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"ARCHAEOLOGY, PRESERVATION, PLANNING, AND PUBLIC POLICY" CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR STONY BROOK MAY 20, 1978

SCAA has been invited by the N.Y.S. Council for the Humanities to propose a State-wide conference of regional significance on the issues joining archaeology, preservation, and planning in formulating public policy, with final approval in March. The <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 20th conference</u>, to be held at the Sunwood estate in Stony Brook, will be co-sponsored by SUNY-Stony Brook, the Suffolk County Historian, the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board, Hofstra University Law School, the East End Arts & Humanities Council, the N.Y. Archaeological Council, the American Society for Conservation, and other agencies. The <u>Proceedings</u> of the conference will be published as a sourcebook for future planning, and will be edited by Joel Klein.

Prominent state and local public officials will welcome participants, and leading experts from throughout the country, such as Dr. Hester Davis of the U. of Arkansas, Dr. T. Allan Comp of the Historic American Engineering Record, Dr. Carlyle Smith of the U. of Kansas and author of The Archaeology of Coastal New York, Prof. William Ginsberg of Hofstra U. Law School, Dr. Dena Dincauze of the U. of Massachusetts, Dr. Mario Salvadori of the American Society of Civil Engineering Task Force on Social Concerns, and Commissioners Berle and Lehman of the N.Y.S. Depts. of Environmental Conservation and Parks & Recreation.

Afternoon Workshops will be "Funding for Preservation Programs," convened by Dr. Mark Barnes of the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, with Discussants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the HUD Community Development Preservation Program, the Nature Conservancy, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the N.Y.S. Council on the Arts; "How Federal and State Legislation Affects Planning," convened by Dr. Bert Salwen of N.Y.U. and the National Park Service, with Discussants from the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board, the EPA Regional Office, the Marine Sanctuary program of NOAA, the N.Y. Anchaeological Council, and other agencies; and "The Contributions of Archaeology and Preservation to the Community," convened by Dr. John Cotter, formerly of the U. of Pennsylvania and the National Park Service, with Discussants from Cultural Resources Management Services, the State Historic Preservation Office, Garvies Point Museum, SPLIA, BOCES/SCOPE, Y.O.U., the County Historian, town historians, builders' and business associations, the press and media, S.C. C.E.Q., area university faculty, and area environmental, historical, and preservation group representatives.

Invited to participate also will be state and local political representatives, town and county environmental and planning personnel, educators, and interested concerned citizens; participation will be by registration on a first come, first served basis as space is limited. The program will include lunch and a concluding reception.

MEETINGS

New York State Archaeological Assn., 62nd Annual Meeting, <u>April 7-9</u>, YMCA Holiday Hills Conference Center, Pawling, N.Y. Symposia on the Early Archaic and Prehistoric Ceramics - Technology and Early Development, in addition to the General Session. Registration to: Joan Pace, Franklin Dr., Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507.

The Northeastern Anthropological Assn., 18th annual meeting: March 17-19, Laval U., Quebec City, Quebec, Canada F1K 7P4, in conjunction with the American Ethnological Assn., theme: "Ethnography by Archaeologists." Special hotel rates and info: Huguette Dagenais, Dept. d' anthropologie at the University. Membership: \$3 to Alice Manning, Dept. Soc/Anth, Rutgers U.-Newark, Newark, N.J. 07102

The Archaeology of Brooklyn and the Early History of Fulton Street, a talk by Dr. Ralph Solecki, Prof. of Anthropology, Columbia U. at the L.I. Historical Society, Sun., Feb. 19, 3:00 PM; \$1 for non-members.

The <u>Society for American Archaeology</u> holds its 43rd Annual Meeting, May 4-6, Marriott Hotel and Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, Arizona.

The Impact of the Impact Statement, a 5-session, Thursday evening (6:15-9:15 PM)course taught by George Proios, Brookhaven Town's Dept. of Environmental Protection Director; begins Feb. 23, fee \$23.

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The Importance of Small, Surface, and Disturbed Sites as Sources of Significant Archaeological Data, V. Talmage, O. Chesler, et.al., Cultural Resource Management Studies Series, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240

Detail of Map by Henry Moll of Augsberg, 1729 ("Journal of Long Island History," 1967)

"Archaeological Investigations at Pipestave Hollow, Mt. Sinai Harbor, Long Island," R.M. Gramly. The only published report on Mt. Sinai Harbor is still available from <u>Anthropology</u>, Drawer Y, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790, for \$3.50.

