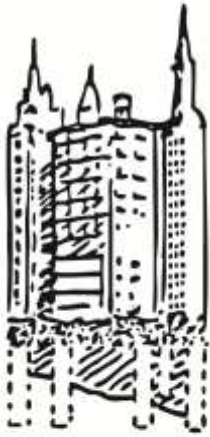


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PANYC

I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome. You may notice the PANYC Newsletter you are holding is different than those of the last 10+ years. It was recently recommended that the Newsletter could use a face-lift. What you hold in your hands is a first attempt at a make-over, i.e. the beta version. The format has changed slightly, bringing the Newsletter more into the digital age. The Board welcomes your feedback to these changes, as nothing is carved in stone, so please submit your ideas/suggestions/comments on how we can continue to improve the Newsletter.

Most of what you've come to expect of the Newsletter still remains, but we've added new sections and tweaked others. First off, there will be a President's Message, just a brief overview of recent activities. Of course this inaugural President's Message is all about the Newsletter itself.

Other changes include a *Current Excavation* and *Recent Publications* pages. All PANYC members have been, and are, encouraged to submit a one page blurb (with image(s)), of a current project they have been working on. This way, we get to stay informed as to what's currently happening in our City. The *Recent Publications* page will compile reports and articles, including reports approved by the LPC.

We've also updated the *Media* page. No longer will it include the full article, but rather, an internet link to the articles as computer access is now widespread. We can all contribute to the City's green movement by reading the stories on line. Of course, if something is not available on line we'll still reprint it. We'll also be changing the format of the *Events* page to simplify the information.

Again, we're looking for your feedback, so please write or email and let us know what you think. Also, if you want to let everyone know about your current excavation or research, please write us

One final note – not related to the Newsletter itself – the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 6:30pm at The Neighborhood Preservation Center. Please try to attend. We look forward to seeing you!



II. MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2012
Neighborhood Preservation Center
232 East 11th Street
New York, N.Y.

NEXT MEETING May 16, 2012
6:30 PM

Those in attendance: Britt, Cantwell, Dallal, Geismar, Loorya, Pickman, Rakos, Ricciardi, Spritzer, Stone, Wall

Secretary's Report: The General Meeting Minutes were accepted. Wall approved and Pickman seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Annual report was written and submitted. We have 44 members to date. Cantwell moved to accept, Pickman seconded the motion and it was voted on and approved.

President's Report:

- Wrote to Board of Standard and Appeals regarding the re-opening of NY Unearthed but have had no response to date.
- Spike/ National Geographic television shows-letters were written regarding PANYC's disapproval of these shows.
- US Coast Guard Bayonne Bridge project: members voted not to become an interested party.

Only those Committees that had something to report are listed below:

Awards: Cantwell reported there are no student nominations but there are three nominations for a non-archaeologist. Committee is comprised of Rothschild (recused), Matthews (for Rothschild), Rubenson and Cantwell. The award will go to Alexander Nazaryan for his article in the Daily News about New York Unearthed.

Archives: Geismar reported that PANYC has requested removal of the archives from the South Street Museum Library. In the future they will be housed at City Hall Library. Discussion of scanning the documents and making them electronic came up. Loorya will look into the cost of the digitization of the files.

By-Laws: At the March 22nd meeting, Linn proposed to change the word "preservation" to "conservation." Stone researched and found that the term is part of the articles of incorporation therefore cannot be changed. By-laws committee: Geismar, Stone, Ricciardi, Rakos will be meeting 3/22/12.

Election results: 21 ballots were received. Two came late and were not counted. Results are: Chris Ricciardi elected president, Alyssa Loorya is vice president, and Meredith Linn is secretary. Shelly Spritzer will remain as treasurer. Board Members are: Anne-Marie Cantwell, Joan Geismar, Arnold Pickman, Nan Rothschild and Diana Wall. Outgoing President, Lynn Rakos will also serve on board.

Events: updated in newsletter and posted.

