



PANYC



Professional Archaeologists of New York City – Newsletter

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I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message for May 2017

Greetings!

Our May membership meeting is just around the corner-so mark your calendars for Tuesday May 23rd! This will be our last membership meeting until next fall and will be held from 6-8 pm at Neighborhood Preservation Center at 232 11th Street, New York, NY.

Another wonderful PANYC Public Program was held on Sunday April 30th at the Museum of the City of New York. The success of our 37th Annual Program was in large part due to the hard work from President-Elect Lynn Rakos, and the Public Program Committee, Linda Stone and Joan Geismar, and of course to all our amazing speakers. The title of this year's program was "Keeping up with the Times: Technology and Archaeology", and presentations were provided by Amanda Sutphin from the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Richard Hunter, PhD from Hunter Research, Inc., Celia Bergoffen, PhD of FIT, and Joe Schuldenrein, PhD and Kevin Wiley, PhD of Geoarchaeology Research Associates. From the New NYC repository to maps and beer vaults from dioramas and 3-D models the presentations provided intriguing information on the groundbreaking work with the intersection of archaeology and technology here in NYC. Look forward to hearing more of these projects in the future.

Many of you may have participated or supported the March for Science and March for Climate Change in April. I am happy to report, my five-year old daughter helped me make our signs for the March for Science and we were there with friends representing PANYC on April 22nd (see photos below). Please feel free to send along photos of your marching efforts or support or any thoughts you may have had on the events for upcoming newsletters.

Just a friendly reminder that your membership renewal is now due. If yours is in arrears from last year and would like to bring dues current, or would just like to renew your membership, please bring renewal form and membership fee either to the next PANYC meeting or mail directly to our treasurer: Shelly Spritzer, 301 E. 76th Street, Apt. 14, New York, NY 10021. Also any additional donations are tax-deductible too! Checks can be made out to PANYC.

We have some interesting presentations and workshops being put together for PANYC members and as a reminder if anyone has an interesting topic to discuss or presentation of recent work that may be of interest to the general membership, please feel free to contact me at info@panycarchaeology.org.

I would like to take this time to formally thank Ted Roberts for all his dedication and work for the PANYC newsletter. This will be his last one-THANK YOU TED! Elizabeth Meade has graciously volunteered to take on this role in the fall.

**Upcoming PANYC Membership Meeting Dates:
Will be determined at May 23rd meeting**

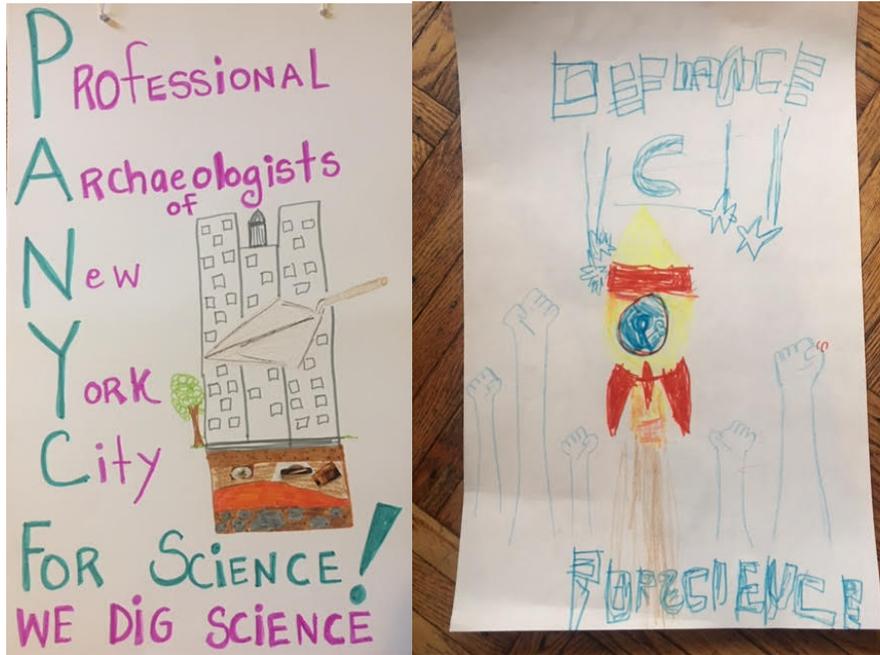
Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Best,

Kelly M Britt

PANYC President

Photos from March for Science NYC



PANYC Sign by Kelly Britt Defiance for Science sign by Ruby
(don't worry I no plans to leave archaeology in pursuit for an life as an artist)



Lynn Rakos and Friends Marching for Science

II. MEETING MINUTES

PANYC General Meeting Minutes, FINAL DRAFT March 21, 2017 Neighborhood Preservation Center

Present: Britt, Cantwell, Geismar, George, Martin, Meade, Pickman, Rakos, Rothschild, Spritzer, Stone, Wall

After Britt opened the meeting Rakos passed around a copy of the mailing list for the Public Program asking for those people present to look it over and see if they can correct any incorrect information.

