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A Message from Suffolk County Archaeological Association's President
-James E. Truex-

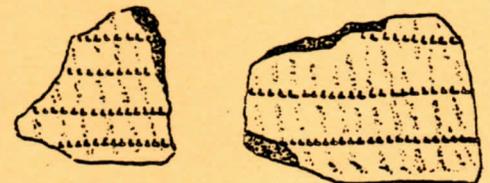
The Suffolk County Archaeological Association has survived for another year---which, in this world of uncertainty and rapid change is no small accomplishment. As usual, we are in debt, but not overwhelmingly. Through the months of 1982, Volume Five of our Readings in Long Island Archaeology and Ethnohistory has enjoyed a modest sale, along with the others in the series. In fact, some of the early volumes are now in short supply. The problem is, how to find the wherewithal to reprint. We hope that the volumes have been of use in the research activities of students, instructors and practitioners of archaeology on Long Island and elsewhere. Volume VI, The Shinnecock Indians with Gaynell Levine and Dr. Harvey Laudén as co-editors and contributors including Red Thundercloud, Dr. Oldfield Hayes and Dr. John Strong is under preparation.

We have continued our efforts to promote the conservation of cultural resource sites on Long Island, sending messages of approval and occasional disapproval - to Sentors, Congressman, Supervisors etc.. It may be wishful thinking, in reviewing the events of this past year one seems to detect an increasing concern at the local level for historic and prehistoric preservation.

The 1982 Golden Trowel Award went to Dr. Roger G. Gerry, whose appointment of an archaeologist to assist the Roslyn Landmarks Society is a landmark in itself. The Annual Long Island History Conference, at which the presentation was made, also saw the unveiling of our first effort at a comprehensive slide show on the Indians of Prehistoric Long Island, It was one small step in our plan for a full-blown program of public education. As with so much that we attempt, we are hampered by a lack of members able to spare time from their regular activities.

In the area of fund-raising our record over the past year has been unspectacular. The "No's" have been most sympathetic. In some instances we detect a glimmer of hope for the future. We shall persevere in '83.

I would urge our less active members most earnestly to consider as one of their New Year's resolutions more frequent attendance at our monthly meetings, which take place in the dining room of the Hoyt Farm in Commack. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)



Pottery sherds from the
North Beach Site, L.I.

PUBLICATIONS

Rethinking Indian Law. This resource book will present an important perspective on major aspects of contemporary Indian law. To order contact: National Lawyers Guild, 853 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10003. Price \$35.00 (hardbound) and \$20.00 (softcover) for institutions and \$15.00 for individual. The student rate \$10.00.

New Books for Sage Publications, Inc. P.O. Box 5024, Beverly Hills, California 90210:

Early Man in the New World. edited by Richard Shutler, 1983, 200 pgs. Tentative price \$14.95 (individual).

Archaeology of the Household: Building a Prehistory of Domestic Life. Edited by Richard R Wilk and William Rathje. Demonstrates how the archaeological study of the individual household can aid in the reconstruction of past societies. A special issue of American Behavioral Scientist, Vol. 25, No. 6. 1982 \$5.50 (individual).

Find out what's new in Anthropology! Abstracts of the 81st Annual Meeting. \$5.00 members/47.00 non-members. Contact: American Anthropological Association, 1703 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington D.C. 20009.

The 1983 Summer Field School Lists are currently available. Contact: A Guide to 86 Summer Field Schools, American Anthropological Association (address above) and send \$3.00 plus a self addressed stamped envelope with 37¢ return postage.

New from Academic Press, P.O. Box 733, Old Chelsea Station, New York, N.Y. 10113. :

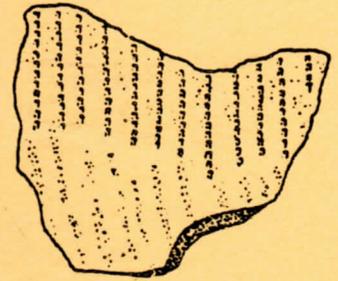
Models of Spatial Inequality: Settlement Patterns in Historical Archaeology. by Robert Paynter, 320 pgs. \$28.00. Paynter utilizes the Connecticut River Valley to illuminate his modes of social stratification and settlement patterns as emerging from the struggle between elites and non-elites over the disposition of social surplus.

Glass and Archaeology by Susan Frank, 169 pp. \$23.00. This book introduces a scientific approach to the study of glass within archaeology.

The Archaeology of Social Disintegration in Skunk Hollow: A Nineteenth Century Rural Black Community by Joan Geismar, Columbia University. Price to be announced., 288 pp. This monograph explores the history and social organization of a previously unstudied and minimally documented community of free blacks in New Jersey.

