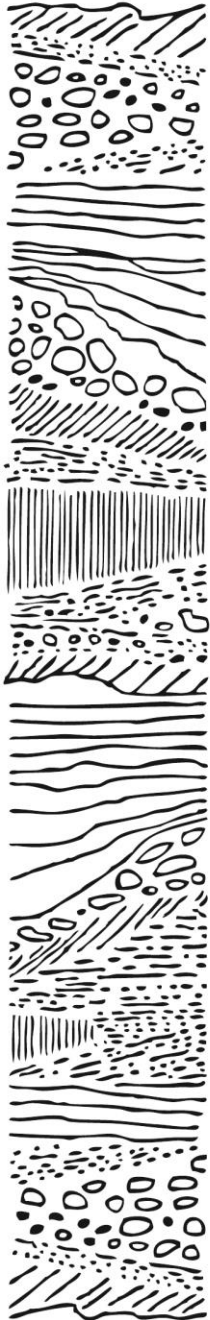




PANYC



Professional Archaeologists of New York City – Newsletter

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I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone! The upcoming March 29th PANYC meeting is our first with no Board meeting prior to the general meeting. As I hope and trust you are all aware, this meeting, our all-important annual meeting, was rescheduled from March 7 to Tuesday, the 29th, to accommodate the voting requirements under our revised by-laws. Minus a board meeting, there are several important issues for general discussion, and your attendance will not only be appreciated, but will also help us move along successfully.

This time around, the “hottest” PANYC archaeological issue is the results of our recent election. The new officers (no surprise) and the Board members (a terrific group) will be announced at the meeting. I want to thank all who participated as candidates and all who voted (24 ballots came back, possibly a record, but, if not, a near one). While the successful candidates are yet to be announced (they know), I must say that balloting generally was extremely close.

It would be great if anyone currently working on projects might consider telling us a bit about them, and we look forward to Camille Czerkowicz's presentation, “Capturing the Data: Building the New York City Archaeology Data Base.”

So, till Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00, 2016, my regards to all,

Joan
PANYC President 2015-2016

II. MEETING MINUTES

PANYC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 7th, 2015

Neighborhood Preservation Center

232 East 11th Street

New York, NY

6:30 PM

(Final)

Present: Cantwell, Czerkowicz, Geiger, Geismar, George, Linn, Martin, Meade, Pickman, Rakos, Rothschild, Spritzer, Stone, Wall.

Secretary's Report: There was discussion about whether or not the report had been deemed unnecessary as the minutes are now approved online after each meeting. Stone asked that the old system of emailing out the general meeting minutes to the membership before each subsequent meeting continue as they give members insight into the general proceedings and about what might be brought up at the next meeting. This was agreed by all and it was determined that Martin, as secretary, will email out the finalized version of the general meeting minutes to all PANYC members at the same time that she sends out notification of the next meeting. This email will be sent out two weeks before the meeting. As the next PANYC meeting is just for the board on January 19, 2016, this email will be sent out on February 22, 2016 for the meeting that is to be held on March 7, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Spritzer reported that there is \$4037.76 in the bank account. She stated at that this time last year there were 47 paid members and now there are 31 paid members. A notice was sent out last Spring but it is determined another one should be sent out. Spritzer gave Martin her list of members who needed a dues renewal reminder.

President's Report: Geismar reported that Ralph Solecki will be 98 years old later this month and that she had asked the board to approve money for a card and small gift. The board decided on the amount of \$50 and Geismar said that she plans to ask Rose for advice as to what that should be, ie., chocolates, flowers, etc. Second, Geismar asked for clarification on the meeting dates for this coming year and wanted to make sure that we are following the bylaws correctly with our meeting plans. It was determined that we have the correct number of meetings.

Those dates are:

Wednesday, May 25 – board at 6pm, general meeting at 6:30pm

Next Geismar described how two students had contacted PANYC last Spring about

working in archaeology in NYC. CeCe Saunders from Historical Perspectives reported back to her recently that they did invite one student to observe with them over the summer and the experience went very well for all involved. Rothschild then asked if there was another Robert Diamond issue to discuss. Rakos reported that there is really nothing to be done further at the moment. If he is reporting truth and the city is thinking of allowing him to search or excavate for the train then PANYC would need to weigh in.

Events Announcement: Nan and Diana are doing a book talk on their new publication “The Archaeology of American Cities” at the Skyscraper Museum on Tuesday Oct. 13th at 6:30pm. RSVP required. Visit their website for further information:
http://skyscraper.org/PROGRAMS/upcoming_programs.htm#aac.

Membership: Spritzer reported that Celia Bergoffen had emailed her about rejoining PANYC but that the email correspondence after was lost so it was determined by the board that Spritzer should resend Bergoffen’s application to the board who will then bring it to the membership to vote on at the next general meeting in March. Bergoffen is welcome to come to that meeting as well.

