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FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY, INC.

Member Newsletter



President's Letter

FOSA Members,
 FOSA successfully supports the Office of State Archaeology because dedicated volunteers expend time, energy, and treasure the organization. As of this writing, I know of two different appeals in this issue asking for volunteers.

The Friends of the Office of State Archaeology (FOSA) was formed in 1997, by a small group of people, to support the OSA. The legislation enacted in 1987, however, did not include the funds needed for support. Due to the generosity of our members, we have furnished two computers, a printer, a camera, and needed field equipment to the OSA. In the past two years FOSA has paid for a UConn student to help in the lab. FOSA also pays Nick's monthly cell-phone bill. Since he no longer has graduate students to manage the lab at Horsebarn Hill,

FOSA volunteers work in the OSA Library and catalog the artifacts. In spring, summer, and fall, FOSA volunteers supervise and excavate a variety of sites in the state.

This is where you come in! FOSA needs your time and talent in a number of areas that you will find mentioned in the pages of this issue. Some activities are short term, others longer, but all are needed. A fair amount of "committee meeting" time is conducted via email so those of you who work during the week can still serve effectively on a committee.

Please consider volunteering in some way – your time, energy, and enthusiasm will benefit the organization, the OSA, and you! I look forward to seeing you at the Archaeology Fair, Saturday, October 27.

*Cynthia Redman
 President*



News from the Office of State Archaeology

After 26 years of being the Connecticut State Archaeologist and all the really interesting and memorable projects we have had over that time, you get to think that all those amazing projects have ended and there will never be ones like them again. Then, the phone rings and we are off again! This spring/summer has turned out to be one of our most memorable.

In the spring, we assisted the Eastern Division of the State Police Major Crime Squad in the recovery and identification of human skeletal remains discov-

ered in a wooded area in eastern Connecticut. This "crime scene investigation" led to the identification of a young woman who has been missing for six years. The case is ongoing so we cannot give any details, but it is rewarding to use our archaeological/anthropological skills to assist in a forensic criminal investigation.

In the summer, we had three additional projects that were more than interesting. First, we conducted an archaeological exploration of an 1890s Jewish farming community in Montville, Connecticut.

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FOSA Assisting Dr. Nick

It is with bittersweet emotions that I left the work I was doing in the Office of State Archaeology in April 2012. Though the work is far from done, I have been offered a job opportunity elsewhere. I want to thank FOSA and its members once again for allowing me the opportunity to work for Dr. Nick. While I was able to make some good headway on organizing the state site files, there is still plenty to be done.

Mandy Ranslow

News from the Office of State Archaeology

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The community was started when Ukrainian and Russian Jews came to America to avoid persecution. The German Baron de Hirsch sponsored the development of farming communities in rural areas to get families out of the disease-ridden cities. The Montville community flourished for a generation. By the 1930s, the second generation moved away; while many of the houses were sold, the community center, which consisted of the synagogue, mikveh and a creamery (in which dairy products were made), became ruins.

The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and listed as a State Archaeological Preserve. Coordinating with the Judaic Studies Program at UConn, we concentrated our excavations on the mikveh, which is where ritual baths are taken for purification in “waters from God” by both women and men. Research centered on how the mikveh was constructed, how the water flowed into and out of the pool, and how laws of purification were applied in a rural Jewish community. This was a most interesting and special site of Connecticut Jewish heritage, and it was an honor to participate in the research.

Another site we worked, as part of the CT State Museum of Natural History and Archaeology Center’s Adult Field School, was Jack Barclay’s early 19th century farming complex in Ashford. Jack, a professor at UConn and a member of FOSA, had invited us to excavate on his property and we took advantage of the opportunity. The farm was owned by the Armitage family and field school participants excavated at the house foundation ruins, the summer kitchen and the carriage house. FOSA members will be working on cataloguing the artifacts from this site during the winter under the supervision of Ken Beatrice. Very unique artifacts associated with a number of horse and buggy carriages and farming vehicles came from the excavated materials. Jack Barclay and his wife, Fran, were great hosts and we hope our research teaches us a great deal about 19th/20th century farming in rural Connecticut.

