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S.C.A.A. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION Wednesday, June 24

Hoyt Farm Park New Highway, Commack

6 PM - Native American Feast

(bring berries, corn dishes,
melons, meat or fish to grill;
all else provided by SCAA)



8 PM - L.I. Archaeological Sites Lost & Saved Drs. John Strong & Gaynell Stone

Proposed slate of officers:

President	Dr. Henry (Skip) Moeller
Vice-President	Alfred Cammisa
Rec. Secretary	Virginia Barath
Corresp. Sec.	Randi Vogt
Treasurer	Dr. Gaynell Stone



All members and their guests are welcome to bring a dish, enjoy a lovely setting and meal, participate in a brief annual meeting, and hear about the last 25 years of our archaeological heritage.

ENDANGERED CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVED?

The waterside **Chandler Estate** in Mt. Sinai is an extremely sensitive parcel of land both prehistorically and historically. It is surrounded by both known and by examined sites -- Tiger Lily (excavated by Stan Wisniewski); the Pipestave Hollow Popolizio and Hopkins Landing locii (excavated by Gramley and Gwynne, Stony Brook University, and printed in our Vol. V, **The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader**); the extensive Eagle's Nest, van der Kolk, Crystal Brook Park, and other sites (excavated by David Bernstein, Stony Brook University; and several Crystal Brook Hollow and west-side harbor sites excavated by the L.I. Archaeology Project, formerly of Stony Brook University.

Dr. Gwynne found incised bone artifacts thought to be calendrical and record-keeping devices--very rare artifacts--nearby, and her doctoral dissertation demonstrated year-round human use of the rich resources.

The use of the site by distinguished American writers, such as Arthur Miller and Norman Rosten, and the notable Chandler family makes the site historically unique. Dr. Linda Barber's doctoral dissertation of Old Mans (Mt. Sinai) supports the historical importance of this area.

Because of its environmental and cultural rarity, the site was listed for acquisition under the N.Y.S. Environmental Quality Bond Act, but Brookhaven Town would not provide its half of the approximately \$1M cost to preserve it. It was purchased by a developer who has recently demolished the artists' cottages and many trees without permits to do so. The earth moving may have impacted the archaeological resources also. He has now been ordered to stop.

Local residents brought their concerns to local politicians, agencies, and SCAA, who have contacted Brookhaven Town officials on behalf of the site. Through the efforts of Sen. Ken LaValle and Assemblyman Steve Englebright, it is anticipated that Brookhaven Town will now provide its match to State EQBA funding to protect the site as a State preserve.

The proposed **Parish Pond Development** in Southampton is a similarly endangered prehistoric and historic archaeological site, surrounded on the north by the Sebonac site, the Orient burial cult site and other locii in the Shinnecock Hills to the west, and the Reservation to the south. It is hoped the Southampton Town Planning Department will require all necessary procedures to safeguard this site before and during development.

RESOURCES

The **New Scout Archaeology Merit Badge** guidelines have arrived. The archaeological background and experience needed for the badge are available through the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Summer Enrichment Program running in two two-week sessions during July.

SCAA offers an Archaeology Field School for these students July 16, 20-23, 27-30. Additional experiences can also be provided. For information, call Dr. Robert Bedford's office at 244-4269 or 244-4091, or Dr. Gaynell Stone at 929-8725.

Round Rocks: Teaching Earth Science as a Process of Discovery is an inquiry-based teaching resource for grades 5-12 Life Science and Earth and Space Science based on National Science Education Standards. The video and accompanying guide are available from the Paleontological Research Institution, 1259 Trumansburg Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1398 for \$44.95, including shipping. Also available is **The Devonian Paleontology of New York**, David Linsley, for \$15, including shipping; deduct \$2 shipping if both are ordered. Further materials using video, CD ROM, the Internet and other technologies will soon be available.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Viking Artifacts in Connecticut?

Danish scientists are testing a metal bracelet adorned with the hammer of Thor, the Viking god of thunder and war. It was dredged up with other artifacts from Smith Cove in 1927. There will likely be further archaeological exploration if the artifact turns out to be genuine.

State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni states that no European manufactured goods have been found on excavated late Woodland period sites, but it is possible that Viking items could be traded down here. L'anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, inhabited about AD 1000, is the only Viking settlement discovered so far in North America.

Register of Professional Archaeologists (ROPA)

The register is intended to strengthen professional standards and ethical conduct in archaeology, and is being developed by all professional organizations in the field--the Society of Professional Archaeologists, Society for Historical Archaeology, Society for American Archaeology and the Archaeological Institute of America. N.Y. State has abandoned its list of qualified archaeologists partly due to problems with performance by some of those listed, and there is no Federal list of approved professionals. SOPA has been the closest to a national register of those

who meet certain training and experience standards; its members will be absorbed into the new ROPA.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



NEW New York State Archaeologist

Dr. Robert Kuhn of the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation is the newly-appointed State Archaeologist, a position which had been unfilled since the retirement of the previous State Archaeologist, Dr. Robert Funk, in 1993.

