \$22.00 x _____

Saturday Evening Annual Awards Dinner 6:00 pm

Buffet with Stuffed Chicken Breast, Sliced Sirloin and Broiled Lemon Pepper Cod with salad, vegetable, potato, dessert and coffee or tea.

Buffet Dinner: \$27.00 x _____ Vegetarian dinners \$27.00 x _____

Please Return by: March 31st, 2012

**Make check payable to:
North Fork Chapter 29**

**Mail to: Cheryl Burkett
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Fairmount City, PA 16224**

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The 79th Annual Meeting
Eastern States Archaeological Federation
October 25-28, 2012 Perrysburg, Ohio
Holiday Inn French Quarter
Hosted by the Ohio Archaeological Council

Martha P. Otto, Arrangements

Curator Emerita, Ohio Historical Society
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John P. Nass, Jr., Program

Department of Justice, Law, Society, California University of Pennsylvania
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Tentative Symposia/Sessions

- * Historic Sites Ohio
- * Archaeological Council
- * Jack's Reef horizon
- * War of 1812
- * Bioarchaeology
- * Geophysical Approaches

Tour of Fort Meigs:

Reconstruction of fort built by William Henry Harrison on the Maumee River in 1813 to protect northwest Ohio and Indiana from British invasion. The 3,000 square foot museum contains exhibits and artifacts relating to the War of 1812.

Workshops in Archaeology at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, November 5th, 2011

We are delighted to report on the success of the return of our Workshops in Archaeology program. We hosted just over a hundred people from all avenues who just wanted to learn more about archaeology. Members of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Pennsylvania Heritage Society members, students, and the general public turned out to learn more about the Prehistory of Pennsylvania. We received support for this program from Navarro and Wright Engineering, TEC inc., URS, and the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council. Workshop participants selected four sessions from a total of eight presentations. Presenters provided participants with an overview of recent research on the major time periods in Pennsylvania from Paleoindian period through the Contact period.

Steve Nissly provided an excellent demonstration on flint knapping that was very popular. Numerous individuals brought in their artifact collections for identification by Doug McLearn and Steve Warfel. This was an excellent opportunity for the avocational community to share their site information and associated collections with Noel Strattan and Tom Held from the Bureau for Historic Preservation. Noel and Tom assisted participants in recording site information in the Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey and the Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (CRGIS). Rounding out the offerings was Dr. Bernard Means, who demonstrated three-dimensional scanning of artifacts from both the collections at The State Museum and from the Consol Site (36Wm100).

The closing comments delivered by Dr. Dean Snow, Professor of Anthropology, Penn State University were an opportunity for reflection on our understanding of past cultural behavior and the direction for archaeological research in the future. Presenters and participants enjoyed an opportunity at the end of the day to engage in discussions in an informal reception held in the Hall of Anthropology and Archaeology. Plans are already underway for next year's program scheduled for November 3rd, 2012. If you have any comments or suggestions for next year, please contact Kurt Carr at kcarr@pa.gov or (717)783-9926 or Janet Johnson at janjohnson@pa.gov or (717)705-0869.