NEWSLETTER

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REPRESENTING BOTH SUFFOLK AND NASSAU COUNTIES

SUFFOLK - LONG ISLAND HISTORY CONFERENCE will be held on November 6, 1982 at the Suffolk County Community College. (Eastern Campus, Riverhead)

Workshops/lectures will include:

"The Irish in Suffolk" presented by Dr. Thomas Curran
"Suffolk's Military Tradition 1683-1883" presented by David Clemens & Robert Winowitch
"Camp Siegfried - A Nazi Beachhead on Long Island," by Dan Russell
"Long Island Indians - An Audio - Visual Approach presented by James Truex (Pres. SCAA) & Gay Levine (SCAA, V.-Pres.)
"How Community Volunteers Helped Develop an Historic Site" presented by Dr. Steven Kesselman, Frank Turano & B. Kelly
"Teaching with Historical Records" presented by Kathleen Roe
"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the New 4th Grade Local History Curriculum -- And More!" by Gloria Sesso.

and much more.

There will be a wine & buffet party courtesy of the L.I. Studies Council after the conference.

Volume VI is currently in preparation "The Shinnecock Indians" co-edited by Gay S Levine and Dr. Harvey Lauden, Professor at C.W. Post University, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology. Contributors include Red Thunder Cloud, Dr. Rose Oldfield Hayes, Dr. John Strong and others. This publication was made possible by grants from the Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs and the Phillips Foundation. It is expected to be in press by the end of the year and available early 1983.

SCAA also has been working on a small pamphlet "The Indians of Western Long Island and Lower New York". The principal author will be Robert Grumet. This publication will explore the different groups of Indians which occupied the above geographical areas from the point of contact through their individual histories. Will be available mid to late 1983.

Pottery Sherds from the Englebright Site
PUBLICATIONS

Where To Go On Long Island. Among its 200 listings you'll find - historic homes, museums, national, state and county parks. Send $7.00 to SCOPE, Dowling College, P.O. Box 254, Oakdale, N.Y. 11769.


Two new publications from the Archaeological Association, Dept. of Anthro., Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada. Approaches to Algonquian Archaeology. ed. Margaret Hanna & Brian Koogman. The articles consider aspects of prehistory from viewpoints of ethnography, history & geography. Directions in Archaeology: A Question of Goals, ed. by Peter Francis & Eric Poplin. These papers consider recent trends in the field of archaeology. Both books are $17.50 plus $1.00 shipping for ea.


Also new from Academic Press:
Modern Material Culture: The Archaeology of Us. Ed. by R.A. Gould & M.B. Schiffer. 368 pg. $34.00
Prehistoric Foraging in a Temperate Forest. A.S. Keene. pg. 304 $32.00
Advances in World Archaeology. Ed. F. Wendorf & A.E. Close. pg. 352 $37.50
Archaeology of Urban America: The Search for Pattern and Process, ed. R.S. Dickens 496 pg. $39.50

Guide to Departments of Anthropology 1982-83. $15.00 non-members/$10.00 members

MEETINGS

November 13: Long Island Archives Conference, Huntington. Program will focus on conservation. Contact Dept. of Special Collections, SUNY Library, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794, tel. # 246-3615


SERVICES

The N.Y.S. Conservation Consultancy at the Cooper-Hewitt Mus. provides professional advice on the care of collections of fine & decorative arts. The Consultancy also offers lectures, workshops and a series of bulletins. Contact: Coordinator, Cooper-Hewitt Mus. N.Y. State Conservation Consultancy, 2 East 91st St. N.Y., N.Y. 10028

New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission now offers a internship & volunteer program which provides students with an opportunity to gain experience in architectural & urban history, photography, archaeology & historic preservation.
Services Continued:

The program was designed for both credit granting internships for undergraduate and graduate. The general public is also welcome. Contact: Marjorie Thau, Internship Director, Landmarks Preservation Commission. 20 Vesey St., N.Y, N.Y. 10007

Mary Anne Mrozinski & Leslie Roth will provide historical societies, museums etc., with assistance in designing exhibits and displays, preparing catalogues & pamphlets, developing interpretive programs and publicizing special events. Call either 759-0527 or 671-5667 for information.

********************************************************* NEWS FROM NEW YORK CITY *********************************

The Landmarks Preservation Commission, funded by a $20,500 grant from the NYS Council of the Humanities has initiated a gravestone study program. The study is gathering its data from 35 cemeteries in the N.Y.C. area. For further information contact: N.Y.C. Landmarks Commission, 20 Vesey St., N.Y,N.Y., 10007. 212/566-7577

PANYC (Professional Archaeologists of New York City) has elected a new president, Dr. Bert Salwen of New York University. Joel Klein will serve as the Vice-President for 1982/83.

