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FEDERAL NEWS

The National Park Service is currently distributing *Technical Brief No. 15*, "State Archeology Weeks: Interpreting Archeology for the Public." The fourth in a series of articles on archeological public education, it represents what author Mara Greengrass believes is a "condensation of the best ideas from states across the country that have sponsored successful archeology weeks." Citing the basic need to preserve cultural resources, Greengrass discusses the elements of organizing, scheduling, funding, and publicizing such celebrations.

Parties interested in receiving a copy of this or other technical reports in the series should send requests to:

Editor
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Archeological Assistance Division
PO Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127.

STATE NEWS

Alaska

National Forest Service Alaska Region recently awarded its 1992 annual Windows On the Past Award to Nan McNutt, archaeology educator and Marilyn Jesmain, archaeologist. The award recognizes their excellent work in the Stikine Area of the Tongass National Forest by producing two heritage poster/brochures:

"PASSAGES: An Archaeological Timeline of Southeast Alaska" provides a glimpse of Southeast Alaska's past 10,000 years, weaving oral traditions and archaeological information into a visual timeline.

"ROCK ART: Petroglyphs and Pictographs of Southeast Alaska" shares information and encourages forest visitors to capture the ancient images with photographs rather than with physical contact, such as rubbings.

Both items have been popular and "Passages" is already in its second printing.

Kentucky

In July 1993, The University of Kentucky's Program for Cultural Resource Assessment (PCRA) made changes in their administrative structure. Moving from The Research and Graduate Studies sector, PCRA has become part of the Museum of Anthropology, within the Department of Anthropology at UK. This change is a product of a University-wide reorganization. PCRA will continue to perform a complete range of archaeological and architectural assessment services and will continue to work with the broader archaeological community in a variety of arenas, such as KyOPA, state and regional conferences, and less formal exchanges of information. PCRA's mailing address, E-Mail address, phone and FAX numbers remain the same:

PCRA

101 American Building
Lexington, KY 40506-0100
☎ 606-257-1944
FAX 606-258-1968

Maine

1993 Historic Preservation Awards

[Reprinted from *Maine Preservation News*, Vol. XVIII, No. 4]

In the late winter of 1979, **Norman L. Buttrick**, a social studies faculty member at Freeport High School, approached the staff of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for advice on establishing a course in historical archaeology at his institution. All too often archaeology on the secondary school level is conducted casually, if by good intentions, resulting in damage to sites and inappropriate instruction to the students. In this case, the teacher attended a formal field school and participated in Commission excavations before launching his program, subsequently working closely with the Commission. The result has been a dozen years of education in historical archaeology for more than 125 Freeport students on six sites of the 18th and 19th centuries, incidentally generating valuable inventory data for the Commission. The students of Freeport High School have received a model archaeology program which would not have been created without the inspiration and commitment of Norman L. Buttrick.

Railroad stations, a once common feature of small towns in Maine, were a focal point for the principal means of long-distance transportation for more than a century. Today few of these structures survive. **The Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce** is being presented this award for its adaptive reuse of the Machias station. In taking responsibility for this restoration

and adaptive reuse project [Visitors' Information Center], the Chamber has demonstrated how successfully old buildings can be made to serve new functions.

Missouri

The Missouri Valley Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians has announced its rebirth; the one active group fell to the wayside in the late 1980s, but was revived last spring by a group of interested persons in Kansas City. The mission of the group is to build public awareness of our architectural heritage. The group has scheduled a series of educational programs for 1993-94 in both St. Louis and Kansas City. For further information, contact David Sachs in Kansas City at 816-235-1726.

Pennsylvania

Friends of the State Museum present the Ninth Annual Workshops in Archaeology, Saturday, November 20, 1993, at the State Museum of Pennsylvania, Third and North Streets, Harrisburg, PA. Workshops in Archaeology is an annual program designed to provide instruction in various aspects of American archaeology and related subject areas. All classes are conducted by professionals or experts and are directed to the lay level of comprehension. Registration is \$20 on the day of the program. For further information contact:

Workshops In Archaeology
Friends of the State Museum
Box 1026
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

PUBLICATIONS

Encyclopedia of the Confederacy, Richard N. Current, ed.: Simon and Schuster, Attn: Geraldine Curran, Academic Reference Division, 15 Columbus Circle, 26th Fl., New York, NY 10023; 1993; 2,200 pps., illustrations, maps; \$355. This encyclopedia is an authoritative reference work contained in four volumes. Written by 200 experts on the Confederacy from a range of disciplines, the 1,400 original articles examine all aspects of life in the Confederate States.



Personal Discipline and Material Culture: An Archaeology of Annapolis, Maryland, 1695-1870. By Paul A. Shackel. 232 pps, \$27.95, \$3.00 Shipping & Handling. Available through The University of Tennessee Press, Chicago Distribution Center, 11030 S. Langley, Chicago, IL 60628.

