

SCAA ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION

Thursday, June 20

Blydenburgh County Park
New Mill Road
Smithtown, N.Y.

6:00 PM - Colonial Feast

(Bring appropriate dishes;
dessert and beverages supplied
by SCAA)

7:30 PM - Watermills & the "New Mill" at
Blydenburgh County Park

Walter Hollien, architect and
millwright, who will be restoring
the New Mill

Proposed Slate of Officers:

President	Dr. John Strong
Vice-president	Ross Rava
Rec. Secretary	Virginia Barath
Cor. Secretary	Randi Vogt
Treasurer	Dr. Gaynell Stone

All members and their guests are welcome to bring a dish, enjoy a lovely setting and meal, participate in a brief annual meeting, and hear about the future of the c. 1800 "New Mill," the last of 3 once at the site.



SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOLS

Dr. Steve Mrozowski of U-Mass-Boston will continue exploration of the **Sylvester Manor** site during the month of June. This is a 10-year exploration of a complex, significant Colonial provisioning plantation. A public visitation day is usually held the last week of July; call the Shelter Island Historical Society (631-749-0025 for date and time.

The **Davis Town Meeting House** site in Coram will again be examined by field archaeology classes from S.C. Community College and Dowling College, June 3 through June 20. The mid-1700s house served as an inn and regional political center for central L.I. For information: Dr. Linda Barber, SCCC, 631-451-4336 or Dr. Annette Silver, Dowling, at 516-295-0250.

SCAA Student Archaeology Field Schools will be held full day June 27 - July 3 through the Nassau BOCES Gifted & Talented Program for Nassau 4th to 12th graders; call 516-608-6443 for information. Suffolk BOCES Enrichment Program sponsors a half-day program for Suffolk students Monday - Thursday, July 22 - 25 and July 29 - August 1; call 631-244-4269 for information.

Besides learning all aspects of archaeology, students take field trips and experience 19th century technology of black smithing, wood working, textiles, food preparation, etc.

SUNY-Stony Brook Field School will be held near Port Jefferson from May 28 to June 28 full days, directed by Dr. David Bernstein. Information: 631-632-7615.

Roger Williams U. Field School in Building Archaeology, Bristol, RI. Information: 401-254-3682.

Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin, Archaeological Institute of America publication of excavation opportunities world-wide. David Brown Book Co. 800-791-9354.

NEWS

SCAA Honors S.C. Legislator Vivian Viloria-Fisher

The SCAA Golden Trowel is awarded to persons who have made a contribution to the preservation of, and education about the cultural resources of our region. Legislator Viloria-Fisher's support of the SCAA documentary film in preparation on Long Island Manors, *The Sugar Connection: Holland, Barbados, Shelter Island*, earned her this award. As a teacher, she is aware of the lack of quality AV educational materials about Long Island in the schools, so welcomes the contribution this film will make. Students will, for the first time, have access to the latest multi-disciplinary research -- which will rewrite Island history.



THREE VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PREVIEW OF S.C.A.A. DOCUMENTARY FILM

Monday, June 17th at 8:00 PM (after the New Members Party and monthly meeting), Co-Directors Dr. Gaynell Stone and Ofer Cohen, Cinematographer, will describe the origin and background of the feature length documentary film *The Sugar Connection: Holland, Barbados, Shelter Island*, which has been in production the past few years. They will show edited previews of the first and third years of excavation at Sylvester Manor, Shelter Island, as well as interviews with some of the many scholars contributing to the study. This extensive, high tech 'dig' directed by Dr. Steven Mrozowski of UMass-Boston will continue for 10 years; he considers it one of the rare undisturbed sites in the care of one family for 350 years.

Of interest to Three Village residents will be segments of raw footage detailing Brookhaven's Manor of St. George on Strong's Neck, at Longwood and at Shirley. Come see it to find out what the 'sugar connection' is!

This project is supported, in part, by the Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs, NYSCA Decentralization funds administered by the Huntington Arts Council, and the JP Morgan Chase SMART Grants.

NYS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM, 1990-1999

In a recent report in *The Bulletin, No. 117*, State Archaeologist Dr. Robert Kuhn reports on 10 years of archaeological oversight by the SHPO; the number of cases they review has increased hugely since the 1980 passage of the N.Y.S. Historic Preservation Act. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Section 14.09 of the State Historic Preservation Act, and the State Environmental Quality Review Act of 1977 require Federal and State agencies to consult with the SHPO on any action that requires State or Federal permits or approval or that receives that funding. SEQRA empowers local government to require archaeological surveys for private development projects as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process. All of these actions take place in this area.