President's Report: Britt welcomed all present to the Spring annual membership meeting. She stated that most of her president's report was also in the letter at the front of the March Newsletter.

Britt reported that she recently attended an event hosted by Historic District Council that was organized as a course for architects to gain continuing education credit. Amanda Sutphin had asked if a member of PANYC could fill in for her as she was unable to attend. Alyssa Loorya was also a presenter at the meeting. Britt was pleased to see that the students were very interested to know about our process and to find out who to contact if their work takes them into the preservation sector.

Britt then told the membership about her recent work with the Neighborhood Preservation Center. The NPC has featured PANYC in their Spotlight Series with an article published on their website. The Newsletter should have this article. She stated that the NPC Director has become very interested in working with PANYC on advocating for more attention placed on archaeology and preservation and there is a plan for a networking event with them in the future. The membership was very pleased to hear about this plan.

Treasurer's report: Spritzer reported that our Fiscal Year ends on March 31, 2017 and, as of now, we have 40 paid members. According to Spritzer's annual report, for year ending December 2016, we have a total income for 2016 of \$840. The total expenses for 2016 were \$854. This is a decrease in expenses of about \$150 from the previous year, 2015. PANYC's total assets for as of 12/31/2016 were \$3997.33 and there are no liabilities. There was a gain of \$180.49 between 2015 and 2016. Spritzer believes that this is because PANYC paid GoDaddy for the website hosting in 2015. That payment is for two years.

Spritzer also reported that she has received, as of this evening \$55 in donations from members toward the cost of the Public Program. She also mentioned that, due to changes in the tax law, she had made sure to file early this year as there was a penalty last year.

Committee reports: Britt asked for help from the members to make sure the committee assignments are correct.

Advocacy: This is a new committee and there are not yet official members. Britt explained that it started from a point MacLean had brought up at the January board meeting that PANYC needs to be more visible as the face of archaeology in New York City. Stone remarked that the board had decided to start by putting Britt's HDC presentation on our dropbox so the board can have access to use this material to bring more visibility to PANYC and NYC archaeology. Britt said that it was a successful event and PANYC was invited back.

Britt pointed out that, with regards to advocacy, there was also a discussion of press engagement and PR by PANYC. She asked if the topic of the press should be in the advocacy group and the members agreed that this committee should be involved in outreach to the press but also for writing press releases when there is an event or topic we are involved in. Committee members are, as of now: Britt, George, and Martin. Maclean, who had begun the conversation in January, will be asked to join.

On a related note, Rakos brought up the fact that she had recently been contacted by Mary Habstritt, President and museum curator of the Lilac Preservation Project. Habstritt is looking for information about NYC archaeological sites on which ships were encountered to use to supplement an exhibition on shipwrecks that the Lilac is borrowing from NY Sea Grant. Many members in attendance had helpful ideas for her and will contact her.

Archives: Chair: Geismar with Committee members: Linn, Rakos, and Stone as well. Geismar and Stone, both present at the meeting, made plans to finish scanning the box Linn is storing for PANYC by May. Elizabeth Meade offered to help scan if Linn cannot. The committee will contact Linn to organize the details of this last scanning event.

Awards: Chair: Rothschild with Committee member: Cantwell. Rothschild announced that, sadly, they have not received any award nomination for either the student paper or non-professional award and the deadline has passed. Geismar suggested that the NYC Parks Department has been more helpful on a project she was involved in. Meade suggested that MacLean might also agree. John Krawchuk is suggested as a person PANYC could nominate for the non-professional award as he was helpful in his old role at the Parks Dept. Preservation Director and is now Director of the Historic House Trust. As of now, we have no student paper nominations.

Martin and Roberts will send out an amended email making sure that members know the public program in April 30, 2017.