LPC:

- Geismar spoke with Amanda Sutphin of Landmarks. A letter to the Board of Standard and Appeals needs to be written as a letter of “support” not “funding” regarding NY Unearthed.
- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYSDOHMH) has decided a law regarding human remains will apply to those found in an archaeological context, including isolated human remains. In addition, a funeral director needs to accompany any bones transported, including removal to and from a laboratory. Also need permit. Geismar spoke with NYSDOHMH regarding isolated finds in a particular context and they said to use discretion for now however, if a burial is breached need to abide by law. LPC is trying to clarify law but requires rewriting the law.
- Loorya stated that Amanda Sutphin is trying to get an assessment of collections within the city.

Membership: No new members, many renewals. 44 total.

Met Chapter: Next meeting will be held on 3/29/12 and Faline Schneiderman will present “Niew Haarlem as the Frontier, Now and Then”. Held at Columbia University (951 Schermerhorn Extension) at 6pm.

Newsletter: Thanks to Chris Ricciardi for putting together another great newsletter for PANYC. Ricciardi was thinking of ways to spice up the newsletter—maybe shifting to color and perhaps some other type of layout.

NYAC: Next meeting conjoined with NYSAA, Friday April 27, 2012 in Poughkeepsie. Theme will be the state of archaeology in general and contract archaeology.

Public Program: Confirmation on date: April 22, 2012 from 1-3. Theme is the ship found at the World Trade Center site. Speakers: Diane Dallal, Mike Pappalardo, Elizabeth Meade, Carrie Fulton, Molly McDonald, Dallal could use help with flyer mailings. Meet at AKRF 3/28/12 at 5:30 to help fold, stamp, etc.

Repository: Geismar and Dallal have a meeting with Susan Henshaw Jones of the Museum of the City of New York on April 3rd regarding repository and New York Unearthed.

Website: Pickman will put the new events calendar on the PANYC website.

Old Business: None

New Business: Loorya discussed setting up a “one stop shopping” email for PANYC members, like a list-serve; however, question about vetting came up. Discussion of a moderated list, similar to a yahoo list.

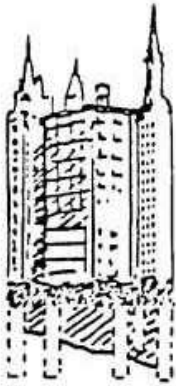
Thanks to Lynn for being a fabulous President!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Britt, PANYC Secretary.

Next Meeting will be held May 16, 2012, Neighborhood Preservation Center.

III. CORRESPONDENCE



PANYC



Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.

August 27, 2012

Mr. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
City of New York – Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
One Center Street – 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

On behalf of the Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC), I want to thank you, the Commissioners and your staff on the recent decision to list the Brinckerhoff Cemetery (69-64 to 69-73 182nd Street, Queens, New York (Block 7135, Lots 54 and 60) as an official New York City landmark. As one of the few remaining (formerly) private cemeteries within our City, the Brinckerhoff Cemetery is a reminder of our past and our commitment to the future.

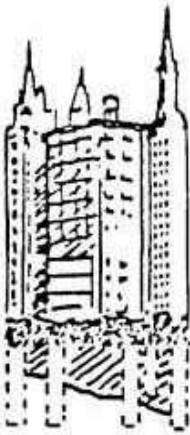
The Commissioner's heard testimony from dozens of elected officials, community groups and preservation organizations. In addition, written testimony also lent credence to the importance of protecting and preserving what little remains of New York City's rural past.

The landmarking of this site now means that it will serve a higher function for the community and the City at large, one where a small parcel will be able to teach us of the past, remind us of our civic duty to maintain and celebrate the history of our city, pay respect to those who have passed. This decision demonstrates that the City of New York is about the past, present and future.

Once again, thank you to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for taking this action.

Sincerely,

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Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.

