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Next Meeting:

January 24, 2007
Neighborhood Preservation Center
232 East 11th Street
New York, NY
6:30pm

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To: PANYC Membership
Re: Revised Introduction Cover Letter

To the PANYC Membership:

As with most “new” things, improvements are always needed. The same is true for the PANYC digital Newsletter. Thank you to all who have pointed out errors, omissions and provided constructive comments.

This “revised” Newsletter is being sent to address some of those issues. Although I do not believe the PANYC Board will make it a habit to revise the Newsletter each time it is published, as we all believe that as time goes on, we’ll iron out the kinks. However, since this is the first issue, a revision is called for.

This revision includes:

- a. On the cover - the listing of next meeting date and location
- b. A revision to the introduction letter
- c. The inclusion of an article recently submitted
- d. A shortened version of the membership application form
- e. Inclusion of the PANYC Events Calendar

Finally, several members pointed out that no correspondences were included in the Newsletter. There were no correspondences written since the last newsletter.

As stated last time, please send us all of your comments and suggestions so that we can continue to modify and improve the Newsletter. If you have materials you wish to submit for inclusion, please do that as well. If the materials are in paper form (i.e. a newspaper article or cartoon), that is ok. We will convert it to digital, if you have not already done so yourself.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Chris Ricciardi

Chris Ricciardi, Newsletter Editor

Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC)
Minutes of the General Meeting, May 24, 2006
Neighborhood Preservation Center (NPC)
232 E.11th Street

Notice of Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday September 27, 2006, 6:30 P.M.
Neighborhood Preservation Center (NPC)
232 E.11th Street

Secretary's Report: January and March's meeting minutes will be included in the September Newsletter's Double Issue as there is no Newsletter this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: As of this meeting there are 27 paid members with \$2486.85 in the bank. A membership renewal form will be created and mailed out to remind people to renew their membership for 2007.

President's Report: 106 Issues – After much conversation between Joel Klein and Rothschild it was determined that, unfortunately, PANYC does not have any standing on the treatment of the historically significant Trade Center towers.

There are three large projects proposed around the city at the moment – the East River Esplanade, the new building for the UN on East 40th-41st Street, and the Atlantic Yards plan. There will be research done about how PANYC can become an “interested party” in these projects.

It was suggested that Mike Cohen, as the head of the newly reconstituted NYSAA Met Chapter, may be a good person to contact about the proposed excavation of the PS 261 schoolyard. Amanda Sutphin at the LPC will be asked again why she says that she has no standing on this issue.

It was determined that we will hold off on the comments requested in an email forwarded by Rakos about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Atlantic Yards project.

The NYSAA Met Chapter now has 19 members so Mike Cohen determined that they will be able to have a functioning chapter. He has proposed a joint meeting with PANYC in November with Norman Braugher to speak. The place has yet to be determined although the Museum of the City of New York, Columbia University, and Barnard were all suggested.

Stone reports that she received an email from Bill Engelbrecht, President of NYSAA, asking for PANYC's membership list for a NYSAA membership drive. It was decided that, in order to keep the newly re-formed Met Chapter vital, we should join NYSAA through our local chapter.

The Archaeology Legacy Institute has asked for \$250 to show our support for their new website The Archaeology Channel (<http://archaeologychannel.org>). It was determined that this is not a part of our mission.

Committee Reports:

Government Affairs: Pombo is still trying to undermine 106 but it seems that people are becoming more sympathetic to archaeology's concerns. Rothschild asked if it would be possible to link our new committee with the SAA's committee.

Sen. John McCain is proposing to change the wording of NAGPRA by two words ("or was"), a change that is seen as anti-archaeology and would make it harder to oppose.

Events: Kelly Britt has compiled a list of events that was emailed out to everyone as there is no Newsletter this quarter.

MAS: They are still planning to sponsor a Charette regarding the issue of CEQR review.

Membership: David Silver was unanimously voted into PANYC.

Met Chapter: see the President's Report.

Newsletter: We need September editors. It will be a double-issue as there was no May Newsletter.

NYAC: Stone attended the Board Meeting on April 8, 2006. Wind farms were a large issue at this meeting. SHPO has issued guidelines for them that discuss a mathematical formula that allows one to figure out how many tests one must do per square acre and how to determine the APE. Nina Versaggi is also working on the issue of NYAC's involvement in discussions of Native American human remains and the Burial Bill.

