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"CIRCLES AND SQUARES": THE ONGOING DEBATE

A year ago, The New York Archaeological Council (NYAC) passed a resolution asking state and federal agencies to replace the "circles and squares" archaeological inventory map with a rational, scientifically based method of determining the need for archaeological surveys. The resolution reflected the NYAC membership's doubts about the technical adequacy and preservation value of "circles and squares." The resolution's primary thrust was that the use of an inventory map is not an acceptable substitute for firsthand professional review and evaluation of project of site conditions and archaeological sensitivity.

In March 1991 PANYC (The Professional Archaeologists of New York City) passed a resolution in support of NYAC's statement.

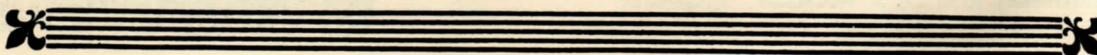
Both resolutions supported the conclusions regarding the inadequacy of the "circles and squares" model as presented by the Predictive Modeling Committee (Dr. Dean Snow, Chair) to the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), February, 1990. The committee's report calls for a long-term approach to modeling and states that "the current circles and squares approach should be replaced by a predictive model. A predictive model will help archaeologists to assess previously unsurveyed areas, but will still have to be used in conjunction with an inventory of known resources to be effective. However, maps of known resources are in themselves not predictive tools, and short of developing a predictive model OPRHP will have to continue to rely upon the intuitive skills of staff or consulting archaeologists."

In their subsequent correspondence with officials of OPRHP both NYAC and PANYC have argued for the use of "reasoned Information System and/or predictive model as the main solution.

David Gillespie's response of July 17, 1991 to PANYC concludes "I believe that the 'circles/squares' maps continue to prove a useful tool in that process but agree that a better program making use of our professional archaeologists can be found . . . you may be sure that we are continuing to search for a better answer" (David Gillespie, Director, Field Services Bureau, OPRHP to Sydne Marshall, PANYC).

NYAC's assessment of the months-long dialogue between OPRHP and PANYC is that OPRHP has focused "on the difficult to achieve (developing a predictive model) as the only viable solution; leading to the conclusion by OPRHP that since nothing can be done nothing should be done."

Editor's Note: This is excerpted from the NYAC Newsletter of January 1992:2-8 in which full correspondence among NYAC, PANYC, and OPRHP is presented, along with a final comment by NYAC.



IN MEMORIAM

RuEllen (Rudi) Ottery died January 4, 1992. She, with her husband Will, authored the extremely valuable genealogical chapter, "Where Have All the Montauks Gone?", in the 2nd edition of Vol. III, as well as contributed photographs and data to the exhibit. It is sad she did not get to see the paper in print. Will is a descendant of the Rev. Samson Occur, and they did get to see their exhibit contributions, as they attended one Saturday Symposium of the Montauk exhibit at Guild Hall in March, 1991.

Rudi was a the author of a genealogy of the Native American Sampson family, and had recently completed a Master's degree on Native American history, relating particularly to missionization. The **SCAA Readings ...** series, produced entirely by volunteer effort, could not continue without the selfless and highly professional contributions of people like Rudi; we are very grateful for her unique input into the volume. The RuEllen Ottery American Indian Memorial Fund has been established in her memory' contributions may be sent to 83 Irving Road, Weare, NH 03281.

Dr. Gaynell Stone

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EXHIBITS

Cornhusk Dolls and Cradle Boards by **Tammy R. Cayuga**. National Museum of the American Indian, 3753 Broadway, at 155th St., New York City. Through March 15.

Mega Mammals: The coming of The Ice Age. Life sized animations set in realistic landscapes; period: 300 million years to 20,000 years ago. Sands Point Preserve, Nassau County Museum. For information call 516-944-3466. From February 8 to September 7.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Domestic Pursuits: Historical Archaeology of American Households, by Mary C. Beaudry. CRC Press, 1991. \$49.95. 1-800-272-7737.

American Indian Women: Telling Their Lives, by G.M. Bataille and K.M. Sands. University of Nebraska Press, \$8.95 (paper). 1-800-755-1105.

The Iroquois Eagle Dance: An Offshoot of the Calumet Dance, by William N. Fenton. 1991. Syracuse University Press, \$17.95 (paper).

The First Americans: Search and Research, by T.D. Dillehay and D. J. Meltzer. Explores

the process of human migration into the New World. Key topics: cultural dynamics of human migration, the archaeological record; the archaeologists' perceptions of the data. 1991. CRC Press, \$49.95. 1-800-272-7737

The Middle Archaic in New York, by Robert E. Funk. In Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology 7:7-18. 1991.

A Grass-Lined Maize Storage Pit and Early Maize Horticulture in central Connecticut, by Bendremer, Kellogg, and Largy. In North American Archaeologist 12(4): 325-350. 1991.

