

NEWSLETTER

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REPORT ON S.C.A.A. ACTIVITIES

Volume I - Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology - of the SCAA-sponsored series, Readings in Long Island Archaeology and Ethnohistory is off the presses and available for \$7.50 from SCAA, the S.C. Historical Society Museum Shop, and Garvies Point Museum, as well as the Museum of the American Indian in New York City. The volume, published by Xerox, reproduces research 50 to 70 years out of print, includes early pictures of the Shinnecock Indians, and is introduced by Dr. Bert Salwen of New York University, who places the papers in historical and current theoretical perspective. The book is dedicated to Huntington Town Historian Rufus Langhans, and a grant from LILCO made complimentary distribution of a copy to each public library in Nassau and Suffolk Counties possible.

Volume II - Coastal Archaeology: Selected Papers from the New York State Archaeological Association Bulletin, composed of 50 years of research reports on Long Island and coastal areas, totaling over 350 pages, will be edited and include a commentary by Louis Brennan, current editor of the NYSAA Bulletin; the Preface will be contributed by Dr. Carlyle Smith, the first doctoral scholar in coastal archaeology, currently a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Kansas. A May, 1978 publication date is expected, to coincide with Dr. Smith's first return to his L.I. research area and keynote address to SCAA's Spring Conference.

The Cultural Resources Inventory of Eastern Long Island, funded by the NYS Council on the Arts, Architecture and Environmental Arts Division, is currently underway. Ellice Gonzalez and Ann Daniel Hartung of the Anthropology Department, SUNY, Stony Brook, are the ethnohistorical and archaeological researchers conducting the survey under the supervision of Ed Rutsch, widely-known contract archaeologist and industrial archaeologist and President of Historic Conservation and Interpretation, Inc. A publication outlining the results of the Inventory research is expected for early Winter and will be distributed to governmental agencies and libraries. The Inventory itself will be filed with the NYS Archeologist, the NYS Historic Preservation Office, the NY Archaeological Council, Garvies Point Museum, and the L.I. Archaeological Survey, Anthropology Dept., SUNY, Stony Brook.

Film versions of the story of Eastern Long Island's Cultural Resources in color video, slide, and filmstrip versions will be produced this Winter through funding from the Suffolk County Historian, Chris Vagts, and other sources. FREE distribution, with choice of the film version preferred, will be made to the BOCES districts, the Community Colleges, and the Cooperative Library Systems in Eastern Long Island. Pictorial materials and tapings of early archaeologists and historians of the area will be gathered to produce a basic archive of fast-disappearing information from which the various film versions will be taken.

A FAREWELL with regret and appreciation for his dedication to former SCAA Vice President Walt Saxon of the Garvies Point Museum, who has left Long Island; his position will be filled by Dan Kaplan, also of the Garvies Point Museum. WELCOME to Joel Klein, formerly of the NYS Historic Preservation Office in Albany, now Staff Archaeologist of Bowe, Walsh of Huntington and new SCAA Board Member, and WELCOME BACK to Dr. Phil Weigand, returning from a year's sabbatical in Western Mexico, and Gretchen Gwynne, former Recording Secretary, returning from Iran.

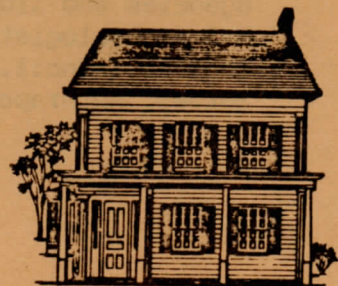
CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) workers -- a researcher and a secretary -- will be applied for by Dr. Phil Weigand of the Anthropology Dept., SUNY, Stony Brook, in conjunction with SCAA's Cultural Resources Inventory project. Staff members of the National Park Service have urged that we compile National Historic Landmark applications for the prehistoric and historic sites being recorded by the Inventory. There is no staff or volunteers to undertake such a worthwhile program, and CETA personnel are the only possibility for its execution. The workers would receive valuable on-the-job training, and those sites accepted for the National Register would receive some measure of Federal protection and be eligible for 50% matching Federal grants and other types of grants and low-interest loans.

★★★★ TO:

Betty Kuss, of the Vanderbilt Historical Society and Y.O.U. Environmental Coalition, for her heroic efforts to preserve the threatened Jagger Homestead in Westhampton. This is only one of uncounted campaigns Betty has led to save the vanishing remains of our past cultural heritage.

Dr. Caryl Grantham, of the Riverhead Preservation & Landmarks Society, and Supervisor Allan Smith, Councilwoman Jessie Tomlinson, Town Clerk Irene Pendzick for their continuing campaign to restore Riverhead's old buildings for adaptive re-use: the Corwin-Benjamin House as the East End Arts & Humanities Council and a community center; the Old Taft Candy Store as an information booth; and The Little School in the Hollow as a living museum for Old Time School Days programs.