Education: Members: George, Linn, MacLean, Martin. There is not chair to this committee as of now. Committee members plan to meet before the next PANYC general meeting.

Events: Martin, as Events Coordinator, described her request for a change in the way the events are forwarded to PANYC members from now on. She has found that many events don't arrive in her email inbox until closer to their date so that the Newsletter

announcement of events has not been timely. The membership agreed that there should be a listing of the recent events in each newsletter but that it will be more about recent and future events instead of just up-coming events.

Historic House Trust: The members are unclear who is on this committee. Please let Britt know if you are a member.

LPC: Chair: Geismar with Committee members: Berghoffen, Rothschild, and Stone. Britt asked to formalize the way that the information about properties on the LPC list is disseminated. The committee reported that the calendar on the LPC website needs someone to look through it regularly to find out about upcoming projects of interest. Geismar suggested the committee could take turns just going through their website to find buildings as the LPC does not offer a good announcement system. She will also contact Daniel Pagano because he used to do this for PANYC.

MAS: Geismar, chair and committee: said, there is a new president and she is interested in archaeology. Rakos asked for the new president's name. Geismar responded that her last name is Goldstein and comes from NYC but worked in parks in San Francisco until recently.

Membership: Members in attendance gave their forms and dues to Spritzer, Treasurer. A new application was tabled for further discussion as the procedure needed to be clarified. Britt brought up with the general meeting that at the last board meeting there was a discussion of raising PANYC dues. Pickman asked about the reasoning of the board. The members were in agreement that PANYC dues are low as far as professional memberships go. It was also suggested that membership dues need to factor in more towards payment to the Museum of the City of New York for the annual program.

Stone then mentioned the details of the public program to explain this connection to annual dues. The MCNY was about to charge \$475 for a weekend date. A committee had been formed by Stone and Berghoffen to get a grant from Humanities NY because this was such a large portion of PANYC's bank account and although PANYC did not receive the grant, the board is interested in trying again.

Subsequent discussions with MCNY resulted in their reducing our cost this year to \$200. Stone also pointed out that, with regards to the cost for future public events, pre-registration is useful to MCNY so that they know how many people to expect and how many people PANYC can claim as their own. In the past two years, the MCNY have produced the printed programs on the seats but they aren't going to now.

The membership are in agreement that the contract is very helpful as it will help such changes from happening at random each year.

Dues: The conversation returned to whether PANYC should raise dues to \$25 or \$30 for 2018. Most members in attendance agree that this is not a large amount of money. Pickman suggests coming up with a budget to figure out what we need for the future. Members agree that this a good idea. PANYC last raised dues for the room rental at the NPC a few

years ago when we began meeting there. Stone further agreed, pointing out that one of the requirements for the NY Humanities grant was a budget and PANYC doesn't have a complete one. It is suggested that the board should do this, understanding that some will have to be amended. Those present agreed that PANYC dues should be raised and that an organization budget should be completed. George checked the by-laws for rules regarding the changing of dues. It all appears in order. Spritzer mentioned that the line in the membership renewal form that asks for a donation to the Public Programs has been useful.

Membership application: Members discussed the membership application which needs editing before the next application.

Met Chapter: Rothschild and Wall head that up. They do not have a speaker to announce.

Newsletter: this discussion will be continued by the PANYC board.

NYAC: Geismar, Stone committee members. The upcoming program is about making archaeology videos, chaired by Matt Sanger. Stone announced that she won't be running for reelection to the NYAC board this year. Geismar will stand for reelection.

Parks: Committee members: Linn. Are there any others? Geismar noted that the parks department is more active recently.

Repository: It was agreed that this can be taken off the list of committees, although Geismar pointed out that we don't have a place in NYC for non-publicly owned collections. George says the SHPO is overwhelmed and will take 18 years to go through what they have now. Members agree that this is a continuing problem.

Public Program: Chair: Rakos. The Public Program is set for April 30, 2017. Geismar related the information gained from a meeting she, Berghoffen and Martin had with Jeff Lamia, present president of the NYC chapter of the AIA.

As for future programs. The membership decided that we must see how this year's program goes and move on from there. Britt suggested that getting the AIA involved in our Advocacy project might be a good idea.

Rakos pointed out that she needs someone else to be in charge next year as we don't have a VP in charge of the program automatically anymore. This was supposed to get into the newsletter but it did not. If the newsletter gets revised regarding the date of the Public Program, then a piece Rakos wrote about this issue will also be included.