Met Chapter Event: Wall reminded the membership of Tim Murray’s talk titled: “Building an archaeology of 19th century Irish migration to Australia: first steps in an archaeology of the 19th century world.” It will be at Columbia, Schermerhorn ext. room 951, on Friday October 9th at 4pm. Geismar mentioned that she liked the last speaker the Met Chapter had very much, Mary Cheek Mills who spoke on “Imports and Industry: Glass in Early America” and will they invite her back? Wall said yes they will have her back next Fall. Geismar also thanked Wall for including PANYC as a sponsor of the recent talk.

NYSAA: Geismar told the group that the next meeting will be in Fairport which is outside of Rochester.

Newsletter: Geismar is going to speak with Roberts about this issue of the Newsletter as it is a bit late.

NYAC: Stone remarked here that NYAC is also revisiting their bylaws. She also stated that the last program was one of their best yet. It was centered on the collections crisis and had many speakers from various areas of expertise. She thought it was well rounded and very interesting. They are continuing along the same line of discussion with their next meeting, although switching from speakers to a more roundtable discussion format. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the NYSAA meeting in Fairport. Both Geismar and Czerkowicz commented on how Michael Lucas of the NY State Museum, who was a panelist for this meeting, appears to be for more culling of collections than he once was.

Public Program: Rothschild reported that she will begin to arrange the date. At the last meeting there was the question of whether to stay with our new weekday evening strategy or return back to Sunday afternoon programming. Stone asked which was most successful and George pointed out that they all have been recently, in different ways. Rakos related

that the attendees were younger and Geismar agreed that we did not get our regular patrons in the same numbers. Wall suggested the option to alternate though Geismar wanted the membership to choose in order to set a system in place. At this point, Rothschild called for a vote on either an evening or a Sunday event but the entire room was torn making the decision. Spritzer noted that a number of attendees left the program early. Linn asked if we could encourage or work on publicity more ourselves. Perhaps we need to more proactively encourage graduate and undergraduate attendees. Stone pointed out that preregistration began two years ago and that it is a help with publicity from the museum. Wall mentioned that the weather also affects numbers. If it's a nice day on a Sunday then we will get fewer people. Geismar suggested that Rothschild discuss the topic with the museum's public programs director and Rothschild agreed. Rothschild next asked to for updates on any interesting current work in the city as this is a possible topic or theme.

Repository: Czerkowicz updated quickly. She has been compiling feedback for the new draft which is due by the end of the year. She welcomes comments and would like them by early November. Then Geismar told the meeting that this had been discussed at the board meeting earlier and the board had decided to form a committee to make a more official comment from the PANYC as an organization. Individual responses are also needed however and Martin will send out the guidelines draft from the summer to the general membership with this information. Wall, Geismar, and George formed the committee and Czerkowicz offered to sit in at their meeting as a “silent observer” in order to help the process along. Stone requested that they make sure not to delete any of their comments or suggestions during this meeting without bringing them to the attention of PANYC in general which was agreed upon by the committee and everyone in attendance.

Education: The committee is now made up of Czerkowicz, George, Linn, MacLean, and Martin. There were many topics brought up here. Linn described the original focus of the committee as that of outreach to undergraduates and graduates. The website bibliography was going to be updated for this purpose. Younger groups have been added into this committee with Linn's work with a 4th grade class on the Lower East Side and MacLean's work at the Hunts Point Slave Burial Ground. Martin reported that she is in talks to meet with Phil Panaritis, head of Social Studies for the Department of Education about the archaeology kits he has had put together from an unprovenanced collection of artifacts in Brooklyn. He indicated that his department might be able to expand the program last Spring. As of now, the kits only travel around Brooklyn elementary schools. Stone pointed out here that this might be a good use of various collections that will need to be dispersed from the repository over time. Geismar remembered that Dalton has an ongoing “excavation” at their school and this might be of interest to the committee. Martin then related Cece Saunder's working relationship with the principal of a school at Peck Slip who has her working with the collection of artifacts that were found on the school site during construction. And finally, Linn described how she brought her students from the Urban Studies Department at Barnard to the repository recently and that they will all be using artifacts in the repository in a final paper for her class.

Website: Geismar related to the general membership present that the board had decided to keep the same provider, GoDaddy, and will sign a contract at \$72/year for the next four

years. This appeared fair to everyone present. Pickman cleared up an issue from the board meeting here. He was contacted from ICCAN about whether we still wanted the listing with them at which point he realized that he was not the contact person for this account anymore. Geismar will follow up on this matter. Pickman then remarked that certain aspects of the website are now out of date and needs to be reconfigured. The website committee (Britt, Loorya, Rakos, and Stone) will meet soon to discuss redesign issues. Geiger made the point that the site needs to be brought up to date for mobile devices as well.

Seaport PANYC Repository: Geismar reminded everyone present of the issue. PANYC has sorted through most of their papers stored at the Seaport Museum but there are still two bankers boxes. She is wondering how best to handle the material in the boxes. How long and how much money will it cost PANYC to scan the papers? Linn suggested that a larger institutional scanner could probably handle the material fairly quickly and offered to discuss the matter with her department at Barnard. Geismar and Rakos stated that they would also try to cull some more.

