

## NEWSLETTER

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### NEW L.I. ARCHAEOLOGICAL PUBLICATION

The first publication to deal with Long Island and area archaeology is due for Winter, 1977 publication. Most of the earliest writings on L.I. archaeology and ethnohistory are out of print or not easily obtainable. Students, teachers, and librarians have little resource material with which to work, especially in local history studies mandated by State Education Department curriculums.

SCAA will publish a series of volumes, about 100 pages each, as an archival record of the area's prehistoric and historic research. Most reprinted articles will be annotated by professional area archaeologists to place them within current perspectives in the field.

This publication has been made possible by a grant from the Huntington Town Historian, Rufus Langhans. A special pre-publication offer is now available for \$5.50, including postage and handling; post-publication price is \$7.50. The volumes will be durably soft cover bound by Xerox Individualized Publishing.

→ School Librarians may order this publication -- as well as the SCAA Newsletter -- for their media centers under Title IV funds.

READINGS IN LONG ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOHISTORY - Vol. I \$5.50

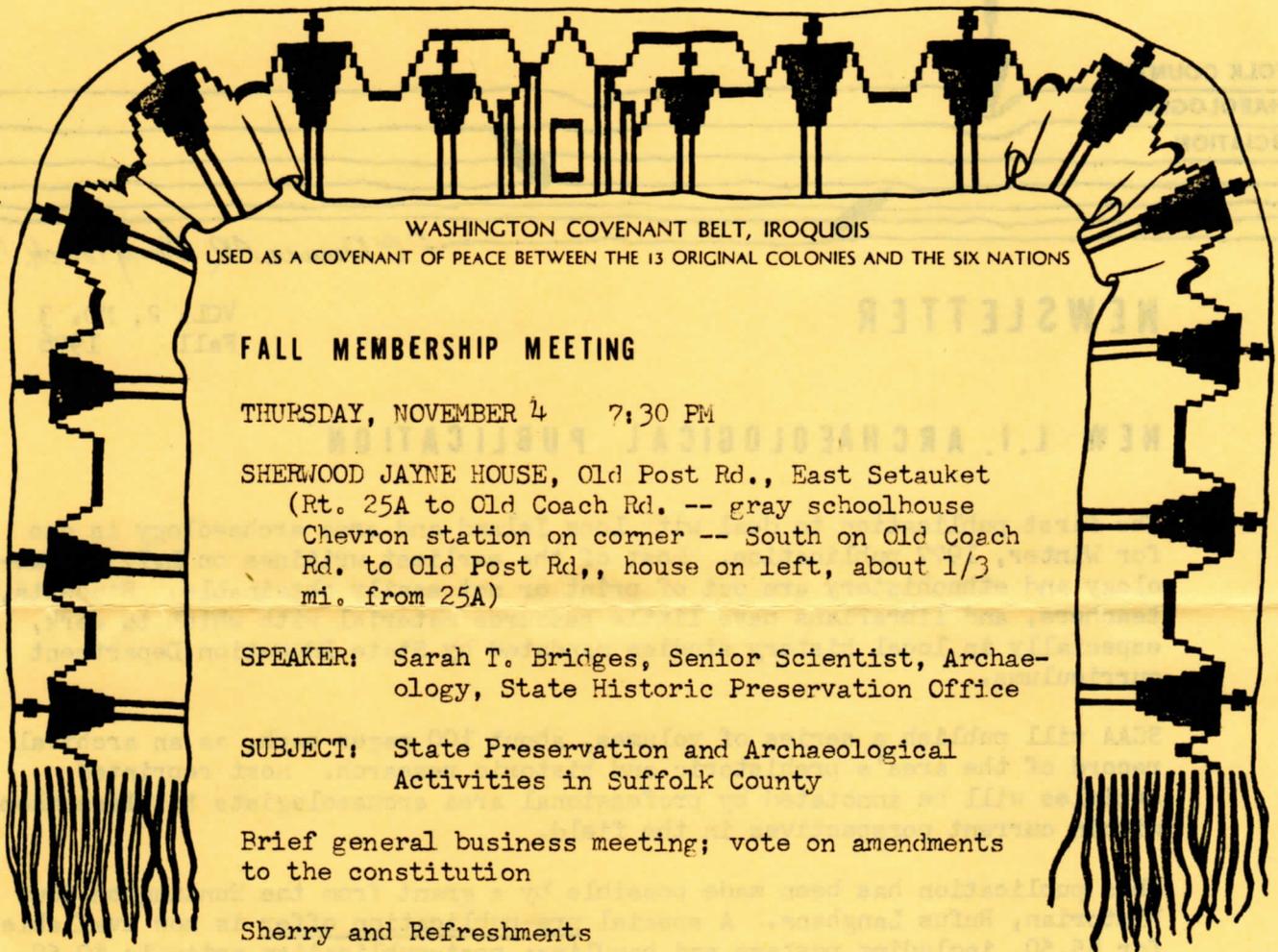
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### NEW S.U.S.B. JOURNAL