Thank You for Your Donations (since April 1, 2012)

FOSA General Fund:

Scott Brady, Vernon



Finally, another very special project: the year is 1900 and Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show is touring in Danbury, CT. Many of the performers come down with food poisoning. One individual becomes extremely sick. Albert Afraid-of-Hawk, a 20-year-old Lakota Sioux, is brought to Danbury Hospital, where he dies. Buffalo Bill purchases a casket and burial plot for Albert in Wooster Cemetery, and the show moves on to the next stop. Albert was buried in an unmarked grave. Except to his family back on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Albert becomes forgotten in Connecticut.

Robert Young, a historian in Danbury, found out about Albert’s story while working at Wooster Cemetery and was able to locate the grave. He then contacted Albert’s family members at Pine Ridge. One of Albert’s descendants, a great niece, had had a dream she had difficulty interpreting. She would come to realize that the dream was Albert telling her he wanted to come “home” to the reservation. Hence, the family requested that Albert’s remains be removed from Wooster Cemetery and repatriated to the Pine Ridge Reservation. We were entrusted to conduct the excavation at the grave and remove Albert’s remains in a respectful and professional manner, so the family could take him “home.” Family members came to Danbury from South Dakota to witness and conduct appropriate Lakota ceremony at the gravesite. Albert was born in 1879 and would perform with Buffalo Bill; his father had fought with Sitting Bull at Little Bighorn in 1876 and his brother survived the Massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890. An extraordinary history!

So, 2012 has consisted of a murder investigation, a rural Hebrew farmers’ ritual bath, a 19th-century historic carriage house, and the repatriation of the remains of a Lakota Sioux who died in Connecticut. And, the year is not over! Special projects do continue to happen! Chapters keep being added to the memoirs!!

*Nicholas Bellantoni, PhD
State Archaeologist*

Below Ground

It has been a busy couple of months in the arena of OSA projects. We have had some wet weather to contend with early in the season, and we have just completed one of the hottest stretches in a long time. FOSA volunteers who have worked extremely hard during these periods deserve special recognition for their dedication, perseverance, and good humor.



FOSA crew members take a break during an artifact recovery project in Windsor. (left to right): Mike Cahill, Cynthia Redman, Ed Goodwin, Dick Hughes, Joseph Buchanan. Photo by Bruce Greene.

One project in particular is the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Windsor, CT. An 18th century house foundation was found and documented. This fit nicely with previous historical document research by FOSA members, as well as GPR surveys conducted with FOSA assistance in 2011.

The CT State Museum of Natural History's Archaeology Field School was held again this year during the week of August 6 through 10 at the Barkley Site in Ashford. This is an untouched historic farm complex which promised to be interesting, exciting, and informative.

The annual Archaeology Day excavation on the grounds of the Welles-Shipman-Ward house in South Glastonbury was held on July 31st. FOSA members provided assistance.

Finally, the annual Field Day with the Glastonbury Middle School children is planned for October. The tentative dates are October 25th and 26th. Interested members please mark your calendars. Volunteers for this event, as in past years, would be greatly appreciated.

As in the past, I will be announcing future plans as early as I can via email. If you would like to be notified, I can be reached at BGreene316@aol.com. In addition, my phones are 860-721-0053 or 860-748-2749 [cell].

Bruce Greene

Volunteer Profile: Will Sikorski

"Will" Sikorski is a native of Connecticut, born in Norwich, and presently resides in Norwich. After graduating from St. Bernard School, he attended Whitman College of Washington State where he received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Anthropology and Philosophy.

As a professional archaeologist, Will has worked with several prominent local archaeology companies, excavating on both historic and Native American sites. His present involvement is working with the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center at "The Mystic Fort" known to be the site of one of the battlefields of the Pequot Wars. Will states, "The Pequot War and the King Philip's War have been extremely interesting to work on.



Will Sikorski analyzing and cataloging artifacts of the past season. Photo by Ken & Bonnie Beatrice.

