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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members,

I hope that this finds you safe from the ravages of this winter. Local research has shown that from the amount of snowfall, high velocity winds, and damage done, this past winter surpassed the iconic winter of 1888 and its severe blizzard. This morning, I noticed that the Forsythia has just begun to bloom, the skunk cabbage leaves have started to unfurl, and the coltsfoot is in bloom, all sure signs that there soon will be a spring, along with which there will be a spring meeting of the Archaeological Society.

When I last addressed you in January, we had planned to meet on April 23. Plans changed as someone pointed out that is Easter Weekend so that it would be best to move the date. At the same time we had been contacted by the Massachusetts Archaeological Society about the possibility of holding a joint meeting at Sturbridge Village, an offer which we gladly accepted. The meeting hall at Sturbridge, however could not accommodate us until May 21st, so we have moved the spring meeting back to then. We realize that this is very late for a meeting we usually hold in April, but we

think that the benefits of moving it to May and off of the Easter holiday weekend far outweigh the tradition of an April meeting. The proof of this is the meeting schedule which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

This schedule has been put together by Al Smith of the MAS, with the help of the ASC board and in it you will find some interesting offerings that we think you will not want to miss. I call your attention especially to Kevin McBride's presentation which will give us an up-date on his research including the latest archaeology on the Pequot War. He has assured us that the exciting finds he announced last spring in Danbury have continued. We also will hear of some breakthrough archaeology in Viking Iceland along with some of the latest research in Meso-America and Turkey, areas about which we rarely hear at an ASC meeting, as well as a preliminary report on the Deer Run site in Western Connecticut and the latest finding concerning the H.L. Hunley archaeology on which Nick Bellantoni has been working. All this plus the opportunity to wander into the Historic Sturbridge Village for lunch: who could ask for a more pleasant way to spend a Saturday in May?

We are also look forward to our fall meeting. Kenny Feder has been

working on plans to host us at Barkhamsted, where as part of the program he will conduct a walking tour of the Lighthouse Site, a marginal community that he has been associated with for the past couple of decades. With his help we hope to be able to devote future fall meetings to site visits at various other locations around the state. There will be more about this in our next newsletter.

I also wish to call your attention to the announcement of deadlines for the 2011 Lyent Russell award. (see flyer in this newsletter) This is a great way to fund radiocarbon dates or the purchase of special tools for your archaeological work as well as to cover some of your archival

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research work or even the purchase of that special reference which has become so outrageously expensive as have all of the modern works on archaeology. (It could even be used to purchase that out of print volume or report offered by your local antiquarian book seller.) Please consider applying for this award, for it is money that has been donated for your use in Lyent's memory.

As in the past I solicit your comments and suggestions. I also recommend looking in at our web site where Jay McMahon has done such a magnificent job posting meeting information as well as a multitude of fascinating archaeological links. Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you at Sturbridge on May 21st.

Dan Cruson
President

Focus On FIELD SCHOOLS

Some of the most important archaeological research being done in Connecticut and surrounding states today is in the form of summer field schools sponsored by several universities, Native American tribal governments and other organizations, while additionally training the next generation of archaeologists. In the following column, a feature in each March issue of ASC News, the field school directors describe their programs for the coming year.

Western Connecticut State University

**ANT 229: Archaeological Field
Methods**
May 31 – July 1, 2011

Directed by Drs. Weinstein,
Morrison and Sgarlata

Description of our Plans

Our project is focused on a Revolutionary War winter encampment. This is a lovely wooded site, with a stream, located in Redding, CT, about 20 minutes south of the main WCSU campus. There are surface remains, which have already been mapped. We have conducted some subsurface testing already - just enough to confirm the date and integrity of the site. After two field schools at the site, we have a fairly good sense of site boundaries, we know that there is a variety of building types on the property, but still need to identify their various uses, and we know that issues such as building preparation and cleanliness varied from what is known at other encampments. This year's field school will cover a variety of archaeological techniques, including some detailed excavation, as well as archival research, "walk-overs" of other properties to look for more surface remains, collection of archaeometry samples such as pollen, fire affected rock for FTIR residue analysis, and micromorphology samples of excavation sidewalls. You will also learn compass and tape mapping.