The Anthropology Dept., under the direction of Dr. Mike Gramly, is sponsoring the publication of a new journal, Anthropology, based on the format of the international journal, Ethnology. Issues of approximately 100 pages will be published twice a year, at \$5.00 or \$2.50 per issue. Dr. Gramly plans to publish the Preliminary Report of the Pipe Stave Hollow site (scene of the SUSB Summer Field School excavations) in the May, 1977 first issue. Several other articles will be by Anthropology graduate students, but the journal will be national in scope. On Dec. 3 an auction of ethnographic materials and artifacts will be auctioned at the Education Room of the Museums at Stony Brook to benefit the new publication. Contact Dr. Gramly at 246-6745 for further details.



WASHINGTON COVENANT BELT, IROQUOIS  
USED AS A COVENANT OF PEACE BETWEEN THE 13 ORIGINAL COLONIES AND THE SIX NATIONS

### FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 7:30 PM

SHERWOOD JAYNE HOUSE, Old Post Rd., East Setauket  
(Rt. 25A to Old Coach Rd. -- gray schoolhouse  
Chevron station on corner -- South on Old Coach  
Rd. to Old Post Rd., house on left, about 1/3  
mi. from 25A)

SPEAKER: Sarah T. Bridges, Senior Scientist, Archaeology, State Historic Preservation Office

SUBJECT: State Preservation and Archaeological  
Activities in Suffolk County

Brief general business meeting; vote on amendments  
to the constitution

Sherry and Refreshments

### NEW LOCAL BOOKS

Long Island Is My Nation, The Decorative Arts & Craftsmen, 1640-1830 -- the first scholarly examination of this area of L.I. history, it includes the Island's cultural history and material culture, the nature of the craft system, an appendix of the craftsmen of the period, a bibliography of research sources, and over 250 illustrations. By SPLIA Curator Dean Frederick Failey, available during the concomitant exhibition Oct. 23 - Jan. 2 at the Art Museum of the Museums at Stony Brook, or by mail from SPLIA, 93 North Country Rd., Setauket, L.I., N.Y. 11733 for \$22.00, softcover; \$32.00 hardbound.

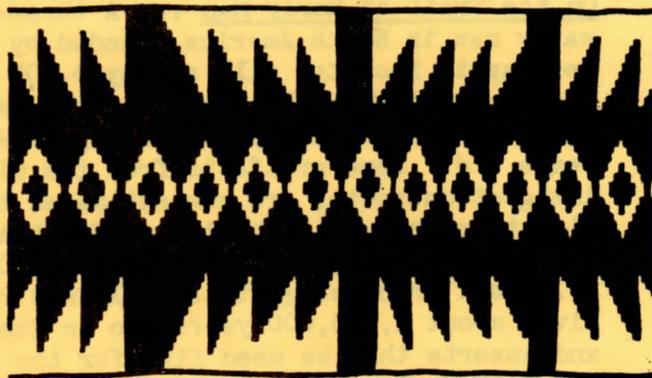
Colonial Long Island Folk Life, by Jack Braunlein of the Cooperstown Graduate Program and recently a museum intern at the Museums at Stony Brook, describes the patterns of settlement, the nature of life on the farm, and the rise of crafts and trades, based on records, diaries, and other materials of 18th century Suffolk residents. Available at the Museums Shop for \$2.50; \$3.18 by mail.

Dig It, Man -- a guidebook and resource manual for teachers wishing to incorporate anthropological and archaeological perspectives into their social studies curriculum. Hardbound. By Ben Werner, Jr., available from Edmond Publishing Co., Setauket, N.Y. 11733, for \$5.00.

Guidebook to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Friendship Azalea Garden, illustrated. Available from Mrs. Agnes Reilly, 20 Timber Point Rd., East Islip, N.Y. 11730 for \$1.00.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Northeast Indian Specialist at SUSB: Dr. Nancy Bonvillain has joined the Anthropology Dept. as a specialist in linguistics and Northeast Indian culture. She has participated in the Conference on Iroquois Research, the Study Group on North American Indians, and has published articles on the Mohawk language.