This study looks at the role material goods played in shaping our culture. Using archaeological data, probate inventories, and etiquette books, the author has collected valuable information on eighteenth- and nineteenth-century material items which, when analyzed in historical context, reveals how these items have shaped the development of western culture. Focusing on how the spread of capitalism affected various social groups, this study pays specific attention to culture and consumption, and symbolic qualities of material culture.



The National Trust for Historic Preservation has six new information booklets available:

* *Maintaining Community Character: How to Establish a Local Historic District*, by Pratt Cascity;

* *Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in Historic Preservation*, by Elizabeth A. Lyons;

* *In Search of Collaboration: Historic Preservation and the Environmental Movement*, by Edward T. McMahon and A. Elizabeth Watson;

* *Controlling Disaster: Earthquake-Hazard Reduction for Historic Buildings*, by Rachel Cox;

* *Building Support Through Public Relations: A Guide for Nonprofit Preservation Organizations*, by Olivia Meyer;

* *Systems in Houses of Worship: A Guide to Heating, Cooling, Ventilation, Electrical, and Lighting Protection Systems*, by Michael Cruz and Neal A. Vogel.

Information booklets are publications providing concise information on basic preservation techniques. Each booklet costs \$5, including postage and handling. For more information, contact Information Series, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.



Health, Sanitation and Foodways in Historic Archaeology is the title of the latest thematic issue of *Historical Archaeology* (Vol. 27, No. 2). Joan H. Geismar and Meta F. Janowitz are the editors of this collection of eight papers dealing with food and household management. The contributions are data-rich and interdisciplinary in approach. Urban archaeological site data, historical documentation and interpretation, and biotic and chemical analyses are interwoven in this volume. The six essays and two commentaries "demonstrate the extent to which history, archaeology, and other fields complement each other, and that a better understanding of the historical past can only be obtained by an interdisciplinary approach." Single issues are available for \$12.50 plus \$1.75 for handling from SHA, Dept. NLR, PO Box 30446, Tucson, Arizona 85715.



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Usonia: Frank Lloyd Wright's Design for America, by Alvin Rosenbaum. Usonia synthesizes the tumultuous history of the 1920s with the life of Frank Lloyd Wright to reveal a dynamic story about innovative design and progress. Wright's dream of creating well-designed and efficient homes for the American middle class sprang to life in the form of Usonian house design. Utilizing his own childhood spent in a Usonian home, Rosenbaum reveals the harmony between Wright's architectural achievements and the nation-wide effort to build affordable housing for Americans in the 1920s and 1930s.

216 pps, \$29.95, plus \$4 shipping & handling. Available through The Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036. Credit card orders can call toll-free 1-800-766-6847.

CONFERENCE REVIEWS Rocky Mountain Anthropology Conference

By Will Reed

At the last minute possible, I decided to drive a few hundred miles over to Jackson Hole for the first Rocky Mountain Anthropology Conference. It was a good decision.

Jamie Schoen, Bridger-Teton National Forest; David B. Madsen, Utah Division of State History; and Michael D. Metcalf, Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, were the organizers of this shindig and they are to be congratulated - such a conference was long overdue. About two hundred other archaeologists, historians, a few Native Americans, and an entomologist, assembled for two days of symposia dealing with the human use of high-altitude environments.

The Plenary Session featured some "big names" and they set the tone for much of the conference. Bob Bettinger and David Zeanah talked about the White Mountains and why alpine villages sprang up in the last century. David Thomas ran through his 20+ years of work in Nevada, emphasizing Alta Toquima. David Madsen gave us

pause for thought when discussing the differential distribution of sites in the Uinta Mountains. George Frison talked about the frailties of mountain sheep as only Frison can - "If you sit on 'em too hard, you can break a rib and they just lie down and die. Their eyes bulge out and if you accidentally bump the eyeballs, they just wander off and die. You can't wrangle 'em down by the legs - the bones break and then they just lie there and die." This earthy discussion gave most of the audience a new understanding of how sheep traps worked - and the minimal weaponry needed to obtain this resource.

As a whole the plenary session served to develop a picture of extreme variability in resources and use of those resources at high altitudes. Questions were voiced about the use of such expensive resources, population pressures in the Late Prehistoric period, why people were using certain areas when other areas were equally rich, and questions were raised about the value of examining these exotic "Marginal" areas. While other symposia concentrated on historic sites archaeology, rock art, geoarchaeology, and the Fremont, much of the conference was devoted to site and survey reports.

