

# North Fork Chapter 29

## Newsletter

### Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

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**North Fork Chapter 29**  
*Meets at 7 pm on the 3rd  
Friday of each month  
except December, July  
and August*  
**at the Heritage House,  
4 Sylvania Street  
Brookville, PA 15825**

**Meeting is in the  
Classroom - enter on the  
Right entrance on the  
building front**

**The Chapter Newsletter is  
published quarterly in  
March, June, September  
and December.**

Submissions should be  
directed to Ken Burkett at  
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#### Note from the President

When the small group met at the Burkett home in 2004 to discuss the idea of forming a chapter of the SPA, we only knew that it seemed like a good vision to be able to get together monthly and share our love of archaeology and collecting and looked forward to meeting others who shared this interest. Now 16 years later it is no small wonderment at the group we have become and sustained.

After standing in the sidelines for all these years, I guess it has now become my turn to begin a stint as president and am certainly thankful for the assistance of Cheryl as Secretary/Treasurer and Bernie Kostic filing the role of VP.

There is a lot going on this year that you as chapter members can certainly be involved with.

- ◆ We have a lot of work that needs to be done to finish the Scripture Rocks park for the scheduled opening on June 11th. The core committee met this month to confirm the type of trail markers, signage and parking lot details that along with a general clean-up in the spring. We need help of all levels so please consider spending a few days at the park.
- ◆ There are two small rockshelters at the park that I recorded many years ago that we would like to conduct an excavation in during the mid-late summer and then install one of the interpretative panels discussing the importance of this type of site and detailing the findings (if any).
- ◆ We were not able to schedule a speaker and the Heritage House in March for our annual dinner as in past years. Current thoughts are to have a picnic either during the excavation or petroglyphs tour for attending members.
- ◆ A petroglyph tour is being scheduled for July to the Rainbow Rocks and Parkers Landing Petroglyphs
- ◆ We are discussing the excavation of a Late Prehistoric Village with possible test excavations later this year and a possible ground penetrating radar survey to determine the site limits and intensity of occupation. While we believe that this site overlaps the time frame of the Fishbasket villages, it is currently unknown who they were or if there is any connections to this or other groups.

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**Don't forget your 2016 North Fork Chapter 29 Dues**  
Dues Support fees for non-chapter speakers and meeting room rental

## Chapter Meetings and Regional Events Schedule

Chapter Meeting - Friday, Feb. 19  
7:00 pm

Tom Glover

Paleo Climate in Pennsylvania during the Glacial Maximum

Saturday, March 5  
Military Collectables Show  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
9 am - 4 pm

Chapter Meeting - Friday, March 18  
7:00 pm

Ken Burkett

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**NO April Chapter Meeting**  
Attend the SPA State Meeting  
in Hermitage PA

Chapter Meeting - Friday, May 20  
7:00 pm

Bill Black

The Historic Forts in Franklin, PA

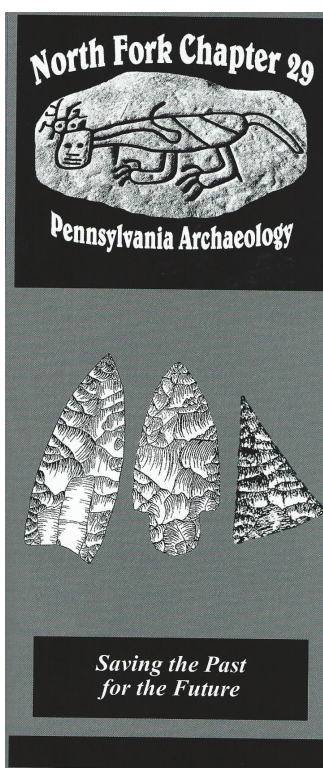
**NO Meeting  
June and July**

Saturday, June 11  
Scripture Rocks Heritage Park  
Dedication Ceremony  
Make Plans to Attend

Saturday, Sept. 5  
Antique Rifles and Indian  
Artifact Show  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
9 am - 4 pm

We are planning a small rockshelter excavation at Scripture Rocks Heritage Park during July and August. Contact Ken if you are interested in participating

- ♦ The Annual Antique Rifle and Indian Artifact Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd. I am asking for a committee of interested members to help plan and carry out arrangements for the World Atlatl competition and to help us increase the interest in the Chapter's displays and programs. We need flintknappers, exhibitors, and some thought about our raffle and interactive things that can help make the show more interesting and exciting for everyone.