The Society for the Preservation of L.I. Antiquities, whose increased efforts have resulted in 9 estates, 1 parkway, and 10 wind and tide mills being prepared for National Register nominations, as well as 5 or more historic surveys for the NYS Inventory.



Benjamin-Corwin
House, c. 1850

S.C.A.A. FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 1 8:00 PM

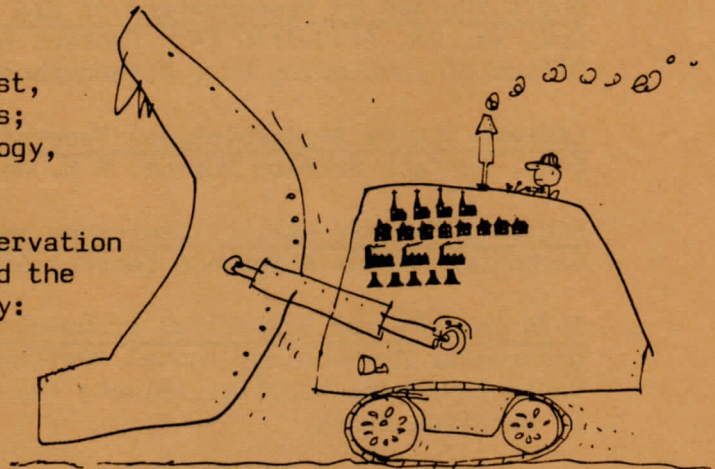
Unitarian Fellowship

East side Nicholls Rd.
between Nesconset Hwy.
and SUNY, Stony Brook

Speaker: JOEL KLEIN
Supervising Archaeologist,
Bowe, Walsh & Associates;
Department of Anthropology,
New York University

Topic: The State Historic Preservation
Office's Attitude Toward the
Archaeological Community:
Caution or Contempt

Refreshments



Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid Catalog, 1976 is available FREE from the Division of Grants, National Park Service, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. The handsomely-illustrated book shows us where some of the \$38.7 million in survey, planning, acquisition, and development mandated by the 1966 Historic Preservation Act has been invested. Out of all the millions enumerated for the 50 States, New York State received \$471,965 in Survey and Planning grants
\$917,207 in Acquisition and Development grants
\$1,389,172 total for 1975

Out of this total, New York City received \$305,962 for 8 projects
Westchester County \$131,461 for 6 projects
Suffolk County \$ 6,718 for 2 projects

If you are concerned at this demonstrated lack of interest and concern for Suffolk's and Long Island's antiquities, let your State representative and senator know.

Sources of Preservation Funding, a 7-page digest of the many programs now available, was compiled by the National Park Service, and may be had FREE from the Suffolk County Historian, 48 Huntington Bay Rd., Huntington, N.Y. 11743

A Guide to Federal Programs for Historic Preservation, 1974 Edition and 1976 Supplement, and Historic Preservation Law: An Annotated Bibliography are available on loan from SCAA to interested organizations. Call 929-8725 for arrangements to borrow.

MEETINGS

Society for Commercial Archeology, first annual meeting, Boston, November 5, focuses on "significant elements of the commercial built environment." For details, contact C.H. Liebs, Room 300, Wheeler House, U. of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

Workshop on Local Preservation Ordinances, Saturday, Oct. 29, Troy, N.Y. Contact Preservation League of NYS, 13 Northern Blvd., Albany, NY 12210.

Short Courses on Preservation of Old Houses: Country and Village Houses, Oct. 18, 25, 7:30-9:30 PM. Contact Hudson Valley Community College, Office of Continuing Ed., 8 Vandenburgh Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