Early Colonial and the Contact period I find to be the most interesting in our country's history."

Will is an avid reader and enjoys most books but especially likes history. He also has interest in and supports the Arts and has been invited to sit on the Board of Directors of the "Gallery at the Wauregan" in Norwich.

Will's advice to all future archaeologists: "Do not read Egyptian inscriptions OUT LOUD, There may be a CURSE."

FOSA would like to thank Will for his dedication and countless volunteer hours assisting FOSA in the field, cataloging of artifacts and especially his support of the out-

reach programs.

Ken Beatrice

Call for Volunteers

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF FOSA BUT WANT TO DO MORE?

FOSA's Board of Directors has at least one opening, and perhaps more. A few of the duties of the BOD are: planning the Annual Meeting and various other events throughout the year, handling FOSA financial matters, and deciding where money will be spent to best fulfill FOSA's mission to support the State Archaeologist. If you have organization skills, computer skills, financial skills, leadership skills, corporate resources, etc. the Board needs you.

The BOD meets at least four times a year, with additional meetings as needed. New members of the BOD will be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of two years. If you are interested, please send a short biography to me at MKHIL@aol.com, or by mail to: Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, PO Box 380845, East Hartford, CT 06138, ATTN: Michael Cahill. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to ask.

Michael Cahill
Chairman, Nomination Committee

What's New on the FOSA Web Site?

During the several months since the 2012 Annual Meeting, we've had the opportunity to add a number of new items to the website, which we hope our members will find interesting and informative. If you have questions or comments (or suggestions!) on any of this, please email me at jllhall2@peoplepc.com. Thank you!

1. A New "Special Features" Section

This is an umbrella section intended to contain items of interest, even though they're not related to each other. The current entries are:

A. Submarine *Turtle* Reconstruction Project

At the last annual meeting I had an opportunity to talk to FOSA member Roy Manstan about the book "*TURTLE: David Bushnell's Revolutionary Vessel*," which he co-authored with Frederic Frese. In particular, we discussed a PowerPoint demo which he gave in East Haddam a couple of years ago on the project; and how it might be included in the web site. The approach which made the most sense was to migrate the PowerPoint images onto standard web site pages, so users wouldn't need new software to read it; and to couple each with explanatory text which Roy would provide. This was all done; and the result was very satisfactory. For those unfamiliar with the *Turtle*, or who would be interested in the project itself, you should find these 26 pictures and associated text fascinating.

B. FOSA Certificate of Appreciation Awards

Each year at our annual meeting, the FOSA Board of Directors presents a Certificate of Appreciation to one or more individuals whose activities have merited special recognition by the FOSA membership. At the meeting, the text of each Certificate is read out; however, for members who

were unable to attend the meeting, that acknowledgement is lost. With this new section, facsimiles of each award are presented: who won the award, when it was presented, and what it was for. We've found most (but not all, as yet) of the original award text; for those currently unavailable, we've prepared approximations culled from past Newsletters.

C. Basic Archaeology Fundamentals (coming soon)

Shortly after joining FOSA I attended a PowerPoint presentation given by Nick Bellantoni that went over a number of subjects relating to archaeology in general. I found it a fascinating presentation then; and once the "Special Features" section got underway, including the presentation in this new section seemed a natural thing to do. Nick and I talked about including it, and he's in favor of doing so, though his current workload precludes working on it just now. However, once done its format will be the same as the *Turtle* feature, with images and text you can navigate through. It should be fascinating as well.

2. Archaeology Awareness Month Calendar of Events

This year, FOSA will be coordinating events associated with the 2012 Archaeology Awareness Month (AAM) in October. Part of that effort will include development of a calendar showing all activities we're aware of associated with the AAM across the state. Thus the calendar will include both FOSA and non-FOSA groups and their activities. At this writing (mid-August) there are 5 activities shown, though by the time October rolls around we expect to have quite a few more. You can access this calendar off the FOSA "Home" and "Upcoming Activities" pages or by inputting www.fosa-ct.org/FOSA_AAM.htm into your browser.

