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"ARCHAEOLOGY, PRESERVATION, PLANNING, AND PUBLIC POLICY" - May 20, 1978

The State-wide conference proposed by SCAA has been moved from the Sunwood Estate in Stony Brook to the Lecture Center on the SUNY, Stony Brook campus due to demand for admission. Registration, coffee, publications, and exhibits begin at 9:00 AM. Opening remarks by Mrs. Perry Duryea, Dr. John Toll, County Executive John Klein, and SCAA President Ben Werner, Jr. begin at 10:00 AM. Co-sponsors for the conference are the Anthropology Dept., SUNY-Stony Brook, the Suffolk County Historian, the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board, the Assn. of Suffolk County Historical Societies, the East End Arts & Humanities Council, the Long Island Archives Council, Hofstra University Law School, the Marine Environmental Council of L.I., the New York Archaeological Council, and the American Society for Conservation Archaeology.

The distinguished panel of national figures will address "The Partnership of Archaeology, Preservation, and Planning in Public Policy" at 10:45 AM. Afternoon Workshops at 2:00 PM will focus on "Funding for Preservation Programs," "How Federal and State Legislation Affects Planning," and "The Contributions of Archaeology and Preservation to the Community." A reception for participants at the University Museum at 4:30 PM will conclude the program.

Admission to the conference is free; you may register by sending your name and organizational affiliation, if any, to SCAA, or contacting Conference Coordinators Gaynell S. Levine (929-8725; 246-6745), Joel I. Klein (293-1900; 698-9727) and Ann D. Hartung (941-9177; 246-6745). The conference was supported, in part, by the New York Council for the Humanities and the Stony Brook Foundation. Friends of the Conference were the Assn. of Suffolk County Historical Societies and Bowe, Walsh & Assoc. The New York Archaeological Council will hold its Spring Meeting at the Student Union Building, SUNY-Stony Brook on Friday, May 19, preceding the conference.

SCAA ANNUAL SPRING MEETING will be held Friday, May 19 at 7:30 PM at the Sunwood Estate, Stony Brook. There will be a brief business meeting and presentation of the Third Annual Golden Trowel Award. Dr. Carlyle Smith will speak on the early days of Long Island and coastal archaeology and on his work at Easter Island with Thor Heyerdahl. Dr. Smith and Louis Brennan will autograph copies of The Coastal Archaeology Reader, just published, for which they contributed the Preface and Introduction. Stroll the lovely Sunwood grounds; join the reunion of early coastal archaeologists; meet the arriving panelists for the conference. Wine and cheese served; contribution \$3.50 for members, \$5.00 for non-members.

EASTERN LONG ISLAND CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY COMPLETED: Phase I of the Inventory, covering prehistoric sites noted in archival records, has been completed by researchers Ellice Gonzalez and Ann D. Hartung, supervised by Ed Rutsch of Historic Conservation & Interpretation, Inc. Around 300 sites have been noted on a sensitivity map, and a report written which will be published by the County Historian's office for distribution to governmental offices, and public and school libraries. The Inventory was funded by a grant from the N.Y.S. Council on the Arts, matched by funds from the S.C. Cultural Affairs Committee. NYSCA now has the application for a Phase II grant to continue informant and collection recording, to archivally research historical archaeology sites, and to survey selected areas not represented in archival records. Anyone wishing a copy of the Phase I Report may write the County Historian's Office, P.O. Box 341, Yaphank, N.Y. 11980.

1978 Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid have been announced by the Division for Historic Preservation, N.Y.S. Office of Parks and Recreation. Projects in Suffolk County which will receive Federal funds (to be matched by local funds) will be the William Sidney Mount House in Stony Brook (\$7,665 for emergency stabilization and historic structure report); Pantigo Windmill in East Hampton (\$10,000 for stabilization); from previous fiscal years, the First Presbyterian Church in Sag Harbor (\$9,000 for restoration of organ). This compares to the \$5,000 granted in 1977 to the Miller Place Academy foundation stabilization, now underway. This \$17,665 total, out of the \$1,064,694 allocated for matching grants, raises Suffolk County's share of preservation monies from the 1% of 1977 to 1.6% -- better, but still a miniscule share for one of the oldest-settled areas of New York State with many unprotected antiquities menaced by the highest development rate in the State.