Back to that lonesome entomologist, Scott Elias. Elias has been working with fossil insect assemblages - particularly beetles. His results indicate that by 10,000yr BP the summer temperatures in the high elevations of the Rockies were essentially modern, and by 9,500yr BP the summer temperatures were apparently warmer than the present. He suggests that the intensity of climatic change was sufficient to destroy whole biological communities. The climatic catalyst - the rapid warming - was sufficient to force a shift in Paleoindian lifeways. While pollen profiles show us that there was some change, the beetle populations are much more responsive and show just how rapid that change was. So, next time you are thinking about pollen cores, think about those beetle parts too!

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

[Reprinted from *History News Dispatch* October 1993.] Documented properties associated with the **Underground Railroad in Georgia** are being sought. The National Park Service is studying the Underground Railroad in preparation for a National Historic Landmark nomination and to form interpretive programs and heritage tours. Museum or organizations that interpret the Underground Railroad, as well as those who have information on specific properties, the roles the properties played in the Underground Railroad, and sources - whether documented, legend, or hearsay - should contact Ken Thomas, Office of Historic Preservation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 1462 Floyd Tower East, 205 Butler Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30334.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for papers for the 64th Annual Meeting of Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, which will be held April 22-24, 1994, at the Harley Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. There will be an open theme for the meeting. Sessions will be scheduled depending on response. Papers will be limited to 20 minutes. Abstracts of 150 words should be submitted by March 1, 1994, to Program Chairman Richard L. George, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Museum Annex, 5800 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3706.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

John Herron is the Shivwits Resources Area (Utah) archaeologist, replacing Rick Malcolmson, who retired last summer. John relocated from the BLM's San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area in southeastern Arizona.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

November 19-20 - A View From the Core: A Conference Synthesizing Ohio Hopewell Archaeology. Sponsored by the Ohio Archaeological Council, this conference will be held at The Comfort Inn in Chillicothe, Ohio. The primary objective of this conference is to synthesize archaeological research from the core area of Ohio Hopewell in order to expand our understanding of Middle Woodland period earthwork and mound builders of the central Ohio Valley. A *Plenary Session* will focus on a broad synthesis of Ohio Hopewell archaeology addressing the major themes of the conference. For more details, contact: Dr. Paul J. Pacheco, OAC Conference Coordinator, 124 West Maple Street, Granville, OH 43023, ☎ 614-587-1686.

November 19 - Returning the Past: A Symposium on Native American Repatriation and the Museum Community, will be held at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Michael Hammond, executive director of the recently opened museum of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, will discuss how repatriation has affected Native American tribes and museums. Other speakers will discuss how they have implemented the Native American Graves Repatriation Act and the legal responsibility of museums to return Native American materials in their collections. For details contact UALR 2801 S. University, Little Rock, AR 72204-1099, ☎ 501-569-3235.

January 5-9 - Annual Meeting of the Society for Historic and Underwater Archaeology, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Contact: David V. Burley, Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6, Canada.

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May 17-21, 1994 - International Conference on Tree Rings will be held at the Hotel Park Tucson in Tucson, Arizona. Hosted by the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research at the University of Arizona, the five-day program will be organized into paper and poster sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday with Thursday devoted to elective activities including day-long field trips and workshops offered by the Tree-Ring Laboratory and optional activities of individual choice. Requests for information should be directed to: International Tree-Ring Conference, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, Building 58, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, ☎ 602-621-2191.

If you have a meeting you would like to include on our calendar, The Grapevine will be glad to list it for you. Please remember to submit your listing by the 10th of each month.

CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGY IN CALIFORNIA: THE RIOTOUS IN L.A.

By Len Winter

In the September 27, 1993, issue of the *Los Angeles Times*, staff writer Michael Flagg describes the tension among CRM archaeologists who compete for lucrative contracts in

California. In a state where public law can constrain private citizens to spend money on archaeology, is there any wonder why archaeologists are always scrambling for the financial bone?

In addition to withstanding the *ad hominem* attacks of their fellows, we are informed that CRM archaeologists must also endure the scathing insults of academic archaeology who - from the vantage of the "ivory tower" - often decry the practice of archeology for hire. Along the way, we are introduced briefly to an academic functionary who has reviewed numerous CRM reports that are "sloppy" as well as a CRM archaeologist who could name academicians who excavate sites without filing the "required report." A past president of SOPA laments that even a cabdriver can "hang out a shingle as a consulting archaeologist." The list of insults to individuals and institutions goes on. Enough is enough is enough.

It should have become hackneyed by now to remark that CRM archaeology is not inherently bad nor is academic archaeology inherently good. Unfortunately, too many people continue to gaze upon the larger stage of archaeology without reference to the players who perform there. Those CRM archaeologists who write "sloppy" reports are the same academic archaeologist who present "sloppy" lectures are the same CRM archaeologist who...*ad infinitum*. With apologies to Gertrude Stein, incompetence is incompetence is incompetence. It has always been and will evermore be.