New Business: Cantwell and Wall announced that Lois Feister Huey has published a new book titled “Forgotten Bones: the Archaeology of Slaves.” She has written many archaeologically themed books for children. <http://www.loismhuey.com/booksbylois>. In other new business, Wall recounts that she and Cantwell received an inquiry from a Swedish archaeologist about excavating ballast. She asked for information on types of ballast materials that any members present might have excavated in the past. Those present listed: flint, coral, yellow brick, and coralin sand as types of ballast they had experienced in the field.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lizzie Martin, PANYC Secretary.

Two Reminders: **The board only will meet next on January 19, 2016 at 6pm.**

Also, **Kelly Britt** is running for the SHA Nominations and Elections Committee and everyone should please visit the SHA website in order to **VOTE**.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Scheduled Meeting Dates

Tuesday, March 29th – general meeting (ANNUAL MEETING) at 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 25 – board at 6pm, general meeting at 6:30pm

Current Board Members (2015-2016):

President: Joan Geismar
Vice President: Nan Rothschild
Secretary: Lizzie Martin
Treasurer: Shelly Spritzer
Board Members: Anne-Marie Cantwell
Meredith Linn
Lynn Rakos
Diana Wall
Past President: Linda Stone

To Contact any Officer or Board Member please email: info@panyarchaeology.com

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Contact
Gilded New York: Explore the Visual Culture of Elite New York in the late-19 th and early-20 th Centuries	Museum of the City of New York, 103rd and Fifth Ave, NYC	Ongoing	http://www.mcny.org/content/gilded-new-york
Dyckman Farmhouse Museum 100 th Anniversary Benefit	4881 Broadway at 204 th St., NYC	May 14 th , 2016	http://dyckmanfarmhouse.org/
Brooklyn Historical Society Exhibit: "Brooklyn's Sewers: What's Up Down There?"	Brooklyn Historical Society 128 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NYC	until 5/29/2016	http://www.brooklynhistory.org/exhibitions/current.html
NYU's Dept. of Anthropology, 18th Annual Annette Weiner Memorial Lecture	New York University, Hemmerdinger Hall	April 7 th , 2016 6:00 PM	https://wp.nyu.edu/as-anthropology/
NYU's Dept. of Anthropology Spring Colloquia "You Are What You Eat: Translating the Materiality of European Porcelain"	New York University, Silver Center, Rm. 300	April 14 th , 2016 5:00 PM	https://wp.nyu.edu/as-anthropology/
"Digging the Moment: Reports from the Field in Contemporary Archaeology"	Museum of the City of New York, 103rd and Fifth Ave, NYC	April 20 th , 2016 6:30 PM	http://mcny.org/panyc
Preservation Week Talk at The Bowne House Historical Society "Grandfathers of the Flushing Remonstrance"	The Bowne House Historical Society, 37-01 Bowne St. Flushing, NY 11354	May 1 st , 2016 12:00 PM	Email Lizzie Martin at bownehouseducation@gmail.com for information
CUNY's Graduate Center "Critical Theory Today: Homi Bhabha on the Translation": the Keynote talk in the Critical Theory Today conference	The Graduate Center, 363 5th Avenue, Rm. C200 Proshansky Auditorium	May 6 th , 2016 1:00 PM	http://www.gc.cuny.edu/Public-Programming/Calendar/Detail?id=34636
Timescapes. Multimedia experience traces the growth of New York City	Museum of the City of New York, 103rd and Fifth Ave.	Ongoing	http://www.mcny.org/exhibition/timescapes
"Excavating the Hidden History of City Hall Park" Tour Alyssa Loorya, Chrysalis Archaeology	City Hall Park, meet at the fountain in the park	May 22 nd , 2016 6:30 PM	http://mcny.org/event/excavating-city-hall-park
22 nd Annual ACRA Conference	Renaissance Hotel, Palm Springs, California	September 13 th -18 th , 2016	http://www.acra-crm.org/?2016Conference
81 st Annual SAA Meeting	The Walt Disney World Dolphin, Lake Buena Vista, Florida	April 6 th -10 th , 2016	http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/PreliminaryProgram/tabid/187/Default.aspx
The Centennial Conference-Annual Meeting of NYSAA and Spring Meeting of NYAC	Woodcliff Hotel and Spa, Fairport, NY	April 15 th -17 th , 2016	http://nysarchaeology.org/download/2016conference_flyer.pdf

V. MEDIA

Below are links to three recent articles related to NYC archaeology.

<http://untappedcities.com/2016/02/16/15-historical-archeological-finds-discovered-beneath-50-bowery-former-atlantic-garden-in-chinatown/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/14/nyregion/awakening-the-bowerys-ghosts.html? r=0>

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/02/04/nyregion/bowery-50-timeline.html>

NOTE: to view the web page please move your mouse over the highlights web address, hold down the “Ctrl” (i.e Control) key and click on your mouse at the same time. Your web browser will automatically open to the web page.

VI. 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:

Meredith Linn, PANYC Secretary, email: mbl2002@columbia.edu

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Please indicate preferred mailing address and check below as appropriate.

I wish to apply for membership to PANYC, which includes subscription to the Newsletter, and would like to receive the application form (\$20) ____

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