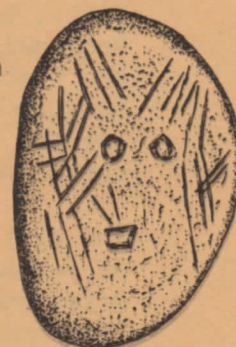


Fig. 7 (20-7627). Pebble showing Drawing of an Animal's Face.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL GRANT TO R.P.L.S. "LITTLE SCHOOL" RECORDING PROJECT
The Riverhead (Town) Preservation & Landmarks Society has received a \$1,500. grant of 'seed money' for honorariums to allow the oral history recording of surviving alumni of the Little-Fresh-Pond-School-in-the-Hollow and the archaeological excavation of its 1820-1917 site. The Little School building, one of only two remaining in the area, was rescued by Dr. Caryl Grantham, President of RPLS, and is being restored by a CETA VI carpenter with funds raised from local banks and businesses. Tom Ewell and Ronnie Diamondstein, teachers in the Pulaski Street School, Riverhead, will lead the photographic and oral history recording teams, which will record individual alumni and surviving pictorial materials, as well as their reunion on Dedication Day of the Little School, Sunday, May 21. This audio-visual recording will result in a multi-media show for use in the Little School Museum, in local history classes in the schools, and for community organizations.

Archaeological excavation of the original school site will be done by Boy Scouts, students from the Riverhead and Shoreham-Wading River schools, and community volunteers on Saturdays in April, May, and June. Ed Johannemann, Ann Daniel Hartung, and Elizabeth Burt, graduate students in the Anthropology Dept., SUNY-Stony Brook, will be in charge of the archaeological excavation, laboratory analysis, museum interpretation, and publication of the results of Long Island's first ethnoarchaeological research. Gay Levine secured the grant as a member of the RPLS Board.

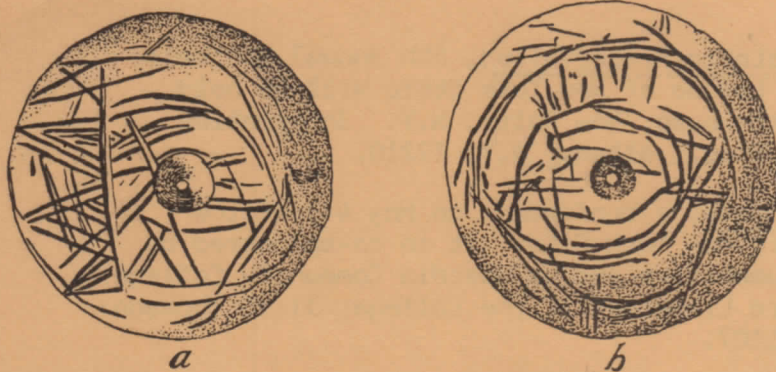


Fig. 8 ab (20-7660). Obverse and Reverse of a Clay Stone Pendant showing Designs possibly representing a Bird Head and an Eye, respectively.

SUNY-STONY BROOK SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL will be held June 26-August 4, 1978 around Mt. Sinai Harbor under the direction of Dr. Laraine Fletcher. Six graduate credits may be obtained through the Continuing Education Dept.; campus housing will be available. For further information, contact Dr. Fletcher at the Anthropology Dept. (246-6745) by June 1.

The National Register Nomination Project for Suffolk County Cultural Resources, a CETA VI Special Projects program, has been approved by the Suffolk County Department of Labor and is now in operation in the Anthropology Department, SUNY-Stony Brook. An archaeological researcher, an ethnohistorical researcher, and a secretary have been hired and are processing the data derived from the Cultural Resources Inventory project funded by the N.Y.S. Council on the Arts in 1977, now completed. Town Historians are being queried for prehistoric and historic sites they feel should be processed for the National Register nominations. A priority list of sites is being assembled, from which a minimum of 10 will be prepared for nomination. Register status provides some protection to sites, long-term, low-cost loans for purchase or preservation, and 50% matching Federal funds for restoration. Anyone wishing to propose sites for inclusion in the Priority list should contact Dr. Phil Weigand or Gay Levine at the Anthropology Department.