For more information contact Dr. Laurie Weinstein at weinsteinl@wcsu.edu or call 203-837-8453

University of Connecticut

2011 UConn Field School in Pre-Contact Archaeology

**May 23 through July 1, 2011
Mashantucket Pequot
Reservation, Mashantucket, CT**

The 2011 UCONN Field School will take place on the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation and be based at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. Field and laboratory studies are designed to

contribute to a long-term collaborative research project to reconstruct the land use and landscape history at Mashantucket from 15,000 B.P. to the present. Excavations will focus on a series of mid- to late- Holocene sites (ca. 9,000-4,000 B.P) and a small 17th century Pequot community.



The 6-week, 6-credit field school will include training in New England Native and Colonial history, archaeological survey and excavation techniques, laboratory methods, conservation procedures, artifact cataloguing and analysis, and methods and techniques in archaeo-botany and the reconstruction of historical landscapes.

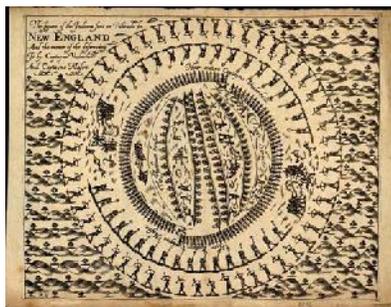
Students will have a unique opportunity to work on a collaborative research project alongside tribal members, archaeologists, historians, archaeobotanists and ecologists. Qualified students may have an opportunity for employment when the field school is completed.

For further information contact Dr. Kevin McBride at: kevin.mcbride@uconn.edu or by calling 860-396-6814.

2011 UConn Field School in Battlefield Archaeology

May 23 through July 1, 2011

Sponsored by: UConn's Department of Anthropology, Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, and the National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program



1638 Woodcut of the Battle of Mystic

The University of Connecticut and Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center will offer a field school in battlefield archeology at two battlefields; the site of the Pequot fortified village at Mystic, Connecticut which was attacked and burned by a force of 350 English and Native allies on May 26, 1637 and Nipsachuck, a King Philip's War (1675-1676) battlefield located in North Smithfield, Rhode Island where several hundred English dragoons and Native allies attacked Wampanoag and Narragansett encampments in early August of 1676. Both projects are funded by grants from the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program, and are part of a long-term effort to document the Battlefields of the Pequot and King Philip's Wars. For additional information visit

www.pequotwar.org

The 2011 UCONN Field School will be based at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center with fieldwork taking place in nearby Mystic, Connecticut and North Smithfield, Rhode Island. The 6-week, 6-credit field school will include training in standard archaeological field survey and excavation, artifact conservation,

cataloguing and analysis, and research and field methods specific to battlefield archaeology such as analysis of primary sources, use of military terrain models, metal detecting survey and GPS/GIS applications.

For further information contact Dr. Kevin McBride at: kevin.mcbride@uconn.edu or by calling 860-396-6814.

Eastern Pequot/UMass

The field school will be offered for its eighth season, located on the historic Eastern Pequot Reservation in North Stonington, Connecticut, and will run from July 5 to August 5, 2011.

Stephen W. Silliman, Ph.D., Director of the field school writes: "My research in this region focuses on Native American communities in southern New England and their long-term histories of continuity and change through centuries of European colonialism. Specifically, I conduct archaeological field research on the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation's historic 225-acre reservation in southeastern Connecticut as part of the annual Eastern Pequot Archaeological Field School. The project has the combined objectives of (1) assisting the tribal community in locating, documenting, and managing their cultural and archaeological sites on the mostly reforested reservation first set aside as a reservation in 1683; (2) pursuing research into the complex material and social ways that the Eastern Pequot community negotiated their place in the colonial world of the 17th through 19th centuries through the venue of households, landscapes, foodways, gender, agency, and labor; and (3) exploring collaborative and community methodology, ethics, pedagogy, and the politics of heritage in indigenous archaeology field schools."