If you have thoughts or ideas on programs, events, activities or anything that can help make the chapter better, please send me your thoughts.

*Ken Burkett*, Chapter President

**11TH ANNUAL  
ANTIQUE FIREARMS &  
INDIAN ARTIFACT SHOW**

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2016  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
Rt. 28  
1/4 MILE NORTH OF PA  
INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81**

**ANTIQUE FIREARMS THROUGH 1898**  
RAFFLE WILL BE HELD FOR A REPRODUCTION MUZZLELOADER

**PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC ARTIFACTS**  
ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION, FLINT KNAPPING, PRIMITIVE GAMES AND  
WAA SANCTIONED ATLATL COMPETITION

**ADMISSION: ADULTS - \$7.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE**

FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION: EMAIL: kbkurt@windstream.net  
TELE: (614) 649-0077 OR VISIT WWW.JPCAONLINE.ORG  
A JOINT VENTURE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY CENTER & NORTH FORK CHAPTER 29, SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY

The chapter recently updated and published a glossy copy of the North Fork Chapter 29 tri-fold informational brochure. If you need copies of these or some of the SPA membership brochures or state archaeological information leaflets for distribution at and event or program, please let Cheryl know.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania has volunteered to host the 2017 annual meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology in Harrisburg.. Our chapter has accepted the mission of hosting the SPA meeting for 2018. Many of you helped with the last meeting we hosted in 2012 and know that this takes a solid group effort to make it happen.

We are currently looking for a facility that can host the event with a large meeting room, banquet facilities and overnight accommodations for at least 150 people and are exploring opportunities in the Dubois area.

**Mark YOUR Calendar**  
Saturday, June 11th  
**Scripture Rocks Heritage Park Grand Opening**  
Recently named as one of the top 10 places to visit in Pennsylvania during 2016

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE SECOND ANNUAL

## Military Collectibles Show

The Jefferson County History Center will host our 2nd annual Military Collectibles Show on Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 9 am – 4 pm, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Brookville, PA.

This event includes both vendors and exhibitors from across Pennsylvania. They will be displaying a wide range of interesting military collectibles from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars to the present. Items for show, sale and trade will include weapons, uniforms, accouterments, photographs, artifacts, publications, and other items of historical interest to both the beginner and advanced military collector.

There will be a series of local speakers talking about their military experiences and food will be available all day at the event.

# MILITARY COLLECTIBLES SHOW

A SHOW OF HISTORIC MILITARIA FOR SHOW, SALE, AND TRADE



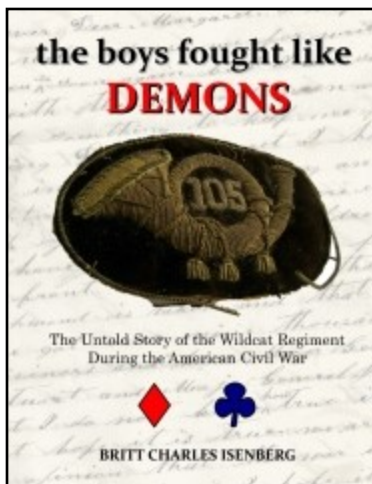
SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH 2016  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
PA INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81, 1/4 MILE NORTH OF THE EXIT

FEATURING MILITARIA FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT  
INCLUDING WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II

ADMISSION: ADULTS- \$5.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12- FREE

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## The Boys Fought Like Demons

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WILDCAT REGIMENT  
DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Authored by Britt Charles Isenberg

During the American Civil War, more than two hundred regiments were supplied by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Federal service in the suppression of the "Great Rebellion." Of all those Pennsylvania units that served through the long conflict from 1861-1865, only one suffered a greater loss of life during their term of service than the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Hailing from the lumber region of Western Pennsylvania, the regiment would carry the sobriquet of "Wildcats" into action on nearly every battlefield in the eastern theater

of the war. Their patriotism, leadership, courage and perseverance were tested to the utmost in a horrible gauntlet that included four years' worth of deadly battles. Many of these men never survived to tell about their experiences at places like Fair Oaks, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, or Petersburg. This is their remarkable story.