Rakos handed out the flyer, pointing to the code for PANYC members to be emailed out. Students of PANYC members should get this discount code as well. The program will also be free with museum admission for those people already in the museum. There is a reduced admission for those who preregister.

Stone asked about planning for next year as there should be some continuity from the following years program so that there are a couple committee members who can give advice on dealing with the MCNY, etc. It is decided that the previous person who did the previous program will sit on the committee to help with advice. Stone asked if there should be others as well. Geismar, Rothschild, and Stone make the committee. It is decided that, by default the president-elect should be on the committee as well (i.e. Rakos in 2018).

Website: Britt, Linn, Loorya, Stone: committee members. Stone asked who should update the website. It used to be Loorya. Is that still the case? We should post the Public Program flyers on the website with the code. Britt said that she and Loorya had recently agreed that the website committee needs to meet. Payment on our server has is for three years.

New Business: Britt brought up our future meetings in general. The next meeting dates will be decided at the May meeting. Members discussed if this last year's meeting format was working for the membership. Do we need to have more meetings again. Now we are having two board meetings and three membership meetings.

Geismar, Britt and others say that they have heard from people who are feeling less connected due to the less meetings. Members reacted honestly stating that perhaps those other members should come to the ones we have instead of feeling disconnected. Stone said that the meeting of the board before the general meeting was also not ideal. Pickman wondered if we should have more newsletters instead of more meetings? Britt agreed, suggesting that maybe a smaller published bulletin or e-blast might make members feel connected. Members agreed and pointed out that we have now had speakers but that did not make more members come to the meeting.

Stone suggested that that bulletin could be sent out after the board meeting which members thought was a good idea. A meeting of break-out meetings of subcommittees was suggested as well though the logistics seemed complicated since members would probably be in more than one committee. Britt agreed that she could easily send out a quick bulletin with her comments after the board meetings. This seemed like a good start. It will be tried and she will see if there is positive feedback from membership.

The next general meeting is May 23, 2017. Britt asked if we should look for a speaker for this meeting and if there are any suggestions. Please contact her if you have a suggestion.

Meeting adjourned. Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 23rd.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Scheduled Meeting Dates

May 23, 2017, 6pm–GENERAL meeting only (no board meeting)

Current Board Members (2016-2017):

President:	Kelly Britt
Vice President:	Lynn Rakos
Secretary:	Lizzie Martin
Treasurer:	Shelly Spritzer
Board Members:	Camille Czerkowicz Diane George Meredith Linn Jessica MacLean Linda Stone
Past President:	Joan Geismar

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

The PANYC Public Program needs you for 2018!

Next year's Annual PANYC Public Program, thanks to changes in our by-laws, will be the first in PANYC's history that need not be coordinated by a PANYC board member; usually it was the Vice-President's task. You may have a topic or site in NYC that you have always wanted to present to the public, well, now you may get your chance! Please think about volunteering to curate a program of four talks for the program to be held in the spring of 2018. You will form a committee to help so you won't be left alone to do all the work and the past Chair will be part of that group. There is a brief flurry of activity in the fall when you work on the topic and speakers and you coordinate dates with the venue. You will then have a flurry of work in the spring with ensuring everything is set with the speakers and the venue and with preparing the flyer and hand-out. You then run the event on the day. Think about it and express your interest to Kelly Britt or Lynn Rakos or send an email to info@panycarchaeology.org. It is a lot of fun and very rewarding!

The 37th Annual PANYC Public Program (2017)

The 37th Annual PANYC Public Program was held at the Museum of The City of New York on Sunday April 30th, 2017. “Keeping up with the Times: Technology in Archaeology” brought together five professional archaeologists who gave four talks on their use of cutting edge technology to aid in field work, recording and analyzing New York City sites. An engaged audience was entertained and enlightened by the papers presented. The almost 80 registrants and packed the room!

Amanda Sutphin, Director of Archaeology, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) started the afternoon with a talk entitled “Inside the NYC Archaeological Repository: The Nan A. Rothschild Research Center and Website.” Amanda provided a great overview of the information now accessible to all on the new LPC website (www.nyc.gov/archaeology). Highlighted were the artifacts in the repository and the fact that we can get information about this important cultural material on-line as well as in real-life (by appointment!).