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Welcome New Members (since April 1, 2012)

Dave Bergeron, Ellington
 Scott Brady, Vernon
 Joseph Buchanan, Newington
 Marlo Del Chiaro, Wallingford
 Jeffrey Heidtman, Manchester
 Bill Mahoney, Madison



Corinne McKinstry, South Windsor
 Brian Meyer, South Windsor
 Joel Nick, Middlefield
 Janice Nosal, East Hampton
 Matthew Reichelt, Manchester
 Elias Schwam, Essex

FOSA Web Site

3. Emergency Information Page

At a recent dig in Glastonbury, Dig Supervisor Bruce Greene discussed with me possibilities concerning storage of selected medical information on FOSA volunteers, in the unlikely event that they experience a medical emergency while out in the field. This information would be made available to medical personnel responding to the emergency. At this writing, a page has been prototyped (with my information in it), and we expect that requests for this information will be going out shortly to Field Work volunteers.

A couple of things should be emphasized about this page:

a. This page will NOT be available from any of our links. In other words, it will ONLY be accessible if you

know the full path and filename of the page, and if you also know an ID and Password combination blocking access from there.

b. There will ONLY be a handful of people who will know the path-filename and ID-password combinations; and they'll only access it in the event of a medical emergency, from a link on a smart phone or pad. There will be NO app. created to allow access to it.

c. Field Work volunteers will NOT be required to give this information. It's voluntary only; and those who choose not to provide it will in NO way be restricted from participating. This is all strictly voluntary.

Jim Hall

Resignation

The Board of Directors of FOSA accepted, with regret, the resignation of Vice-President Peter Bortolan on Tuesday, July 31. Thank you, Peter, for your numerous contributions

to FOSA over the past few years. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

The Board elected Mandy Ranslow to fill the vacancy.



FOSA member Jim Hall keeps a sharp eye on activities during the excavation at the Welles-Shipman-Ward House. (See "Below Ground," page 3. Photo by Bruce Greene.

Farmington High School Spring Field School 2012

On May 31, 2012, the Farmington High School Anthropology and Archaeology class began a two-day field school and excavation at the Stanley-Whitman House in Farmington, CT. The 24 students who participated in the field school had spent the semester learning about physical and cultural anthropology, as well as archaeology; this opportunity was part of their study of archaeological techniques and methodology. The students made two site visits prior to the excavation to learn more about the history of the house, develop research questions, and conduct a field survey to determine the ideal location for excavation based upon their research goals. Jeremy Pilver, MA Historical Archaeology, FOSA board member, and Archaeology and World History

teacher at Farmington High School, led the excavation. He also received assistance from many FOSA members and Dr. Bellantoni.

The field school was a great success, and on June 3, an Open House was held at the Stanley-Whitman House, which gave students the opportunity to display artifacts that were uncovered, and talk about their findings with friends, family, and the public. Articles on the field school appeared in both the *Valley Press* and *Farmington Life*. Plans have already begun for field schools this fall and next spring at an early 18th century house in Willington, CT.

Jeremy Pilver



May 30, 2012: FHS at the screen.



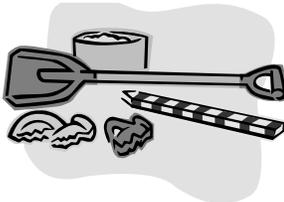
May 31, 2012: FHS with FOSA Volunteer Ken Beatrice.



May 30, 2012: FHS Students Analyzing Artifacts.



May 31, 2012: FHS Students Excavating with Dr. Nick. All photographs on this page by Jeremy Pilver.



Ellington Historical Society: "Can You Dig It?"

