



PANYC



# Professional Archaeologists of New York City – Newsletter

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### I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! And Happy Fall!

We thought we would start off the first membership meeting of the 2016-17 year with a talk by Herbert Seignoret, Associate Director of the Institute for the Exploration of Seneca Village History (IESVH), entitled: *The Ecological Transformation of Manhattan Island: A Study of the Environmental Changes in the Shift from Mannahatta to New York City Through Archaeological Studies*. Mr. Seignoret was the 2016 recipient of the Bert Salwen Award for Outstanding Student Paper at the 36th Annual PANYC Public Program this past spring and we received several inquiries about his paper and this topic. Please come join us Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm at Neighborhood Preservation Center, 232 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street for our membership meeting and presentation and discussion on this fascinating topic.

It is with great pleasure to announce that on October 5<sup>th</sup> NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission opened the Nan A. Rothschild Research Center, the first municipal archive devoted to a city's own archaeological collection, named in honor of one of PANYC's founding members, former President and Board member, Nan Rothschild. The repository is located in Midtown Manhattan and houses more than one million artifacts. The Center is open to researchers and scholars by appointment. Please see this link to the Center's website for more information:

<http://archaeology.cityofnewyork.us/>.

We have some great committees that could use your help! Do you like organizing and planning events? Then the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual PANYC Public Program Committee is for you! Please contact Lynn Rakos at [lrakos@hotmail.com](mailto:lrakos@hotmail.com) to join.

Just a friendly reminder that if your membership 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 next PANYC meeting or mail directly to our treasurer: Shelly Spritzer, 301 E. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 14, New York, NY 10021. Also any additional donations are tax-deductible too! Checks can be made out to PANYC.

There have been some great presentations and discussions in the membership meetings in the past, and we hope to keep that trend going. 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](mailto:info@panycarchaeology.org).

**Upcoming PANYC Membership Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday      March 14, 2017                      6-8 pm

Tuesday      May 23, 2017                      6-8 pm

All meetings held at Neighborhood Preservation Center (see address above).

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Best,  
Kelly M Britt  
PANYC President

## **II. MEETING MINUTES**

### **PANYC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Neighborhood Preservation Center Garden

232 East 11th Street

New York, NY

6:30 PM

***(Final)***

**Present:** Britt, Coplin, Czerkowicz, Geismar, George, Martin, MacLean, Stone, Spritzer, Rothschild

The upcoming meeting dates were chosen (see below). Stone clarified that we need two board meetings and three general meetings total.

Spritzer asked for clarification on the Public Program date selection. It gets a date chosen at a later time. Britt then requested suggestions for potential speakers at the next years' meetings. Some in attendance did not think they were necessary. Stone suggested

something that has been interesting at the NYAC meetings which are “breakout sessions” or meetings set up for specific topics to be discussed. Rothschild had a similar suggestion, which was that a paper of interest to the membership could be circulated and then discussed at a specific meeting. One topic that came up for a discussion session was LIDR. Britt asked for an updated list of committee members. Stone or Geismar will forward their lists to her.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Spritzer reported that there are 29 paid members for this year so far. She will send out a list for Martin to email. Paypal was suggested as an option that might help members pay more on time. Spritzer did not think it was worth cost. There is \$4075.34 in the bank.

**Met Chapter:** There is a walking tour in Central Park with Richard Hunter on June 12th that Rothschild will send to Martin to be mailed to the general membership.

**LPC committee:** Sutphin has asked for more involvement and support from PANYC in the landmarks designation debate. Geismar or Stone will provide Britt with a list of the properties of interest to Sutphin. Geismar asked if there was an update about the building demolition issue discussed at the last meeting and Britt responded that she had sent a letter with PANYC’s agreed upon response.

**Membership:** The board recommended a vote for the new member Ellen Belcher. She was unanimously accepted and Britt will notify her.

**NYAC:** Stone reported that a main topic of discussion at the meeting was about artifact repositories. There has been a suggestion that regional repositories instead of just one central one might make more sense. The Fall meeting will take place in Buffalo.

**Parks:** Rothschild reported that the conservancy is renovating two playgrounds near Seneca Village. There has been some survey and radar. There is a chance the foundations of the African Union Church has been found so there may be more work to do at Seneca Village.

**Website:** Stone had said that she would look into the price NYAC pays for their website at the March meeting. She reported to the membership present that their cost is between \$600- \$1000/year and \$150/year for the hosting costs and \$20/month for maintenance. As of now, PANYC just pays for hosting which costs around \$250/year. The question is raised: do we want to pay more for more services or keep the cost as is and do it ourselves? The committee is planning to meet to decide what kind of changes they need to incorporate to make it mobile friendly, etc. Britt and Stone both suggested that they get the content together and find a pre-made template for formatting. All agreed to this idea.