Richard Hunter, in his talk, “Getting a Handle on John Randel: Pinning Down the Manhattan Grid in Central Park” first led the audience on a tour of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 defenses and routes extant in the north end of Central Park. He then discussed using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and GPS to determine where the intersections on Randel’s survey for the Manhattan grid fell within the park, and on finding one of his early 19th-century stone surveying monuments, almost inadvertently, while having lunch on the lawn. A number of other monuments have since been found in the park.

Celia Bergoffen got the attention of the audience with beer brewed in Brooklyn and the vaults in which it was aged in her talk, “The Lager Vaults of Schnaederbeck’s Brewery in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.” She and her team found massive subterranean vaults, built prior to 1860, that provided the cool temperatures required for aging lager beer. Celia discussed how photogrammetry was used to record the vaults and showed the 3-D models that combined videos of the vault interiors with videos of the top of the structures captured by drone.

In the talk “Applications of High Technology at the Riverside 2 Archaeological Site and Beyond,” Joe Schuldenrein and Kevin Wiley, discussed how 3-D modeling and computerized mapping were used to document the development of the shoreline and subsequent landfilling at the Riverside 2 site on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The data were later used to create a diorama for teaching purposes. As they rightly noted, “the ‘High Technology’ of today’s archaeology is quickly becoming the standard practice of tomorrow’s archaeology.”

Nan Rothschild, Awards Chair, presented the 2017 PANYC Award for Outstanding Contributions Made by a Non-Archaeologist to New York City Archaeology to John Krawchuk. He was given a certificate and a much coveted engraved trowel. Mr. Krawchuk was formerly the Director of Historic Preservation for the City of New York Parks & Recreation (Parks) and is now Executive Director of the Historic House Trust. He was

nominated by Joan Geismar, and approved by the Awards Committee, for his work while at Parks where, as stated in the nomination, his contribution “focused on the invaluable archaeological resources preserved in New York City’s Parks, a stewardship that covers over 5,000 properties located on 30,000 acres of land located throughout the City’s five boroughs....Over the years, PANYC has seen Parks become increasingly aware of the archaeological potential of their parkland, an awareness fostered by John’s attention to both detail and to the laws instituted to address and protect the city’s cultural resources. His sensitivity has been greatly appreciated, as has his input to ensure that these invaluable resources are given the attention they deserve.” After receiving the award Mr. Krawchuk thanked PANYC and spoke of his appreciation of the archaeological resources and the archaeologists in New York City. He was clearly instructed and inspired by some of our very own PANYC members. Congratulations to John!

I was inspired by all the high-tech gadgetry and amazed by the modeling presented by our stellar speakers, however, I noted that we all still like to dig!

Thank you to all who included a donation with your renewal this year! MCNY is now charging us for the program and your generosity helps us defray that cost.

Lynn Rakos
 2017 Public Program Chair

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Link
World War II Harbor Defense Historic Hike	Fort Hancock, Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook, New Jersey	12:00- 4:00 PM, May 20, 2017	https://www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/calendar.htm
Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Annual Benefit	Dyckman Farmhouse Museum, 4881 Broadway, NYC	5:00-7:30 PM, June 3, 2017	www.dyckmanfarmhouse.org
“Love and Black Lives: Pictures Found on a Brooklyn Street” presentation by Annie Correal and Craig Wilder	Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 103 Orchard Street, NYC	6:30-8:00 PM, June 7, 2017	http://tenement.org/events-new.php?category=2
Exhibition : “Objects Tell Stories”	New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, NYC	Ongoing	http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/objects-tell-stories
Annual American Cultural Resources Association Conference	The Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	September 7-10, 2017	http://acra-crm.org/philly
Annual Conference on Iroquois Research	Best Western, 26 East 1 st Street, Oswego,	October 13-15, 2017	http://www.iroquoia.org/registration.php

	New York		
Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Conference and Annual Meeting	Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel and Conference Center, Portsmouth, New Hampshire	November 10-12, 2017	http://cneha.org/conference.html
Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting	Washington, DC	April 11-15, 2018	http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx

V.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:

Lizzie Martin, PANYC Secretary, email: lizziepmartin@gmail.com

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

ZIP (+ FOUR): _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please indicate preferred mailing address and check below as appropriate.