Isn't it time that we distinguish between practice and practitioner? Isn't it time that we come clean and admit the power of *ad hominem* attack? It's quite possible that if early archaeologists had been honest in acknowledging their attack on "the individual" and not trumping up charges against "the theory" that we would be further along the path of scientific inquiry. Indeed, how many archaeologists in the 1940s disavowed the "conjunctive approach" simply because they hated Walt Taylor's frontal assault on a long list of professionals and their work? Who knows where/how/what we would be digging now if Taylor's orientation had been embraced then as a viable alternative. Instead, almost two decades were lost before Binford presented his version of the "new archaeology."

And what of the state of archaeology? Is the work at archaeological sites excavated with private monies "inferior" to those excavated with public funds? Granted, CRM work is, more often than not, constrained by a ticking clock. That clock, however, is not always wired to a bomb! Too many critics would like the public to believe that CRM sites are always discovered in the course of destruction, that they are subjected to hurried and incomplete archaeological analyses amid racing bulldozers, and that they are delivered an untimely coup de grace as The Mall rises above them. Mix in the rich visual of sinister archaeologist who lives in the pocket of the developer and the stage is set.

And what of those public funds that support archeological work? I won't argue the point that an NEH archaeological research grant for \$15,000 to study a Mississippian ceramic assemblage is sexier than a check in the same amount from Joe Don Bobby to excavate his backyard at The Feed Bin

Restaurant on Old State Route 15. I hope that no one is so naive to believe, however, that "research" grants ensure any greater likelihood of archaeological success. They, too, have a built-in clock which signals the close of a relaxed summer season, or a grant-period deadline, or the landowner's largesse, and so forth. All things are finite and bounded. All things refer back to the individual.

Regardless of who is clutching at it - the CRM fieldworker, the academic theorist, the anthropologist, the historian, the cabdriver - archaeology is technique. It is a simple subtractive technology that removes earth from earth and the objects it encloses. It employs capable practitioners in both the private sector and in the great halls of learning and it employs some real buffoons. In the recent words of a famous Los Angelino, "Can't we all just get along?"

The debate will rage on both among and between CRM and academic archaeologists. In January 1994, the annual meetings of the Society for Historical Archaeology will meet in Vancouver, British Columbia. A group of combatants will assemble there to discuss the matter in a session entitled "Rumblings Along the Rift: The Academy, CRM, and Our Collective Future." Isn't it just like Americans to wage war in other countries?

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gray & Pape, Inc., is accepting applications for field directors with an M.A. or B.A. in Anthropology and a minimum of two years of field supervisory experience in cultural resource management (CRM). The position(s) will be filled on a per-project basis. Qualifications include good communication and organizational skills; the ability to write clear, concise, and thorough CRM technical reports; and Phase I, II & III experience in both prehistoric and historic archaeological field investigations. Send current resume and three references from persons in the CRM field to: Gray & Pape, Inc., Attn: Madonna Baltz, 1318 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210. EOE.

Murray State University seeks Ph.D. or M.A. Staff Archaeologist to serve as contract archaeologist for university archaeology program. Must meet qualifications for PI established for Kentucky including graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or closely related fields, have at least one year full-time professional experience in archaeological research, including eight months in Kentucky or eastern North America, have at least four months of supervised field and analytical experience in North American archaeology, and have demonstrated the ability to carry research to completion. SOPA certification is recommended. Salary commensurate with experience.

Send resume and names of three references to Dr. Ken Carstens, Archaeology Program, Murray State University, Murray, KY 42071, FAX 502-762-4897. Application deadline is January 1, 1994. Murray State University is strongly committed to increasing its faculty diversity. Applications from minorities and women are especially welcome.



LOUISIANA STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

The Louisiana Division of Archaeology is seeking an archaeologist to serve as State Archaeologist and as Director of the Division of Archaeology.

Responsibilities:

The State Archaeologist directs the statewide program of archaeological resource identification, documentation, and education; develops plans and policies; manages personnel including division staff and archaeologists at regional offices; reviews, comments, and develops agreements related to Section 106 reviews; advises university, state, and federal archaeologists and private industry archaeologists on laws, regulations, and policies governing archaeological investigations; and expands the archaeological outreach and education programs.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in anthropology plus four years of professional-level experience in New World archaeological research, administration, or management. At least two of these years must be in archaeological research.

Applications can be obtained from:

Mr. Eddy Martin
Office of Cultural Development
PO Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
☎ 504-342-8170

Letters of intent, resumes, and requests for applications are due by December 15, 1993.

In order to provide additional information about this position, Mr. Eddy Martin will be attending the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) in Raleigh. Interested persons may set up appointments for November 4th and 5th by calling Mr. Martin prior to SEAC at 504-342-8200. Meetings may also be scheduled at the conference. An announcement will be posted with Mr. Martin's suite number and available times he can talk to candidates.

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