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BUDGET CUTS SERIOUSLY AFFECT STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL STAFFS

There has been a serious loss of archaeological staff in state agencies recently due to budget cuts and reorganization. Just recently, the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) has lost two archaeologists and there is the possibility that another senior person will be moved shortly, leaving no one to do the crucial work of reviewing permits for local community projects; the Water Resources Program is closing and will no longer work with local communities, interface with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) or review permits; the Department of Parks & Recreation has lost staff from its Historic Sites Office and the National Registry no longer has an archaeologist on staff.

Nan A. Rothschild, President of PANYC (Professional Archaeologists of New York City) wrote a series of letters to government officials addressing this problem, including Governor Cuomo and the heads of the DEC and OPRHP, and urges other concerned groups and individuals to do the same. As she states,

While we understand that these are difficult times economically within the state, we urge you to reconsider these changes and find some way to restore some of the personnel (which had already been cut to a bare minimum) working on archaeological problems. There is so little remaining of our historic and archaeological past. We must all make the strongest commitment to preserve it.

Letters should be mailed to:

Mr. Thomas Jorling, Commissioner
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12233-1010

Mr. Orin Lehman, Commissioner
New York Dept. of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg #1
Albany, NY 12238

NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Abbot Interaction Sphere: A Consideration of the Middle Woodland Period in Coastal New York and a Proposal for a Middle Woodland Exchange System, Annette Silver, 460 pages, \$32.50 Softbound. This includes a report on the Henry Lloyd Manor Site, Lloyd Harbor, Suffolk county. University Microfilms #91-24764, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contact Annette Silver, (516) 295-0250, 512 Green Place, Woodmere, NY 11598.

Fish-Shape Paumanok, Robert Cushman Murphy. This is a reproduction of Murphy's classic Long Island natural history, originally published in 1964, with the major addition of a Forward by Steven C. Englebright, Curator of Geology at SUNY at Stony Brook. In *Fish-Shape Paumanok* Dr. Murphy uses a scientist's mind to produce a precise account of the land and its inhabitants, but he uses a poet's heart to imbue that account with a joyful sense of the timeless beauty of earth and living things.

Canterbury Shaker Village: Archeology and Landscape, David R. Starbuck. This new publication is an attractive presentation of a seven-year archeological and landscape study conducted at one of only two still-functioning Shaker Villages. 8 1/2" x 11", soft cover, 163 pages, 67 Plates and 95 Figures. \$18.00 plus \$1.85 postage and handling. Order from: Donald W. Foster, New Hampshire Archeological Society, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833.

Clovis: Origins and Adaptations, Robson Bonnicksen and Karen Trumire, editors. Where did the Clovis complex originate? What were its antecedents? And how is Clovis related to other early projectile-point complexes? Twenty papers focus on Clovis origins and adaptations in North, Central, and South America. 350 pages, hard cover only, illustrations, index: \$38.00. Order from: Center for the Study of the First Americans, 495 College Avenue, Orono, ME 04473.

Recently published articles

Trends in Prehistoric Subsistence on the Southern New England Coast: The View from Narragansett Bay, David J. Bernstein. Published by *North American Archaeologist* - published quarterly, this is the only general journal dedicated solely to North America - with total coverage of archaeological activity in the United States, Canada, and Northern Mexico (excluding Mesoamerica). The *Journal* regularly and reliably publishes work based on activities in state, provincial and local archaeological societies. Institutional price: \$96.00, individual price: \$36.00. Order from: Baywood Publishing Company, Inc., 26 Austin Ave, P.O. Box 337, Amityville, NY 11701

FYI

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CONFERENCES

The Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology will hold its annual meeting in Newark, Delaware on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, 1991. The SHERATON INN, NEWARK will serve as the Conference hotel and paper sessions will be in the Sheraton's Ballroom. This year's Conference is being held consecutively with the annual **Winterthur Conference in Material Culture Studies**. For information contact Lu Ann De Cunzo, CNEHA 1991, Department of Anthropology, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716.

SCENES FROM HURTIN HOUSE SUMMER DIG



Dig Director Jo-Ann McLean (R) confers with team members Terry Rodriguez (L) and Iris Levin on their finds and record-keeping.



Historical architect Steve Marlens directs crew members Nancy Wang (L) and Linda Wangner (R) in measuring the structure for the architectural report.



Students 'dig' in Suffolk County records in Riverhead to discover previous occupants of the Hurtin house. L to R: Terry Rodriguez, Dr. Gaynell Stone, Renzo Simeone, John Pesek.

Photographs courtesy Debbie Johnston



"The Crew" celebrating the end of part 1 of the Hurtin house excavation in Yaphank. Part 2 will take place for 3 full weekends (Sat. & Sun.) in October for both SCOPE In-Service and college credit. Contact Dina at SCOPE, 360-0800.

The SCAA will continue its archaeological investigation of the historic Hurtin House in Yaphank this Fall, in another Field School. Dates are October 5 & 6, October 19 & 20, and October 26 & 27. Three in-service credits are available. Anyone interested please call Gaynell Stone, (516) 929-8725.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Readings in Long Island Archaeology and Ethnohistory:

Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology	\$20.00
The Coastal Archaeology Reader	\$30.00
The History and Archaeology of the Montauk	\$35.00
Languages and Lore of the Long Island Indians	\$30.00
The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader	\$30.00
The Shinnecock Indians: A Culture History	\$35.00
The Historical Archaeology of Long Island: Part I - The Sites	\$35.00

Student Series: The Indians of Long Island:

Booklet #1: A Way of Life: Indians of Prehistoric Long Island	\$5.00
Study Pictures: Coastal Native Americans	\$7.00
Wall Chart: Native Technology (26 x 39, 3-color poster)	\$13.00
Native Long Island Map (26 x 39, 3-color poster)	\$13.00

SCAA NEWSLETTER Volumes 1 - 12 (Back Issues) \$5.00/vol

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.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR: CAROL TRAYNOR, C/O The Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, 93 No. Country Road, Setauket, NY 11733, (516)941-9444.

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