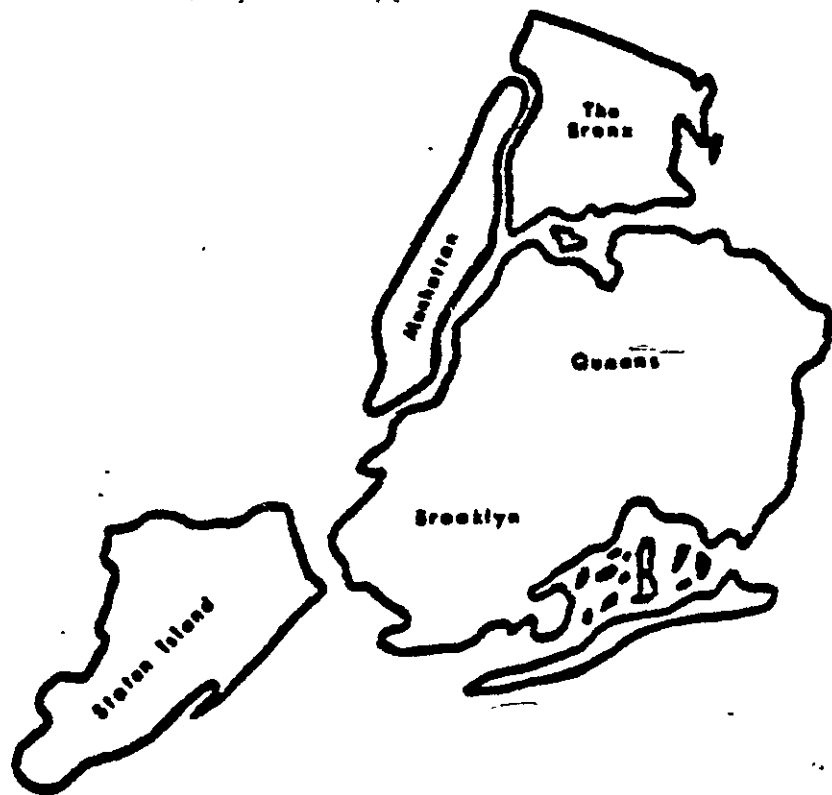


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THE NEXT SCHEDULED PANYC MEETING:
 Wednesday, 22 September 1982, 8:00 P.M.
 New York University
 25 Waverly Place, Room 213

Material for inclusion in the PANYC Newsletter should be sent to Sydne B. Marshall,
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PANYC General Membership Meeting 19 May 1982 NYU

MINUTES

Salwen called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as they appeared in PANYC Newsletter No. 10.

Marshall reported that she wrote to Joseph Noble, Director, Museum of the City of New York, to thank him for the use of the museum facilities for the 1982 PANYC Symposium on the Archaeology of New York City.

Treasurer's Report

Sterud reported \$29.31 in disbursements and \$84 in deposits resulting in a balance of \$410.71.

President's Report

Salwen and Sterud met with Noble, Museum of the City of New York, and discussed the need for an archaeological repository for New York City materials. Noble mentioned the possibility of renting a room in a building near the museum, 20' x 30', for three years at \$30,000. Complications over arranging a curatorial position need to be worked out. Salwen suggested a university sponsor for the position as one possible solution. The President of NYU expressed interest in raising funds to put a faculty member in the museum.

Dealing with this same issue, Rothschild, Baugher-Perlin and Salwen met with the Advisory Board of the Municipal Archives. Two people there agreed to be on a committee concerned with the archaeological repository issue. Future meetings are planned with representatives of the Cooper Hewitt Museum and with representatives of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Geismar estimates that the archaeological materials from the 175 Water Street site, excluding the ship, require about 1,033 cubic feet for storage. Rockman estimates that TELCO site materials require about 1/4 less space than the 175 Water Street estimate.

In reference to Landmarks Preservation Commissioner Barwick's request for input as to the curatorial fate of the ship from 175 Water Street, Salwen wrote to the Landmarks Preservation Commission outlining the weaknesses of the proposal from the South Street Seaport Museum, New York City, and outlining the strengths of the proposal from the Mariner's Museum, Newport News, Virginia. Ronson, the developer of 175 Water Street, has provided funds for preservation of the ship. A permanent home has yet to be found.

PANyc General Membership Meeting MINUTES (continued)

Guest Speaker

Shirley Gorenstein, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, addressed PANyc at the May 19 meeting about her role as the sole archaeologist on the New York State Advisory Board for Historic Preservation. Gorenstein noted that the places on the board are designated by law and that the Board meets four times a year. Gorenstein chairs the Committee on Archaeology on which Bruce Fullem, Field Services Bureau, and Paul Huey, Historic Sites Bureau, New York State Division for Historic Preservation, and Winthrop Aldrich, a designate to the Committee, also serve. Gorenstein focused her discussion on seven problems:

1. The need to expand research to non-elite historical sites
2. The lack of money for publication by the Bureau of Historic Sites of its many reports
3. The few archaeological sites which come up for nomination to the Register of Historic Places
4. The rare use of consultants for archaeological concerns
5. The oversight of archaeological sites within historic districts
6. The insufficient extent of land surrounding 17th, 18th, and 19th century historic structures designated as Landmarks and thus the exclusion of associated archaeological resources within the Landmark boundaries.
7. The need to uphold standards for project review

Gorenstein's presentation generated lively discussion about these problems. She reported that Fullem's sensitivity model was being reviewed as a basis for making decisions about the need for surveys in New York State. Salwen noted that this model had never been tested. Others further pointed out that Fullem's model is actually a ranking of areas based on where surveys had been conducted. Salwen urged the SHPO's office to seek input from the professional community and to plan a statistical test of the model they use. Years ago, NYAC submitted a model to the SHPO which could be tested. The general consensus of the meeting was that New York State lacked an explicit plan for dealing with archaeological resources which implements the federal Resource Protection Planning Process. PANyc's membership enthusiastically thanked Gorenstein for an interesting presentation.

