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FOSA's Purpose

The purpose of the Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, Inc. is to enhance the efforts of Connecticut's Office of State Archaeology (OSA) to carry out its statutory responsibilities through:

- encouraging and facilitating educational activities that enhance public awareness of the OSA and archaeological issues in general;
- encouraging participation by communities, corporations, institutions, cultural organizations, and individuals in support of the OSA;
- encouraging partnerships between OSA and local communities in supporting scientific research initiatives related to archaeology; and
- developing sources of financial and other support to be directed to the benefit of the OSA and its activities.

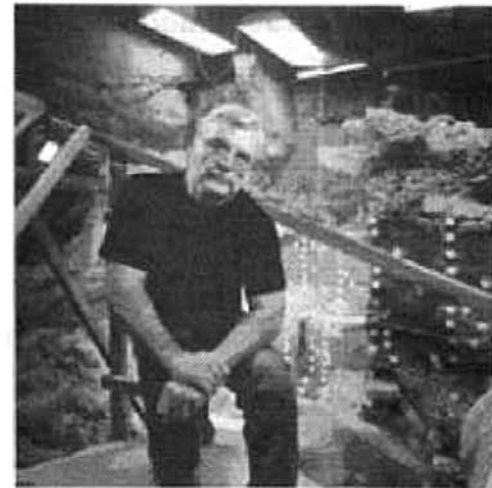
Friends of the Office of State Archaeology

**Twelfth Annual Meeting
January 24, 2009**

Featured Speaker

Dr. James Adovasio

**Director of the Mercyhurst
Archaeological Institute**



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TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING
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1:00 Annual Meeting Agenda

Introduction and Call to Order	Cynthia Redman
Secretary's Report	Paul Scannell
Treasurer's Report	Dreda Hendsey
Election of Officers	Mike Raber
Achievement Award	Jim Trocchi
Tribute to Dave Cooke	John Spaulding and Dr. Bellantoni
Adjournment of Business Meeting	Cynthia Redman

2:00 Feature Presentation

Introduction of Featured Speaker	Dr. Bellantoni
Presentation by Dr. James Adovasio	
Time for Questions and Answers	

Please complete the Evaluation Form and turn it in at the end of the session so we may continue to identify speakers with interest for our audience.

Dr. James M. Adovasio

Dr. J. M. Adovasio, Director of the Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania, achieved world acclaim as an archaeologist with his excavation of Meadowcroft Rockshelter located 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Meadowcroft Rockshelter has been widely recognized as the earliest well-dated archaeological site in North America, with evidence of human habitation dating to ca. 16,000 years ago.

During his 37-year career, Dr. Adovasio has specialized in the analysis of perishable material culture (basketry, textiles, cordage, etc.) and the application of "high-tech" methods in archaeological research, particularly in closed site contexts such as caves and rockshelters. He has published nearly 400 books, monographs, articles, and technical papers on subjects related to these topics, and presents regularly at national and international meetings.