WORKSHOPS

Office of Cultural Development offers craft workshops which are held in the Educational Center at the Nassau County Center for the Fine Arts in Roslyn Harbor. Classes include pottery (ten sessions), Jewelry Design (eight sessions) and basketry (nine). Call 433-0854 for time, dates and fees.



Continuation of the President's Statement:

If we cannot tempt you with lively discussions, consider then the prospect of sitting before an open fireplace, with coffee and cakes supplied by our host and active participant, Bob Giffen, whose solicitude for our well being is positively Dickensian. If you have not been to Hoyt Farm before, we alert you to turn right at the gate, go to the southwest corner of the parking lot, and when your headlights pick up a sign saying "NO VEHICLES BEYOND THIS POINT", proceed fearlessly ahead.

*****NEWS FROM NASSAU COUNTY*****

The Sea Cliff Landmarks Society is currently working on a scrap-book of reminiscences which has been received from Village residents Contact for additional info.: C.Hurley, Sea Cliff Mus.,Sea Cliff 11579

The Friends of Nassau County Museum will be offering a ten-part lecture series on Long Island History beginning mid March 1983. The sessions will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Reception Center in the Old Bethpage Village Restoration. The fee is \$50.00. For additional information call 364-1050

The Roslyn Landmarks Society will be conducting their 23rd annual House Tour the 1st Saturday in June, For additional information on how tickets can be purchased write Roslyn Landmarks Society, William M Valentine House, 1 Paper Mill Rd., Roslyn, N.Y. 11576.

Locust Valley has recently organized its own historical society which meets at the library currently every third Thursday at 8:00 P.M. For additional information or a confirmation of time & place call Mrs. Mary Johnson , Locust Valley Library, Buckram Rd. 11560, 671-1837.

Nassau County Museum has issued a bibliography on the archaeology of Coastal New York. Write: Archaeology, Nassau County Division of Museum Services, 95 Middleneck Rd, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050

The Roslyn Landmarks Society will be establishing an exhibit pertaining to the Archaeology of the Van Nostrand-Starkins site for either May or June. This exhibit will run for a month at the Bryant Library, 1 Paper Mill Rd., Roslyn. Volunteers are welcome to help in the preparations. Call D.I. Ottusch-Kianka for information at 671-9832

*****The new edition of (1980) Research and Publications in New York State is available. Write to the above at State University of New York, State Education Department, New York State Museum, Albany N.Y. 12230 for purchase instructions.

Meetings, Programs and Lectures

February 20-23: Municipal Historians Association of New York at the 50th Annual Association of Towns Meeting, Hilton Hotel in New York City. Contact: Edmund Winslow, 3097 Cultural Education Center, Albany, N.Y., (518/474-5375).

February 23: "An Introduction to the Earliest New Yorkers" presented by Dr. Robert Funk, 12:10 - 12:55 p.m. New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Cultural Education Center, Albany, N.Y.

February 19: Guided Woodland Indian Survival Walk lead by E.K. Swigart, American Indian Archaeological Institute, Rt. 199 Washington, Conn. 06793. Register by calling 203/868-0518

March 6: Lecture "Ceramic Craft-An Artist's Critical View of its Art & Cultures by JB Cobb 1:30 P.M. in the Educational Center, Office of Cultural Development, Museum of the Fine Arts, Roslyn

March 8: Columbia University Seminar on Early American History & Culture. Donald Gersidi, Brooklyn College, on "Religion in Knickerbocker New York" Contact Michael J. Crisafulli, 99 Hillside Ave. #16A, New York City 10040

March 13: Lecture: "Self-Destructive Art Throughout the Centuries and the Technical Conservation Problems Involved and Some Solutions presented by Alexander W Katlin, OCD, Museum of Fine Arts, Roslyn.

March 25: Symposium on Interpreting the Tavern and Understanding Its Importance in the Study of Early American Life at the Frances Tavern Museum. Contact the Museum, 54 Pearl St., New York City 10004 212/452-1778

April 18-10: Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. Contact: Daniel Griffen, Bureau of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, Old State House, The Green, Dover, De. 19901

April 24: "Traditional Basketry of the Australian Aborigine by Douglass Fuchs. OCD, Museum of Fine Arts, Roslyn. Call 433-0854 for additional information.