Legislative Committee

In response to President Reagan's budget cuts which would give no funding to States or to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Salwen urged PANyc members to write to their Congressmen. Florence, Field Services Bureau, Division for Historic Preservation, New York, sent Marshall a packet of information summarizing the achievements and history of funding of the country's preservation efforts. This information should be used to support arguments made to legislators.

PANYC General Membersip Meeting MINUTES (continued)

Salwen noted that action in the form of letter writing is also necessary on the State level. Salwen urged members to write to State Senators and Assemblymen to support Bills S8526 and A10821 which would provide dollars for surveys and planning. Appropriations from these bills could help fill the gap created by federal cuts.

Orgel reported that there would be new regulations drafted for the Army Corps in relation to CRM. The Corps plans to initiate the Resource Protection Planning Process in the Corps Districts on a trial basis because most states have not taken the initiative themselves. Salwen proposed that they let a pilot contract for a river basin.

Newsletter Committee

Klein announced his retirement as PANYC Newsletter editor due to other commitments. Marshall will edit the newsletter, Geismar will work on the committee with her, and Klein will continue to supply mailing and compilation.

Action Committee

Ceci will join Geismar, Harris, Rockman and Sanders on this committee.

Geismar wrote a letter to Ms. Alanne Baerson, Executive Director of the City Planning Commission, in reference to North Brother Island. Geismar informed Ms. Baerson of the need to consider archaeological resources on the island in any plans for development there.

Orgel gave an update on Oak Point Link in the Bronx. Orgel and Klein agreed that the current EIS does not include thorough documentary research. Orgel notified the Coast Guard of the problem with the EIS and the Army Corps will not issue a permit until further work is done.

Marshall reported she received a phone call from Steve Cohen, B'nai Brith, who represents a committee to save the Eldridge Street Synagogue, Lower East Side, Manhattan. He requested that archaeologists excavate the dirt basement floor of the synagogue and expose the foundation so that his committee could stabilize the building by pouring concrete along the foundation. Marshall directed Cohen to contact experts in restoration at the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Research and Planning Committee

Finding a permanent home for the City's archaeological cultural resources has become the immediate goal of this committee. Rothschild, Baugher-Perlin, and Salwen will work on this problem.

Salwen suggested that the Research Protection Planning Process be implemented in New York City.

PANyc General Membership Meeting MINUTES (continued)

Public Relations Committee

Marshall reported for Naar that PANyc's Symposium on the Archaeology of New York City held at the Museum of the City of New York on May 1 was again a success. Naar received positive reviews from people who attended. Many had attended last year's symposium also.

Salwen informed the group that Historic Preservation featured an article about urban archaeology. This is one of the few times that the publication has given so much attention to archaeology.

Salwen also reported that Howard Winters was currently serving as an archaeological consultant to an off-Broadway play called The Volunteers.

Committee Membership Summary

Newsletter Committee - Marshall, Geismar, Klein
Action Committee - Geismar, Harris, Rockman, Sanders, Ceci
Research and Planning Committee - Bankoff, Baugher-Perlin, Cantwell, Klein, Mish, Rothschild
Legislative Committee - Salwen, Orgel
Public Program - Klein, Bankoff, Marshall, Naar
Public Relations - Naar, Sterud

New Business

Geismar encouraged PANyc members not to abandon the Metropolitan Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association which she noted is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Ceci announced the opening of the Joseph Lloyd Manor House, Huntington, Long Island, to visitors. Solecki added that the Onderdonk House in Queens would officially open on June 6 and the Wyckoff House in Brooklyn would be completed by August 2.

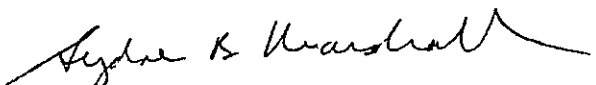
Baugher-Perlin reported that she and Ms. Kellerman met with Community Board 2 about proposed work at Sheridan Square. Baugher-Perlin noted that the proposal for archaeological work will go through the channels.

Next PANyc Meeting

PANyc will meet again on September 22 at New York University.

Salwen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Sydne B. Marshall
PANyc Secretary

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(as of September 1982)

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PANYC Membership (continued)

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PANYC Membership (continued)

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Sites Considered for the New York State Register

PUBLIC NOTICE New York State Report 4(16)

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

April 21, 1982

PURSUANT to section 14.07 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation hereby gives notice of the following:

In accordance with subdivision (c) of section 427.4 of title 9 NYCRR notice is hereby given that the State Board for Historic Preservation acting through the Committee on the Registers will be considering nomination proposals for listing of properties on the State Register of Historic Places at a meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., May 27, 1982, on the 20th floor of Agency Building 1, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany.

