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**CELEBRATE N.Y.S. ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

**Sunday, October 6<sup>st</sup>**

**1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Hoyt Farm Park**

**New Hwy., Commack**

- \* Experience Archaeology
- \* Practice Native Technology
- \* Try Native Cooking
- \* Observe Native Tool-making
- \* Take an Ethnobotany Walk
- \* Enjoy the L.I. Native Life Museum N.Y.S.

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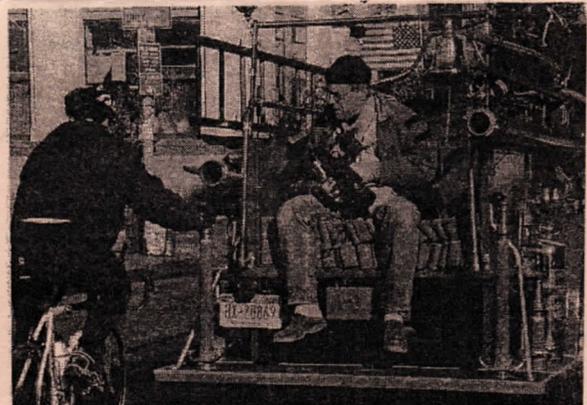
**OCTOBER IS STATE HUMANITIES MONTH! Check the media for N.Y. Council for the Humanities-sponsored programs in your area.**

**"Ride On, Brother" Premieres Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 PM on Ch. 21, WLIW**

Ofer Cohen, cinematographer and co-director of SCAA's documentary film, "The Sugar Connection: Holland, Barbados, Shelter Island" spent 33 days last fall filming 6 NY firefighters who survived 9/11. They pedaled their way across America, stopping at 100 firehouses in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, to raise funds for the 9/11 survivors.

This unique documentary will be shown on PBS stations throughout the country. The significance

of this "Thank You, America" Bike Tour was recognized by TV segments on Nightline, The Today Show, Oprah, ABC News, and CNN: For more information, contact Ziggy films at [www.ZiggyFilms.com](http://www.ZiggyFilms.com), [www.rideonbrother.com](http://www.rideonbrother.com), or at 4 Peconic Ct., Southampton, NY 11968.



*Ofer Cohen filming the cyclists from the back of a fire truck departing Ground Zero*

**"The Sugar Connection..." Continues Production and Previews in Suffolk County**

Dr. Gaynell Stone and Ofer Cohen, co-directors of the documentary on the Manors of Long Island, presented film previews and background at the June meeting of the Three Village Historical Society to the largest audience they had ever had for a program.

Another preview will be presented November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM for the Rocky Point Historical Society. Both of these sites were within the Manor of St. George, geographically the largest of the Manors on the Island.

**Long Island Archaeology Conference**

Garvies Point Museum & Preserve in Glen Cove hosts a symposium of local professionals on Saturday, September 21. Call 516-571-8010 for a reservation. Cost is \$25. for lunch and the program.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mashantucket Pequot History Conference, "18<sup>th</sup> Century Native Communities of Southern New England in the Colonial Context"** will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at their Museum & Research Center in Mashantucket, CT. Thirty papers will be given. Registration is \$45. (\$25. for students) due Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and the Friday night banquet is \$45. Information: 860-396-6814.

**Eastern States Archaeological Federation & N.J. Archaeological Society 2002 Meeting** will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndham Mt. Laurel Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Info: [www.siftings.com/esafmt.html](http://www.siftings.com/esafmt.html).

The **Long Island Archives Council's** annual conference will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Three Village Inn, Stony Brook, with the theme "Telling Our Story." October 6-13 is Archives Week. Information: 631-632-6656.

**Council on Northeast Historical Archaeology** meets October 17-20 in Wilmington, DE at the Wyndham Hotel. Information: [wcatts@johnmilnerassociates.com](mailto:wcatts@johnmilnerassociates.com).

For devotees of Frank Lloyd Wright: **Frank Lloyd Wright and the Modern Metropolis** will be held September 18-22 at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel in White Plains, NY. Field trips to many Wright buildings in the area. Registration \$500.1 Info: [www.savewright.org](http://www.savewright.org)

**Society for Historical Archaeology Conference** to be held in January in Providence, RI. Information: [www.sha.org](http://www.sha.org), 520-886-8006.