The SHPO works with 27 Federal and 25 State agencies and generally commented on 300 to 400 survey reports yearly during the past 10 years. To encourage systematic and rigorous standards for archaeological survey and reporting, the SHPO adopted the N.Y. Archaeological Council 'Standards for Cultural Resource Investigations...in N.Y.S.' in 1995. They are used by the SHPO to evaluate archaeological reports submitted for review; these have risen from 253 reports in 1990 to 840 in 1998 and 713 in 1999. This does not include all the archaeology done in the state, as reports often are submitted several years later and SEQRA does not require SHPO review, so there is no way to know total survey activity at the local level.

The large increase in projects reviewed is due to the economic recovery in the state = more development; to more surveys by Federal agencies under Section 106; to more state compliance following legal action by the N.Y. Archaeological Council in 1996-7; and to more SEQRA surveys submitted as municipalities address archaeological impacts in the EIS process.

Phase IB (to determine presence of a site) survey for the ten years was 149,580 acres or 233.7 sq. miles, which represents 0.5% of N.Y. State's 49,576 sq. miles. 3,436 sites were reported for the decade, increasing the state inventory by 30%, to a total of 14,809 sites. This increase illustrates how pervasive archaeological sites are on the landscape; 1 unknown site was discovered for every 43.5 acres surveyed.

SHPO typically reviews 25 - 70 Phase II (testing to see if site meets National Register eligibility) surveys yearly for Determination of Eligibility (DOE) for the State and National Registers. Of the 132 archaeological sites

reviewed in 1998-99, 65 were deemed eligible for the Registers; ineligibility is usually based on site disturbance or a paucity of archaeological remains.

Register sites receive legal protection (through the Preservation Acts), usually protected through project redesign and avoidance, or mitigated by a Phase III date recovery excavation. Generally, site avoidance is preferable to excavation, as it preserves the site for future research with better techniques. From 1990-99 the SHPO reviewed 129 Phase III reports, and determined an average of 42 sites eligible each year for Phase III; these projects are of the highest priority and involvement by SHPO staff.

Table 1 in the report lists some Phase III excavations from the 1980s, while some completed in 1997-99 have yet to be submitted to the SHPO. The Table also documents the on-going loss of sites from N.Y.'s archaeological record, but these Phase III excavations have preserved significant information. Small sites might be 90% excavated, while large ones may be only 1-3%, with 5 to 10% the norm -- the goal a representative sample of the site.

The time periods of the reports range from the Paleo to the historic periods, with a wide range of site types prehistorically and historically. Abstracts of the site reports are available from NYAC and are reprinted in this Newsletter periodically. Over the past decade tens of thousands of acres have been surveyed, thousands of new archaeological sites have been identified, and hundreds have been saved from destruction -- adding important new knowledge about the past story of our state. This requires rewriting the textbooks of state history and archaeology

Nassau County is not represented with any sites in Table 1. Suffolk County had the third highest number of sites listed at 10, after Westchester with 11 and Erie with 13. Suffolk's reported Phase III excavations to 1999 (not all are in) include in Brookhaven Town: Eagles Nest, Prince-Miller, Betsey Prince, Van Der Kolk, and McCauley/Cedar Dr. sites in the Mt. Sinai area; in East Hampton Town: Carroll and Rockhill sites; in Huntington Town: Timber Ridge and Marion Carll Farm sites.

Archaeological Site Preservation Initiative

A.S.P.I. is sponsored by the N.Y.S. Archaeological Association and the N.Y. Archaeological Council to respond to threats to archaeological resources, most of which is done by PEOPLE through development and unauthorized digging. A.S.P.I. responds by advising

local government on strategies for preserving resources, by raising concern in the local community through outreach programs--letter writing, newspaper articles, monitoring local development, etc., by coordinating preservation efforts between state agencies and local communities.

The A.S.P.I. coordinator for Long Island is the Incorporated Long Island chapter of NYSAA, Ellen Barcel, President, ebarcel@al.com, 631-585-9199.

MEETINGS

June 14-16 - **Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture**, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Information: 757-221-1114.

June 27-30 - **Association for Gravestone Studies**, Charleston and Savannah, GA, Savannah College of Art & Design. Information: 413584-1756.

July 17-22 - **Historic Eastfield Village Traditional Crafts Camp**, Early American Industries Assn., Nassau, NY. Information: 508-993-4198.