The following properties will be considered:

1. Longwood Historic District, vicinity of 156th St. between Hewitt and Beck Streets, Bronx Co.
2. Riverdale Presbyterian Church Complex, 4765 Henry Hudson Parkway at 249th St., Riverdale, Bronx Co.
3. Near Westside Historic District, Elmira, Chemung Co.
4. Sherburne Historic District, Chenango Co.
5. Historic Resources of the Hudson Highlands, various properties, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester Counties.
6. Longue Vue Island, Town of Alexandria, Jefferson Co.
7. Pratt Institute Campus, Brooklyn, Kings Co.
8. St. James Church, 2500 Jerome Avenue, Brooklyn, Kings Co.
9. Reformed Church of South Bushwick Complex, 855-867 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, Kings Co.
10. Edgehill Church and Rectory, 230 Classon Ave., Brooklyn, Kings Co.
11. Sea Cliff Summer Resort Theme, various properties, Seacliff, Nassau Co.
12. Estonian House (Civic Club), 243 34th St., New York, New York Co.
13. Langston Hughes House, 20 East 127th St., New York, New York Co.
14. Grand Central Terminal Post Office, corner of Lexington Ave. and 45th St., New York, New York Co.
15. Barbizon Hotel, 140 East 63rd St., New York, New York Co.
16. Hotel Gerard, 123 West 44th St., New York, New York Co.
17. Chelsea Historic District Expansion, vicinity of West 22nd St. between 8th and 9th Avenues, New York, New York Co.
18. Central Park West Historic District, from West 61st St. to West 96th St., New York, New York Co.
19. Hamilton Heights Historic District, vicinity of Hamilton Terrace between West 140th and West 145th Streets, New York, New York Co.
20. Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, 540 and 550 West End Ave. and 263 West 86th St., New York, New York Co.
21. Historic Resources of Canandaigua, various properties, Ontario Co.
22. Warwick Historic District, Warwick, Orange Co.
23. Historic Resources of the City of Newburgh, various properties, Newburgh, Orange Co.
24. Trinity Church, Constantia, Oswego Co.
25. RKO Keith's Theatre, 135-29 to 135-43 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, Queens Co.
26. Woodrow Methodist Church, 1109 Woodrow Rd., Staten Island, Richmond Co.
27. Hand Mansion, South Nyack, Rockland Co.
28. Broadway Historic District (Expansion), Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co.
29. East Side Historic District, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co.
30. Union Street Historic District, Schenectady, Schenectady Co.
31. Historic Resources of Bath, various properties, Steuben Co.
32. Montauk Manor, Montauk, Suffolk Co.
33. Crowther House, Westhampton Beach, Suffolk Co.
34. Old Arlington Hotel, Narrowsburg, Sullivan Co.
35. Leo Friedlander Studio, White Plains, Westchester Co.

Comments may be submitted to Commissioner Lehman of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, attention Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau, Agency Building 1, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12238, no later than May 26 or may be submitted in person at the meeting by contacting Larry Gobrecht at the same address no later than May 26.

For further information contact: Larry Gobrecht, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Agency Bldg. 1, The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12238, (518) 474-0479

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The following properties will be considered:

1. St. James Episcopal Church, 2500 Jerome Ave., Bronx Co.
2. Edgehill Church of Spuyten Duyvil (United Church of Christ), 2550 Independence Ave., Bronx Co.
3. Van Ornam and Murdock Block, Port Henry, Essex Co.
4. Charles Cooper (ship), Port Stanley, Falkland Islands
5. New York Central #29 (ship), Brooklyn Army Terminal, Brooklyn, Kings Co.
6. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 230 Classon Ave., Brooklyn, Kings Co.
7. Pioneer (Schooner), Pier 15, East River, Manhattan, New York Co.
8. Major General W.H. Hart (Ferry Boat), Pier 15, East River, Manhattan, New York Co.
9. Lettie G. Howard (Schooner), Pier 16, East River, Manhattan, New York Co.
10. Ambrose (Light Ship), Pier 16, East River, Manhattan, New York Co.
11. Houses at 311 and 313 East 58th St., Manhattan, New York Co.
12. Robbins and Appleton Building, 1-5 Bond St., Manhattan, New York Co.
13. Trinity Chapel Complex (Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava Complex), 15 West 25th St., Manhattan, New York Co.
14. New York County Lawyers' Association Building, 14 Vesey St., Manhattan, New York Co.
15. Houses at 120 and 122 East 92nd St., Manhattan, New York Co.
16. Weeping Beech Tree, Weeping Beech Park, Flushing, Queens Co.
17. House at 5910 Amboy Road, Staten Island, Richmond Co.
18. Houses at 364 and 390 Van Duser Street, Staten Island, Richmond Co.
19. United Methodist Church, Patchogue, Suffolk Co.
20. East Hampton Village Multiple Resource Area, Suffolk Co.
21. Greenport Village Multiple Resource Area, Suffolk Co.

Comments may be submitted to Commissioner Lehman of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, attention Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau, Agency Building 1, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12238, no later than June 23 or may be submitted in person at the meeting by contacting Larry Gobrecht at the same address no later than June 23.

For further information contact: Larry Gobrecht, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Agency Bldg. 1, The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12238, (518) 474-0479

Sites Submitted to the National Register

February 9, 1982 Federal Register 47(27)

NEW YORK

Bronx County

Bronx, Bronx Borough Courthouse, E. 161st St., 3rd and Brook Aves.

Kings County

Brooklyn, Boys' High School, 832 Marcy Ave.

New York County

New York, Former Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, 51 Chambers St.

March 16, 1982 Federal Register 47(51)

NEW YORK

Kings County

Brooklyn, 83rd Precinct Police Station and Stable, 179 Wilson Ave.