September 4, 2012

Ms. Veronica White, Commissioner
City of New York – Department of Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal at Center Park
830 5th Avenue and 64th Street
New York, New York 10021-7095

PANYC

Dear Commissioner White:

On behalf of Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC), I want to welcome you as the new Commissioner of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks). PANYC is an organization of professional archaeologists whose mission is to protect and preserve the archaeological and historical resources of New York City and to educate and provide advice to agencies and the general public on matters relating to the archaeology of the City.

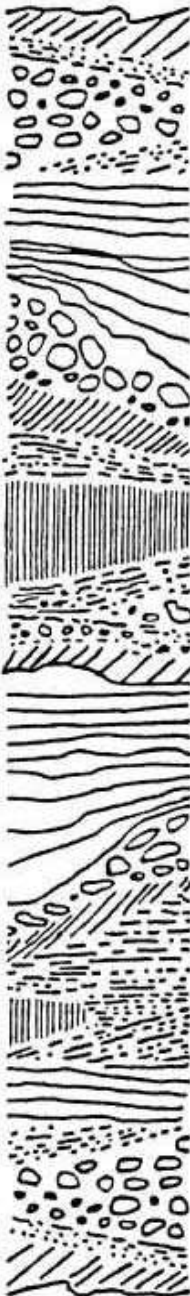
Over the past thirty years, PANYC members have worked with both Parks and The Historic House Trust to uncover, preserve and provide information to New York City's residents about our great City and the rich archaeological history within the park system. Several of the City's major archaeological sites lie within the Parks' properties.

We look forward to continuing our working relationship to ensure that City, State and Federal regulations are met as part of Parks' capital program and, more importantly, to assist in communicating information about our City's majestic past, while preserving it for the future.

Once again, congratulations on being named Commissioner of Parks. We hope that in the near future we will have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the rich history of archaeology within the Parks system.

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IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012-2013 Scheduled Meeting Dates

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Wednesday, January 16, 2012

Tuesday, March 19, 2012

Wednesday, May 15, 2012

Note the variation in dates. The Board recognizes that not everyone is available on a Wednesday so we've picked rotating dates to try and accommodate schedules.

Current 2012-2013 Board Members:

President: Christopher Ricciardi

Vice President: Alyssa Loorya

Secretary: Meredith Linn

Treasurer: Shelly Spritzer

Board Members: Anne-Marie Cantwell
Joan Geismar
Arnold Pickman
Nan Rothschild
Diana Wall

Past President: Lynn Rakos

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V. MEDIA

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1. CNN: Report on the current excavations along Fulton Street:
<http://lightyears.blogs.cnn.com/2012/04/02/urban-archaeologists-uncover-history-beneath-streets/>
2. Fordham University – Inside Fordham: Online journal of what’s happening on campus and the archaeological project there:
http://www.fordham.edu/campus_resources/ewsroom/inside_fordham/april_16_2012/news/a_little_vicks_in_th_82394.asp
3. 2012 New York State Archaeological Association – Archaeology Week:
<http://www.sexyarchaeology.org/imported-20110724151822/2012-new-york-state-archaeology-season.html>
4. Art Daily – article related to the ship uncovered at the World Trade Center site:
http://www.artdaily.org/index.asp?int_sec=11&int_new=55726
5. New York Times article on the Marylanders Burial Site:
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/26/nyregion/historian-points-to-gowanus-brooklyn-lot-as-grave-of-first-maryland-regiment.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all
6. New York Times article on NYC Parks Commissioner’s resignation:
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/19/nyregion/adrian-benepe-nyc-parks-chief-quits-to-join-trust-for-public-land.html?_r=2&hp
7. That’s So New York – Video of the current/ongoing City Hall Excavation Project:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3sgJ5znoHc>
8. The Daily Plant – announcing new Parks Commissioner:
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/news/daily-plant?id=22744>

VI. CURRENT EXCAVATIONS

NOTE: This article originally appeared in the NYAC and CNEHA Newsletter.