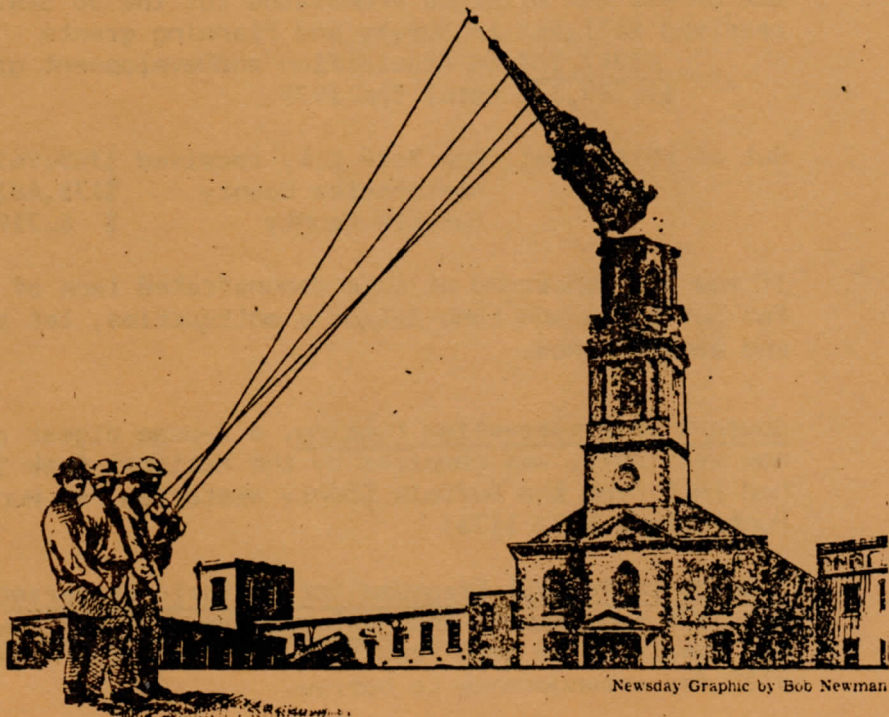
Eastern States Archaeological Federation Meeting, November 4-6, Hartford, Conn. Contact Bronson Museum, 8 N. Main St., Attleboro, Mass. 02703.

Regional Pottery Making Traditions in Eastern North America, Oct. 15-16, Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607.

1978 Society for Historical Archaeology/International Council on Underwater Archaeology Annual Meeting, January 3-8, San Antonio, Tex. Contact Michael Rodeffer, Ninety Six Historical Site, Ninety Six, S. Carolina 29666.

Leadership Building: Everything you've wanted to know about Boards but were afraid to ask, sponsored by the Huntington Arts Council with support from the Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs, chaired by Mildred Steinberg, Thursday & Friday, Nov. 3 and 4, Coindre Hall, Brown's Rd., Huntington. Admission FREE, call 271-8423 re: meals, hours.

SCAA Board Meetings
are held the first
Wednesday of each
month, 11 AM - 2PM,
Unitarian Fellowship
building (East side
Nicholls Rd. between
Firehouse & Christian
Science Church).
All members and
interested people
are invited to
attend. Bring a
bag lunch; beverage
provided.



Newsday Graphic by Bob Newman

RESOURCES

Long Island: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites, by John A. Gable, Ph.D., Peter H. Stott, editor. Sponsored by SPLIA and the Historic American Engineering Record, 1977. Available from SPLIA, N. Country Rd., Setauket, N.Y. 11733 for \$2.00.



The Old Atlantic House Bridgehampton
(Now torn down)

The Suffolk County Historical Society makes available a wide range of tapes on genealogy, archives, history, etc. for postage costs. Their Museum Shop carries the most extensive selection of local histories and genealogical publications in the area. Ask for the tape and book list, 300 W. Main St., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

Topographic Surveys, 1834-1845 - Long Island Sound and Vicinity. Earliest US Coast & Geodetic Survey maps of the area; bromide prints available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Dept. of Commerce, Rockville, Md. 20852.

Native and Near Native: An Introduction to Long Island Plants, Where to See Them, How to Use Them, Albert Hostek. Available from the Environmental Centers of Setauket-Smithtown, Box 88, E. Setauket, NY 11733, \$3.

FREE Energy Fact Sheets, practical suggestions for conserving energy, available from S.C. Cooperative Extension, 246 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901.

Transcript of the First All-Suffolk Citizens Environmental Conference is now available for \$3 from Concerned Citizens of Montauk, Inc., Box 915, Montauk, N.Y. 11954

How to Complete National Register Forms, 1977, available from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. for \$1.35.

Weekends in the Soil, Edward L. Lenik, "What is Historical Archaeology and Why Dig Historical Sites," available from the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, Humanities Bldg., Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. 07208 for \$4.50

Puritan Gravestone Art, Vol. I, Annual Proceedings 1976, Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, Boston University, Boston, \$6.

SCAA Officers

Ben Werner, Jr. - President
Dan Kaplan - Vice-President
Ann Hartung - Recording Secretary

Gay Levine - Corresp. Secretary
Marilyn Shea - Treasurer
Gay Levine - Newsletter Ed.

Illustrations in this issue from James Truslow Adams, History of Southampton Town; NEWSDAY; Preservation Cartoons, Preservation Press.

SAVE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 for Annual Membership Meeting, 8:00 PM!

SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

P.O. Drawer AR, Stony Brook, New York 11790

DUES ARE DUE! This Newsletter, a free publication on public archaeology with initial membership, and reduced rates to workshops and for publications come with membership in SCAA. Fees are:

Life - \$100

General - \$5

Sustaining - \$15

Junior (to 16) - \$2

Institutional - \$10

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