**Archives:** Geismar reported that the culling and scanning of the documents housed in Linn’s office needs to happen sooner rather than later and she will get in touch with Linn about the timeline for this.

**New Business:** Geismar brought up that Gaynell Stone has asked to send out her newsletter from the Suffolk County Archaeological Association to PANYC's email list. Britt said that Geismar should give Gaynell Stone the PANYC general email address and then Britt can forward out the newsletter to the membership. Those who want to can sign up themselves. It is free. Spritzer asked what the membership thought of the idea of giving membership cards to members each year to help them remember to pay dues. There was not a general consensus on this topic and it was taken under consideration for the future. Britt announced that the meeting was closed and the next meeting will be September 21, 2016, for the Board only. She will contact the Neighborhood Preservation Center to set up the next year's meeting dates and to make sure we were not charged for today's meeting as there was no space.

[Although, the garden was perfect. Have a great summer everyone.]

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2016 Scheduled Meeting Dates**

September 21, 2016, 6pm–BOARD meeting only  
November 2, 2016, 6pm–GENERAL meeting only (no board meeting)  
January 18, 2017, 6pm–BOARD meeting only  
March 14, 2017, 6pm–ANNUAL MEETING, all members, no board  
May 23, 2017, 6pm–GENERAL meeting only (no board meeting)

#### **Current Board Members (2015-2016):**

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](mailto:info@panyarchaeology.com)



#### IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Link
Society for Industrial Archeology Roebling Chapter Tour: Behind the Scenes at Grand Central Terminal	Stationmaster's Office in Grand Central Terminal	9:45 AM Thursday, November 3, 2016	<a href="http://www.roeblingsia.org/events.html">http://www.roeblingsia.org/events.html</a>
Saving the Past to protect the Future; Heritage and Conflict: An Illustrated Lecture by Dr. Laurie Rush	CUNY Graduate Center 365 Fifth Avenue (at 34 <sup>th</sup> Street)	6:30-8:00 PM Monday November 14, 2016	<a href="http://aia-nysociety.org/events/">http://aia-nysociety.org/events/</a>
Society for Industrial Archeology Roebling Chapter Tour: Steinway Factory and Community	Astoria, Queens	9:15 AM Wednesday November 16, 2016	<a href="http://www.roeblingsia.org/events.html">http://www.roeblingsia.org/events.html</a>
Exhibit: Lenapeway hosted by The Wayfinding Project and NYU	An installation by artist Beatrice Glow to show the alignment of Broadway with the earlier Lenape use	24/7 from street level Oct. 10 - Dec. 9, 2016	<a href="http://apa.nyu.edu/lenapeway-october-10-december-9-2016/">http://apa.nyu.edu/lenapeway-october-10-december-9-2016/</a>
New York Historical Society Exhibit: The Battle of Brooklyn	NY Historical Society, 170 Central Park West	Sept. 23 – January 8, 2017	<a href="http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/battle-brooklyn">http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/battle-brooklyn</a>
New York Historical Society Exhibit: The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World	NY Historical Society, 170 Central Park West	Oct. 28 – Feb. 26, 2017	<a href="http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/first-jewish-americans-freedom-and-culture-new-world">http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/first-jewish-americans-freedom-and-culture-new-world</a>
Public Meeting: A Public Summit for The Future of Penn Station	Museum of the City of New York 1220 Fifth Ave., NY, NY	7:00 PM Nov. 2, 2016	<a href="http://mcny.org/event/future-penn-station">http://mcny.org/event/future-penn-station</a>
Infinity of Nations: Art and History in the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian	NMAI Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House One Bowling Green NYC	Ongoing	<a href="http://nmai.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/item/?id=901">http://nmai.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/item/?id=901</a>
Opening Exhibit: New York at its Core: Gotham Groove (an opening weekend with many events and family friendly activities)	Museum of the City of New York 1220 Fifth Ave., NY, NY	Nov. 19 – 20, 2016	<a href="http://mcny.org/gothamgroove">http://mcny.org/gothamgroove</a>
Public Talk: Zoning at New Heights: Supertalls and the Accidental	Museum of the City of New York 1220 Fifth Ave., NY,	Dec. 8, 2016	<a href="http://mcny.org/event/zoning-new-heights">http://mcny.org/event/zoning-new-heights</a>

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Public Talk: Zoning for Public Good	Museum of the City of New York 1220 Fifth Ave., NY, NY	Jan. 26, 2017	<a href="http://mcny.org/event/zoning-public-good">http://mcny.org/event/zoning-public-good</a>
Timescapes. Multimedia experience traces the growth of New York City	Museum of the City of New York, 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.mcny.org/exhibition/timescapes">http://www.mcny.org/exhibition/timescapes</a>

## 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](mailto: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, which includes subscription to the Newsletter, and would like to receive the application form (\$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) \_\_\_\_

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The PANYC Membership package can be found at: [www.panycarchaeology.org](http://www.panycarchaeology.org)

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