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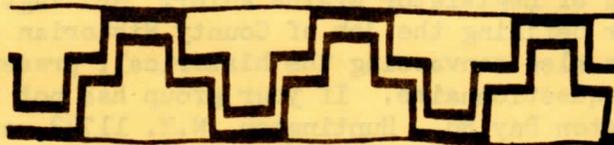
New Suffolk County Historian: Christopher Vagts of Huntington, author of pictorial histories, "Huntington at the Turn of the Century" and "Huntington in Our Time," has been appointed County Historian by the County Legislature at the urging of Legislator Elaine Adler. Mr. Vagts is engaged in composing a White Paper defining the job of County Historian and the tasks to be undertaken. He is also canvassing the historical, preservation, and other such groups via a questionnaire. If your group has not received one, contact him at 48 Huntington Bay Rd., Huntington, N.Y. 11743, as he wishes to be in contact with all groups concerned with the County's cultural resources, and invites their input.

Latest National Register Site: Miller Place has now been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Suffolk County now has 16 locations on the Register (SHPO figures as of 6/75), out of a state-wide total of 570. This compares with 86 for New York County, 38 for Albany, 30 for Dutchess, 14 for Kings, 5 for Queens, and 9 for Nassau. The 1975 State Historic Preservation Plan lists 4 Aboriginal sites and 5 Historic Indian sites out of a county total of 464 sites in the State Inventory. The balance consists of structures. This imbalance between relative attention and neglect of up-state and New York County vs. Long Island, and historic structures vs. pre-historic and historic archaeological sites underlines SCAA's concern in these areas.

"Environment and the Economy": A county-wide environmental conference sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Montauk, will be held from 10AM to 5 PM at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Montauk on Saturday, Oct. 23. Speakers will be Nobel biologist George Wald of Harvard U., Rep. Otis Pike, Assemblyman Perry Duryea, County Legislator Joyce Burland, State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Peter Berle. Call Richard Johnson at 668-5765 for information.

L.I. Archives Conference meets Saturday, Nov. 6 at St. John's University in Queens from 9:30 to 3:30 PM. Workshops will be "Arrangement and Description of Manuscripts and Archives" by Eldon Jones; "The L.I. Historians: An Evaluation of L.I. Historical Writing" by Prof. Richard Harmond; "The English Background of L.I. History: Some Problems and Possibilities in Local History" by Prof. Gaetano L. Vincitorio; "Recording Cultural Resources: Gravestones and Cemetery Records" by SCAA Board Member Gay Levine; and "Approaches to Local History" by Evert Volkersz of SUSB Special Collections. Contact Volkersz at the SUSB Library for further details.

On the Trail of Early Man ... A three-year scientific search for evidence of early man in North America, funded by the National Park Service and National Geographic Society, will survey 4,800 square miles near the now-submerged Bering Strait land bridge. It will be directed by two U. of Alaska archaeologists in the vicinity of the Dry Creek site, estimated to be about 11,000 years old. Some artifacts from the Old Crow site in the Yukon, also on the immigration route, are now estimated to be between 20,000 - 30,000 years old. Migrations between Siberia and North America could have occurred during the various ice ages, at 12,000 years, 40,000 years, 70,000 years ago, or earlier. ... Greek archaeologist A. Poulianos reports that Europe's earliest man lived about 1,000,000 years ago in the Macedonia area of northern Greece, and asserts that he used fire for the first time, which then spread to East and Western Europe ... Scientists of the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Carnegie Museum this Summer found mammal, bird, and other animal fossils on Canada's Ellesmere Island which indicates that a land bridge once connected North America and Northern Europe. They feel their findings also support the 'plate' theory of continental drift, in which the world's continents were once fitted together, then separated by the oceans as they gradually moved apart.



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## RESOURCES

1976 Bicentennial Environmental Directory is now available for 50¢, in coin or stamps, for handling, from the Marine Environmental Council of Long Island, P.O. Box 55, Seaford, N.Y. 11783. Compiled and edited by the Council, the Directory lists L.I. environmental groups and government-related organizations.

What Can A Private Citizen Do ... When a wetland area is about to be filled and thus permanently destroyed? When productive farmland is being turned into a second home development? When plans are made to build a power plant in an ecologically fragile area? When a beautiful lake is threatened by the sewage from a lakeside condominium complex? A citizens' action handbook, Land Use Controls in New York State, gives you answers. Available from the Natural Resources Defense Council, 15 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y. 10036 for \$7.45 softcover; \$15.45 hardcover.