June 22, 1982 Federal Register 47(120)

NEW YORK

New York County

New York, House at 203 East 29 Street 201--203 E. 29th St.

New York City, Candler Building, 220 42nd St. and 221 41st St.

New York, Church of the Incarnation and Parish House, 205--209 Madison Ave.

Putnam County

Philipstown vicinity, Old Albany Post Road US 9

Richmond County

Staten Island, Ward, Caleb T., Mansion 141 Nixon Ave.

Ulster County

Libertyville vicinity, DuBois, Hendrikus House, 600 Albany Post Rd.

Historic District, Roughly bounded by Main, Partition, Market and Jane Sts

Westchester County

Yonkers, Yonkers Water Works, Roughly bounded by Saw Mill River and Grassy Sprain Rds., and Gilmar Dr.

May 21, 1982
New York Times

Archeologists Search for a Chronicle of New York

By LESLIE BENNETTS

He died in 1771, but the old sea captain's warning still accosts the wary passer-by:

*Stop Passenger nor pass unthoughtfully,
For what you are that lately too was I.*

*But what I am vain many you soon must be,
This truth you'll know from Death, who taught it me.*

Nearby is a 1780 tribute to Sarah Richards, "a good neighbor, a tender mother to ten children and a obedient wife."

The gravestones nestle among grass and leaves in St. Andrew's Cemetery in Richmondtown, S.I., and some look as if they have not been touched in a couple of centuries. These days, however, one is likely to see a small band of prowlers armed with cameras skulking about, recording such echoes from the past.

They are on official business, however, as part of a gravestone study program initiated by the City Landmarks Preservation Commission. And their leader is the official archeologist for the city, Sberene Baugher-Perlin.

First City Archeologist

Until less than two years ago, New York did not have an official archeologist. But then came the Stadt Huys excavation in lower Manhattan, where archeologists uncovered artifacts and building foundations from the early Dutch occupation of New York, then known as New Amsterdam.

"That surprised many New Yorkers," Dr. Baugher-Perlin said, "because the feeling was that lower Manhattan has been so developed and actively occupied from the early 1600's on that there was no way the remains of early Dutch and English New York could be still in the ground."

In addition to the foundation walls of the original Stadt Huys, the Dutch city hall, the dig unearthed wine bottles and clay pipes from Lovelace Tavern, built by Francis Lovelace, the second English Governor of New York; Dutch and English delfts, and such remnants of the island's original population as wampum.

"The city government realized there is an archeological heritage we



The New York Times/Dan Regan/Charles

Sberene Baugher-Perlin, the city's official archeologist, noting the inscription on a gravestone in the cemetery at Trinity Church.

should address, and the feeling was that we do need a city archeologist, because you can't have a non-archeologist evaluating whether there's material there," Dr. Baugher-Perlin said.

And so she assumed her post in August 1980. Among the excavations she has supervised since then was the discovery of an early 18th-century merchant ship at 175 Water Street. Buried for more than 200 years, it had been sunk as part of a harbor landfill effort extending Manhattan Island. Such features as tropical-worm casings imbedded in the ship's pitch enabled archeologists to determine that it had once traveled the triangle of trade routes between England, the West Indies and the Colonies.

The gravestone project, financed by a \$20,000 grant from the New York Council on the Humanities, will survey some 2,000 Colonial gravestones from 20 cemeteries in all five boroughs. Its purpose is to "provide us with information about the past," Dr. Baugher-Perlin said.

"We see gravestones as documents in stone," she said.

Attitudes Toward Death Studied

Among other things, the project team is studying patterns of mortality and changing attitudes toward death as reflected in different symbolism, from the skull and crossbones of the grim Puritan view to the winged cherubs of later carvings.

Dr. Baugher-Perlin, a graduate of Hunter College with a doctorate from the State University at Stony Brook, is a fourth-generation Staten Islander. She intended to become a cultural anthropologist until the growing field of historical archeology enabled her to combine her passion for American history with her interest in the ways people lived in different cultures.

She was teaching graduate archeology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and undergraduate anthropology at Fairleigh Dickinson University when she was appointed to her present job with the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Dr. Baugher-Perlin, who is 34 years old, is earnest and enthusiastic about the importance of her work. "By learning about our past, we have a better sense of where we are now," she said. "What we're uncovering is the human elements of the past, what life was like back then. We have roots here in America we can be proud of."

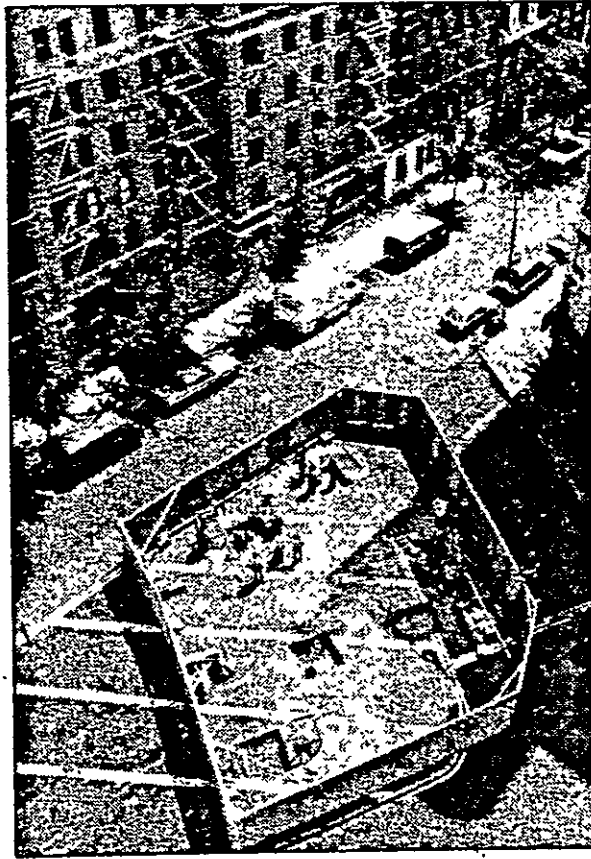
June 3, 1982
New York Times

Municipal Art Society Giving Awards

The Municipal Art Society of New York will present its annual awards today 3 P.M. in the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42d Street, to organizations, individuals, public events and buildings that have contributed to the quality of life in New York City.