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NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



FOSA NEWS

A large group of attendees listened to John Jameson, Senior Archaeologist with the National Park Service, speak about Andersonville and Fort Pulaski, two Civil War prisoner-of-war camps in Georgia. The event was the 14th Annual Meeting of FOSA. The speaker was co-sponsored by The Archaeological Society of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History.

A well-deserved "Thank you" to the volunteers who helped in the planning and manning the admission tables at the event.

Due to a lack of heat and snowed-in doors, volunteer work at Horsebarn Hill had a slow start this year. Both the library work and artifact cataloging are now in full swing on

Mondays. If you'd like to join us, please contact Bob Martinchek, FOSA's Volunteer Coordinator, at Bobmartinchek@yahoo.com.

Now that the snow has melted, we are anxious to begin digging and there are several being planned. If you are interested in excavating, please contact Bob and he will add your name to the list. We would love to have you join us!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 28, 2012, for FOSA's 15th Annual Meeting! We are in the planning stages for that one.

*Cynthia Redman
President-FOSA*

**Archaeology
Club of
Norwalk
Community College**



CLUB MEETINGS

April 14 - Thursday - 8:00 pm
PepsiCo Theatre — East Campus
The World Trade Center Ship
Michael Pappalardo



In July 2010 contract archaeologists monitoring construction at the World Trade Center Redevelopment Site in lower Manhattan observed the remnants of a ship buried within the landfill approximately 25 feet below the ground surface. As archaeologists and members of the construction crew exposed the 35-foot-long section of the ship, a team was assembled of nautical archaeologists, maritime historians and conservators to examine the

vessel. It was quickly determined the ship could not be preserved in situ nor lifted out in one piece. In consultation with New York State Historic Preservation Office and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, it was decided the ship would be disassembled timber by timber so that each piece could be examined, documented, and analyzed. Experts have determined that the ship was most likely a Hudson River Sloop, a class of large, single-masted vessels that carried goods up and down the Hudson River and perhaps went as far south as the Caribbean.

The ship appears to have been constructed during the 18th century and was incorporated into the landfill along the shores of the Hudson River by the 1790s. Almost 2,000 artifacts were recovered from in between the ship's timbers, including animal bones and vegetable seeds that may represent meals eaten on board, personal artifacts such as gilded shoe buckles, smoking pipes, and mirrors, and a wide variety of ammunition, including musket and cannon balls, that may have been used for hunting or defense. A Revolutionary War-era pewter button from the jacket of a British soldier was also recovered. Analysis of the ship and its associated artifacts is currently taking place so that archaeologists can determine as much as possible about the ship's construction and use, the lives of the individuals on board, and how it became submerged below the Hudson River and incorporated into the landfill.



Michael Pappalardo is a Senior Archaeologist and Technical Director at AKRF and a Registered Professional Archaeologist with

more than 20 years of experience in cultural resource management, working in the context of both National Historic Preservation Act compliance and state and local level legislation. He received his MA in Anthropology from Binghamton University where he focused on the application of ground penetrating radar to urban archaeological contexts and his BA from New York University. As a professional archaeologist he has directed numerous research projects involving a wide variety of cultural resource types, from the earliest periods of American prehistory through the historic period, often as part of major development or transportation projects. Mr. Pappalardo has worked on and managed projects in many states from Maine to California but has focused on the New York region and New England. Please join us April 14th in the PepsiCo Theatre on the East Campus at 8:00 pm.

***Research News –
Gallows Hill - Redding***

Our weekend digs at the Gallows Hill site will begin in late March and will continue through mid-May. This season, we will expand some of the areas studied last fall in the northeastern portion of the site, particularly in one area on the edge of the site where the deposits are somewhat deeper than has been the case elsewhere on the site. The dig is planned to take place on the following dates: March 26, April 3, 9, 17, 23 and 30, May 8 and 14. Please keep in mind that this schedule is subject to change due to poor weather conditions or other circumstances. It is requested that you contact Ernie Wiegand before the weekend you plan to attend so that you will be informed of any schedule changes and so that enough equipment and supplies are brought to the site. He can be reached at the Archaeology office (203-857-7377).