On Saturday July 14, the Ellington Historical Society (EHS) hosted an archaeological excavation for kids in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Nellie McKnight House, a museum owned and operated by EHS. Children aged 10-16 were invited to investigate the subsurface remains of an ell that was once attached to the back of the house. Two 1x1 m excavation units were opened and many artifacts were found by the 15 youth excavators. Though quite a few artifacts were modern (such as roofing nails), there were plenty of older artifacts including square nails, creamware, and a small pewter container that may turn out to be a child's toy or a salt container. Artifact processing is currently underway. A particularly interesting feature was a



Student excavators uncovering a possible ell footing. Photo by Mandy Ranslow.

cut, flat stone that may have been a footing to the ell.

FOSA Volunteers Mike Cahill, Mark Falade, and Jim Hall enthusiastically shared their expertise along with volunteers Heather Alexson and Sarah Sportman. I would like to thank the members of the Ellington Historical Society, in particular Tim & Lynn Fahy and Nancy & Jim Long for inviting us to excavate as well as providing food and drinks for the volunteers and youth excavators. To find out more about the Nellie McKnight House and the archaeological excavation please visit the Museum (<http://ellingtonhistsoc.org>) and come visit their booth at the Archaeology Fair on October 27.

Mandy Ranslow



Youth excavator with artifact. Photo by Mandy Ranslow.

October is Archaeology Awareness Month

In Connecticut, October is Archaeology Awareness Month (AAM). This year FOSA formed a new Archaeology Awareness Month Committee. The Committee members are Dick Hughes, Annie McCarty, and Mandy Ranslow. The Committee, with the support of FOSA's Board of Directors, has organized an Archaeology Fair that will be open to the public. The fair will be held on Saturday, October 27 at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center in Old Wethersfield (150 Main Street). The intent of the Fair is to allow the public to learn about different kinds of archaeological work that is being conducted throughout the state. So far we have over 15 organizations participating, including local archaeological societies, universities, and historical societies. Groups will have displays, and some groups will give short presentations on the work they are doing.

If you would like to learn more about becoming involved either as a contributor or as a volunteer on that day, please e-mail fosa.ct@gmail.com. We will certainly need FOSA volunteers to assist in set-up, break-down, greeting,

and more. The AAM Committee also needs you to help in spreading the word about the Fair. Invite your friends! Talk it up at your local historical society! Tell your classroom! It's a fun learning opportunity. There is no admission, but there is a suggested donation of \$5 for adults 18 and older. The proceeds will go toward supporting the work of the Office of State Archaeology.

As mentioned above, other AAM events and activities are listed at: www.fosa-ct.org/FOSA_AAM.htm. Keep checking the page as more events will be added.

We hope that this Archaeology Fair will be a stepping stone toward more wide-spread celebration of Archaeology Awareness Month in years to come. FOSA's AAM Committee always welcomes new members, and our communication is largely done through e-mail. This is an ideal opportunity for those FOSA members who have full-time jobs (like me!).

Mandy Ranslow
AAM Committee, Volunteer Coordinator

Meetings and Announcements

Saturday, September 29 - 10:00am-12:30pm: **Archaeology Field Workshop** – Details will be released shortly so check the CT State Museum of Natural History's website: <http://www.cac.uconn.edu>.

Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7: Hammonasset Jamboree - rain or shine, Hammonasset State Park, Madison, free. Atlatl activity is limited to adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Join the CT State Museum of Natural History and CT Archaeology Center, the World Atlatl Association, and Friends of the Office of State Archaeology at the 2012 Hammonasset Days: Celebrating Nature, Native Skills and Music at Hammonasset State Park! Explore Connecticut's vibrant natural and cultural history. Come try your hand at using the atlatl, an ancient spear-throwing tool that predates the bow and arrow. There will be ongoing amateur atlatl contests and the New England Atlatl Championship. Additional activities will include nature programming, musical performances, A Place Called Hope's birds of prey exhibit, Meigs Point Nature Center, ancient tech-

nology demonstrations, and Native American crafts and vendors.

Saturday, October 13: Archaeological Society of Connecticut Fall Meeting – Groton - Details will be released shortly so check the ASC's website at: <http://connarchaeology.org>. A walk at Gungywamp is planned for the afternoon.