The citations, presented at the annual meeting of the 90-year-old society, will honor archeological excavations at three sites in lower Manhat-

tan; the illumination of the Chrysler Building; Tiffany Plaza, a multi-user space in the Southeast Bronx; "Big Apple Minutes," WNEW-TV spot announcements about cultural organizations; the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; Mario Salvadori, engineer; Lee Harris Pomeroy, architect; the Dome Project, a geodesic dome built by unemployed youths under the direction of John Simon, and Noonan Plaza, a restored group of apartments in the South Bronx.



At left, the fenced-off area where an archeological dig is taking place on Sheridan Square. Above, Dr. Anne-Marie Cantwell, the director of the project, sifting through rubble from the site for artifacts.

Volunteers Dig Into Manhattan's Past

By SUSAN CHIRA

Behind a bright blue plywood fence that has sprung up in the heart of Sheridan Square, a crew of volunteers has begun what it says is the first archeological dig in Greenwich Village — one that archeologists hope will unearth clues to life on pre-Colonial Manhattan.

Although the dig will officially begin today, a few workers crouched in five-foot-square pits yesterday, carefully scraping away earth with trowels as the sun beat down.

The dig is unusual, the archeologists say, because the plot, with any artifacts it contains, is one of the few in New York City left undisturbed since the early 1800's.

"In New York, it's really hard to find an untouched ground surface," said Dr. Anne-Marie Cantwell, an associate professor of anthropology at Rutgers University and the project's director of operations.

The plot was part of the Indian settlement called Sappokanican, and was first paved over as a public road in 1830, according to Regina Kellerman, the executive director of the Greenwich Village Trust for Historic Preservation. Mrs. Kellerman spent weeks searching archives to compile the site's history.

The 4,200-foot triangle of pavement at the intersection of Washington Place with Barrow, West Fourth and Grove Streets has remained roadway, Mrs. Kellerman said.

Other archeological digs in lower Manhattan have been on land that was dug up when building foundations were constructed or utility lines laid, said Arnold Pickman, an associate director of the project.

Although Dr. Cantwell said she was particularly excited at the prospect of discovering clues about the daily lives of Indians who lived on Manhattan before the arrival of Europeans, she cautioned that the dig might not yield such rarities.

"Any site that you dig is like a Christmas present," she said. "Before you open it, you shake it, squeeze it, weigh it, poke it — but until the ribbon is off and the tissue paper is gone you don't know what's inside."

Even if no pre-Colonial artifacts remain, Mr. Pickman said, the dig should help to document life in Greenwich Village in the 18th and 19th centuries and shed light on the development of New York as a city.

The idea of a dig came up when the Sheridan Square Triangle Association, a local community organization, proposed that the pavement be removed and a garden be built on the undeveloped plot of land. While researching the history of the land in connection with that proposal, Mrs. Kellerman said, she realized it might be an important site for a dig because the land had lain undisturbed for nearly 200 years.

Colonial Farmland

According to early Dutch records, the Indian village stretched from the banks of the Hudson River, in the neighborhood of what is now Christopher Street, to the west branch of the Minetta Brook, now the Avenue of the Americas — an area that includes the present Sheridan Square, Mrs. Kellerman said.

During the Dutch and English colonization of Manhattan, what became Sheridan Square was farmland.

When two estates were divided in the

early 1800's, the triangular lot was formed, and over the years was successively paved with cobblestone, Belgian block and asphalt.

The square was named after the Civil War general Philip Henry Sheridan in 1899. Over the years, most people have confused Christopher Park with Sheridan Square, probably because a statue of Sheridan was erected in the park in 1936, Mrs. Kellerman said.

Dr. Cantwell has agreed to donate her time to direct the project. New York University has agreed to donate their laboratories, and about 50 volunteers have agreed to work without pay. Mr. Pickman and Diana Rockman, both graduate students in anthropology at N.Y.U. who have worked on other New York digs, will serve as associate directors of the field work.

Digging the Pits

Yesterday, as the temperature hovered in the 90's, Miss Rockman coached the volunteers, who ranged from a high school student to a schoolteacher. The crew had already dug deep holes in a few of the pits in a "shovel test" to identify different time periods of soil by their colors.

In one corner of the blacktop lot, Barbara Steinberg, a reading teacher in the New York public schools, scooped earth into a dustpan and strained it through a wire mesh. Why had she volunteered to help with the dig?

"Insanity," she said, wiping her forehead. "No, really, I adore Greenwich Village, and I thought how grand it would be if I could be part of finding something of historical merit in my community."

The Editorial Notebook

August 13, 1982
New York Times

Cooling the Hot Pot Trade

The other day there occurred an interesting ceremony at the Peruvian Embassy in Washington. No fewer than 700 works of pre-Columbian art, valued in all at \$1.5 million, were returned with apologies by the United States. They were the stock-in-trade of a dealer who had been caught with some of the artifacts stuffed in suitcases on returning from a trip to Peru.

