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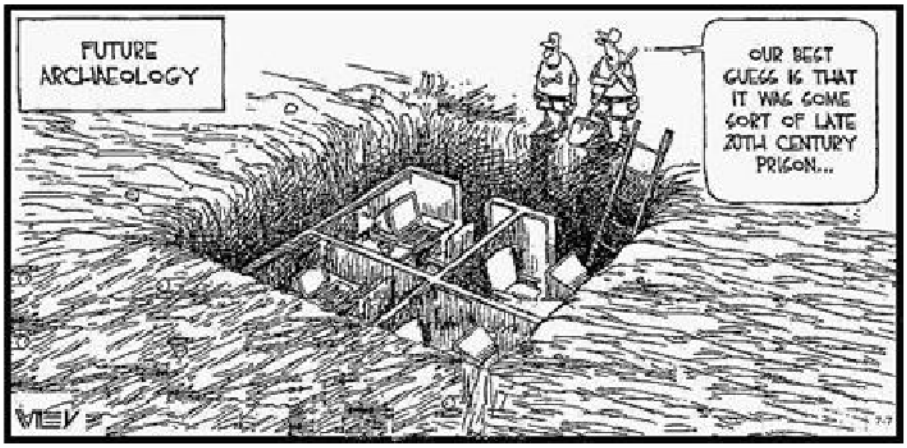

President's Message

Hello PANYC Members,

It seems like we are starting to get used to living with Covid and navigating new ways to do things. PANYC has weathered the storm by holding our meetings the past two years remotely. Many thanks not only to our dedicated outgoing board members and officers but particularly to Meredith Linn, our immediate Past President. She has not only organized and presided over our meetings but also continued her work, begun while she was President-Elect, in organizing our annual public program with the Museum of the City of New York. You may remember that our annual program was in the works for Spring 2020. Meredith had arranged the theme, and the speakers, and was putting the details together with the Museum. She'd done so much work when the rug was pulled out from under. The good news is that Meredith is continuing to pursue the program and it looks like it will happen, in one form or another, once the Museum is in a position to host.

As the incoming President, I've got some big shoes to fill and am looking forward to the challenge and to seeing everyone in person as time goes on, although our **next meeting (May 17)** will also be virtual, hopefully for the last time.

In the meantime, I want to share opportunities for you to **become more involved** and engaged in PANYC. Our organization is only as strong as our engagement. Please email info@panycarchaeology.org if you are interested in volunteering or learning more about these opportunities.

- **Review LPC public hearing calendar** to flag archaeologically sensitive applications.

Unfortunately, the Archaeology Department of LPC does not have the authority to review all applications. As advocates for archaeological resources, we have a committee tasked with this easy job. Volunteers take on one month each and provide potential concerns to the committee chair, Joan Geismar, and help to craft a letter for hearing testimony on PANYC's behalf. I volunteer, so can attest that this is not very time-consuming, but it is time-sensitive and important.

- **Spotlight on Members**

At the March meeting, we discussed forming a committee to create a new feature for our twice-yearly newsletters. The committee would ask for volunteers to write a brief piece about whatever archaeological topic they like. An initial suggestion was that we focus on founding members. The short pieces, perhaps just a paragraph or two, could be about your career, your archaeological interest, a news item on archaeology, what you're up to these days, archaeologically speaking, or about your involvement with PANYC itself. We are looking for volunteers for this committee to help organize this new feature.

- **Artifacts of Note**

Like the Spotlight on Members, this too could be a newsletter feature. If you have an artifact you'd like to submit a photo of and write a short piece about, or ask for help with, please reach out and we'll let you know next steps.

- **Newsletter Editor**

We are currently between editors and are asking for volunteer guest editors. Some of the recent meeting discussion around this was the concern that collecting content for the Newsletter was onerous. It is not! However, in order to quell some apprehension, please know that **most of the content is provided** by the President (Message to Members & official PANYC correspondence) and the Secretary (past meeting minutes). Other content is often discussed at the meetings, including our new Spotlight series. Please consider volunteering as a guest editor. It would be for the September 2022 issue.