Saturday, October 20 - 3:00pm: **"Lonetown: War-rups, Reads and the Colonial Frontier"** Stuart Reeve and Kathleen von Jena will present a talk that will explore the struggles by local Native Americans to retain traditional lands, and alliances with European settlers in Redding at Highstead Arobretum 127 Lonetown Road (Route 107), Redding, CT (Phone 203-938-8809).

Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am-3:00pm: **Archaeology Fair** - Come see what local archaeological societies, universities, and historical societies are doing in Connecticut Archaeology! This event is open to the public. Adults are a \$5 suggested donation, and ages 17 and under are free. All proceeds will support the on-going work of the Office of State

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

2012 Summer Archeology Field Schools

This summer 24 students participated in two UConn Archaeology Field Schools, Battlefield and Pre-contact, hosted at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center.

The Battlefield Archeology Field School students, taught by Kevin McBride, Gabe Hrynick (UConn), David Naumec (Clark University), and Jacqueline Veninger (Exeter University, UK) researched and excavated both King Philip's War (1675-1676) and Pequot War (1636-1637) battlefield sites. The students participated in Connecticut Open House Day at the Denison Homestead in Mystic, CT, and taught archaeology to the public (at a possible site of Captain George Denison's palisade and military encampment of Connecticut forces during King Philip's War).

The Battlefield students completed fieldwork with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, Blackstone Valley Historical Society of Lincoln, RI, and the Narragansett Tribe to begin the second phase of testing at a King Philip's War battlefield site (learn more at www.rihs.org/events/?p=667). The students also completed field-

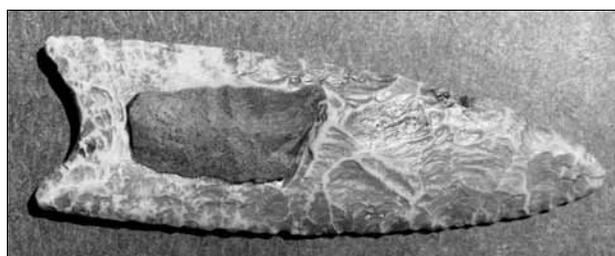


Brass bead, from contact period Pequot village near the English "Retreat from Mistick Fort" route.

work in Groton along the "Retreat from Mistick Fort" route, where English soldiers and their Native allies were counterattacked repeatedly by the Pequot following the battle at Mistick Fort during the Pequot War of 1636-1637. It was here that the students discovered a contact period Pequot village, perhaps the one described by the English Captain John Mason: "We then Marched on towards Pequot Harbour; and falling upon several Wigwams, burnt them" (Thomas Prince ed., John Mason, *A Brief History of the Pequot War: Especially Of the memorable Taking of their Fort at Mistick in Connecticut In 1637*, 1736).

Zac Singer (UConn) taught the Pre-contact Field School with the assistance of Chantal Henry. The students excavated on the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation at the "Mill Site," where they unearthed a multicomponent site with certainly one, likely two, Paleo-Indian occupations. Students

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Channel flake with replica fluted point; flake from the "Mill Site" on the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation.

Meetings and Announcements

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Archaeology.

Saturday, October 27 - 1:00pm: **History and Archaeology Hike at the Gorman Quarry** - Come for a tour and hike in a less-traveled area of the Case Mountain Recreation Area to view the Gorman Quarry and other archeological remains. Celebrate Archaeology Awareness Month! We'll look for other evidence of nineteenth-century activity on our approximately three-mile hike. The terrain is hilly and very rocky, so wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Town parking lot on Line Street, not far from its intersection with Gardner Street. No dogs, please. \$3 for non-members and \$1 for members of the Manchester Historical Society. Check out http://www.manchesterhistory.org/MHS3_Events.html for more information.

Monday & Tuesday, October 29-30 - **Archaeology Dig at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport** - In anticipation of the 100th Birthday Celebration of Connecticut's State Park system, Nick Bellantoni will assist Park Supervisor Beschle with archaeological investigations focused on confirming the site of the original Sherwood family holdings. As a part of the centennial commemoration, the Park plans to install educational

panels on the history of the Sherwood family holdings which formed the core of the first designated state park. To assist with the field investigation, contact the Friends of Sherwood Island State Park Cece Saunders, cece@historicalperspectives.org, 203-226-7654.