Multiply his collection a hundred-fold and you have some idea of the yearly turnover in a traffic that raises a tangle of moral and legal arguments. Having ventured as a reporter into this tangle, I know how easy it is to get lost — and I understand why Congress has hesitated to put into effect a Unesco convention meant to deter smugglers of ancient art.

On one side are archeologists, sometimes otherworldly in their purism. They deplore the looting of sites and the devastation of evidence. The past, they insist, is a nonrenewable resource; you can't grow another Mayan tomb. Yet to feed a market for mantelpiece knickknacks, whole continents of the past have been ravaged.

Nonsense, reply the antiquity dealers. Those aren't knickknacks but masterpieces, and if collectors hadn't cherished them, they would have been

*'I Don't Want To Look,
The Archeologist Said.
'It's Making Me Sick.'*

irretrievably lost. If every work brought illegally into this country were returned, museums would be emptied — and besides, the responsibility for enforcing foreign laws reposes with foreign governments, not U.S. Customs.

It is a seductive argument, the more so since the third-worldly label "Unesco" is attached to a convention meant to counter the traffic in smuggled art. But nothing radical is proposed in the convention, which the Senate approved in 1972. It simply gives wider applicability to existing laws and executive agreements already on the books. In the case of the Peruvian objects, for example, Customs was able to move because they had been misdeclared and undervalued.

The convention is not retroactive, so masterpieces already here will stay put; legitimate museum and collector interest can be protected, in the laws needed to implement the convention.

More than anything else, the convention is symbolic; it puts the United States behind an international effort to curb the traffic in smuggled art.

Still, why should Americans help enforce someone else's laws? That was precisely Turkey's initial rejoinder when the United States asked it to phase out subsidies for a legal crop in opium-bearing poppies. Heroin addiction is virtually unknown in Turkey, but in the end Ankara decided that reciprocity was more important than scoring legal points.

The most eloquent argument is the sight of a Mayan temple that has been desecrated, its carvings obliterated by clumsy looters. It is an upsetting sight, especially when one realizes that the ultimate destination of the plunder is most probably the American art market.

Last year, when Customs officials seized those Peruvian artifacts, they summoned for an expert opinion an eminent Smithsonian archeologist, Clifford Evans. "I don't want to look any more," an agent recalls Evans saying. "It's making me sick." Apparently he was not speaking figuratively. Returning from Dulles Airport, Evans suffered a heart attack and died.

KARL E. MEYER

New Exhibits of Special Interest

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CITIES

Discoveries from a number of recent excavations in New Jersey,
New York, and London

September 27 through October 21, 1982

Monday through Friday 11:30-5

Admission free

Robeson Center Gallery

Rutgers, The state University of New Jersey

350 High Street

Newark, New Jersey 07102

THE BIRTH OF NEW YORK: NIEUW AMSTERDAM 1624-1664

Exhibit marks the 200th anniversary of Dutch-American diplomatic
relations. Materials from the 64 Pearl Street, Stadt Huys, and
7 Hanover Square sites are represented.

October 7, 1982 through January 1, 1983

Tuesday through Friday 11-5, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-5

Admission \$2.00 Wednesday through Sunday, discretionary fee on Tuesday

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170 Central Park West

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Meeting Calendar

A CONFERENCE ON HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Sept. 24-25, Student Center, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York. A two-day conference on historical archeology of the Hudson Valley. For further information write Historical Archeology, Historic Cherry Hill, 523½ South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CITIES

Oct. 1, 1-4, Robeson Campus Center, Rutgers University, 350 High Street, Newark, New Jersey. Eight speakers will discuss discoveries from a number of recent excavations in New Jersey, New York, and London. Conference is free. Reception follows the conference, 4-5 P.M. For additional information call (201) 648-5970.

NYSAA, METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

Oct. 7, 5:45 P.M., Columbia University, Room to be announced. Nan Rothschild will speak about the Stadt Haus and 7 Hanover Square sites. Nov. 4, Speaker and room to be announced. Dec. 2, Speaker and room to be announced. For additional information contact Joan Geismar, 40 E 83 St., N.Y., N.Y.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE NEW YORK -NEW JERSEY AREA

Oct. 16, 10-5, Drew University, Madison, N.J.
2nd Annual Symposium, Society for Industrial Archeology. Registration fee-\$10. For additional information call (201) 852-8630.

THE COUNCIL FOR NORTHEAST HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Oct. 22-24, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.
See preliminary program in this PANYC Newsletter 11. For additional information contact Beth Bower (617) 445-7400.

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 81st ANNUAL MEETING

Dec. 4-7, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

Dec. 27-30, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
For information contact Program Comm., AIA, 53 Park Place, N.Y., N.Y. 10007

SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND CONFERENCE ON UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

Jan. 6-8, Marriott Hotel, Denver, Colorado.
Theme: Heritage of the West. For information contact Adrienne Anderson National Park Service, Rocky Mt. Regional Office, P.O. Box 25287, Denver Colorado 80225.