### **Important Archaeological Collection Perishes in 9/11 Collapse of Tower 1**

The Five Points Project, a major new view of that 19<sup>th</sup> century New York City area and the immigrants who lived there, was an extensive archaeological project supervised by Dr. Rebecca Yamin. The site artifacts were stored in the second basement of Tower 1 awaiting transfer to a permanent repository. Nothing remains of the collection except 18 artifacts that had been loaned to the Archdiocese of New York for an exhibit. They are now on display at New York Unearthed in New York City. A movie on the Five Points area and its immigrants, starring Liam Neeson, Daniel Day-Lewis and others is coming soon. Wonder of Martin Scorsese was savvy enough to use this new information in his film?

### **Sylvester Manor Archaeology Continues**

The 4<sup>th</sup> public "Show and Tell" Open House interpreting the 2002 findings, both archaeological and documentary, was held July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Manor. The area of the cobbled surface excavated in 2000, after Dr. Kenneth Kvamme's geophysical testing around the ca.1735 current Manor house, was further tested in 2001, which extended the previously found features.

The 2002 excavations sought to connect these building features with the cobbled surface. It is now believed to be part of the 17<sup>th</sup> century landscape and may have served as the centerpiece of a complex of buildings that included the original Manor house. This type of cobble-paved surface was typical for wealthy homes of the period. It has a 'diaper' (diamond shaped) design in raised cobbles, which was used in Johnson Hall in up-state New York, in Dutch court yards along the Hudson River, and in European houses of distinction. This year's excavations also revealed a Native American occupation that pre-dated the Sylvester arrival at the site.

### **County Legislator Martin Haley Receives S.C.A.A.'s "Golden Trowel" Award**

Martin Haley was instrumental in the purchase of the Chandler Estate for a county park, thus preserving significant cultural and environmental resources. He has also contributed to the production of the film on Long Island Manors, as his district was part of the Manor of St. George. He was also one of the founders of the Rocky Point Historical Society, and has been supportive of the County's historical and archaeological heritage ... qualities which the Golden Trowel gratefully acknowledges.



### **New York Archaeological Activities**

Colgate University continues to excavate sites each summer on Oneida land with the help of Oneida youth.....a visit by Sen. Hillary Clinton highlights the

underwater mapping project of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.....SUNY Buffalo has resumed archaeological investigation at Old Fort Niagara with volunteers and undergrad and graduate students.....

the SUNY New Paltz field school found the stockade fence of the Dutch settlement of Wiltwyck (Kingston) burned by Native Americans in 1661; they also excavated at the Matthewis Person House, a 17<sup>th</sup> c. double Dutch stone house, being restored as a county museum.....the Rogers Island Visitors Center displays artifacts excavated by David Starbuck's on-going field schools around Ft. Edward.....

Schenectady Community College professors and students are excavating the 1670 Mabee Farm, which will be developed as a historic site by the Schenectady Historical Society.....a 1757 Ft. Ticonderoga storehouse continues to be excavated to underpin reconstruction as an education center.....one of the more dramatic recent finds in downtown Albany was 18<sup>th</sup> c. wood vats believed to have been a rum distillery; local philanthropists are funding their conservation.....

Ft. Montgomery in Bear Mt. State Park has been redesigned for better interpretation; areas to be disturbed were excavated by State archaeologists and artifacts from the site are on exhibit.....the Ganondagan Seneca longhouse museum will soon be linked with a nearby 300 year old Seneca fort site through a grant from the National Recreational Trails Program; State archaeologists are testing to preclude disturbance of archaeological remains.....

the proposed path of the new Second Ave. subway in Manhattan is being assessed by Historical Perspectives, Inc. for archaeological resources prior to construction.....State archaeologists are excavating the site of a 19<sup>th</sup> c. Albany Almshouse; more than 200 bodies have been found, which will be re-interred after study.....

SUNY Plattsburgh anthropologists have been excavating the 1830-90 Clintonville Bloomery Forge site for 5 seasons.....Bard College and the Town of New Hyde Park are testing "New Guinea," a settlement of c. 60 freed and fugitive slaves hidden in the woods since 1799; it will be preserved and interpreted for the future.