Saturday, November 3 - **Archaeology Hike** - Join Nick Bellantoni and the Vernon Greenways Volunteers. Details to follow. Check www.vernongreenways.org.

Saturday, January 26 2013 - 1:00pm: **FOSA Annual Meeting** - Smith Middle School in Glastonbury. Business meeting is held at 1:00pm followed by our speaker at 2:00pm. Our speaker will be Stephen D. Brown, Ph.D. who is the Dupee Family Professor of Social Science and Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology at Brown University. He is a discoverer and excavator of ancient Mayan tombs in Guatemala. Details will be forth coming. Stay tuned to www.fosa-ct.org for future details.

As always, FOSA's website has a list of upcoming events. Check it out at http://www.fosa-ct.org/FOSA_SpecNotices.htm and Archaeology Awareness Month Events can be found at www.fosa.org/FOSA_AAM.htm.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

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also learned from guest lecturers Brian Jones, Nick Bellantoni, and Robert Thorson. Working with the students was Paige Phillips (USF), who is currently researching chemical changes in soil phosphates present at archaeological sites (learn more about Paige Phillips and her work here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOvOq-7-ets).

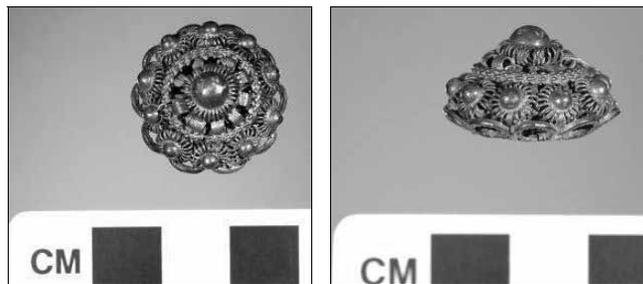
Battlefields of the Pequot War Project News

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center continues its endeavors of the *Battlefields of the Pequot War* project as they recently received funding from the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program for fieldwork at the site of Saybrook Fort in Old Saybrook. Scheduled fieldwork is to begin this coming fall, following several Public Information Meetings. This fieldwork follows the completed documentation phase that took place in 2010 through spring 2012. Visit the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program at www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/grants/battlefieldgrants/2012grantawards.htm to read more about the program and other interesting national battlefield projects underway, including work by the Connecticut River Museum (Essex) to study the events and site boundaries of the burning of Essex during the War of 1812. This past summer, the Mashantucket Pequot Mu-

seum and Research Center also received an Award of Merit from the Connecticut League of History Organizations for the *Battlefields of the Pequot War* project. Please visit <http://pequotwar.org> for up-to-date project information about the *Battlefields of the Pequot War*.

Again, much gratitude to FOSA volunteers and the Yankee Territory Coinshooters metal detecting club. Without their help, the *Battlefields of the Pequot War* excavations would not have been successful.

Laurie Pasteryak



Braamknopen (Blackberry Button). "Retreat from Mistick Fort" site, Dutch, 17th century. Silver Filigree. Men wore buttons often to show wealth and status. This button suggests the presence of an English soldier who served in the Netherlands during the Thirty Years War of 1618-1648.

FOSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



- Individual.....\$25 Corporate/Institution..... \$100
- Family.....\$35 Patron Benefactor..... \$150
- Student.....\$5 Dr. Jordan Radiocarbon Fund Donation \$_____
- Classroom.....\$20 General Fund Donation\$_____

INTEREST INVENTORY

Please check areas of interest for volunteering:

- Field Work
- Artifact Curation
- Public Events
- Fund Raising
- Newsletter
- OSA Library
- Web Site
- Laboratory Analysis/Cataloging
- Board of Directors & Committees
- Exhibit Planning/Art Work
- Grant Writing
- Photography
- Writing Site Forms & Reports
- CT Archaeology Center/Museum

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