Spend a Week This May Digging Topper in South Carolina!



Join a fun group of volunteer avocationalists, graduate students and professionals for a week of excavation at one of the most important and oldest sites in the Americas. The Topper Site in Allendale County, South Carolina, excavated by Dr. Al Goodyear of USC, has a large Clovis as well as controversial Pre-Clovis components.



For four of the last five years NCC has been represented at this fascinating dig. Weeks are May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is only \$466.00 which includes lunches and dinners. Drive, or fly into Charleston, Atlanta, Charlotte or Columbia, SC. For more information contact: www.allendale-expedition.net



Excavation at Topper site

Connecticut Archaeology Center

Calendar of Activities



Ancient Technologies—Making Flint Tools

Heather Cruz, Anthropology, UConn

Dr. Cara Roure-Johnson, Anthropology, UConn

Saturday, April 30, 10 am to 12 noon

Museum of Natural History, UConn Storrs (map will be mailed to participants)

Advance registration required: \$20 (\$15 for Museum member) Includes materials

Adults and children ages 12 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

You may have seen “arrowheads” and other ancient stone tools on exhibit in museums—this is your chance to make and use them! In this workshop, you will learn about the history and art of flint knapping: producing stone tools with sharp edges by percussion and pressure. This type of tool use predates modern humans by at least 1.5 million years, as discovered by

UConn scientist Dr. Cara Roure-Johnson. Learn how archaeologists identify and date these tools, what properties make materials appropriate for use in this type of tool manufacture, and discover the many different types of sharp-edged stone tools used by our ancestors.

Through experimentation, and observation of the people who still manufacture and use these tools, we now have a good understanding of this ancient technology. Today, there are many individuals and organizations devoted to knapping. Learn how to use some of these tools for woodworking and food preparation. Then, you will flint-knap to create tools yourself! Try your hand at this type of stone tool manufacture under the guidance of UConn archaeologist and “knapper” Heather Cruz in this exciting workshop.

To register for a program or for more information, contact the Connecticut Archaeology Center at 860-486-4460 or E-mail to www.cac.uconn.edu

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

Saturday, July 9, 11 am–2 pm Battlefields of the Pequot War Museum Members Only. Dr. Kevin McBride leads a tour of the archaeology labs for an update on the *Battlefields of the Pequot War* project. After the labs, Executive Director Kimberly Hatcher-White joins the group for lunch then a short hike to learn about methods and techniques of battlefield archaeology and tour a nearby fortified village occupied during King Philip’s War (1675-1676). Dress for the woods and difficult terrain. Limited to 25 participants, ages 14 and older. \$17 per person. Please RSVP by July 2 to Sarah Eleazer at (860) 396-6890 or seleazer@mptn-nsn.gov.

**Friday, Aug. 12, 10 am–3 pm
Family Archaeology Adventure**
Become an archaeologist for the day as you work beside Museum scientists exploring King Philip's War era (1675-1676) forts and campsites. Search for artifacts using metal detectors and trowels and learn to analyze what you dig up in the Museum's archaeology labs. Wear work clothes and heavy shoes or boots. Pack lunch and water; dress for the outdoors with sunscreen and insect repellent. Limited to 15, ages 10 and older; parent or guardian must accompany people ages 10-15. \$40/\$30 for Museum members. Call (800) 411-9671 to register by Aug. 5. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 13.

Mohican/Algonquin Peoples Seminar



The Native American Institute of the Hudson River Valley and The

New York State Museum are sponsoring the 11th Mohican/Algonquin Peoples Seminar held at the NYS Museum in Albany, NY on April 30th, 2011. ASC Bulletin Editor writes that "it has been ongoing for a number of years and is a terrific conference, a mix of Native peoples, archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, artists, etc....and a great Native American lunch! Plus museum entrance is free.

