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EXPERIENCE HOYT FARM

The sun is rising now. Its warmth, the shadows cast by its light now make this forest seem more friendly. I am alone. I am hungry. The sound of my footsteps echo amongst these trees. I'm probably scaring everything away. What was that? There it is! With slow and deliberate motion, I remove an arrow, cock the bow, and...

While few of us actually make a living in this manner today, the BOCES III Indian Archaeology and History program fostered an understanding and an appreciation of both the hardships and joys experienced by those early Native Americans amongst the 60 students who participated. The program also acquainted students, ranging from grades one through eight, with computer applications. The students' computer-created newsletter, which reported on their daily activities, grew from two pages to eight at the end of the program.

The students made instruments, such as drums and flutes, from wood; leather handbags and pouches; bead, bone, and stone necklaces; dyes from plants; baskets from materials gathered; and pottery, which was fired in an open air fire. Each group participated in archaeological surveying and excavation, and learned how to classify and photograph Indian artifacts. The students went on clamming expeditions and even canoed on the Nissequogue River.

Indian guests shared Cherokee history, and interpreted Indian music and dance for the students. A Powaw was held each Friday to learn about this aspect of Indian life. Parents were invited to a big Powaw, directed by Howard Hahn, Barbara Walker, and Jamie Reeson, on August 1. Students prepared black birch tea, vegetable

stew, clay-baked fish, and a lobster-bake for their guests. The parents, not to be outdone, presented their hosts with berries, melon, fruit drinks, and other treats for a delicious feast.

Concerning other activities, the wigwam built by Jeff Kalin has attracted a great deal of attention at Hoyt Farm. The construction was videotaped and will be edited to a 10-20 minute tape for educational use.

Pictures of the Hoyt Farm Indian and Archaeology program, including the wigwam, are part of an Indian Studies curriculum being developed by Susan Miller of Brooklyn. The Hoyt Farm program is a recommended field trip in the curriculum. SCAA materials are featured resources.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL SPEAKER SERIES

The SCAA/SUNY Stony Brook Anthropology Department Speaker Series announces the following sessions for Fall 1986:

On Thursday, OCTOBER 16, John Pfeiffer, President of the Connecticut Archaeological Society and doctoral candidate at SUNY Albany, will speak on "The Early Archaic to the Terminal Archaic: A Model of Cultural Continuity from Southern New England."

On Monday, NOVEMBER 17, Ernest Weigand, Instructor at Norwalk Community College, will speak on "Rock Shelters of Southwestern Connecticut: Paleo to Contact Periods."

Talks begin at 7:30 P.M. in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building (5th floor Anthropology Department) on the SUNY Stony Brook campus. Refreshments will be served following each lecture.

COUNTY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The County History Conference will be held Saturday, NOVEMBER 22 on the campus of the Suffolk County Community College at Selden. Call 567-1487 for additional information.

LONG ISLAND INDIANS IN-SERVICE COURSE

A 3-credit SCOPE Staff Development course on Long Island Indians will be held at Hoyt Farm beginning the first week of October. The course will be taught by Gaynell Stone, Museum Director and Editor of Readings in Long Island Archaeology and Ethnohistory. Call SCOPE at 360-0800 for information.

BASKET WORKSHOP



A Basket Workshop will be held at Hoyt Farm on Saturday, DECEMBER 6. Alice Wansor will teach the Native American technique, twining. Call 543-7804 to enroll in this \$15 workshop. Enrollment is limited.

SATURDAY STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Suffolk Chapter of the National Association for Gifted Children is sponsoring an Indian and Archaeology program each Saturday through the end of November. Students will experience Indian lifeways by participating in archaeology, ethnobotany, crafts, tracking, cooking, and other activities. The program is open to all. Write to Argie Velez at NAGC, PO Box 213, Nesconset, New York 11767.

SUNDAY ADULT PROGRAMS

Adults can share the same excitement that the children enjoy by participating in the Adult Indian and Archaeology Adventures program. Come and experience archaeology, craftmaking, music, cooking, ethnobotany, and more each Sunday from October 5 to November 2. Enroll in all 5 sessions for \$25, or come to just one for \$5. Your fee includes supplies and a copy of the SCAA Booklet #1 A Way of Life: The Prehistoric Indians of Long Island. Call 543-7804 to register. Please hurry because enrollment is limited.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS:

COLONIAL LIFE AND TECHNOLOGY

School Districts may collaborate with the Hoyt Farm Lab and Museum in developing Staff Development programs on Indian Studies. Fourth grade teachers from the Shoreham-Wading River School District will spend six Fridays, beginning September 26, at Hoyt Farm experiencing historical archaeology, historical architecture analysis, cultural geography, blacksmithing and technology, and Cognitive Levels Matching techniques. Staff and teachers will develop and test the Colonial Life and Technology site interpretation program in preparation for piloting the new 1987 Spring program. Schools that wish to participate in refining the Indian Studies program should call 929-8725 or 543-7804 for additional information.

