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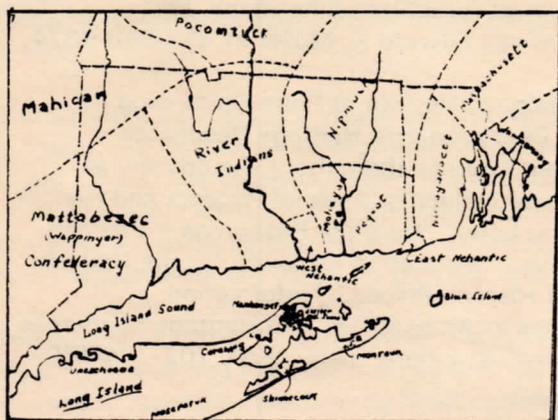
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FORT CORCHAUG PRESERVATION UPDATE

The preservation of the unique Contact-period fort of the local Corchaug natives appears to be inching closer to reality. County legislator Michael Caracciolo announced on May 20th a contribution of \$350,000. by the County toward acquisition of the site. Southold Town held a public hearing on May 27th regarding spending \$1.2 million to acquire about 50 acres of the 105-acre site. The Town would allocate the \$1. million available in the Town's open space account plus the \$200,000. granted by the N.Y. State Parks Department. The Peconic Land Trust is working to develop conservation easements which would protect other parts of the parcel.

Southold Town Hall was packed at the March Planning Board meeting, with residents and Montauket and Shinnecock people supporting acquisition of the entire site, not just the fort portion. The Archaeological Conservancy has expressed interest in contributing to this preservation effort, as it is opening for the first time a Northeast branch; it has preserved many sites in the southwest and a few in the southeast to date and is the preeminent archaeological conservation group in the U.S.



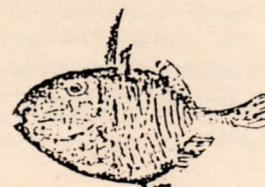
SCAA ANNUAL MEETING

SCAA's annual meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 17th** at Hoyt Farm Park, New Highway, Commack. This is the site of SCAA's Native Life & Archaeology program and contains a Native American complex with a wigwam, dugout canoe, hide-scraping setup, hearth and shelter.

The **pot-luck dinner** will begin at 6:00 PM with a Native culinary theme: bring meat or fish to grill, dishes composed of corn and/or beans, berries, melons, nuts, etc. The museum program staff will bake fish in clay, make berry corncakes, and prepare herbal teas and other beverages.

Speakers, beginning at 7:30 PM, will be Dr. Henry Moeller, who will talk about **Flight 800 and Underwater Archaeology of Long Island**. Following will be Dr. Galena Romanov of the museum staff, who will give a slide-illustrated lecture on her work-- **An Overview of Early Medieval Archaeology in Southern Russia**.

All members are invited to bring a dish, enjoy a lovely setting and meal, participate in a brief annual meeting, and hear two fascinating aspects of archaeology, local and international.



RESOURCES

The University of Maryland **Field School in Urban Archaeology**, June 2 - July 11, will focus on the pre-Revolution Slayton House, for which a multi-year study is underway. For information, call 1-800-711-UMCP.

Dr. Linda Barber of S.C. Community College and Dr. Toni Silver of Dowling College continue their multi-year excavation of the 17th -19th century **Ketcham Inn** in Center Moriches. For information, call the Ketcham Inn Foundation at 878-8862.

The **Southold Indian Museum** sponsors a bus trip to the Museum of the City of New York and a Circle Line boat ride around the city on Saturday, June 7th. For info, call 765-5577 or 323-2669.

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center has a variety of archaeological, arts, and other programs for students to seniors from May through the Fall. For information, call 970-565-8975.

The **Conservation Center**, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University is offering seminars in conservation technology and collections care in July and August. Call 212-772-5848 for topics, fees, and schedule.

Heritage Expeditions, a new Forest Service program, offers two new adventures: the Wild and Scenic Snake River Corridor, July 26-30 (\$1,750.), call 541-426-4978; and Ancient Painters of the North Umpqua, Oct. 26-31 (\$1,400.), call 541-957-3462. Distinguished scholars will guide participants' restoration of rock art.

We Dig New York: the Professional Archaeologists of New York City, an exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York, April 2 to September 14, 1997. For information, call 212-534-1672, x206.

Andean Archaeology, 1st International Colloquium, June 23-25, with pre and post-cultural tours June 13-22 and June 26-July 3 to Lima, Cuzco, the Nazca Lines, Machu Picchu, the Amazon jungle, and more. Price of \$3,290. includes one tour as well as the colloquium by leading scholars in the field. Call 800-367-7378.

American Maritime Studies are summer courses at Mystic Seaport on America Goes to Sea, the Maritime Way of Life, and Independent Research, held June 30-August 7. Partial fellowships are available. The Paul Cuffee Memorial Fellowship for the Study of Minorities in American Maritime History encourages research on the topic. For information, call 860-572-5359.