This year's program will include:

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome & Board Introduction

10:00 - 10:20 John Lothrop *Archaeological Research on First Peoples of Eastern New York and the New England-Maritimes*

10:25 - 10:40 George Hamel *Life's Immortal Shell: Wampum as a Light and Life Metaphor*

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 11:20 JoAnne Schedler *The 150th Anniversary of the Mohican Stockbridge-Munsee in the Civil War*

11:25 - 11:45 Kevin White *Speck on Penobscot and Iroquois*

Worldviews in the Cosmological Narratives

11:50 - 12:10 Ed Curtin *Investigation of the Vosburg Archaeological District, 2005-2010*

12:15 - 1:15 Seminar Luncheon

1:15 - 1:35 Charles D. Burgess *New York State's archaeological record through the lens of the Mohican origin history*

1:40 - 2:00 Judy Hartley *Growing up on the Reservation: Changing Perspectives*

2:05 - 2:25 Daniel Mazau & Sean P. Higgins *Lithic reduction & resource use in southern New York State: the Naima and Paul J. Higgins site*

2:25 - 2:40 Break

2:40 - 3:00 Warren F. Broderick *The Stephentown Mounds*

3:05 - 4:20 Closing Remarks

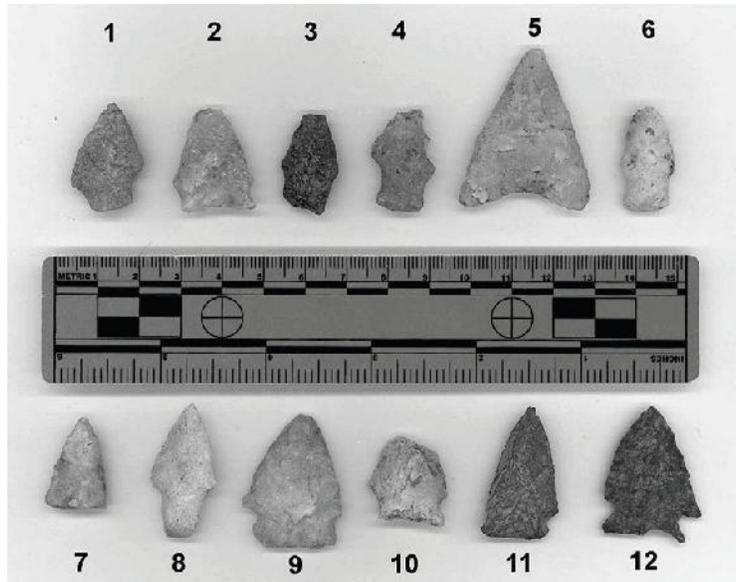
For a complete schedule and registration information email Mariann Mantzouris, Seminar Chairwoman at marimantz@aol.com or call 518-369-8116.

The Institute for American Indian Studies
museum & research center

Calendar of Events
April - June, 2011

Exhibit "Digging into the Past: Archaeology in Connecticut"

The exhibit has a brand new look focusing on the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland and Post Contact Periods, including the tools and techniques archaeologists use while excavating sites.



Litchfield hills archaeology club lecture

Sunday, April 10th 3:00 pm

Holly Cuzzone presents *Late Archaic and Late Woodland Occupations at Cove River, West Haven, Connecticut*. The Cove River Archaeological Site provided an opportunity to combine excavation and collection data in order to address the issues of subsistence patterns and artifact typologies in reference to the Narrow Point tradition during the Archaic and Woodland periods. Holly Cuzzone received her M.A. in Biology from City University of New York in 1980 and an M.A. in Archaeological Studies from Yale University in 2007. She has worked in both CRM and museum curation and is currently a biology instructor at Housatonic Community College. **Fee: \$5 General Public; LHAC Members free**

Litchfield hills archaeology club

It's Dig Season!