**About the author:** Britt Charles Isenberg is a 2008 graduate of Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He currently resides in Gettysburg, PA with his wife Snezana. Britt is a Licensed Battlefield Guide/Historian at Gettysburg National Military Park and has been studying the American Civil War since he was just a young boy. His research centers around the role of Pennsylvania troops during the war.

**The boys Fought Like Demons is now available at the Jefferson County History Center Gift shop. Britt will be our special guest to personally sign books at the Military Show on Saturday, March 5th. (Reserve your book now)**

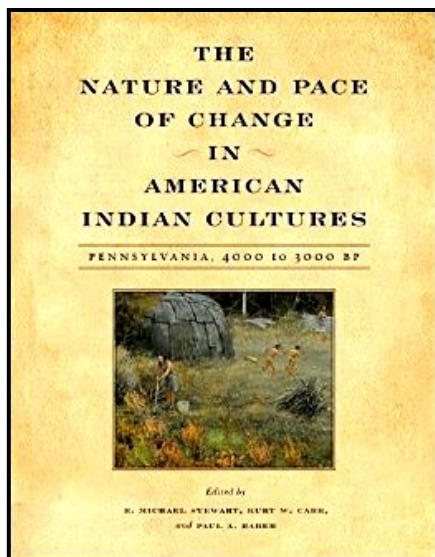




## New Publications in Archaeology

### The Nature and Pace of Change in American Indian Cultures: Pennsylvania, 4000 to 3000 BP (Recent Research in Pennsylvania Archaeology)

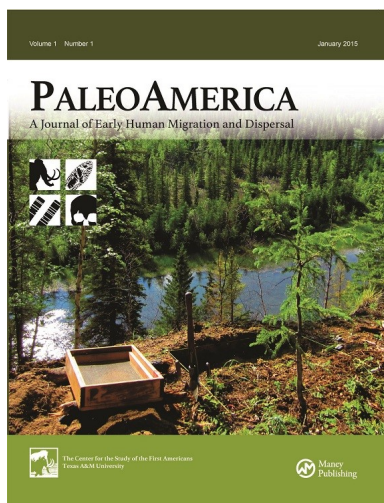
Paperback \$24.95 through Amazon.com



Three thousand to four thousand years ago, the Native Americans of the mid-Atlantic region experienced a groundswell of cultural innovation. This remarkable era, known as the Transitional period, saw the advent of broad-bladed bifaces, cache blades, ceramics, steatite bowls, and sustained trade, among other ingenious and novel objects and behaviors. In *The Nature and Pace of Change in American Indian Cultures*, eight expert contributors examine the Transitional period in Pennsylvania and posit potential explanations of the significant changes in social and cultural life at that time.

Building upon sixty years of accumulated data, corrected radiocarbon dating, and fresh research, scholars are reimagining the ancient environment in which native people lived. *The Nature and Pace of Change in American Indian Cultures* will give readers new insights into a singular moment in the prehistory of the mid-Atlantic region and the daily lives of the people who lived there.

The contributors are Joseph R. Blondino, Kurt W. Carr, Patricia E. Miller, Roger Moeller, Paul A. Raber, R. Michael Stewart, Frank J. Vento, Robert D. Wall, and Heather A. Wholey.



Check out the new Center for the Study of the First Americans' new scientific journal *PaleoAmerica*. This is a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal that focuses on the Pleistocene human colonization of the New World—the only scientific journal of its kind. The journal's scope is interdisciplinary, covering archaeology, genetics, paleo-anthropology, linguistics, and paleo environmental sciences; and it is international, covering North and South America, the Caribbean, and areas of the Old World from which the first Americans came.