Let us hope that Dr. Kuhn will display his concern for the state's archaeological heritage more evenly than his predecessors, who never or seldom came to the Island. State Archeologist Dr. William Ritchie did his fieldwork for an overview of coastal New York archaeology on Martha's Vineyard! **Long Island's unremitting development and government unconcern has destroyed more archaeological sites here than all the rest of the state together.**

News from Former SCAA Presidents

Dr. John Strong has retired this Summer from his Chair of Social Studies at Southampton College, LI University, and will leave in August for a year's Fulbright Fellowship teaching North American Native Studies at a Hungarian University. Upon his return he plans to continue activism on behalf of Long Island archaeology and Native life.

Howard Hahn, who relocated to Las Vegas, NV several years ago is now the President of the Archaeo-Nevada Society, the oldest archaeological organization in the state, and continues his good work there.

CONFERENCES / MEETINGS / EXHIBITS

The **Conference on New York State History** will be held **June 4-6** at Buffalo State College, Buffalo. The keynote speech will be "Ditches, Defense, and dispossession: The Iroquois and the Rise of the Empire State," by Lawrence M. Hauptman. For information, call Stefan Bielinski at 518-474-6917 until June 2.

The **Long Island Society of the Archaeological Institute of America** will hold its 30th anniversary party **June 7th**, 1 - 4 PM at the George Washington Manor. For information contact Seymour Bandes, 242 Lapwing Ct., Manhasset, NY 11030.

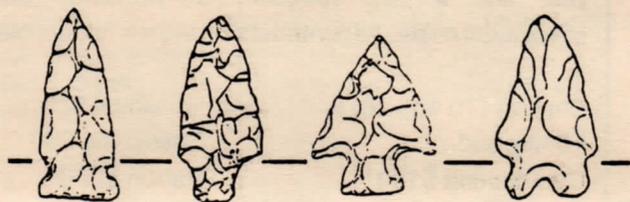
Friends of New Netherland annual Alice P. Kenney Award program will be held in historic Kingston **June 20th**. There will be music by a Dutch group, tours of the historic buildings, and refreshments. For info, contact the Friends at the N.Y.S. Library.

Explorers and Settlers in Bayside for 12,000 Years, a slide lecture by N.Y. Institute of Anthropology President Edward J. Platt, will be given **July 4th** at the Officers Club Building, Bayside Historical Society, Fort Totten. The historical society is also providing space there for a lab to process the 30 years of coastal and up-state New York archaeological collections amassed by the NYIA.

Barren and Waste Land: Long Islanders and the Pine Barrens is the current exhibit at the S.C. Historical Society, 300 W. Main St., Riverhead, open Tues.-Sat. 12:30-4:30. The archaeological portion of the exhibit was contributed by Dr. David Bernstein of the Institute for L.I. Archeology at SUNY-StonyBrook.

Southold Indian Museum Summer Exhibit: The Art of Healing is the topic for this Summer's special exhibit. Contributions to support mounting the exhibit are requested, from Friend at \$10. to Patron at \$500. Donations can be sent to SIM, P.O. Box 268, Southold, NY 11971.

New York Landmarks: Present and Future Direction, exhibit at the New-York Historical Society, now through August 23. For info, call 212-873-3400.



PUBLICATIONS

Long Island Maps and Their Makers: Five Centuries of Cartographic History by David Yehling Allen is a comprehensive history of Long Island maps from the earliest explorer's charts to the most recent developments in digital cartography. This much-needed volume, which fills a large gap in Long Island's story, is available from Amereon House, P.O. Box 1200, Mattituck, NY 11951-9500 (or call 516-298-5100) for \$23.95 plus \$3.95 shipping for 1st copy, \$1.10 for additional copies; N.Y. State residents add county and state tax.

Copies may also be obtained and autographed by Dr. Allen at the Reference Department, Melville Library,

SUNY-Stony Brook. Also available is a preview on the World Wide Web at <http://www.sunysb.edu/libmap/contents.htm>. Dr. Allen's extensive map bibliography is also available gratis as a computer file; call him at 632-1159 for a copy.

Gardener of Eden: the Wit and Wisdom of Hal B. Fullerton, compiled and edited by Anne Nauman, joins the previous delightful volumes on the L.I. pioneering agronomical life of Hal and Edith Loring Fullerton, **My Long Island** and **The Junior Partner**. All are lavishly illustrated by Hal's vintage photographs, and are a treat for students of L.I. history, early photography, and gardeners. Available from Scrub Oak Press, PO Box 34691, Las Vegas, NV 89133 at \$24.00 each plus \$2.50 shipping 1st book, \$1.00 each additional copy, or from the S.C. Historical Society Weathervane Shop.

We Are Still Here! The Algonquian Peoples of Long Island Today, 2d ed., by John Strong, 140 pp.; \$14. from the Long Island Studies Institute (463-6411) or the S.C. Historical Society (727-2881).