Well wishes,
Linda Stone
PANYC President (2022-2024) info@panycarchaeology.org

NEWS AND NOTES

BERT SALWEN AWARD WINNERS

The 2021 BERT SALWEN AWARD FOR THE BEST STUDENT PAPER ON NEW YORK CITY ARCHAEOLOGY

was awarded to two Columbia University students

Amanda Althoff for her paper "AR CHAEOL LAGE Fragments of Seneca Village"

and

Madison Aubey for her paper "Seneca Village: Some Artifacts and their Poems"

SPECIAL PANYC AWARD FOR NON-ARCHAEOLOGIST

The 2021 award went to Bowery Residents' Committee they went above and beyond in their recognition of an African burial ground that had once been located on a property in Inwood they purchased to build a shelter. They not only conducted an archaeological investigation but worked closely with the descendant community.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

If you are interested in being the NEW newsletter editor for 2022 or would like to take a turn at guest editing the newsletter, please contact PANYC President Linda Stone at lindastone@juno.com.



Hit the PANYC Button-We Have a NEW Website!!!

Thanks to Lynn Rakos for creating and the rest of the website committee-Kelly Britt and Linda Stone-we have a new public face for PANYC.

Any additional photos? Stories? Info you want to share on website? Feel free to email with thoughts to info@panycarchaeology.org

Check out our new website here: www.panycarchaeology.org

IN MEMORIAM: Diane Dallal 1939-2022



Diane Dallal and Backhoe Bucket South Ferry-Photo by Linda Stone, 2005

Diane was amazed at the size of the bucket because it was as big as she was. The picture is proof, lest doubters wouldn't believe her.



Diane Dallal water screening artifacts during the investigation of the WTC Ship, 2010



Photo left is of Diane, Becky Yamin, and Wendy Harris at a CNEHA meeting that was held at the Fortress of Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in 1995. Photo provided by Wendy Harris.

Reflections:

I first met Diane around 1979, when she was in the MA program at Hunter and I was teaching there. As we had begun the Stadt Huys excavation in the fall of 1979, Diane soon became part of our crew, a very reliable member. She also worked in the lab, and when I started at Barnard in 1981, I asked Diane to come up to campus where the Chemistry Dept had a hood, and she worked to stabilize the glass from both the Stadt Huys and 7 Hanover Square sites.

She was a remarkable person, although I never got to know her very well in a personal sense, I was always impressed with her work ethic, her charm, reliability and sense of humor. She went on from those activities to have an amazing career, focusing initially on clay pipe research, to running the lab at 17 State St, and lots of other things. Although I had not seen her recently, because of obstacles in both of our lives, I really miss her - especially her wonderful laugh.

–Nan Rothschild

Diane was always professional, kind, and enthusiastic. She was very approachable and helpful, and almost always had a smile on her face.

–Sydne Marshall

I found Diane Dallal to be one of the warmest and personable people I met at PANYC. When I was new to the organization she reached out and encouraged me to join. We had a lovely and engaging discussion of the need to bolster the image of NYC archaeology and historic preservation. Her energy and enthusiasm won me over. She will be deeply missed.

–Joe Schuldenrein

Back when Diane and I were working in the field on the South Ferry project, we would often walk together from our field office in the Battery Maritime Building to the site. The intersection between the two, Whitehall and South Streets, was and is one of the windiest spots in the city. One day, the wind was so strong that Diane and I had to hold onto a light pole to keep from falling over. The bus driver parked at that light was laughing at us and we started laughing too. I'm not sure which of us said it, but we were certainly both thinking "what are 2 well-educated women like us doing out here in this weather?" I'm once again regularly walking by that intersection coming and going to the Governors Island ferry and on every windy day, I think of Diane and smile.
So many other memories, but this one, this winter comes to mind most often.

–Linda Stone

Although I first met Diane some 40 years ago when we both worked on the 7 Hanover Square site, I only got to know her well a decade later, when she was taking over my job as Curator of Archaeology at the South Street Seaport Museum. During that transition, we of course spent time discussing the collection (her knowledge of tobacco pipes was prodigious) but the best part of the day came at the end, when we would sit downstairs on the stoop in front of the archaeology lab and talk about "life." She was one of the most sympathetic people that I have ever known. My heart goes out to Eugene and the rest of her family.

–Diana Wall

I first met Diane Dallal when she was a graduate student at NYU. Everyone was so impressed with her. She was just amazing: brilliant, intellectually curious, and with a sunny disposition. Diane went on to a great career that included, among other things. a museum curatorship. But although her work focused on archaeology, Diane was always interested in other things and she never gave up her love for the natural world and for people. And, of course, she found the perfect match in her husband, Eugene Reyes. As I type these words, I still see her joyous dazzling smile. Rest in peace, dear Diane.