Site: City Hall, New York, New York

Since May 2010 Chrysalis Archaeology and URS – Burlington have been conducting archaeological testing and construction monitoring at New York City's City Hall within City Hall Park. The property is part of the landmark African Burial Ground and The Commons Historic and Archaeological District. Past projects have demonstrated that the property is minimally disturbed and remains a rich archaeological resource.

The area known as City Hall Park has been public space and used for municipal purposes since the seventeenth century. Its earliest institutional use dates to the 1735 construction of New York City's first Almshouse. Over the next 75 years the property would house 2 two prisons, a second almshouse, several British barracks during the Revolutionary period and serve as a burial ground. The first Almshouse was demolished in 1797 and stood within the footprint of the current City Hall, which was constructed between 1803 and 1811. By 1860 all the remaining eighteenth century structures had been demolished and the newly created City Hall Park was open to the public. Tweed Courthouse, at the park's northern end, was constructed between 1861 and 1872.

The current project has uncovered an array of architectural features and associated deposits ranging from the eighteenth century through the early decades of City Hall. The close proximity of these features highlights the density of the historic occupation of the area as well as its continued use and re-use. Among the architectural features uncovered within a 1500 square foot area are a 13-foot diameter eighteenth century well, a 16-foot diameter eighteenth century cistern, a nineteenth century outdoor kitchen, an unidentified brick square shaft feature and an extensive nineteenth century brick drainage system. Other architectural features located on site include early retaining walls, shaft features, a well and two 18-foot diameter nineteenth century cisterns.

Work within the basement of City Hall has revealed several original architectural details including a fireplace with a stepped horizontal chimney that vented through the side of the building and a sizable kitchen hearth. A bricked-up doorway in this former basement kitchen aligns with a stone sill and entry way on the exterior of the building and appears to lead to the outdoor kitchen feature. Testing within the basement uncovered eighteenth century deposits associated with the almshouse. Artifacts include bone button blanks, sewing pins, a 1746 British farthing and eyeglass frames.

Another square brick feature was later repurposed for drainage and contained an artifact laden ash deposit dating to the mid nineteenth century. Among the artifacts were pottery, wine and liquor bottles, drinking glasses, a spittoon and buttons. Adjacent to and beneath this feature was a late eighteenth through early nineteenth century midden dominated by large mammal bones.

City Hall Park has been heavily used and densely populated during its 300+ years of occupation. The multiple archaeological and historical investigations of the area continue to provide new theories and insights about institutional and municipal materials and landscape use within the City of New York. The current renovation project at City Hall, being undertaken by the City of New York – Department of Design and Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2013.

Alyssa Loorya, M.A. R.P.A. and Christopher Ricciardi, Ph.D., R.P.A, Chrysalis Archaeology
Edward M. Morin, M.A., R.P.A., Daniel B. Eichinger and Eileen Krall, URS – Burlington



VII. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NOTE: This section lists recent reports that have been approved, and are available for viewing, through the LPC web page. Additionally, any books, articles and/or publications by PANYC members related to NYC archaeology will be highlighted.

AKRF, Inc.

- 2012a Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study, Cornell-NYC Tech Roosevelt Island Campus, Block 1373, Lot 20 and Block 1371, Lot 1 (part), New York, New York.
- 2012b Phase 1A Documentary Study Hudson Square Rezoning Block 477, Lots 44, 66, 73, 74, 75, 76, Block 578 Lots 77, 79, and Block 579 Lots 35, and 44, New York, New York.
- 2012c Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study Sportime at Randall's Island Park Tennis Center Annex, Block 1819, Lot 23 (part), New York, New York.
- 2012d Archaeological Monitoring Addendum Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study Rutgers Slip Between Cherry and South Streets, New York, New York.
- 2012e Archaeological Assessment: Collect Pond Park unanticipated Discoveries.

AKRF, Inc., URS Corporation and Linda Stone.

- 2012 South Ferry Terminal Project, New York, New York.

Bergoffen, Celia K.

- 2012a Phase 1B Archaeological Testing, Block 2430, Lots 23, 24, and 25, 354 Bedford Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, New York.
- 2012b Phase 1B Archaeological Field Testing 90-15 Corona Avenue, Block 1586, Lot 10, Borough of Queens, New York.