Normative Thinking and Shell-Bearing Sites, by Cheryl Claassen. In Archaeological Method and Theory, vol. 3, Michael B. Schiffer, ed. University of Arizona Press, \$35.00. 1-800-426-3797.

Deciphering A Shell Midden, Julie E. Stein, ed. Provides detailed history of shell midden research and description of procedures and analyses using Northwest Coast examples. 1992. Academic Press, \$59.95. 1-800-321-5068.



Coastal and Maritime Archaeology: A Bibliography by Jordan E. Kerber. 1991. Scarecrow Press, \$42.50. Metuchen, NJ.

Technical Report No. 23: A Vertebrate Faunal Analysis Coding System, with North American Taxonomy and dBase Support Programs and Procedures, by B.S. Shaffer and B.W. Baker. 1992. Museum of Anthropology Publications, 4009 Museums, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Smithsonian Runner (a newsletter for Native Americans) and the magazine **NATIVE PEOPLES** come with membership in the National Museum of the American Indian. this newest national museum must raise \$35 million to build the new museum on the Mall before the matching 2/3rds of Federal will be released. Contributions by the public are essential. Contact The National Museums, Washington, D.C.

A Way of Life, elementary level booklet on Native Americans of Long Island, is back in print, thanks to an anonymous benefactor who supported updating and publication through the New York Community Trust, Westchester. Many thanks, HG!

Dutch And English Mapping Of 17th Century Long Island, by David Y. Allen. In the latest issue of the Long Island Historical Journal. \$8/issue, \$15/year. Dept. of History, SUNY/Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, 11794-4348. 516-632-7500.

A Conservation Manual For The Field Archaeologist, by Catherine Sease. Details how to conserve excavated specimens before they are taken offsite. 1991. University of California/Los Angeles, Institute of Archaeology Publications, 406 Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1510.



ARCHAEOLOGY/PEOPLE/ ANTHROPOLOGY/PEOPLE/ ARCHAEOLOGY/PEOPLE

Dr. Gaynell Stone, a participant in the New York Council for the Humanities Speaker Series, gave a series of talks on Long Island Native American life at several County Parks, Historical Societies, and Libraries on Long Island, and for the Montauk and Shinnecock descendants living in the Amityville area.

QUERIES

The New York State Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Commission welcomes information on Columbus-related activities that are underway. Contact: Junnko Kaverlick, Dir., NYS CCQC, 4 Burnett Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Edward Lenik would like to hear from persons who have information pertaining to Munsee Effigy Face(s), a decorative motif occasionally found on Late Woodland pottery at sites in southeastern New York, northeastern New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania. Contact: Edward Lenik, Box 437, 24 High Street, Butler, NJ 07405-0437. 201-492-8525.

Annette Silver is looking for a copy to purchase of The Archaeology of New Jersey, vol.1 (1941) and 2 (1956), by Dorothy Cross. 516-295-0250.

MEETINGS

American Anthropological Association annual meeting will be held December 2-6 in San Francisco. Abstract proposals are due April 1. Contact: 1992 Program Committee, 1703 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009.

The Northeastern Anthropological Association annual meeting will be held March 12-14, 1992 at Bridgewater State College. Contact: Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325; 508-697-1355.

The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference annual meeting will be held March 27-29, 1992 at the Sheraton-Fontainebleau Inn and Spa in Ocean City, Maryland. Contact: Edward Otter, MAAC Arrangements Coordinator, 111 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850; 301-340-2871.

Conference: Representing Native Americans. Presentations and screenings by Native Americans on the symposia topics Native American Voices, Envisioning Native Americans--New Perspectives on Film/Video; Representing Native Americans Past and Present; and In Native American hands: Representing Culture in Art. April 2-4, D'Agostino Hall, New York University. Seating is limited, contact the Dept. of Anthropology, NYU, for reservations and information. 212-998-8550.

The Society For American Archaeology annual meeting will be held April 8-12, 1992 in Pittsburgh, PA. Advance registration before March 13 is discounted. Nonmembers can register and attend. The society now offers a membership category for avocationalists. SAA, Dept. 0123, Washington, DC 20073-0123.

The New York State Archaeological Association annual meeting will be held April 24-26, 1992, in Sparrow Bush, NY, at the Eddy Farm Resort Hotel. Sessions will be held Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning. Contact: Susan Sutter, P.O. Box 463, Lincolndale, NY 10540 for registration and housing information. Abstracts for consideration and program listing must be received by March 1, 1992. Send to Edward J. Lenik, Program Chair, c/o Sheffield Archaeological Consultants, P.O. Box 437, 24 High Street, Butler, NJ 07405-0437.

Eastern States Archaeological Federation annual meeting will be held November 5-8 in Pittsburgh, PA. Send abstracts and symposia proposals to Richard L. George, Carnegie Museum Annex, 5800 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA, 15206. 412-665-2603.