THE COUNCIL FOR NORTHEAST HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

October 22, 23, 24, 1982

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday, October 22: Evening session only

7:00-10:00 P.M. Registration

7:30-10:00 P.M. Executive Board Meeting

9:00-11:00 P.M. Ceramic Workshop, George Miller, Organizer
(Bring examples of either "hard to identify" sherds or unusual variations of the more common wares)

Saturday, October 22: One morning and four afternoon sessions

8:30- 4:00 P.M. Registration

9:30-10:00 A.M. Annual Business Meeting

10:00-12:00 N. Material Culture Research, Jo Ann Cotz, Moderator

1. "The Earliest Documented Trade Silver: Examples from Among the Lenape before 1750"
Marshall Joseph Becker, West Chester State College
2. "The Mott Farm Project: A Retrospect on Archaeological Naiveté"
Marley R. Brown III, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
3. "From Market, to Table, to Trash: The Analysis of Faunal Materials from the Hunterfly Road Site"
Roselle E. Henn, City University of New York
4. "Prisoners of the Potsherd, or, Comments on the Fragility of Ceramic Explanation"
Mary C. Beaudry, Boston University
5. "The Social Context of Use of Glass Contained Consumables"
William Askins and Karla Katz, C.U.N.Y.-City College

12:00- 1:30 P.M. Lunch

1:30- 3:15 P.M. Gravestones as Cultural Resources, Cecelia S. Kirkorian, Moderator

1. "A Survey of Colonial and Victorian Cemeteries in New York City"
Sherene Baugher-Perlin, N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission
2. "Mortality in Colonial Massachusetts: A Demographic Study of the Individuals Buried in the North Burying Ground, Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1636-1799"
Scott D. Heberling, University of Massachusetts at Boston
3. "Three Cemeteries of Early New York: Historical Test of Artifact Variation as an Indicator of Status-Ranking and Ethnic Identification"
Frederick A. Winter, Brooklyn College; and Sherene Baugher-Perlin, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
4. "The Gravestone Record of Colonial New York - Ideology, Cultural Boundaries, and Regional Variation"
Gaynell Stone Levine, S.U.N.Y., Stony Brook

1:30- 3:15 P.M. Current Research, Lois Feister, Moderator

1. "Nineteenth Century Ironworking Technology at Catoctin, Maryland"
Helen Schenck, University Museum - University of Pennsylvania,
and Michael Parrington, University of Pennsylvania
2. "A Settlement Pattern Model for Iron Working Communities in 18th
and 19th Century America"
Jo Ann Cotz, Historic Conservation & Interpretation
3. "Preserving the Whitemore Quarry: Managing Resources Outside the
Right-of-Way"
John P. McCarthy, Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc. and
Temple University
4. "The H & S Bakery Site: Archaeology at Fells Point"
Kenneth J. Basalik, Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc.

3:30- 5:30 P.M. Maritime Sites, David Poirier, Moderator

1. "Grassy Island: Investigation of an 18th Century Community in
Nova Scotia"
Robert Ferguson, Atlantic Regional Office, Parks Canada
2. "Collections Within a Collection: The Privateer Defence"
Sheli Smith
3. "Excavation at Chaffeys Lock, Rideau Canal"
Suzanne Plousois, Parks Canada
4. "The 175 Water Street Site, New York"
Joan Geisman, Soil Systems, Inc.
5. "Excavation of an Early 18th Century Merchantman on New York
Landfill"
Warren Reiss, Soil Systems, Inc.

3:30- 5:30 P.M. Symposium on Made-Land in Lower Manhattan, Susan Kardas, Moderator

1. "New York City Landfill in the 17th Century (Hanover Square and
64 Pearl Street)"
Nan Rothschild, Barnard College, and Arnold Pickman, New York
University
2. "Excavations at Old Slip, New York City"
Paul Huey, N.Y.S. Division of Historic Preservation, Peebles
Island
3. "Landfilling in the 18th Century: An Example from the Telco
Block, South Street Seaport Historic District, New York City"
Wendy E. Harris, Jed Levin, and Diana diZ. Rockman, Soil
Systems, Inc.
4. "Constructing Cross Sections of Made Land at the Schermerhorn
Row Block, South Street Seaport Historic District, New York
City"
Edward McM. Larrabee, Historic Sites Research
5. "Late 18th Century Landfilling Techniques at the Schermerhorn
Row Block"
Susan Kardas, Historic Sites Research

Discussant: Bert Salwen

Sunday, October 24: Four Sessions

9:00-10:30 A.M. Northeast Corridor Archaeological Project (1), Janice G. Artemel, Moderator

1. "Current Research on Urban Historical Archaeology: A View from New London, CT and Providence, RI"
Janice G. Artemel, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons
2. "Archaeological Overview, Providence Cove Lands-Project"
Edward J. Flanagan, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons
3. "Archaeology of Non-Dominant Culture Groups: Ethnicity vs. Indigency"
Vernon G. Baker, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons
4. "Urban Waterfront Sites: Methods in the Mud"
William Sandy, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons

9:00-10:30 A.M. Maine in the 17th Century, Alaric Faulkner, Moderator

1. "Towards an Independent Kennebec: The Clark and Lake Settlement 1654-1676"
Emerson Baker, College of William and Mary
2. "Field Research at Colonial Pemaquid, Bristol, Maine"
Robert L. Bradley, Maine Historic Preservation Commission
3. "Structural Components of Pentagoet, the Southern Bastion of French Acadia 1635-1674"
Alaric Faulkner, University of Maine
4. "Archaeological and Historical Documentation of the Cod Fishery on Damariscove Island, Boothbay, Maine"
Gretchen Fearon Faulkner, University of Maine

10:30-10:45 A.M. Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 N. Northeast Corridor Archaeological Project (2), Janice G. Artemel, Moderator