The Care of Historical Collections: A Conservation Handbook for the Nonspecialist, Per E. Guldbeck. American Assn. for State & Local History, 1400 Eighth Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn. 37203, 1972, \$5.80.

The Management of Archeological Resources, Charles McGimsey and Hester Davis, eds. The Airlie House Report, special pub. of Society for American Archaeology, 1703 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, \$3 prepaid.

Earth Magic, Francis Hitching. William Morris & Co., New York, 1977, \$10. Pop archaeology focusing on the pre-5,000 B.C. British megalithic period, threading its way between the conservatism of academics and the fringiness of von Daniken followers.

RESOURCES

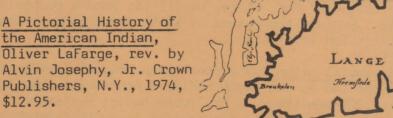
Prehistoric Resources of Eastern Central New England: A Preliminary Predictive Study, Dena Dincauze and Judith Meyer. Interagency Services Division, 1976. Pub. # PB-265019, \$4.50 from National Technical Information Services, Dept. of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161.

Historical Archaeology, A Guide to Substantive and Theoretical Contributions, Robert L. Schuyler, ed. Special Discount Offer to Archaeological Society members -- \$11.95 to Baywood Publishing Co., 120 Marine St., Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735; shipped by March 1, 1978. This is the first general source book in the field.

Handbook of North American Indians, a new 20-volume edition from the Smithsonian Institution, edited by William Sturtevant, is planned to be concise, exhaustive, accurate, and written for the educated general reader as well as the specialist. About 800 pp. each, the Southwest and Subarctic volumes are expected to appear in 1979, the Northeast (Vol. 15) in mid-1978, and California (Vol. 8) in April, 1978. It is \$13.50 (#047-000-00347-4) from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. GPO, 710 N. Capitol St., Washington, D.C. 20402.

Teaching and Training in American Archaeology: a survey of programs and philosophies, William P. McHugh, ed. University Museum Studies No. 10, University Museum and Art Galleries, Southern Illinois U., Carbondale, Ill., 1977, \$9. Of particular interest is Robert L. Schuyler's paper on "Historical Archaeology as an Integral Part of an Anthropological Curriculum," in which he sees historical archaeology as a bondbetween contemporary social anthropology and archaeology.

In Small Things Forgotten: The Archeology of Early American Life, James Deetz, Anchor Press, Doubleday, Garden City, 1977, \$2.50. Deetz inimitably synthesizes the evidence of architecture, early gravestones, probate records, decorative arts, archaeological artifacts -- our early material culture -- to develop a theory of Anglo-American culture development and history.





Detail of Map of "Niew Nederland" by Johannis Van Kevlin of Amsterdam, 1685 ("Journal of Long Island History," 1967)

Indian and Eskimo Artifacts of North America, Charles Miles; foreword by Frederick Dockstader.Bonanza Books, 1963. A pictorial guide to 2,000 examples of North American Indian material culture, with explanatory captions and close-ups for technical detail.

New World Archaeology: Theoretical and Cultural Transformations, E.B.W. Zubrow, M. Fritz, J. Fritz, eds. Readings from <u>Scientific American</u>, W. H. Freeman & Co., San Francisco, 1974, \$6.95. Guidelines for Establishing a Local Preservation Revolving Fund, Billie Harrington. Technical Series/No. 4, 75¢. Property Owner's Guide to the Maintenance and Repair of Stone Buildings, Cornelia B. Gilber. Technical Series/No. 5, \$1.25 Saving Large Estates: Conservation, Historic Preservation, Adaptive Re-Use, William C. Shopsin and Grania B. Marcus, ed. of SPLIA. \$8 All of the above from The Preservation League, 13 Northern Blvd., Albany, N.Y. 12210.