I wish to apply for membership to PANYC and would like to receive the application form (\$20 upon approval for membership; includes newsletter (\$20) ____

I wish to subscribe to the PANYC Newsletter only (\$10) ____

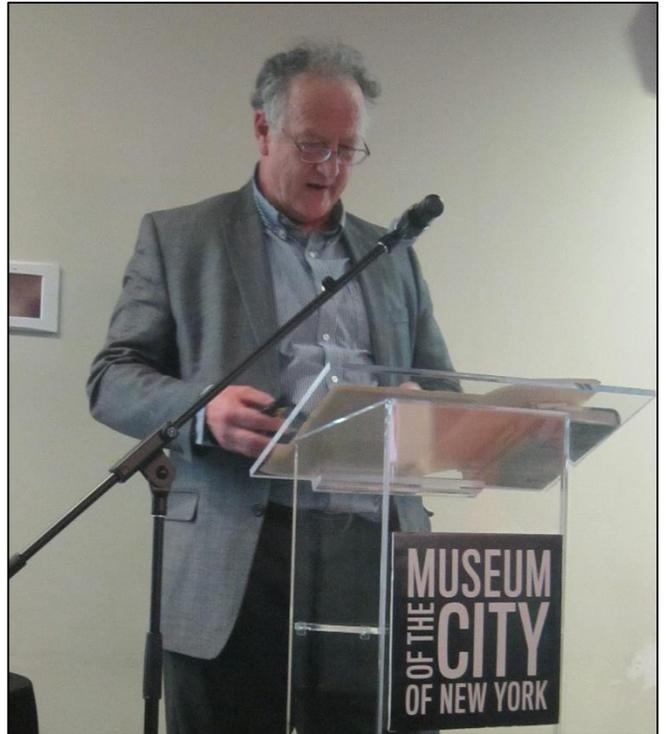
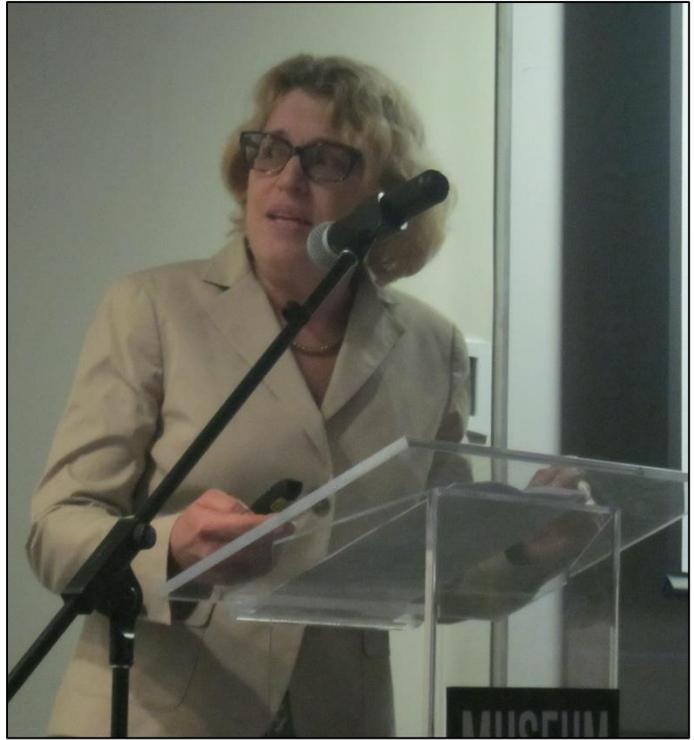
I wish to make an additional donation to PANYC ____

I wish to receive the PANYC Newsletter in digital (e-format) ____

I wish to receive the PANYC Newsletter in printed (mailed) form ____

The PANYC Membership package can be found at: www.panycarchaeology.org

If you have any questions please email: info@panycarchaeology.org



Clockwise from upper left are Amanda Sutphin, Celia Bergoffen, Richard Hunter and Joe Schuldenrein; all speakers at the 37th Annual PANYC Public Program at the Museum of the City of New York, April 30th 2017 (Photos: Jeanne Kisbert).



Right: Nan Rothschild presents John Krawchuck with the 2017 PANYC Award for Outstanding Contributions Made by a Non-Archaeologist to New York City Archaeology (Photo: Linda Stone).

Below: John Krawchuck displays the engraved trowel he received with his award, with him are three NYC archaeologists he mentioned as influencing his work; from left to right, Amanda Sutphin, Joan Geismar and Linda Stone (Photo: Jeanne Kisbert).