Archaeological Bibliography for Eastern North America, Vol. III in a series of bibliographies published by Eastern States Archaeological Federation (the first two are out of print). Includes over 8,000 references on prehistoric archaeology published from 1963-77, compiled by Roger Moeller and John Reid. Available from ESAF, P.O. Box 386, Bethlehem, CT 06751-0386 for \$5.00 plus \$3.00 shipping; 6% sales tax for CT residents.

Inventory Reducation Sale: Prices on Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology and Occasional Publications in Northeastern Anthropology have been greatly reduced. For journals available and prices, contact Roger Moeller at the Archaeological Services address above.

NEW: The International Journal of Historical Archaeology has a world-wide agenda, contributors, and types of articles. Subscription: \$35; for a free sample copy, contact Advertising Manager, Plenum Publishing Corp, 233 Spring St., New York, NY 10013-1578.

FIELD SCHOOLS

L.I. Field Schools for Students

Nassau BOCES Gifted & Talented Program is sponsoring an archaeological field school with SCAA at its Blydenburgh County Park site. It will be held June 29 through July 3, 8AM - 3PM. For information, contact Carolyn Yohannes at 826-4114.

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

Eastern Suffolk BOCES Enrichment Program offers an archaeological field school, in coordination with SCAA, at Blydenburgh 8AM-12PM July 16, 20-23, 27-30. Contact Dr. Robert Bedford at 244-4269 or 244-4091.

Archaeological Excavation of Brooklyn's Hendrick Lott House Underway

Dr. Arthur Bankoff of Brooklyn College and Chris Ricciardi are leading an excavation, beginning in May, of one of the last remaining Dutch-American farmhouses of the region. Members of the Metropolitan Chapter, N.Y.S. Archaeological Assn. are assisting this study. For information, call Chris Ricciardi at 718-258-1527.

Field School in Architectural History - **Building Archaeology: Research, Analysis, and Documentation of Historic Structures**, sponsored by the U. of Connecticut and the Gov. Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc.: Researching an Historic Property, July 6-17; Methods of Historic Structure Documentation, July 20-31; Practicum in Historic Structure Documentation, Aug. 3-14. College credit and housing available; **May application deadline. Contact Myron O. Stachiw, Director, 860-928-9190, Fax 860-963-0056.**



FURTHER 'Invisible' ARCHAEOLOGY ON LONG ISLAND

The Institute for Long Island Archaeology reports the following recent archaeological work:

Mt. Sinai Harbor, Brookhaven Town - the van der Kolk site. Two seasons of excavation at this multi-component prehistoric site, including a Late Woodland shell midden and a Late Archaic through Woodland occupation, focus on lithic technology, raw material procurement, and intra-site spatial organization.

Middle Island, Brookhaven Town - the Swezey site (NYSM #10136) Phase II examination contained a light density of prehistoric materials, with main utilization of the site in the mid-eighteenth century when occupied by an early settler family.

Smithtown, Town of Smithtown - the Collaro site. No information given in the NYAC Newsletter report.

Southampton, Southampton Town - the MPM Farm site consisted of a prehistoric quartz chipping debris concentration and a large (2 m x 1 m deep) clay-lined pit feature. Water flotation was used on 300 liters of pit soil float, which recovered fish bones, shells (oyster most abundant), cord wrapped and brushed pottery, a steatite fragment, lithic tools and debitage, and carbonized plant remains, including hickory nut and blueberry. Wood charcoal C14 dates from the feature were 880 +/-70 yrs. BP and 780 +/-70 yrs. Before the Present.

Another eleven cultural resource management surveys were completed; no location or information given in the NYAC report.

Readings in LI Archaeology & Ethnohistory:
All volumes are \$35 + \$5 postage. except Vol. III which is \$75 + tax and shipping. Vol.s I & VI are out of print.

- I. Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology
- II. The Coastal Archaeology Reader
- III. The History & Archaeology of the Montauk, 2nd Edition
- IV. Languages & Lore of the Long Island Indians
- V. The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader
- VI. The Shinnecock Indians: A Culture History
- VII. The Historical Archaeology of Long Island: Part I: The Sites

Student Series:

Booklet: A Way of Life: Prehistoric Natives of LI	\$5.50
Study Pictures: Coastal Native Americans	\$7.50
Wall Chart: Native Technology (26X39" 3 colors)	\$13.00
Map: Native Long Island (26X39" 3 colors)	\$13.00

Exhibit Catalogs:

The Montauk: Native Americans of Eastern LI	\$3.50
Women's Work: Native & African Americans of LI	\$3.50

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in SCAA includes 3 Newsletters per year and a 10% reduction in workshop and publication costs. All contributions are tax deductible.

Student (To age 18) \$10	Individual \$20
Family \$30	Sustaining \$50
Contributing \$100	Patron \$200
Life \$400	

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Willing to Volunteer? ____

Occupation: _____

Send Check to: Suffolk County Archaeological Association, P.O. Drawer 1542 Stony Brook, NY 11790