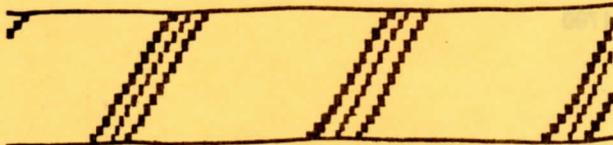
The American Association for State and Local History has a multitude of tape cassettes, technical leaflets, books, and other publications for those interested in historical societies, preservation, restoration, interpretation, conservation, exhibits, historical and genealogical research, crafts, etc. Membership in the AASLH, available at \$15, brings reduced rates for the annual conference and the publications. Recent publications are: Directory of Historical Societies and Agencies in the U.S. and Canada (\$20; \$15 for members), and Modern Manuscripts: A Practical Guide for Their Management, Care, and Use (\$16; \$12 for members), available from the Association at 1400 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

The Best in "Underground" Reading and excellent gifts for archaeology buffs are subscriptions to Archaeology, published bi-monthly by the Archaeological Institute of America, \$15/yr. from 260 W. Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10013, and Expedition, published quarterly by The University Museum, \$10/yr. from 33rd & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. 19174. Subscriptions and membership in the groups also brings other benefits -- publications, tours, etc.

★★★★ TO EASTHAMPTON TOWN SUPERVISOR EUGENE HAAS for his support for his area's archaeology. He personally supervised the re-routing of a proposed road so that an historic house site could be incorporated into the Town's Greenbelt and thus preserved. Through a small grant from the Town, Ed Johannemann has surveyed, sampled, and recorded 23 Easthampton archaeological sites for the Bicentennial Heritage effort. SCAA member Merrill King and other local knowledgeable citizens are compiling a list of known sites for the Planning Board. The site of the first Easthampton schoolhouse, in the Northwest Grassy Hollow area, has been located.

Through the cooperation of the owners, a salvage excavation of the historic Terry house foundation by Ed and local volunteers was completed before the site was destroyed by a road. An aboriginal site and an earlier Colonial occupation underlay the surface site. The crawl space of the Second House in Montauk was tested, and yielded abundant Colonial ceramic artifacts. An aboriginal, probably Archaic, site was sampled in Montauk Park; analysis of food refuse remains from Indian Fields continues.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY is the first meeting, on Oct. 18, of an Archaeological Committee to provide input to the Town government. East Hampton's example should be followed by all Towns in Suffolk!



IROQUOIS

The SUSB Summer Field School excavated the Pipe Stave Hollow site in June and July, two weekends in October, and plans to return in Summer, 1977. Dr. Mike Granly and his crew found a 5-acre sheet midden site of the narrow-point tradition (late Archaic), the Southern portion of a slightly later group, overlain by an Early Woodland level similar to Carlyle Smith's Clearview Focus of the Windsor Aspect. A C<sub>14</sub> date of 2552 (+ 207) BC has been obtained. Analysis of artifacts is proceeding, and Dr. Granly is inviting the property owners of the area being excavated to an exhibition of the artifacts and coffee at the Archaeology Lab in the near future.

Educational/Study/Work Expeditions for the adventurous are available through Educational Expeditions, 68 Leonard St., Belmont, Mass. 02178. Research projects, many archaeological, throughout the world are available throughout the year. 'Earthwatch' Fellowships are available (no deadline), as well as 'Earthwatch' Scholarships (Feb. deadline). African studies programs are offered by the American Institute for Foreign Study, 102 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, Conn. 06830 (educationally oriented); Division of International Programs, Syracuse U., 335 Comstock Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 (educationally oriented); Students Abroad, Inc., 1 Sherman Sq., New York, N.Y. 10023 (travel); Kimbala Safaris and the Educational Cooperative, 176 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. 60603 (camping with or without academic credit); Crossroads Africa, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011 (student work camps); Experiment in International Living, Brattleboro, Vt. 05301 (work and family stay, Swahili study, etc.).

→ DUES ARE DUE! Rising costs prohibit future mailings of this Newsletter to those who are not institutionally connected. If you feel Suffolk should take a more active role in preserving its cultural resources and that we need a county natural history and science center, lend your support by sending in your dues! See form on the last page for details.

FALL 1976 SCAA BOARD MEETINGS will be held at the Gwynne residence, 35 Main St., Stony Brook between 11 AM and 2 PM on the 4th WEDNESDAY of each month -- Oct. 27, Nov. 4 (special), Nov. 24, Dec. 22, Jan. 19. Meetings are open to members and visitors -- all are welcome.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Norman Scheff of Schaller & Weber of Larkfield Rd., East Northport, who contributed refreshments to the Reception held for Workshop Leaders after the SCAA Spring Conference.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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SCAA has a new membership category -- Institutional -- at \$10 per year. Invite your favorite institution to join!

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DUES ARE DUE! This Newsletter, a free publication on public archaeology with initial membership, meetings, and workshops come with membership in SCAA. Fees are: Life - \$100                      General - \$5  
Sustaining - \$15                                  Junior (to age 16) \$2  
Institutional - \$10

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