1. "Archeological Overview, Bank Street Waterfront Project, New London, CT"
Andrea Heintzelman-Muego, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons
2. "Trash Disposal in a 19th Century Maritime Community"
Janice G. Artemel, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons
3. "19th Century Engineering Achievements as Revealed by the Photographic Record"
Wm. Edmund Barrett, DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons

10:45-12:00 N. Archaeology in New England, Paul Huey, Moderator

1. Approaches to the Archaeology of Feminist Movements in 19th Century New England"
Suzanne-Spencer Wood, Univ. of Mass - Harbor Campus
2. "A Survey of Massachusetts Historic Resources: An Interdisciplinary Approach"
Neill DePaoli, Mass. Historical Commission
3. "Historical Archaeology in Coastal New Hampshire and Maine"
Faith Harrington, Strawberry Banke Museum

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Rooms have been reserved at two motels in Amherst for this meeting. Both motels are within a mile of the UMASS campus and on a free bus line. When you call, say you are with the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology.

The Amherst Motel - (413) 256-8122 - \$34 for a single or double, \$3 for each additional person. \$20 deposit required before October 15, 1982.

University Motor Lodge - (413) 256-8111 - \$46 for a single or double, \$5 for each additional person. \$48.62 deposit required before September 30, 1982.

Less expensive accommodations can be had at the Motel Six, 7 miles from UMASS (413) 665-2681. Current rates: Single \$16.07; Double \$20.30. Reserve now and beat the fall foliage crunch.

For more information, contact, Beth Bower, Museum of Afro-American History, Box 5, Dudley Station, Roxbury, Ma. 02119 - (617) 445-7400.

REMINDER: If you have publications for the book table, please contact:
Bill Askins, Department of Anthro., City College
(212) 690-8162 or 690-6609

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Complete the following Meeting Reservation form and mail with the appropriate checks made out to "Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology" to:

Sherene Baugher-Perlin
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
20 Vesey Street, New York, New York 10007

NAME _____
Please print complete name(s)

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PHONE _____

I have enclosed \$_____ to cover cost of:

_____ \$ 7.00 Member registration (fee will be \$9.00 at the Conference)

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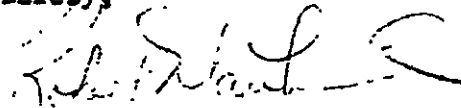
Dear Colleague:

You may have attended the Creation-Evolution Symposium held at Rockefeller University or another similar meeting where you expressed an interest in supporting an organization devoted to the exclusion of creationist - religious beliefs from the science classrooms in the schools of New York State.

An organization has been formed in New York as well as in forty-six (46) other states. We have been active while getting the organization started. We've held conferences for teachers, communicated with members of the New York State Board of Regents, protested to textbook publishers, sent biologists to talks given by creationists, and had a number of articles published in newspapers and magazines.

We need your help. Would you please join with us to make us a more effective organization by completing the enclosed application? If you have already paid dues recently, please pass this application on to an interested party.

Sincerely,



Robert Manheimer, President
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The yearly dues are five dollars - _____

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THE NEW YORK COUNCIL FOR EVOLUTION EDUCATION

THE SITUATION IN NEW YORK STATE

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Although local creationists were defeated in their attempt to push an "equal time" bill through the 1980 New York State legislative session, they have continued unremitting grass roots pressure directed toward introducing fundamentalist religious ideas into the school curriculum.

Decisions which will determine the treatment of evolution/creationism in the schools of this State for a decade are now being made in connection with a new syllabus for Regents biology which will be placed into use this September. The content portion of this syllabus is excellent -- it includes a full scientific treatment of the evidences and theories for evolution and has nary a word about creationism. Indeed, the preface states, "Models or theories which invoke the supernatural are not within the domain of science."

However, yielding to creationist appeal for "fair play" and "academic freedom," the Regents have added two provisions which capitulate neatly to creationist grand strategy. These are:

- (1) Provision of a teacher bibliography containing numerous references to creationist literature.
- (2) Inclusion of the statement: "Students should be informed, however, that there are supernatural accounts of origins outside the domain of science." (Several Regents explain this as calling for "brief mention of creationism.")

A second and more devastating effect has been on the new textbooks in Biology for the secondary schools. A comparison of the devotion of space to evolution in the latest editions of textbooks reveals that evolution is being curtailed in many when compared to the earlier editions of the same text and is omitted entirely in others!

Statewide opposition to the creationists is being organized by THE NEW YORK COUNCIL FOR EVOLUTION EDUCATION. This is the local chapter of Committees of Correspondence which have been established in 47 states to combat the creationists on the grass roots level.

THE NEW YORK COUNCIL FOR EVOLUTION EDUCATION is organizing a letter-writing campaign to alert the Board of Regents to the serious implications of the syllabus changes and to protest any intrusion of non-science into the teaching of science and into official State Education Department documents.

PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS OF NEW YORK CITY

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Are you a member of the New York Archaeological Council? _____

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Briefly state your interest in New York City archaeology and/or reasons for wanting to become a member of PANYC:

PANYC BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in PANYC is open to any professional archaeologist who possesses a Master's degree or equivalent in anthropology, archaeology, history, or related discipline, who has demonstrated an interest in the archaeology of New York City, and who has been approved by a majority of members present at a regular scheduled meeting of the general membership.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be in writing and shall include a copy of the applicant's resume or vita, and a statement describing the applicant's interest(s) in New York City archaeology.

All members receive the Newsletter and other PANYC publications.
The 1982 Annual Dues are \$8.00.

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