April 27-30: Society for American Archaeology. Pittsburgh, Pa. at the Hilton Hotel. For additional information contact The Society for American Archaeology, 1703 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20009

Services

The William & Mary Archaeological Conservation Center is a non-profit organization offering complete conservation services on a contact basis. Contact the above at the Dept. of Anthro., College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va. 23185. 804/253-4017 or 4341

*****NEWS FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY*****

Anthropology, a biannual journal with editorial offices at the Dept. of Anthropology invites the submission of manuscripts of scholarly merit in any of the four subdisciplines of Anthropology. Two copies of each double-spaced, typewritten manuscript to be considered should be sent to Gretchen Gwynne, Anthropology, SUNY, Stony Brook 11794

The Town of Brookhaven Historical Advisory Committee, headed by Town Historian David Overton has published an excellent source of information on the landmarks and museums of that town. Copies may be obtained by contacting the Town Historian on Tues., Thurs., or Fri., at 732-3571 Ext. 227.

The Museums at Stony Brook's new exhibit is Foundations of Fashion- the changing shapes in women's fashions from the late 18th to the early 20th Centuries are explored.

The Suffolk County Tercentenary Conference celebration of the 300th anniversary has been tentatively set for November 4 & 5, 1983. The goal of the conference will be to involve the broadest segment of the Suffolk, Long Island community; to study all aspects of Suffolk life; and to look ahead to where we are going. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please call Kenneth Brady at 516/928-1610 or write to him at Box 663, Port Jefferson, N.Y. 11777.

Christopher Vagts has resigned as Suffolk County Historian after a seven year tenure to the post.

The Friends for Long Island Heritage has been authorized by the Suffolk County legislature to develop interpretive support programs and landmark preservation in Suffolk County. In Nassau County, 18 such units are now included in the program, ranging from cottages to barns, gatehouses and wings of buildings.

News from the Long Island Archaeological Project: The aboriginal Fischetti site collection is all cleaned and catalogued, having been completed by a group of undergraduate students as part of their laboratory training. Volunteers are still needed for additional artifact analyses and photographing as well as drafting assistance. Fieldwork at the Mount Site was terminated on Saturday, December 10th with the first snow of the season. Assistance is needed in artifact cleaning, cataloguing, identification and photographing. Call 246-8615 and ask for either Ed or Laurie, if you wish to volunteer.

The Long Island Studies Council presents the following Programs:
March 9: Records Management, presentation by Ted Demsky
April 13: Shipbuilding in Suffolk presented by William Minuse
May 11: Amityville: A Microcosm of Small Town America by Barabara Kelly
June 8: The Connecticut Connection by Sherrill Foster.
The Wednesday Meetings begin about 6 P.M. at the Little Mandarins Restaurant adjacent to Dining Car 1980 in Stony Brook/Setauket on Rt. 25 A just east of Nicoll Road. Program begins at 8:00 P.M.. Contact: LISC, c/o Dept. of Special Collections, SUNY Library, Stony Brook 11794 246/3615. Dues are \$10.00 send to P.O. Box 555, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794

The New York State Archaeological Association, Auringer Seelye Chapter will hold its annual meeting and conference on Fri., Sat., and Sun. April 15th, 16th & 17th, 1983 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glen Falls, N.Y.. Contact for information: Gordon DeAngelo, Program Chairman, Box 121, Oran, N.Y. 13125



Transitional period projectile points.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Publications available: for purchase are:

- Volume I - Early Papers in Archaeology - \$8.00 postpaid
- Volume II - The Coastal Archaeology Reader - \$15.00 postpaid
- Volume III - History and Archaeology of the Montauk Indians - \$17.00 postpaid
- Volume IV - Languages and Lore of the Long Island Indians - \$17.00 postpaid
- Volume V - The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader - \$20.00 postpaid
- Suffolk County Cultural Resources Inventory - \$2.50 postpaid

Bulk rates are: \$70.00 postpaid for all volumes and \$72.00 postpaid for all volumes and the Suffolk County Cultural Resources Survey.

These publications are also available at: The Weathervane Shop, Suffolk County Historical Museum, 300 Main St., Riverhead, N.Y., 11901 or at all branches of the Nassau County Museum Gift Shops.

SCAA Board Meetings are held at the Hoyt Farm, New Highway, Commack at 8:00 P.M.. Location of the Hoyt Farm: Just west of the Hauppauge County Center. At light, turn west off Vetern Memorial Highway onto New Highway - 1.5 miles on the left, at the light, through the parking lot to the Manor House. There are no meetings during the months of January or February.

The next newsletter publication is June 1983. Material for inclusion should be forwarded to Donna I Ottusch-Kianka, 9 Tanglewood Lane, Sea Cliff, N.Y. 11579. Deadline for the summer issue is May 30. Mailing date June 15.

-----MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-----

This newsletter, a free publication on local archaeology and reduced rates to workshops and all SCAA publications (20%) come with membership. Fees as of April 1982:

_____ Life	\$200.00	_____ Family	\$15.00
_____ Patron	\$100.00	_____ Individual	\$10.00
_____ Contributing	\$ 50.00	_____ Student	\$ 5.00
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