Society For Commercial Archaeology meets in Sherman Oaks, CA, August 6-8. The theme is "Driving In and Moving Out: Auto Mobility in Postwar America." Proposed paper abstracts are due February 28. For information, call 818-788-3533.

Archaeometry '92 meets March 23-27, 1991 at the University of California, Los Angeles. For information, call Pieter Meyers, 213-857-6161.

American Society For Ethnohistory meets November 12-15, 1992, University Park Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT. Proposed paper abstracts are due June 15. Contact: Dr. W.R. Fowler, Box 6307B, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235.

SCAA SPRING MEETINGS
(4th Wed. of the month. For directions call 929-8725)

March 25 - Anth. Dept., SUNY/SB (call 929-8725 for directions) L.I. Archaeology Lab; **Dr. David Bernstein** speaking on recent work, guided tour of lab and archives. 7:30 PM

April 22 - Hoyt Farm Park Lecture Hall, **Suzan Habib** speaking on her work at Miss Amelia's Cottage, Amagansett; lab for cataloging artifacts. 7:30 PM

May 27 - Hoyt Farm Park Lecture Hall, Joanne McClean speaking on her work at Hurtin House, cataloging artifacts lab; refreshments. 7:30 PM

June 24 - Annual Meeting, election of officers. Native Feast, pot luck of authentic foods. Speaker: Dr. Annette Silver on her doctoral work on the Middle Woodland period on L.I. 6:00 PM

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- food preparation:
- * threshing
- * grinding grain
- * cooking
- * cider pressing



COLONIAL LIFE & TECHNOLOGY

FIELD SCHOOLS AND FIELD WORK

The Flowerdew Hundred Foundation will sponsor a Summer Institute in Historical Archaeology for educators, covering the period 1760 to 1840. Excavation is part of the program. Contact: Robert W. Wharton, Ex. Dir., The Flowerdew Hundred Foundation, Hopewell, VA. 804-541-8897.

The New York State Museum and Indiana University of Pennsylvania are sponsoring a field school at the Ripley Site (late prehistoric/protohistoric periods) in Chautauqua County, NY. Contact: Dr. Lynn P. Sullivan, Anthropological Survey, New York State Museum, Albany, NY 12230. 518-474-5813.

SCOPE Historical Archaeology for Teachers will be held August 3-14, 1992, Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Ketcham Inn site, Center Moriches: Susan Habib, Director. This is an early-eighteenth century stage coach stop. The program provides 3 credits, In-Service and College. Contact: SCOPE In-Service, P.O. Box 604, Smithtown, NY 11787.

The Department of Anthropology, New York University is sponsoring a fieldschool at the Baehr-Gust site, Versailles, Illinois, June 2 - July 10, 1992. Excavation will focus on a platform mound, clusters of hearths and pits, and a possible "Large structure:, associated with the Havana tradition of the late Middle Woodland period (A.D. 400-500). Contact: Dr. Howard D. Winters, Dept. of Anthropology, New York University, 25 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10003. 212-998-8550.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ken Ettlinger, Prof. of Environmental Science, Suffolk County Community College, heads a research project for the preservation of heirloom seed genetic material. He seeks volunteers to assist his work and gardeners willing to test seed varieties in exchange for

returning a small percentage of the seeds to him. SCAA will be testing Native pole bean and squash varieties at Hoyt Farm Park and heirloom seeds at the Blydenburgh Colonial Life site. Heirloom varieties are particularly suited to historic home sites. Contact Ettlinger, 1368 Flanders Road, Riverhead, NY 11901. 516-369-0257.

Volunteer archival and research assistance is requested for documentary research to support the World Heritage City nomination of Spanish Town, Jamaica. Spanish Town, the capital during the 16th Century Spanish occupation, is unique for the extensive documentary record in English which pertains to the site. Note of local interest: research by P. Rabito-Wyppensenwah and others (SCAA READINGS, vol. 3) indicates that many circum-Sound Native Americans not killed in King Philip's War were sold as slaves in British Caribbean territories such as Jamaica.

Work groups of a professor and students are especially welcome. Volunteers pay their airfare and costs of inexpensive lodging. Field trips are possible, and several land and underwater archaeological field schools are in progress in the area. Contact: Ms. Patricia Green, Chair, JaiCOMOS (Jamaica National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites), P.O. Box 8949, Kingston CSO, Jamaica, West Indies. 809-92-56147; FAX 809-92-45869.



*historical archaeology excavation

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- Map: Native Long Island (26x39", 3 colors) \$13.00
- Exhibit catalog: The Montauk Native Americans of Eastern Long Island \$3.00

Articles for the Newsletter should be sent to the Newsletter. Editor: Dr. Toni Silver, 521 Greene Place, Woodmere, NY 11598, (516) 295-0250.

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*metal-working



*textile production:
* quilting
* weaving
* rug-making



*wood-working with antique tools



*surveying and mapping