RESOURCES

Archaeology on the web: www.archaeology.about.com answers almost any question about archaeology. Renamed www.about.com in 1999, it's the most comprehensive and easy to use archaeology site, with sections on artifacts, methods and theory, regional and temporal studies, ethics and law, archaeology atlas, cultural studies, current events (ex: "Kennewick Man"), with sections for enthusiasts, beginners, students, teachers, and many more. —Chuck Hibbs, Oregon Archaeological Society

Preliminary Identification of Prehistoric Artifacts from Northeastern Woodland Cultures: Student Archaeological Field Manual, Edward Platt, N.Y. Institute of Anthropology, 17 Slosson Terrace, Suite 2-F, St. George, NY 10301, \$8.95.

New Amsterdam on the Hudson: A Special Issue of *Seaport: New York's History Magazine*, Vol. XXXVI, No. 1, Fall 2001 is a beautifully illustrated overview of New Amsterdam produced in conjunction with the September conference, "New Netherland at the Millenium," organized by noted Dutch scholar Dr. Joyce Goodfriend. Seven articles by leading scholars in the field include one on a unique archaeological find by archaeological director of the South Street Seaport, Diane Dallal.

Anthronotes, Vol. 23, No.1, Winter/Spring 2002 issue, *The Silk Road: The Making of a Global Cultural Economy*, by Richard Kurin relates Yo-Yo Ma's global-spanning Silk Road Project (concerts, publications, musical piece commissions, educational events) and Ensemble of musicians from many countries, whose goal is to bridge different musical languages and cultures, to the role played by the historic Silk Road which ran from Japan across China, W. Asia, to Turkey.

The issue includes educational activities for teachers, web resources on the Middle East, teaching resources/strategies for the Middle East, and an anthropologist's view of her Afghan fieldwork. Very useful to better understand the current world situation.

Anthronotes has recently received the Society for American Archaeology Award for Excellence in Public Education. Begun in 1978, it has a circulation of about 9,000 educators in 50 countries. It is also available online at www.nmnh.si.edu/departments/anthro.html.

Ancient Encounters: Kennewick Man and the First Americans by James Chatters, the archaeologist who first studied the nearly complete skeletal fossil.



Geoarchaeology: The Earth-Science Approach to Archaeological Interpretation, George Rapp, Jr. and C. Hill contributes a wealth of information about the application of geological knowledge to solving archaeological problems.

Encyclopedia of Underwater & Maritime Archaeology, James P. Delgado, ed. - a compelling and comprehensive reference work; a Best Reference Source for 1998's Library Journal.

Civilization Before Greece and Rome, H.W.F. Saggs. An impressive overview of the earliest Middle Eastern civilizations—Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, etc.

Celebrating Homer's Landscapes: Troy and Ithaca Revisited, by J.V. Luce argues for the accuracy of Homer's landscape descriptions, contrary to literary commentators view they are pure fiction. All from Yale University Press, 800-987-7323.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Readings in Long Island Archaeology & Ethnohistory
All volumes are \$40. + \$5. shipping, except Vol. III, 2d ed., Which is \$75. + \$6. shipping; both plus 8.50% sales tax in N.Y. State for individuals. Vol. I is out of print; a few copies of Vols. IV and VI remain.

- I. Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology
- II. The Coastal Archaeology Reader
- III. History & Archaeology of the Montauk, 2d ed.
- IV. Languages & Lore of the Long Island Indians
- V. The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader
- VI. The Shinnecock Indians: A Culture History
- VII. The Historical Archaeology of L.I.: Part 1 - The Sites
- VIII. The Native Forts of L.I. Sound (in press)

Student Series (including shipping)

- Booklet: A Way of Life: Prehistoric Natives of L.I.* \$6.
- Study Pictures: Coastal Native Americans* \$8.
- Wall Chart: Native Technology (26x39"-3 colors)* \$14.
- Map: Native Long Island (26x39"-3 colors)* \$14.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in SCAA includes 3 Newsletters per year and a 10% reduction in workshop and publication costs. All contributions are tax deductible.

Student (to 18)	\$ 10.	Individual	\$ 20.
Family	30.	Sustaining	50.
Contributing	100.	Patron	100.
Life Member	400.		

Date:

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Phone No.

Willing to volunteer?

Occupation:

Send check to: Suffolk County Archaeological Association,
P.O. Box 1542, Stony Brook, NY 11790

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