LHAC will begin its annual excavation this month, weather dependent. Club members will receive an email notifying them of the start date and time. If you are interested in joining the club and participating in the dig, please call or email **Dr. Lucianne Lavin** at 860-868-0518 or llavin.iais@charter.net. Pick up an application or download one from IAIS' website www.birdstone.org/clubs.html



Artifact identification day

Sunday, May 15th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

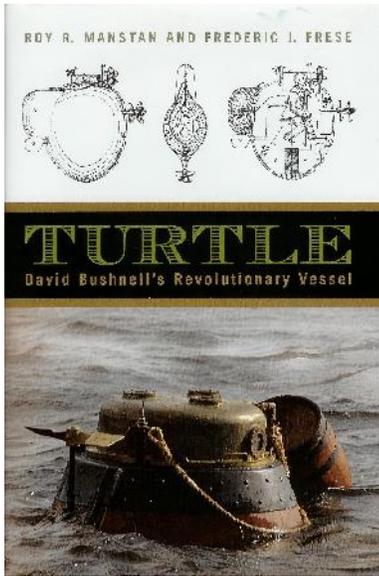
What is it? Who made it? Unravel the mystery behind your collections! Visitors, members and friends are invited to bring their stone artifacts and American Indian cultural items for identification by renowned archaeologist and Director of Research and Collections

Dr. Lucianne Lavin. Limit 12 artifacts per person please.

Fee: Included in regular museum admission: \$5 Adults; \$4.50 Seniors; \$3 Kids

The Institute for American Indian Studies, Washington, CT, 860-868-0518 WWW.BIRDSTONE.ORG IAIS@CHARTER.NET

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



“TURTLE: David Bushnell’s

Revolutionary Vessel” is a multi-faceted book that will appeal to people of varied interests. It discusses some of David Bushnell’s background, events leading up to the need Bushnell felt for such a device and the engineering that was required in designing this vessel. Further chapters bring the reader into the present day, with the project that the Old Saybrook High School Technical Arts students undertook with the guidance of Roy Manstan and their teacher Fred Frese. Because no precise description of the original TURTLE exists, much research went into the technical information that was available to Bushnell in the 1700’s.

Following the successful launch of the TURTLE replica, piloted by Roy Manstan, this book takes the reader through the scientific testing the replica underwent at the Mystic Seaport.

This book can be ordered through the ASC website link to Amazon.com

The Archaeology of Maspeth, Long Island, New York and Vicinity



The New York State Archaeological Association is proud to announce the advanced sale of its latest Researches and Transactions publication, Volume XVIII, Number 1. This issue is entitled ***The Archaeology of Maspeth, Long Island, New York and Vicinity***, by Stanley H. Wisniewski and Ralph S. Solecki. 104 pages. 59 illustrations. The cost is \$10 for NYSAA members, \$15 for non-members, plus \$2 shipping and handling. Make checks payable to NYSAA and mail to William Engelbrecht, 16 Atlantic Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222.

RADIOCARBON DATING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Note: ASC News occasionally posts information about commercial services which we believe will be of interest to many of our readers. This should not be construed as an endorsement by ASC but is offered for informational purposes.

Beta Analytic announces the availability of radiocarbon dating analysis from their lab and headquarters in Miami, FL. Details regarding available services can be found on their web site at:

www.radiocarbon.com

or by contacting:

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4985 S.W. 74th Court
Miami, FL 33155
Tel: +(1) 305-667-5167
Email: lab@radiocarbon.com

CALENDAR

To help members plan their calendars, we post the dates of meetings of interest in Connecticut and neighboring states. Please contact the editor with any meetings you are aware of which you feel would be of interest to the membership.

April 30, 2011 Joint meeting of the Vermont and New Hampshire Archaeological Societies, Springfield, VT

May 21, 2011, ASC and Massachusetts Archaeological Society (MAS) Joint Meeting, Sturbridge, MA

May 28, 2011, Conference for New England Archaeology (CNEA), Amherst, MA

October 20-23, 2011, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting and Conference, Utica, NY

October 27-30, 2011, Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF) 78th Annual Meeting, Mt. Laurel, NJ

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2011 DUES NOW PAYABLE

It's time to renew your membership for 2011. Check your mailing label if you are unsure if you are current. (The label may not reflect payments received in the last month) If it reads 09 or earlier, please fill out the form and mail it back with your check. Thanks!