The **Archaeological Conservancy** offers two fascinating tours for the archaeologically interested: the Ohio Moundbuilders, Sept. 27-Oct. 1 (\$699.), and the San Juan River Trip, Sept. 13-20 (\$1,495). Expert guides will lead the trips. For information, call 505-266-1540.



MEETINGS

The **New York State History Conference** will be held June 5-7 at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY. Drs. Gaynell Stone, John Strong, Anthony Wonderley, and Robert Pharaoh of the Montaukett Tribe will present a symposium on **The Montaukett of Long Island**. George Hamell of the New York State Museum will be moderator and commentator.

L.I. Museum Association's quarterly meeting will be held June 9th at the Fire Island Lighthouse from 9:30 AM to noon. RSVP to 321-7028.

The **Council for Northeast Historical Archeology's** annual meeting will be held October 17-19 in Altoona, PA, focusing on industrial archaeology, heritage tourism, and northeast U.S. historical archaeology. Program proposals were due May 1st; for information call Paula Zitzler at 814-832-9224.

The **Eastern Historical Geography Association's** annual meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, PA September 25-29, focusing on industrial restructuring and its socio-geographical dimensions. For information, call Edward K. Muller at 412-648-9074.

The University of Nevada at Reno Continuing Education Division offers **Heritage Resources Management** courses throughout the country at various dates, including "Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law," "Heritage Resources Protection and the Law," "Evaluating Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places," "Information Technologies in Archaeology and Heritage Resources Management" and many more. FAX 702-784-4801 for details.

PUBLICATIONS

The **Journal of Field Archaeology**, now published by Boston University Scholarly Publications, prints archaeology reports of worldwide origin. \$48. for individual subscription; \$24. for students; contact JFA at P.O. Box 15716, Boston, MA 02215-9633.

Long Island Country Houses and Their Architects: 1860-1940, a long-awaited SPLIA magnum opus describing 1,000 country houses through 1,200 period photographs in 564 pages; \$85. plus tax and shipping. A special discount price is available to historical society and museum members. Call SPLIA at 941-9444 for details.

Fanny Palmer: A Long Island Woman Who Portrayed America, an exhibit through Sept. 14th at the SPLIA Gallery in Cold Spring Harbor, and an exhibit catalog by curator Carolyn Oldenbusch (16 pp., \$3.50) available at the Gallery.

The Archaeology of Wealth: Consumer Behavior in English America, by James G. Gibb (formerly of Long Island), now interpreting the Chesapeake Bay region. Plenum Press, 1996; \$49.50.

Culture Change and the New Technology: An Archaeology of the Early American Industrial Era, Paul Shackel (who excavated the Nicoll House in Islip a decade ago), outlines the transformation of a craft economy to an industrial base through the contributions of the workers. Plenum Press, 1996; \$37.50.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

The National Parks and Conservation Association of Washington, DC has encouraged a bill making its way through Congress which is aimed at locating, preserving, and linking the 380 known sites in 29 states of the **Underground Railroad**, which assisted escaped slaves to freedom. Abolitionists and Quakers were particularly active in this dangerous activity.

The National Park Service would coordinate the program. Kevin Cottrell of Motherland Connections, Niagara Falls, has mapped many Underground Railroad sites in New York State and conducts tours of them. He believes that for every 20 sites that are documented there are 40 or 50 that are unknown.

The only sites listed for Long Island are the Plymouth Meeting House and the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, the Friends Meeting House, the

Bowne House, and the Kingsland House in Flushing, Queens. There are tales of the Eastville AME Zion Church in Sag Harbor and some of the large number of Friends' homes in what is now Nassau County being used as "stations." Documentation of this would be important to establish Long Island's role in this historic activity.

The National Museum of the American Indian has met its fund-raising goal of \$36.7 million, enabling the release of the two-thirds Federal match for the \$110 million construction of the Mall museum, which has been approved by Washington's Commission of Fine Arts. Anticipated opening is in 2002, and the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, MD is underway, opening in 1998. The Heye Center, the NMAI's branch in New York City has been praised widely by art critics and called by Fodor's Guides one of the eight top places to visit in the City. Its attendance of 500,000 was 20% higher than the previous year.



ARCHAEOLOGY OF LONG ISLAND, II

Following are projects recently conducted by Al and Felicia Cammisa of Tracker Archaeology Services:

Center Moriches, Brookhaven Town - Phase IA and IB studies for the proposed Creekview subdivision revealed no historic artifacts and only a few prehistoric ones; no further work was recommended.

Mount Sinai, Brookhaven Town - Phase IA study of a house lot indicated medium to high potential for historic and pre-historic archaeological remains; phase IB retrieved only one artifact. No further archaeological work was recommended.