Dr. Lynn Ceci of Queens College has recently published an article "The Value of Wampum Among the New York Iroquois: A Case Study in Artifact Analysis" in the Journal of Anthropological Research, Vol. 38, No. 1.

Dr. Elizabeth Mathias of St. John's University will publish in the January issue of Natural History an article: Sardinian Born & Bread. This piece will focus on Sardinians that settled in the Port Washington area and the women's role in society as viewed through their bread making.

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

Sea Cliff Museum: New exhibit "Focus on Sea Cliff Houses". One of the rooms upstairs has been transformed into an early Sea Cliff kitchen, complete with coal stove and an assortment of artifacts. Also a new book is in preparation The Village of Sea Cliff - 100 years. Will include photos, sketches & documents relating to early Village life. The Landmark's Sea Cliff Centennial Calendar is now available. Send $ 5.00 (includes postage) to P.O. Box 69, Sea Cliff, N.Y. 11679.

Nassau County Museum: Old Bethpage Restoration, Bethpage. The newest restored building is a schoolhouse from the 1840's which was dedicated in June

The Black History Museum, Hempstead, has an exhibit "The Black Man & Whaling" until November 30.

Garvies Point Museum, Glen Cove still has an exhibit on Australian Aboriginal Bark Paintings which will be for sale until November. The next exhibit will be a display of Indian canoes.

Nassau County Office of Cultural Development will have an exhibit: "Folk Art: An Expression of the American Spirit". This exhibit will comprise paintings, sculpture, weather vanes, wind toys and other artifacts pertaining to the American cultural heritage until January 1983. at the William Cullen Bryant Preserve, Roslyn Harbor. OCD also offers a lecture series: Oct. 24 "The Art & Craft of Witchcraft, Magic and Sorcery as Found in Medieval Europe, Haiti, and the North American Indian Tribal Customs."
On November 7, OCD will host a lecture by Rose Krehs, Professor of Art, C.W. Post on "The Aesthetic and Cultural History of Ceramics". Craft programs are also offered by OCD in pottery, basketry and jewelry design. Call 484-9333 for information.

The Willets Road School, Roslyn, benefited from an educational archaeological field program directed by Jim Truex at the Livingston Pond Site in Lloyd Harbor during the month of July.

The Roslyn Landmark Society has issued its latest Annual House Tour Guide for 1982. $7.50 prepaid from the Society, William M Valentine House, 1 Paper Mill Rd., Roslyn, 11576. Copies of previous years are available at $5.00 per copy postpaid.

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

Long Island Archaeological Project Update: On Oct. 23, 1982, there will be a "Grand Opening" of the Blydenburgh Mill Complex in Blydenburgh Co. Park (Smithtown, New Mill Rd. entrance) from 11-4. For information, call 360-5516. October 25, 1982, Ed Johannemann and Laurie Schroeder will be guest speakers for the Huntington Historical Society, Huntington Library at 8:00 P.M. For information, call 427-7045. Volunteers are needed for the Centerport aboriginal site and Setauket historical site (sponsored by the Three Village Historical Society). For information, call 246-8615.

The Long Island Studies Council offers lectures/workshops. On Nov. 10, 1982, Sr. Joan Ryan of St. Joseph's College will present a slide program "Brooklyn Rediscovery". December 8, 1982, Gay Levine will present a program on "The Long Island/Metropolitan New York Gravestone Project. For information contact: 246-3615/ c/o Dept. of Special Collections, SUNY Library, Stony Brook, 11794

Mr. Chris Vagts is now the Director of Inservice Training for SCOPE. Contact him at P.O. Box 604, Smithtown, N.Y. 11707

Classes currently offered through SCOPE are; "Teacher's Guide to Local Field Trips", 1 credit, taught by Gay Levine. Also a course in American Indian Crafts & Culture for the Elementary Classroom is offered, which is taught by Denise McFadden and Janet Young.

Gay Levine was appointed Chairwoman of the Cultural Resources subcommittee for the Mashomack Preserve (Nature Conservancy).

National Register Update: Smith Estate, Brookhaven vicinity (12-10-81).

****Special Note: For this year and the next several, taxpayers who do not itemize their tax returns will still be able to claim a deduction for charitable contributions. For this year and the next, non-itemizing taxpayers can deduct 25 percent of the first $100 from their gross income, up to a maximum deduction of $25.00 each year. In 1984, the 25 percent limitation will apply to the first $300 of charitable contributions, with a maximum deduction of $75. The limit rises to 50 percent in 1985 with no maximum, and by 1986 it will increase to 100 percent, again with no maximum amount.
The Northport Historical Society & Museum has a new exhibit on the domestic arts. "You've Come a Long Way, Lady", will demonstrate the changes in housekeeping brought about in the 20th Century. Call 757 - 9859 for information and a list of fall programs.