–Anne-Marie Cantwell



I was lucky to meet and work with Diane during graduate school at Columbia University, where I was introduced to her and NYUnearthed when working at City Hall Park excavations in 1999. As an intern, she taught me so much from laboratory skills to basic conservation techniques and allowed me to explore and research topics I loved like childhood toys and sewing instruments and buttons, always supportive and encouraging. She also was one of the main reasons why I joined PANYC after receiving my MA.

While she was so knowledgable on all things archaeological, what I remember most was her love for daily life things. So many things about her made me smile like, her love (and at times obsession) for collecting Beanie Babies (always buying two like a good collector), making sure she caught the train home for Jazzercise classes, and her daily call from her husband Gene. You always knew when he called, for she illuminated a glow from her smile. It's that smile I will remember most. So grateful to have known her even for the brief time it was. Diane you are dearly missed.

–Kelly Britt

I can see Diane's smile and hear her laugh as I write this. I overlapped with Diane for nine years at the South Street Seaport Museum. Though we did not work together on a daily basis, I always looked forward to seeing her and learning from her. As a historian and curator rather than an archaeologist, I learned so much from her about her field and how it intersected with my own knowledge and interests. (And it wasn't only about clay pipes, or "You say provenance, I say provenience, you say shard, I say sherd," although I did learn those things from her!) Diane had the gift of combining honesty with an unfailing graciousness and warmth in a way that I still think must have been a magic trick-- How did she pull that off?? Quite simply, she was one of the best and nicest colleagues I've ever had the privilege of working with. Diane, we miss you. But in a vital sense, you are still very much with us every day.

–Steve Jaffe

Diane was my introduction and welcome to New York City archaeology. As one of the many interns fortunate to spend time with Diane at New York Unearthed, I am grateful to have been guided by her love for the subject, her generosity of spirit, and her quick and infectious smile. She became a friend and mentor whose quiet support over the years was profoundly impactful. Diane, you are missed. A little something for your journey.



–Jessica Striebel MacLean



Image from NY Daily News: New York Unearthed, an archeology museum at the corner of State and Pearl Sts. (Alexander Nazaryan/New York Daily News) 2001

The Publications, Lectures, and Exhibits of Diane Dallal, 1939-2022

Selected Publications

2013 *Tales of Gotham: Historic Archaeology and Ethnohistory in New York City*, edited by Meta Janowitz and Diane Dallal. New York: Springer Publishing Company. 2015 SHA Deetz Award.

2013 Anthony Van Arsdale Winans: New York Merchant, and His Daughter—*The Canary of Lago Maggiore*. In: Janowitz, M., Dallal, D. (eds) *Tales of Gotham, Historical Archaeology, Ethnohistory and Microhistory of New York City*. Springer Publishing Company, New York, NY. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4614-5272-0_19

2005 "The Tudor Rose and the Fleur-de-lys: Women and Iconography in Seventeenth Century Dutch Clay Pipes from Archaeological Sites in New York City." In *The Culture of Smoking: The Archaeology of Tobacco Pipes in Eastern North America.* Edited by Sean M. Rafferty and Rob Mann. University of Tennessee Press.

2004 "The Dutch Legacy." In *Seaport Magazine*, Special Publication, June.

2002 "The Five Points Collection: An Obituary." In *Seaport* Magazine, Spring/Summer.

1996 "Van Tienhoven's Basket: Trash or Treasure?" In *One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure.* Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

1996 *Analytical Coding System for Historic Period Artifacts*, by Sharla Azizi, Diane Dallal, Mallory Gordon, Meta Janowitz, Nadia N.S. Maczaj and Marie-Lorraine Pipes. The Cultural Resource Group, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.

1994 "A Possible Turkish Pipe in New York City." In *Society for Clay Pipe Research Newsletter, 42*. Edited by Suzanne Atkins, Bristol, England.

1991 "Clay Tobacco Pipes." In *The Archaeology of New York City: An Introduction*. Edited by Anne-Marie Cantwell and Diana diZerega Wall. Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Special Publication No. 1.

1985 "Early 18th Century Pipemakers in New York City." In *Historic Clay Tobacco Pipe Studies*, Volume 3. Edited by Byron Sudbury, Ponca City, OK.

Selected Papers/Lectures

2012 *The History and Archaeology of the World Trade Center Ship*. PANYC Public Symposium.

2006 *Involving the Public in Public Archaeology*. Public Symposium sponsored by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. Ms. Dallal also served as the Moderator for the afternoon session.

2005 *The Passion of Anthony Winans: Seaport Merchant.* Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, York, England.