The Center's other primary publication *The Mammoth Trumpet* also provides interesting articles about the First Americans. Explore the origin, life ways, artifacts, and other aspects of the earliest inhabitants of the Americas. This publication is designed for both the general public and scholarly community. The *Mammoth Trumpet* is published 4 times a year.

To order both of these publications as well as review archived issues and interesting information on the Paleo-occupations of north American can be found at the Center for the Study of the First Americans website at <http://www.centerfirstamericans.com/MT-archives.php>



## Mark Your Calendars for the 2016 SPA Field Trip



Plans are being completed for the 2016 SPA field trip, which will take place June 2-5 and will focus on the archaeology of Virginia's presidential homes. We will be visiting some wonderful places associated with Presidents Washington, Jefferson and Madison and learning a lot about the archaeology associated with these homes and founding fathers in the process. Like the 2015 trip to the Ohio mounds there will be behind the scenes tours and evening speakers to enhance what we learn about presidential archaeology as well as opportunities to relax with other SPA members as we travel in Virginia.

This year's trip will start in Bedford, Pa where we will gather for an introduction and orientation meeting at the Fairfield Inn and Suites on Thursday evening June 2. We expect that we will be able to leave our cars at this hotel for the weekend, but do plan on carpooling to Bedford. Early on Friday June 3, we will head south to begin our tour at Washington's Mount Vernon and then Ferry Farm (George Washington's boyhood home). Friday night we will stay in Fredericksburg at the Clarion Inn. Then on Saturday we plan to visit both Jefferson's Monticello and Madison's Montpelier and stay near Charlottesville at a Best Western. On Sunday we may break up the long trip home with a stop or two, but we plan to be back in Bedford before 5 PM.

One change this year is that we have negotiated group rates at the three hotels, but participants must make their own reservations BEFORE MAY 1 to get these rates. Your application and full fee for the other costs will be due to the SPA by that date as well. We hope this approach will work better for all of us. We also hope to go by motor coach rather than rental vans if enough of you are able to participate.

We still are working to get the lowest prices possible and to provide this trip at cost for SPA members and one guest non-member. Otherwise there will be a higher price again for non-members. More details, fees, and application forms will be sent to your chapter presidents by February 1 or can be obtained from either John Nass ([nass@calu.edu](mailto:nass@calu.edu)) or Sarah Neusius ([sawn@iup.edu](mailto:sawn@iup.edu)) via email at that time. There will be also be a sign-up table at the Annual Meeting in April. This will be another not to be missed trip, so don't miss it!

Please mark your calendars NOW and plan on coming with us in early June.





**The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology**  
**87th Annual Meeting**  
**April 15 – 17, 2016**

*Digging Down into Pennsylvania's Past: Pre-Clovis through Postmodern*  
**Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter 22**

**Accommodations:** Park Inn by Radisson, 3377 New Castle Road, West Middlesex, PA 16159. The hotel is located off I-80 Exit 4B and PA Route 760. Reservations should be made by calling 724-528-2501. Please identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Room rate is \$109.00/night plus taxes. Discount reservations should be made by March 25, 2016.

**Program Chairs:**

Amanda Valko & Brian Fritz  
 116 E. Englewood Avenue  
 New Castle, PA 16105  
 Phone: 724-654-2744 (H) E-mail: amanda@quemahoning.com

**Saturday Banquet:** The guest banquet speaker will be Dr. Aksel Casson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Slippery Rock University who will be presenting *Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Syria: Thinking Globally and Locally*.

**Auction:** Items for the auction should be brought to the book room for display. We are requesting that each chapter consider providing an auction item(s) to help support the Erb Permanent Fund.

**Book/Exhibit Room:** Please direct table reservations and inquiries to Pam Billman at [pbillman7@comcast.net](mailto:pbillman7@comcast.net).

**Primitive Games:** Saturday afternoon on the hotel grounds.

**SPA Board of Directors Meeting:** Friday afternoon, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

**SPA 2016 Registration Form: Please Return by April 13, 2016 or visit the SPA Website and pay by PayPal**

Names (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Student Registration: \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ *Registration at the door will be \$35.00.*

Saturday Evening Annual Awards Dinner Buffet with Roast Sirloin of Beef Au Jus, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Penne Marinara, vegetable, potato, dessert and coffee or tea.