NEW STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BILL INTRODUCED: The bill -- A.10684 and S.8222 -- was drafted by the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, amended at public hearings throughout the State, and is supported enthusiastically by the Preservation League of New York State and SCAA. Sen. Bernard Smith of Northport, joined by 6 co-sponsors, introduced it in the Senate; Assemblymen Robach, Sullivan, and Koppell, joined by 38 colleagues, including Paul Harenberg, George Hochbrueckner, Mary Rose McGee, and Lewis Yevoli of Suffolk, introduced it in the Assembly. The bill establishes definitive historic preservation policy and procedures and authorizes tax incentives and credits to encourage preservation. Write your representatives and Gov. Carey asking for their support!

ANTIQUÉ FIREARMS AND GUNFLINT TECHNOLOGY: Dr. Carlyle Smith, the leading expert in the U.S. on this subject, will lecture on the topic in Huntington the week of May 22nd. This lecture will be sponsored by Huntington Town Historian Rufus Langhans in coordination with the Huntington Battalion of Minutemen. For information on date, time, and place, contact Town Historian Langhans at 421-1000.

MEETINGS

Contemporary Strategies for Historic Preservation, 5th Annual Statewide Conference of the Preservation League of New York State will be held May 12-14 at the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, N.Y. Information from the League at 13 Northern Blvd., Albany, N.Y. 12210.

Community History in New York State, a conference on May 4-5 at the McGraw-Hill Conference Center in New York City. It is co-sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities and La Guardia Community College. For information, contact Richard Lieberman at the College, 31-10 Thomson Ave., Long Island City, N.Y. 11107.

Cultural Resources in the Wilderness, a workshop to examine conflicting State policies on historic sites in wilderness areas, will meet May 25-26 at Topridge on Upper St. Regis Lake. For information, contact Nancy Dubner at the Office of the Lt. Gov., 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

"The Crowd's Gathering," Seminars on American Culture, sponsored by the N.Y.S. Historical Association, July 2-8 and July 9-15, 1978 in Cooperstown, N.Y. Craft workshops in Printing, Woodworking, Blacksmithing, Wall Stenciling and Quilting; Seminars in New York History, Pre-Industrial American Technology; History of Photography; Introduction to Historic Farming; Care and Management of Photographic Collections; the Sullivan-Clinton Expedition; the Painting as a Document of Social History; Base Metals in the American Home; Genealogical Research; Country Homes-Quilts, Coverlets, and Furniture of Rural America; the Photograph as a Document of Social History; Publication of Visual Resources; also, a new Workshop for Historical Society and Museum Workers. Contact NYSHA, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326 for information.

PURITAN GRAVESTONE ART II - an interdisciplinary conference of the Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife and the Association for Gravestone Studies will be held Friday, June 23 to Sunday, June 25. The Assn. for Gravestone Studies annual meeting and field sessions in photography, mold-making, and stone rubbing techniques will be held Friday, June 23. June 24 and 25 will be devoted to presentation of papers in the areas of stone-cutting and quarrying techniques; the work of individual carvers; religious and secular interpretation of symbols; regional style schools; and conservation. Gay Levine will present a paper on L.I. gravestones. For information, write the Seminar, Dublin School, Dublin, N.H. 03444

The Friends of the Vanderbilt Museum has formed to work toward a professionally-directed natural history museum in Centerport. For information, call Art Cooley at 289-2955; Steve Englebright at 751-1309; Sophie Morris at 798-4411; or Rufus Langhans at 421-1000. Send \$5 membership dues to Mr. Langhans, Town Historian, Town Hall, Huntington, N.Y., 11743. Meetings are held at Selden Campus, S.C.C.C.

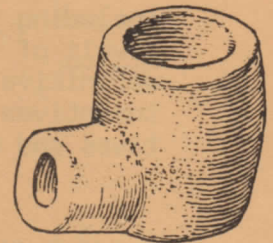


Fig. 27. Steatite Pipe. Tooker Collection.