1998 *The Tudor Rose & the Fleur-de-Lys.* Louis M. Blumgarten lecture on Historic Archaeology, Archaeological Institute of America, New York Institute of Fine Arts.

1995 *The Clay Pipes of Cortlandt Van Beuren, Freemason.* Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Washington, D.C.

1994 *The Pipe Transcendent: A Contextual Analysis of Smoking Pipes from Working Class Privies.* Annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia.

1994 *Integrated Approaches to Artifact Analysis*. Annual meeting of the Council of Northeast Historic Archaeology, Historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

1993 *Where Are All the Bristol Pipes? A Comparative Study of Pipe Collections from New York and Boston Ports.* Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Ocean City Maryland.

2004 *Slavery in New York City*. Elderhostel Program aboard the QE II, transatlantic crossing.

Exhibit Curator

2004 *Nieuw Amsterdam: Dutch New York as Represented in the Archaeological Collections of the South Street Seaport Museum*. South Street Seaport Museum, New York.

2004 *The Five Points*. South Street Seaport Museum, New York.

2003 *A Secret Room at the Lott House in Brooklyn* as part of *Captive Passage: The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the Americas*. South St. Seaport Museum, New York.

2000 *8th Street Unearthed: The Archaeology of Our Block.* New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Police Station, 8th St. and Ave. B, New York (2000). For the South Street Seaport Museum and NYCHA.

2000 *Underground Cities: London, Amsterdam, New York, and Tokyo*, Edo-Tokyo Museum, Tokyo, Japan.

1999 *Trash or Treasure*, Museum Boymans van Beuningen Museum, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

PANYC General Meeting
via Zoom
19 January 2022, 6:00 PM

Present: Britt, Cantwell, Crossland, Geismar, George, Linn, MacLean, Martin, Meade, Rakos, Rothschild, Spigelman, Spritzer, Stone, Wall

President's Report:
Public Program: Linn has contacted the speakers lined up for the canceled 2020 program and all but one is willing to speak but have trepidation with attending an in-person event. If we keep to the original theme of an artifact from each borough being presented, we will need someone to present on a find from Staten Island. Linn will contact MCNY regarding the possibility of a virtual Public Program in the Spring of 2022 in cooperation with the museum. Concern with our inability to obtain contact information for attendees, as well as possible solutions, was discussed.

Linn mentioned the proposed funding cuts at the Gladstone Pottery Museum and encouraged people to write in support of the museum. Linn will send a letter from PANYC. An email to members was sent on this topic on 1/17/22.

Treasurer's Report: Meade noted that dues are now being collected again. As we have had almost no expenses for the past two years there is now $6,345.35 in PANYC's bank account.

Committee Reports

Awards: Rothschild reported that the notice was sent to the membership but so far no nominations have been received. Rakos will send a reminder.

Met Chapter: There is a talk this evening. NYSAA is always looking for speakers so please consider volunteering to do so. Renewal notices will be going out soon.

Newsletter: Britt has kindly volunteered to guest edit the March issue. A long-term editor is needed. Please consider volunteering! Or please consider being a guest editor for the next newsletter which comes out in the fall.

Website: Rakos reported the website is ready to go live as she modified it for mobile viewing as well as desktop. The committee, Rakos, Stone, and Britt, will look into changing the host from GoDaddy to Wix as well as ascertain any email address issues associated with the move. Meade noted that the committee should keep in mind the payment process for maintaining the website so she can make appropriate changes.

New Business:
Britt brought up the loss of Diane Dallal, and how she touched so many of our lives. The attendees were all in favor of PANYC remembering Diane in some way which will be determined once more is known from her family. Linn will send a card to Eugene Reyes, Diane's husband, and her family on behalf of PANYC. Britt suggested that memories of Diane could be collected and published in the next newsletter. All thought this was a great idea. An email requesting tributes will be sent to the membership.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Diane.

Martin brought up a recent guest essay in the New York Times that caused some concern amongst meeting attendees. Martin shared a letter to the editor she drafted in response to the piece about expanding Manhattan. The letter will be sent to attendees for editing. The final letter will be provided to all PANYC members. (This has been tabled).

Link to the article:
https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/14/opinion/eric-adams-manhattan-expand.html

Linn reminded everyone that a call for nominations was sent. Please nominate people and encourage others to do so. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves as well as others. Linn will send a reminder to members and include a list of current members with the email.

Rothschild moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.
Minutes prepared by: Lynn Rakos, PANYC Secretary

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE HERE!!