Preservation and the Tax Reform Act of 1976, an explanatory supplement to Preservation News, available FREE from OAHP, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240



Detail of Map published in London, circa 1720, an accurate copy of the Morden Map ("Journal of Long Island History," 1967)

America's Forgotten Architecture, Tony Wrenn and Elizabeth Mulloy. National Trust for Historic Preservation, Pantheon Books, New York, 1976 \$8.95. A lavishly B&W illustrated book which reminds us of the richness and variety of our cultural landscape, including gravestones and cemeteries. Contains an excellent bibliography and preservation information and funding sources.

Preservation and Conservation Principles and Practices, Proceedings of the North American International Regional Conference, Sharon Timmons, ed. The Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1976. A sourcebook of conservation information on all types of architectural materials; the role of archaeologist, architect, and other specialists in conservation; education, accreditation, standards, and organizations of the field; and special reports.

Contemporary Strategies for Historic Preservation, 5th Annual Conference of the Preservation League of N.Y. State, May 12-14, Mohonk Mountain House near New Paltz. Contact the League at 13 Northern Blvd., Albany, N.Y. 12210 for registration information.

The Old South Hadley Burial Ground, a conservation project coordinated by Jessie Lie and supported by the South Hadley Bicentennial Committee. A numbered edition of 200 published by the South Hadley Historical Society, this is a model of community cooperation to multi-dimensionally record a pivotal unit of the cultural landscape. It contains maps, graphs, history, photographs, conservation information, indexes, a bibliography, and is handsomely illustrated with rubbings of the stones' border designs. \$15 from the Society, S. Hadley, Mass.

The Masks of Orthodoxy, Folk Gravestone Carving in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, 1689-1805, Peter Benes, U. of Massachusetts Press, 1977, \$20. This new study uses demographic and historical data to interpret this form of material culture; it focuses on the curious caricatures of local carvers and hypothesizes various relationships between the carvers, their artwork, and the client parishes. Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid, as reviewed in the Jan. 1978 issue of the Preservation League of N.Y. State Newsletter again reflect for 1977 the State Historic Preservation Office's up-State bias. Out of a \$525,000 1977 grant, \$441,250 of the Federal funds were expended on sites, with 16% going for administration. Long Island received a total of \$47,500, or 11% of the preservation grants, excluding the 16% overhead. Suffolk County received \$5,000 for structural stabilization of the Miller Place Academy, or exactly .01% of the Federal funds allocated to the State. A pretty sad story for the oldest-inhabited area of the State outside of Manhattan. Two other 'needy' sites -- the Walt Whitman home in Huntington and the Mount house in Stony Brook -- received emergency funds for necessary repairs only because Huntington Assemblywoman Mary Rose McGee and Stony Brook Senator Ken LaValle included the funds in the State's Supplemental Budget. We wonder if up-State historic sites are forced into such a circuitous route for aid because the SHPO cannot or will not determine State preservation priorities on a proportional or 'fair share' basis.

Preservation Lending Library, a Publications-Mobile divided into five categories of publication types: newsletters, brochures, preservation surveys, plans and guidelines, walking tours, and preservation information sheets, is available FREE from the National Trust. About 25 examples are included in each publication type, and the borrower must pay return postage. For information, contact Division of Planning, Preservation Press, 740 Jackson Pl. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

MARCH OPENING: Colonial Long Island Gravestones as Trade Network Indicators University Museum, SUNY-Stony Brook

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Detail of Map by Nicollaum Visscher of Amsterdam 1662 ("Journal of Long Island History," 1967)

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The Suffolk County Historian, the new publication of the County Historian's office, which will aid better communication between county government and the historical and preservation groups.

County government support for the new <u>County Coordinator for the Suffolk</u> <u>County Historical Society</u>, Betty Carpenter. This appointment should also enhance communication of our cultural heritage to our citizens.

Dr. Lester Paldy, Dean of Continuing Education, SUNY-Stony Brook, for his department's emphasis on Long Island Studies. Courses which are being offered are "Long Island History and Environment" by Frank Turano; "The Decorative Arts of Long Island," by Dean Failey, Curator of SPLIA; "Long Island Museums Workshop," by Nancy Howard, Curator of Education, Museums at Stony Brook. Illustration sources as noted, as published in Long Island Sound: The American Mediterranean, Marilyn Weigold, 1974, Kennikat Press, Pt. Washington. Marghad Margha

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Detail of "A Map of the Most Inhabitated Part of New England" by Thomas Jeffreys of London, 1755 ("Journal of Long Island History," 1967)

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