I want to apply/renew membership in the Archaeological Society of Connecticut, Inc. (ASC) to promote archaeological research, conservation and service. Enclosed are my dues for the membership category: (circle one)

<i>Individual</i>	\$25.00
<i>Institutional</i>	\$40.00
<i>Life</i>	\$300.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____

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Send payment to Cosimo Sgarlata,
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ASC News Begins Electronic Delivery

Beginning with this (April 2011) issue, ASC News is being delivered electronically to members who provide their e-mail addresses and who did not opt out. There are advantages both to readers and ASC for going electronic. The electronic version is delivered faster, is electronically searchable, and has working internet links and color photographs. For the Society, this has the potential to greatly reduce costs. Printing and postage are by far the greatest expenses we incur.

If you wish to begin electronic delivery of ASC News (For the present, the Bulletin will be continue to be published only in hard copy). please contact Lee West at lfwest@sbcglobal.net

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Archaeological Society of Connecticut/Massachusetts Archaeological Society
SPRING MEETING

**Old Sturbridge Village
Sturbridge, MA
Fuller Conference Center**

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Current Archaeological Research at Home and Abroad

9:00AM – 10:00AM **Registration:** \$12 for **PRE-REGISTEERED** members of either society, (see enclosed form) \$15 for non members or walk-ins, and \$7 for students, includes meeting and walking through Old Sturbridge Village.

10:00AM – 10:15AM **Opening Remarks**

10:15AM – 10:45AM *The Search for Ezra Chamberlin and the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley*
Nicholas Bellantoni

In 2000 the confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy ship in combat, was raised from the depths of Charleston Harbor and seen for the first time in 136 years. An archaeological investigation of the Hunley's interior yielded a surprising item: the id tag of Ezra Chamberlin, a Union soldier from Killingly Connecticut. Did this Connecticut Yankee die on a Confederate submarine? While telling the story of the Hunley, state archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni searches for the fate of Ezra Chamberlin.

10:45AM – 11:15AM *The Archaeology of the Earliest Viking Settlers of Iceland*
John Steinberg

Dr. John Steinberg will talk about the recent discoveries from the Skagafjordur Archaeological Settlement Survey. He and his team are beginning to uncover the nature of the settlement patterns of earliest Vikings in Iceland. The volcanic island is one of the last large landmasses on earth to be inhabited. The Vikings who first settled this land of fire and ice were chieftains, wealthy farmers, and their retainers who were fleeing state consolidation in Norway under Harold Finehair. Many of the stories of these settlers and their descendants¹ were written down and today are called the Icelandic sagas. John will talk about the implementation of a package of innovative remote sensing methods that have revealed a well-preserved household archaeology, which is almost invisible on the surface. One of the sites discovered during the survey is a long-house at Glaumbaer farm. This farm is mentioned in the Icelandic sagas as the home of Snorri Thorfinnsson, supposedly the first European born in the New World. Discoveries of this site and others from the Viking age, in combination with the unique saga literature, outline a fascinating story of settlement and social change.

11:15AM – 11:45PM *Expanding the Narrative: The Archaeology and Historiography of the Pequot War*
Kevin McBride

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center has initiated a long-term project to research the broader cultural and historical implications of the Pequot War (1636-1637) and its significance to descendant communities of English and Native people in the region. The first phase of fieldwork was conducted in 2010 at the site Battle/Massacre of Mistick Fort. On May 26, 1637 a force of 77 English from

Connecticut and 250 Narragansett and Mohegan allies attacked the Pequot fortified village at Mystic. More than 400 Pequot men, women and children were killed in the attack which lasted less than two hours. Recovered battlefield artifacts have provided a new perspective on the battle and have important implications for how colonial narratives of the war were constructed and how they inform our broader understanding of Colonial and Native histories.