EXHIBITS:

The Archaeology of a Forgotten 19th Century House Site, Garvies Point Museum, Barry Dr., Glen Cove; 10 AM - 5 PM, 7 days a week, through June 4.

Colonial Long Island Gravestones: Trade Network Indicators, 1670-1800, University Museum, SUNY-Stony Brook, Rm. 142A Social Sciences Bldg; 11 AM - 4 PM, Mon.-Thurs.; 12 PM - 4PM, Sun.; 7:30 - 9 PM Wed., through May 28.

RESOURCES

D.E.P. NEWS is the new publication of Brookhaven Town's Dept. of Environmental Protection, is available FREE, and contains much useful information on research and environmental laws, environmental calendar of events in the Town, and programs and services available to residents, teachers, etc. A welcome addition to environmental awareness for a large chunk of the County!

Environmental Impact Statements: A Guide to Preparation and Review, by Martin Baker, Joseph Kaming, and Richard Morrison. 334 pp., \$30 post-paid from Practising Law Institute, 810 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019.

Historic Courthouses of New York State, by Herbert A. Johnson and Ralph K. Andrist, with photographs by Milo V. Stewart. Columbia University Press, 1977, \$20.

Suffolk Wills -- Where Are They? by Diane F. Perry of the Suffolk County Historical Society Museum is the most inclusive information available for researchers to date. It is in Vol. III, No. 4 of the Register of the Genealogy Section, S.C. Historical Society and is available through membership in the Genealogy Section, or for \$1.50, including postage, for non-members.

The History of a House, How to Trace It, Linda Ellsworth. Technical Leaflet 89, 50¢ from the American Assn. for State & Local History, 1400 Eighth Ave.S, Nashville, Ten. 37203.

How to Date a House, David Hart. Parts I and II, \$2 each from Consulting Services, SPNEA, 141 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass. 02114

The Old-House Journal 1978 Catalog lists 525 sources for products and services for restoring and decorating old houses. \$6.95 (softcover) postpaid from the Journal, 199 Berkeley Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217, or \$3.95 to subscribers.

Ceramic Analysis: A Classification and Attribution List for the Northeast, by W.M. Hurley and N.E. Wagner, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Research Report #13, Toronto 181, Ontario, Canada.

A Selected Bibliography on Native American Astronomy, Beth Collier and Anthony Aveni. 1400 references on ancient North, Central, and South American astronomy cross-references into 18 categories and 125 sub-categories. Soft cover, \$3, from Bibliography, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. 13346.

Archaeology, Francis Celoria. Bantam Books, New York, 1974, \$1.95. Suitable for age 9 to adults, this is a concise account of a vast field. It begins with the early stone cultures in Europe, covers the early civilizations through Greece and Rome, and illustrates archaeological methods and practices through 450 illustrations.

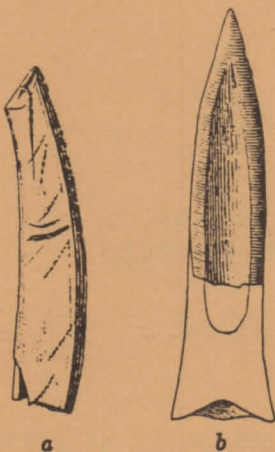


Fig. 29 ab (20-7530, 7553). Worked Beaver Tooth and Restoration of Bone Arrow Point.

SCAA ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held at the May 19 Annual Spring Meeting at Sunwood Estate. Nominating Committee Chairman Helen Reuter reports the following slate: President - Ann Hartung; Vice-President - Dan Kaplan; Recording Secretary - Rea Jurman; Corresponding Secretary - Ellice Gonzalez; Treasurer - Marilyn Shea. Nomination of consenting candidates for any of these offices will be entertained from the floor.

Illustrations from "An Ancient Village Site of the Shinnecock," by Mark R. Harrington, reprinted in Vol. I - Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology. Available for \$8.50 (incl. tax and postage) from SCAA, P.O. Drawer AR, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790.

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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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