Ridge, Brookhaven Town - Phase IA documentary research indicated a moderate prehistoric and high historic potential for archaeological remains. Phase IB testing of the Ridgco site found a prehistoric lithic procurement and possible food processing site; an associated base camp must lie within walking distance. Also found were the 19th and 20th century remains of Randall family farm buildings. No further work was recommended.

Setauket (Strong's Neck), Brookhaven Town - Phase III excavation of a proposed house lot unearthed a multi-component prehistoric site, probably utilized as a recurrent seasonal base camp and lithic workshop. Artifacts recovered represent the Late Archaic through Late Woodland cultures; the remains of a "plowed feature" were recorded. The site is important because not many prehistoric lithic workshops are recorded for this area; interpretation is difficult because the site probably represents only part of a larger habitation area. It is recommended that this report and artifacts be placed in a public repository.

Grace Estate, East Hampton Town - Phase IA documentary study revealed the study lots to be in an area of very high prehistoric and high historic potential of remains. Phase IB testing revealed no historic artifacts on any of the lots and no features. One prehistoric artifact on one lot was an isolated find, and a very small site containing sparse artifacts had been adversely impacted by construction of a nearby house.

Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Islip Town - Phase I investigation of a proposed maintenance building site revealed high probability of prehistoric and historic archaeological remains; Phase IB testing uncovered undiagnostic artifacts possibly associated with nearby historic buildings and one isolated prehistoric artifact. Phase II testing was recommended; this revealed no features or historic artifact middens or prehistoric artifacts. No other archaeological work was recommended.

Bayview, Southold Town - Phase IB testing indicated a prehistoric site, so Phase II intensive testing was recommended. The site covered much of the 7 acre project area; a variety of artifacts were found, indicating a habitation area with a specialization toward the final stages of lithic reduction (but not a lithic workshop). No features were found and no additional work was recommended. However, if adjacent areas are developed in future we recommend that a Phase I survey be implemented.

Nissequogue, Town of Smithtown - Phase I investigation of a house lot indicated very high prehistoric and moderate historic potential for archaeological remains. A few artifacts were excavated in shovel tests, but were found to be isolated finds. They are probably related to the large Archaic James Creek site. No further work was recommended.

Noyac, Southampton Town - Phase IA and IB investigations of the Bernard Miny subdivision located one isolated prehistoric artifact; no features were encountered nor any historic remains. No further archaeological work was recommended.

North Sea, Southampton Town - Phase IB survey located a prehistoric site and an isolated find. Phase II investigation of the Tupper site was recommended and revealed a small meagerly-used hunting-related lookout post on a ridge overlooking the local waterways. Artifacts indicated cooking and finishing or resharpening tools. The site lacks characteristics needed to nominate it for the National Register. No further work was recommended.

North Sea, Southampton Town - Phase IB survey of the Turtle Pond subdivision revealed a prehistoric site covering much of the 15 acre area. Phase II testing was recommended. The Robinson site included two foci: the ridge-top focus included lithic procurement, hunting and eating. The wetland focus was a small Middle Woodland period seasonal base camp exhibiting gathering, hunting, and lithic procurement. Pottery styles seem to indicate either trade or small-scale cultural fusion. No prehistoric features were encountered; no further work was recommended.

Woodbury, Nassau County - Phase I research revealed the proposed development on Jericho Turnpike was an area of high potential for both prehistoric and historic remains. The study area is an historic area including the Aveley Farm estate and the National Register-eligible Smith-Gibson house. Field testing encountered a small prehistoric site, but relatively scarce historic artifacts. Phase II testing was recommended.

The Aveley Farm prehistoric site is located near a pond along an aboriginal foot trail; remains do not indicate a base camp but the discards from passing aboriginal travelers. The Aveley Farm historic site remains seem to represent an upper status mid-19th century farm family and were purchased from a diversity of sources. The longer date ranges of the artifacts make it difficult to associate artifact ownership with specific individuals.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Readings in LI Archaeology & Ethnohistory:

All volumes are \$35 + \$5 postage, except Vol. III which is \$75 + tax and shipping. Vol.s I & VI are out of print.

- I. Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology
- II. The Coastal Archaeology Reader
- III. The History & Archaeology of the Montauk, 2nd Edition
- 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 Long Island: Part I: The Sites

Student Series:

Booklet: A Way of Life: Prehistoric Natives of LI	\$5.50
Study Pictures: Coastal Native Americans	\$7.50
Wall Chart: Native Technology (26X39" 3 colors)	\$13.00
Map: Native Long Island (26X39" 3 colors)	\$13.00

Exhibit Catalogs:

The Montauk: Native Americans of Eastern LI	\$3.50
Women's Work: Native & African Americans of LI	\$3.50

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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Contributing \$100	Patron \$200
Life \$400	

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