11:45AM – 1:00PM **Lunch** – on your own. Bullard Tavern in the village will be open.

1:00PM – 1:30PM ***A True Recognition of the Past: Don Malcarne***
John Pfeiffer

Don Malcarne was a trusted colleague, a student - in the academic sense - who was continuously striving to learn, a determined academic whose view of the past was not clouded by traditional whitewash, and obviously a genuine friend to us all. His infusive commitment and energy was an inspiration to his students, colleagues, friends, and family. He undertook all tasks in front of him with a professionalism and humor. With Don at your side, the job at hand was never as difficult as it first appeared. He made it fun, stimulating, and rigorous.

1:30PM – 2:00PM ***Archaeobotanical Investigations of Ubaid Period Kenan Tepe, Southeastern Turkey***
Philip J Graham

This paper discusses 302 archaeobotanical samples taken from in and around a burnt house structure dating to the Ubaid period from the site of Kenan Tepe in Southeastern Turkey. The archaeobotanical samples are well preserved and come from multiple types of contexts and activity areas associated with the structure including floors, second story collapse debris, hearths, and middens. The large number of well preserved samples allows for a comprehensive analysis of the range of comestibles grown at the site as well as the location of various types of activities associated with plant processing and their relationships to the house. The botanical remains from Kenan Tepe provide information on household economy, agricultural production, and animal pasturing and foddering, greatly augmenting our understanding of agricultural and subsistence practices during the Ubaid.

2:30PM – 3:00PM ***The Deer Run Site: A Preliminary Report of a Prehistoric Site in the Uplands of Western Connecticut***
Andrea Rand

The Deer Run Site in Warren, CT is nestled on a protected stream terrace of a gently sloping hill in the western uplands. Based on a C-14 date and other diagnostic artifacts recovered in the last two field seasons of the Litchfield Hill Archaeology Club of the Institute for American Indian Studies, indicate that this was a multi-component site spanning thousands of years from at least the Late Archaic to the early Middle Woodland.

3:00PM – 3:30PM ***Roasting on the River: The Results of the Phase III Data Recovery at the Garvin's Falls Site, Concord NH.***
Thomas Mailhot

In the summer of 2008, John Milner Associates (JMA) conducted a phase III excavation (data recovery) at the Garvin's Falls site along the Merrimack River in Concord, NH. This paper summarizes the excavations by JMA at the Garvin's Falls site (27-MR-78). The JMA excavations will be discussed in comparison to past excavations at Garvin's Falls. In addition, special analysis that had been conducted, including lithic thin slice analysis, lithic use wear, floral and faunal analysis, pottery analysis and soil micromorphology will be summarized.

3:30PM – 4:00PM

A Comparative Examination of the Astronomical Date August 13th in Mesoamerica and New England

Kaitlin Ahern

Kaitlin Ahern has conducted a comparative study on how the civilizations of Mesoamerica and the societies in pre-contact New England honored the astronomical date of August the 13th. The two societies were likely completely isolated from each other, yet they both found this date to be significant. What role did the solar and astral patterns have upon the ancient Maya in Mesoamerica and Native Americans in Massachusetts? What made them see the date differently from each other or on some level did their beliefs correlate? There are volumes of research on the importance of the date in the Ancient Maya civilization, but there is currently very little published on the relevance of the date in New England. She has begun consulting and interviewing antiquarians about the astronomical structures in the state of Massachusetts and through various rock formations she has seen how the Native Americans used the cosmos to keep track of important dates and yearly occurrences. She has also traveled out to various sites in Lakeville and Carlisle to observe the phenomenon in person, which aided in the analyzing of the published material on August 13th. She has already started her research into the Maya, by visiting the country of Belize last summer, and by reading several textbooks by the leading experts in order to draw my conclusions for the importance of the date in the Mesoamerican region.

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for updates and details of the meeting and registration form.**

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From the parking lot, follow the path past the Tavern and Bookstore (on the left) and the Visitors Center (on the right) to the Fuller Conference Center (just past the Visitors Center, on the right).