The Association of Suffolk County Historical Societies will have their next quarterly meeting October 30, 1982. Contact: Frances Child, Secretary, ASCHS.

Long Island Archives Conference at the Town Hall, Huntington. For information, contact Agnes Packard, 18 Homestead Path, Huntington, 11743, 427-7045

The Helen Raynor Hannah Memorial Library was officially opened at the Suffolk County Historical Society in Riverhead. There are now spaces for 14 researchers to work.

Dr. Kent Lightfoot has recently been appointed to the SUNY - Stony Brook staff, Department of Anthropology. He is a Northeastern archaeologist with interests in both prehistoric and historic archaeology.

Last August the William Nicoll House was excavated in East Islip under the direction of Paul Shackel, a graduate student at SUNY - Buffalo. Supervisor Michael LoGrande hopes to exhibit the artifacts during Islip's tricentennial celebration next year.

The Museum for the American Indian has developed an exhibit on the Southern New England and Long Island Indians. Artifacts include not only archaeological specimens but also ethnographic materials which relate to subsistence, political and religious activities. This exhibit will be at the following libraries:

Hewlett-Woodmere Library: Oct 5 - 29, '82
Bayshore Public Library: Nov. 30 - Dec 31
Comack Public Library: Feb. 1 - 25
Harbor Field Pub. Library: April 5 - 29
Patchogue-Medford Library: Oct. 4 - 28
Freeport Memorial Library: Nov 2 - 26
Babylon Public Library: Jan. 4 - 28 '83
Comsecoque Library: March: 1 - April 1
Parrish Museum: May 3 - June 24
Shelter Rock: Nov. 1 - Nov 25

The American Indian Archaeological Institute, Route 199, Washington, Conn. 06793 203/868-0518 will be having their fourth annual bus tour of Shepaug River Valley archaeological sites on October 16, 1982 from 10 am to 4 pm. The Museum also offers workshops, lectures, film festivals and a publication pertaining to recent activities etc. Membership is only $ 15.00 (individual).

Support the Bennett Bill, which is currently in the Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. This bill concerns the preservation of underwater archaeological & cultural resources. Write your Congressman and support passage of this important bill.

********************CURRENT SCAA ACTIVITIES********************

The Long Island Forum (September issue) reviewed SCAA's Volume V under the "Writing about Books" section.

There will be a preview of the Long Island Indian filmstrip as prepared by Jim Truex and Gay Levine at the Suffolk County History Conference. This filmstrip was made possible by a grant from the Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs.

While Volume VI is currently under authorship, Volume VII, the next publication in the SCAA 'Readings in Long Island Archaeology' Series concerns historical archaeology. If there are any papers which should be considered; contact either Gay Levine at P.O. Drawer AR, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790 or the newsletter editor (address on back page).
FILMS AVAILABLE

Akwesasne: Another Point of View. This film explores the obstacles faced by traditional Mohawk people in their past two years of struggle to establish peace in their territory. Length 28 minutes. Rental $50.00, Sale Price $450.00 Contact: Akwesasne Freedom School, P.O. Box 290, Rooseveltown, N.Y. 13683. 518/352-2073.

LILCO now offers a new history film "Aspects of Lighting in Historic America" - available through LILCO'S Community Relations Department.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Publications available for purchase:

Vol I - Early Papers in Archaeology - $ 8.00 postpaid
Vol. II - The Coastal Archaeology Reader - $15.00 postpaid
Vol. III - History and Archaeology of the Montauk Indians - $15.00 postpaid
Vol. IV - Languages and Lore of the Long Island Indians - $ 17.00 postpaid
Vol. 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 for all volumes and the Suffolk County Cultural Resources Survey

These publications are also available at: The Weathervane Shop, Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 Main St., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901 or at all branches of the Nassau County Museum Gift Shops. The publications are also available through S.C.A.A., P.O. Drawer AR, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790.

SCAA Board Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month. (October 21, November 18 and December 16) at the Hoyt Farm, New Highway, Commack at 7:30 p.m. Location of Hoyt Farm: Just west of the Hauppauge County Center. At light, turn west off Veteran Memorial Highway onto New Highway - 1.5 miles on the left, at the light.

Next newsletter publication January 1983. Material for inclusion should be forwarded to Donna Ottusch-Kianka, 9 Tanglewood La., Sea Cliff, N.Y. 11579

************************************************************************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:

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