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Meeting Information

First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.,
February through June and September through
November. Holiday Dinner is in December at
an alternate location.

April 2017 – Ken Burkett, President, North
Fork Chapter 29, will present the program *Three
Rockshelters on the Redbank*.

May 2017 – To be announced

June 2017 – Tom Glover, North Fork Chapter
29, will present our program, title to be
announced.

*Meetings are held at Michael Baker
International, 100 Airside Drive, Moon
Township, PA in the first floor presentation
room. Parking is free. Building is locked so
please buzz the security guard to get in and
sign in at the reception desk.*

President's Letter

Pennsylvania Archaeology has undergone a slow transition since the mid-20th century. In the not too distant past, doing archaeology was synonymous with digging up the stone, bone, and ceramic remains of prehistoric cultures. Very few historic sites were archaeologically investigated. The earliest historic archaeology occurred during the 1930s under various Depression era work programs. The first substantial investigations using archaeological methods began in the 1940s and '50s with the excavation of Henry Thoreau's cabin, the colonial Jamestown settlement, historic Williamsburg, and America's first ironworks founded at Saugus, Massachusetts in 1644. Archaeology at these prominent sites spawned the pioneers of historic archaeology in America. Historic archaeology spread to western Pennsylvania in the 1960s and 70s with interest in colonial era settlements and French and Indian war fortifications.

Since passage of the National Historic Preservation Act in 1996, historic archaeology has played a larger role in mitigation archaeology. Historic preservation law requires that all sites 50 years or older are subject to archaeological survey and National Register eligibility evaluation. As such, the purview of historic archaeology creeps forward each passing year. This shift in the focus of Pennsylvania archaeology is well illustrated in this year's SPA annual meeting program. Half of the papers scheduled for presentation address topics in historic archaeology.

-- Brian L. Fritz

SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY

88th Annual Meeting
April 7-9, 2017

Hosted by the State Museum of Pennsylvania,
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

Friday Afternoon PAC symposium: Public outreach- Preserving the Past with New Technology

Pennsylvania's Public Archaeology: Now in 3D!!
Bernard K. Means, Virtual Curation Laboratory @
VCU

Making it Real: Connecting with our Tangible Past
Janet Johnson, The State Museum of Pennsylvania

*Digging I-95: The Use of New Technologies and
new Approaches in Public Outreach for the I-95
Project in Philadelphia* Catherine
Spohn(PennDOT) and Chester Cunanan (AECOM)

The Significance of Virtual Archaeology Marion
Smeltzer and Beverly Chiaurlli, Indiana University
of Pennsylvania

*Documenting Pennsylvania's Frontier Forts
through Landowner Stewardship: The Case of Fort
Dewart* Jonathan A. Burns, Juniata College Cultural
Resource Institute

*Pennsylvania Archaeological Shipwreck and Survey
Team – A New Professional/Avocational Maritime
Archaeology Organization* Ben Ford, Indiana
University of Pennsylvania

*The Architecture of Destruction: Archaeology,
Preservation, and Education at the DuPont Powder
Mill in Fayette County, Pennsylvania* Ashley
McCouston, Indiana University of
Pennsylvania/Fairfield Foundation

*The Public, The Past, and the Future of
Pennsylvania Archaeology* Joe Baker, PennDOT

***Patterning the Past: Current Contributions to
Pennsylvania Archaeology***

Saturday, April 8, 2017- Morning Session

Haley Hoffman, George Mason “*What I Did With
My Summer Vacation*”; *Intern Testing of the New
Pennsylvania Prehistoric Archaeological Predictive
Model*

Christopher Bergman, AECOM *On the Matter of
Small Sites*

Paul Raber, Heberling Associates *Small but not
Forgotten: Investigations at the Pogue Bridge Site;*
36Hu224

Lara Homsey-Messer, W. Chadwick Ph.D., M.
Bjorkman and M. Luster, Indiana University of
Pennsylvania *Preliminary Results of the 2016 Field
Season at the Squirrel Hill Site*

Edward A. Jolie, A. Merjenin, M. Owoc,
Mercyhurst University, Jay Toth, Seneca Nation
and Frank J. Vento, Clarion University *Guyasuta
and Custaloga Town in the 21st Century*

William J. Chadwick Ph.D., Indiana University of
PA *The Results of Geophysical Survey at the “Ten
Commandments”; a worker housing complex in
Blairsville, PA: An exercise in Applied
Archaeological Education*

Melanie Mayhew, The State Museum of
Pennsylvania *More than a Pretty Picture: A Digital
3D Survey of Fort Hunter (36Da159)*

Saturday, April 8, 2017- Afternoon Session

Poster Session 1:30-1:50

Charles E. Williams, Williams Ecological, LLC
*Thomas Hutchins and landscapes of Pennsylvania's
French Creek Valley in the 18th Century: I. The
“Cyprus Swamp”*

Mark A. McConaughy Ph.D *Bushy Run Battlefield:
A Pontiac's War Battlefield in Southwestern
Pennsylvania*

Dave Sorg *Susquehannock Language Studies*

Gary Coppock, Skelly and Loy, Inc. *Conflicting
Indicators of Social and Economic Status at the*

Long Site (46TU302): Intra-Family Tenancy in the Upper Mon Valley of Antebellum West Virginia

David Rue, Ph.D., Rue Environmental, LLC
Preliminary Report on Phase III Archaeological Data Recovery of Fullerton Farm Site (36Lr291), Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

Primitive Games – Hotel Grounds

Dinner Speaker: Dr. Robert D. Wall, Paleo to Susquehannock in the Upper Potomac Valley: The Barton Site

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Kurt Carr and Melanie Mayhew, The State Museum of Pennsylvania *Auctioning the Past; Attempts to Preserve the Archaeological Record of the Donald Leibhart Collection (36Yo9)*

Casey Bleuel, Mercyhurst University *Unpacking the Cluttered Past: Assessment and Curation of the Wright Collection at Mercyhurst University*

Joshua Kwoka, SUNY Buffalo & Edinboro University, William Engelbrecht, SUNY Buffalo *Excavations at the Griswold Site (36Er62) 1972-1974*

Zaakiyah Cua, Britney Elsbury-Orris, Katherine Thorwart, Indiana University of Pennsylvania *Distributional Analysis of a Sample of Faunal Remains from the Johnston Site (36IN2)*

Kenneth Burkett, Executive Director of Jefferson County Historical Society and Dr. Matthew Rhode, Ball State University *A New Look at the Pinnacle Rockshelter*

Kimberly M. Sebestyen, The State Museum of Pennsylvania *“Equal in Quality and Workmanship to the Best Made in Staffordshire”: Philadelphia Queensware Pottery in the Early Nineteenth Century*

John P. Nass, Jr., California University of Pennsylvania *When is a Bowl Something Else?*

Janet R. Johnson, The State Museum of PA *Effigies of the Susquehannock*

The meeting is being held at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. The Room Rate is \$93 single, \$103 double plus tax (free parking) guaranteed until March 7, 2017. Guests should call the hotel directly for reservations at 717-763-7117 and identify as SPA. A 48 hour cancellation notice required or there will be a “no-show” fee equal to one night’s room charge.

Incised Stone Tablet

by Brian L. Fritz

Editor’s Note: I inadvertently forgot to include this photograph with Brian’s article last month.



Photographs of the incised stone tablet found by Arden Schnatterly as recorded in the Somerset County Deed Book Volume 808 Page 650.

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