NASSAU COUNTY STUDENTS may now participate in the Lab and Museum Indian Archaeology program at Hoyt Farm. Contact Lucinda Herley at 997-8700.

BULLETIN BOARD

CALL FOR PAPERS

Phil C. Weigand and Gaynell Stone are editing a quarterly issue of the Journal of Regional Cultures. The issue will focus on Long Island culture history and material culture. Please contact them if you have research that should be considered. The issue is expected to be published within a year.

SCAA AND BOCES III RECEIVE GRANT FROM THE N.Y.S. COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The Arts-in-Education initiative of NYSCA has awarded \$10,000 to the cultural and educational collaboration of SCAA's Long Island Culture History Lab and Museum and Dr. Hannah Masterson's BOCES III Gifted and Talented program. The funds will partially defray the cost of developing and publishing the Indian and Archaeology curriculum being piloted by participants in the Gifted and Talented program and by the Shoreham-Wading River School District staff. A poster, Booklet #2 (The Historic Period Indians of Long Island), and audio-visual materials on Long Island Native Americans will be produced.

THANKS TO ...

Charles Toner and the men from the Parks and Recreation Department for insulating and paneling the barn at Hoyt Farm. The efforts help toward developing the Culture History Center.

Volunteers are always welcome to help build exhibits for the Culture History Center, the Nature Center, the Historic House, or for other activities. Please call 543-7804.

DONATIONS SOUGHT

A VCR is needed for the video introductory program at the Long Island Culture History Center and Lab. The VCR need only be capable of playing a tape to a monitor. Its contribution is tax deductible.

SPECIAL NOTE

Principal Dennis Tobin and teacher Sheila Amato of the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf will collaborate this fall with Park Naturalists and Museum Staff to refine current program materials for use by their students.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS (Compiled by Daniel H. Kaplan)

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

1985 Federal Historic Preservation Case Law: A Special Report of the Council. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.

Custer, Jay F., editor

1986 Late Woodland Cultures of the Middle Atlantic Region. University of Delaware Press, Newark, Delaware.

Lightfoot, Kent G.

1986 Regional Surveys in the Eastern United States: The Strengths and Weaknesses of Implementing Subsurface Testing Programs. American Antiquity 51: 484-504.

Nelson, Ben A., editor

1985 Decoding Prehistoric Ceramics. Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale and Edwardsville, Illinois.

Phillips, Patricia, editor

1985 The Archaeologist and the Laboratory. CBA Research Report 58. Council for British Archaeology, London. Distributed by Humanities Press, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

		Non-Members	Members
READINGS IN LONG ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOHISTORY:			
Volume I	Early Papers in Archaeology	\$10.00	\$ 8.00
Volume II	The Coastal Archaeology Reader	\$20.00	\$16.00
Volume III	The History and Archaeology of the Montauk Indians	\$20.00	\$16.00
Volume IV	Languages and Lore of the Long Island Indians	\$20.00	\$16.00
Volume V	The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader	\$22.50	\$18.00
Volume VI	The Shinnecock Indians: A Culture History	\$30.00	\$24.00

STUDENT SERIES: THE INDIANS OF LONG ISLAND:

Booklet #1. A Way of Life: Indians of Long Island: Prehistoric Period:
Paleo - Archaic - Woodland: 12,000 to 3,000 Years Ago \$ 4.00 \$ 3.20

SCAA NEWSLETTER Volumes 1 - 11 (Back Issues): \$ 5.00 \$ 4.00

All publications may be purchased from SCAA at the prices indicated. SCAA prices include postage paid for handling and delivery. Publications may also be purchased from local museums.

THE SCAA NEWSLETTER includes statements from archaeologists, students, and interested lay people on subjects pertinent to the science of archaeology. All who wish to have a paper published should send no more than six double-spaced pages with one inch margins to: Don Thomas Crane, 165 Colonial Avenue, Williston Park, New York 11596. Artwork is limited to line drawings, but exceptional photographs will be considered. The next newsletter is scheduled for publication in December.

SCAA MEETINGS are held at Hoyt Farm, located on New Highway in Commack, New York. The Education Committee meetings begin at 6:00 P.M.; the Executive Committee meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.; and the General Meetings are held at 8:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held on NOVEMBER 13, and our Christmas dinner meeting is scheduled for DECEMBER 11 (please bring some food to share; coffee and tea will be provided). Everyone is invited!

----- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION -----

Membership in SCAA includes a copy of the Newsletter and a 20% reduction in workshop and publication costs. All contributions are tax deductible.

STUDENT (up to age 18) \$5 INDIVIDUAL \$10 FAMILY \$15
SUSTAINING \$25 CONTRIBUTING \$50 PATRON \$100 LIFE \$200

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PHONE NUMBER () _____ ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER? _____

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