Chrysalis Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

- 2012a Phase 1A Historical Documentary Report and Archaeological Assessment of 246 Front Street (aka 267 1/2 Water Street) (Block 107, Lot 34), Manhattan (New York County), New York.
- 2012b Phase IA Historical Documentary Report and Archaeological Assessment of 156 Rivington Street (Block 349, Lot 33), Manhattan (New York County), New York.

Geismar, Joan.

- 2012 St. Paul's Chapel, West Portico Archaeological Memo Report NYCLPC Docket #12-2601.

Geoarchaeology Research Associates.

- 2012 Final Report: Phase 1B Archaeological Investigation for the Randall's Island Sports Field Development Project.

Historical Perspectives, Inc.

- 2012a Phase IA Archaeological Documentary Study – Crotona Park Tennis Center, Block 2942, Lot 1, Bronx, New York (LPC Project #77DPR009X).
- 2012b Phase 1B Archaeological Field Investigation 4830 Arthur Kill Road Block 7584, Lot 85, Staten Island, Richmond County, New York.
- 2012c Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study New York City Department of Design and Construction SER-002308 Meredith Avenue BMP, Block 2780, Lot 1; Cannon Avenue BMP, Block 2776, Lot 12, Staten Island, Richmond County, New York.
- 2012d Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study, Randall's Island Living Shoreline Recreation Area, Part of Block 1819, Lot 203, Randall's Island, New York County, New York.
- 2012e Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study, 100 Varick Street Project, 557 Broome Street, Block 447, Lot 44; 66 Watts Street, Block 477, Lot 76, New York, New York.
- 2012f Archaeological Assessment for the Reconstruction of the Harlem River Drive Over Ramp at East 127th Street, Manhattan, New York.

URS Corporation.

- 2012 Phase II Archaeological Testing Test Areas 6 and 7 Brooklyn Bridge Park Project, Brooklyn, New York.

If you have a recent publication that you would like listed, please send the full bibliographic reference (including a brief outline) so that we can inform the membership of what is new!

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Contact
Inventing Brooklyn: Peoples, Places and Progress through the art of High School Curators	Brooklyn Historical Society – 128 Pierrepont Street	Ongoing	http://brooklynhistory.org/exhibitions/inventing_bklyn.html
Art Exhibit – Making American Taste: Narrative Art for a New Democracy	NY Historical Society Central Park West at 77nd Street	Through September 9, 2012	http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/making-american-taste
Mercator at 500: Cartographic Exhibition	NY PL – 42nd Street and 5th Avenue	Through September 29, 2012	http://www.nypl.org/events/exhibitions/mercator-500
Museum of the City of New York	Reimagining the Waterfront: Manhattan's East River Esplanade	Through October 28, 2012	http://www.mcny.org/exhibitions/current/reimagining-the-waterfront.html
Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology – Annual Meeting	St. John's Newfoundland, Canada	October 4-7, 2012	http://www.cneha.org/conference.html
Eastern States Archeological Federation – Annual Meeting	Perrysburg, Ohio	October 25-28, 2012	http://www.esaf-archeology.org/meetings.html
American Anthropological Society – Annual Meeting	San Francisco, CA	November 14-18, 2012	http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/
Archaeological Institute of America	Seattle, WA	January 3-6, 2012	http://aia.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10096
Society for Historical Archaeology – Annual Conference	Leicester, Great Britain	January 9-12, 2013	http://www.sha.org/meetings/annual_meetings.cfm
Middle Atlantic Archaeological Association – Annual Conference	Virginia Beach, VA	March 7-10, 2013	http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/conference.htm
Society for American Archaeology – Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	April 3-7, 2013	http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx

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IX. MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER/INFORMATION:

If you are interested in joining PANYC or if you would like to subscribe to the PANYC Newsletter, please complete the form below and return it to:

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PANYC Secretary
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