*data from Lois Feister and David Starbuck*

## "Vinland Map" Studies Back in the News

SCAA member Dr. Garman Harbottle of Brookhaven National Laboratory and colleagues at the Smithsonian Institution and University of Arizona Accelerator Mass Spectrometer carbon 14 dated the \$20M map to AD 1434, supporting its purported age. Other scientists disagree over the age of the ink used, whether it is of Medieval or recent age.

## Resources

**A Lasting Impression: Coastal, Lithic, and Ceramic Research in New England Archaeology**, Jonathan Kerber, ed., dedicated to Barbara E. Luedtke. Bergin & Garvey, est. price \$28.95 including postage. Mail orders to Greenwood Pub. Group, 88 Post Rd. West, Westport, CT 06881.

**If These Pots Could Talk: Collecting 2,000 Years of British Household Pottery**, Ivor Noel Hume. U. Press of New England, \$75. Cloth, 800-421-1561.

**Primitive Technology: Practical Guidelines for Making Stone Tools, Pottery, Basketry, Etc., The Aboriginal Way**, 1987. \$5 for Catalog #5. Errett Callahan, 2 Fredonia Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24503.

**Treasures of the Longleaf Pines Naval Stores**, Carroll B. Butler, 111 19th-20th c. photos, 138 illustrations. \$43.20. Tel: 850-651-5473.

**Encyclopedia of Native American Bows, Arrows and Quivers**, Steve Allely and Jim Hamm, \$32.50. Bois d'Arc Press, P.O. Box 233, Azle, TX 76098.

**Precolumbian Architecture in Eastern North America**, Clarence R. Geier & Stephen Potter, eds. \$38.50.  
**Ancient Earthen Enclosures of the Eastern Woodlands**, Robert Mainfort, Jr. & Lynne Sullivan, eds. \$29.50 paper.  
**Interpretations of Native North American Life**, Michael S. Nassaney & Eric Johnson, in cooperation with SHA, \$38.50. All available from U. Press of Florida, plus shipping. 800-226-3822.

**A History of Dogs in the Early Americas**, Marion Schwartz. \$15.95 paper.

**The Shaping of America: A Geographical Perspective on 500 Years of History**. Vol. 1, *Atlantic America*, 1492-1800; Vol 2, *Continental America*, 1800-1867; Vol. 3, *Transcontinental America*, 1850-1915; and soon, Vol. 4, D.W. Meinig. \$20.80 paper plus shipping. Yale University Press, 800-987-7323.

**The First Americans: The Pleistocene Colonization of the New World**, Nina G. Jablonski, ed. U. of California Press, \$35. paper. 800-822-6657.

**Monte Verde: A Late Pleistocene Settlement in Chile.** Vol. 2: The Archaeological Context and Interpretation, Tom Dillehay. 1,080 pp., 184 pp. errata booklet, contributions by 8 scholars. \$155. Smithsonian Institution Press, 800-782-4612.

Recent articles in **North American Archaeologist** --  
 "Late Woodland Settlement and Subsistence in Southern New England Revisited: The Evidence from Coastal Rhode Island," J.N. Waller, Jr.;  
 "Perishable Industries from the Windover Bog: An Unexpected Window into the Florida Archaic," J.M. Adovasio, et.al. Baywood Publishing, 691-1270.

**Putting Women in Place: Feminist Geographers Make Sense of the World**, Mona Domosh & Joni Seager. \$17.05 plus shipping. Guilford Pubs., 800-365-7006.

**The Whole House Book: Ecological Building Design and Materials**, Pat Borer & Cindy Harris; **The Art of Natural Building: Design, Construction, Resources**, J.F. Kennedy, et.al. \$36-39.95 from New Society Publishers, 800-567-6772.

Recent Archaeology Journals --  
**Cambridge Archaeological Journals**, the leading journal for cognitive archaeology. \$40., also On-line. Free sample. 914-937-9600.  
**World Archaeology**, \$75. Free copy. Routledge, 215-625-8900.  
**Journal of European Archaeology**, \$72. Free copy.  
**Journal of Social Archaeology**, \$44. Free copy.  
 Both from Sage Publications, P.O. Box 5096, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359.

**The Times of Their Lives: Life, Love, and Death in Plymouth Colony**, James & Patricia S. Deetz. \$24.95 plus shipping. W.H. Freeman Co., 888-330-8477.



AnthroNotes 22:3 "THE C.D. EXPLORES STONE-TOOL MAKING AND ANIMAL BUTCHERY.."

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

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