Buffet Dinner: \$32.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian dinner: \$32.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Ohio Valley Chapter 22**

**Mail to: Brian Fritz**

**116 E. Englewood Avenue  
 New Castle, PA 16105**



## 2016 Spring PAC Symposium Friday April 15 at the SPA Meeting

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council will continue its symposium series with a session on the archaeological study of prehistoric quarries, *Lithic Quarries in Pennsylvania: The Archaeology of Tool Stone Procurement*, organized by Kurt Carr and Paul Raber. The session, to be held on Friday afternoon, April 15, 2016, at the joint SPA/PAC spring meeting, will examine how the prehistoric inhabitants of Pennsylvania and surrounding states obtained and processed tool stone from quarries and outcrops. e based on the proceedings, please contact Kurt (kcarr@pa.gov) or Paul (praber@heberlingassociates.com).

### Foragers to Farmers: Tracing 3000 years of the development of agriculture in Pennsylvania

The Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show attracts between 500,000 and 600,000 visitors. The theme of the 2016 Farm Show exhibit by the Section of Archaeology at the State Museum of Pennsylvania focused on the development of agriculture from its beginnings with hunting and gathering peoples 3000 years ago to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Our exhibit will document how Indians began cultivating common weeds such as lambs quarters and maygrass 3000 years ago, adding maize to their gardens by A.D. 1000 and finally their dependency on corn, beans and squash by A.D. 1300. Europeans arrived with their own farming practices but added animal husbandry that eventually grew into the big business of today.



**Kurt Carr, Ken Burkett, Cheryl Burkett, Bill Black, Unknown Indian and Tom Glover staffed the PHMC Archaeological Exhibit on Saturday, Jan. 9**



The exhibit will included artifacts such as stone hoes, Indian pottery and iron tools documenting the prehistory and history of farming in Pennsylvania. The replica dugout canoe will be on hand for children (and adults) to imagine riding down the Susquehanna River. There will be activities for children such as grinding corn with stone tools. Staff archaeologists were present every day from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm to answer questions and offer insight to the exhibit.

**Among our visitors were Chapter members and sisters Judy Shirley and Carol Kalgren**

## Eastern States Archeological Federation

### Call for Papers

Individuals are invited to submit abstracts for papers, posters, and workshops on any topic related to archaeology in the Eastern United States to be presented at the 83rd Annual Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF) held Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the Sheraton Bucks County in Langhorne, PA Thematic sessions, prehistoric and historic archaeology, northeastern US Paleo-Indian, and lithic sourcing, are especially welcomed.



**83rd Annual Meeting  
SHERATON BUCKS  
COUNTY  
LANGHORNE, PA  
November 4 - 6, 2016**

**If enough chapter members want to go to EASAF, we will be taking a van and sharing the costs. Let us know if you would like to join the group.**

The North Fork Chapter 29 is a recognized 501(c)3 organization formed in 2006. The chapter is a member organization of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology which was organized in 1929 to: Promote the study of the prehistoric and historic archaeological resources of Pennsylvania and neighboring states; Encourage scientific research and discourage exploration which is unscientific or irresponsible in intent or practice; Promote the conservation of archaeological sites, artifacts, and information; Encourage the establishment and maintenance of sources of archaeological information such as museums, societies, and educational programs; Promote the dissemination of archaeological knowledge by means of publications and forums; Foster the exchange of information between the professional and the avocational archaeologists.

## Application for 2016 - North Fork Chapter 29 Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

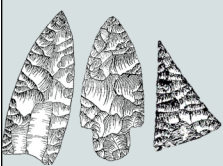
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You a member of the SPA ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ DUES: Individual: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Student: \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life: \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Fairmount City, PA 16224

**Chapter Membership**  
**Does NOT include membership in the State**  
**Society For Pennsylvania Archaeology**



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LET US KNOW  
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MAKE IT RIGHT