Outreach Committee: Freeman has volunteered to send out a letter to those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2006 offering a July 4th sale. They will be offered 1 ½ membership for 1 year's dues.

Repository: Governor's Island goes forward. Our name has become attached to a list of the team participants working with the company Federal Development. We are listed as Archaeological Development.

Old Business: Anyone wanting to donate any books to the New Orleans Public Library should send books to: Rica A. Trigs, Public Relations, New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112. You can mail them "Library Rate".

New Business: There was a discussion of how the excavations on the Downtown Hospital extension have gone. It is thought that there were trenches dug as well as monitoring.

ANNOUNCEMENT

2007 BERT SALWEN AWARD FOR THE BEST STUDENT PAPER ON NEW YORK CITY ARCHAEOLOGY

A prize of \$100.00 will be awarded by Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC) to the author of the best paper on New York City archaeology written by a student in fulfillment of an academic requirement. Although preference may be given to papers written using materials from contract archaeology projects in the city, the competition is not limited to such research. Both graduate and undergraduate students are urged to apply. Papers should not be longer than 50 pages and must be submitted in triplicate. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2007. Please send three copies of the manuscript to Anne-Marie Cantwell, PANYC Awards Committee, Apt. 5C, 14 Stuyvesant Oval, New York, New York 10009. The Bert Salwen Award will be presented at the annual PANYC Public Program at the Museum of the City of New York.

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

**NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR
SPECIAL PANYC AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY A NON ARCHAEOLOGIST TO
NEW YORK CITY ARCHAEOLOGY**

PANYC (Professional Archaeologists of New York City) is pleased to request nominations for a special award honoring non archaeologists or institutions who have made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of New York City archaeology. Please send three copied of letters of nomination documenting the nominee's qualifications to Anne-Marie Cantwell, PANYC Awards Committee Chair, Apt. 5C, 14 Stuyvesant Oval, New York, New York, 10009. Nominations must be received by March 1, 2007. The award will be presented at the PANYC Public Program at the Museum of the City of New York.

NY Observer, 22 Nov 06

Red Hook Ikea Faces Suit Over Civil War Site

A remnant of the Civil War may trip up the Ikea store planned for Red Hook, Brooklyn. The Municipal Art Society announced on Tuesday a lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which plans to allow a parking lot for the Ikea store on what was once a graving dock.

The society is suing to require the Corps to do a full review of the effects of the Ikea on all historic properties in the area, including the dock, which dates to the 1860s. "The law requires a proper historic review, and the public deserves it," said Municipal Art Society president Kent Barwick in a statement.

The society filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Friday.

The nonprofit's full release:

MAS SUES TO COMPEL HISTORIC REVIEW AT BROOKLYN'S IKEA SITE

The Municipal Art Society has sued the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with a goal of forcing a legally-mandated review of historic resources at the Ikea site in Red Hook, Brooklyn. The Corps has allowed construction to proceed that will cover over a Civil War-era graving dock on the site with a parking lot -- an act that will forever tarnish the historic character of the site and weaken the city's maritime industry.

"For nearly two years, the Corps has said that civic groups and others would be allowed input and comment on demolition and construction plans at Red Hook." said Kent Barwick, MAS President. "That time never came and we are left with no alternative but legal action. The law requires a proper historic review, and the public deserves it."

MAS is calling on the Corps to fulfill its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act which requires a full and fair review of the effects of the Ikea project on all historic properties in the area, including the dock itself. The suit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on Friday, November 17.

Dating to the 1860s, the dock has obvious historic significance but it also holds great importance as a functioning and virtually irreplaceable piece of maritime infrastructure. The 710-foot ship repair facility is one of only two docks in New York Harbor that can accommodate large, tall ships. Filling it in will diminish maritime capacity in the region.

In February 2005, MAS commissioned alternative plans showing that the site can accommodate the graving dock, the store, and the same number of parking spaces as laid out in Ikea's original plan. The site at 1 Beard Street in Red Hook is roughly the same size as the Atlantic Yards site in Prospect Heights. MAS maintains that Ikea can fit the dock, the store and a parking lot in the same amount of space that the developer Forest City Ratner plans to fit 16 skyscrapers, a park and a sports arena.

"Ships have been built and repaired in Red Hook since the mid-1700s and up until a year ago this graving dock continued to provide important maritime services and local jobs," said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League of New York State. "The League placed the graving dock on its statewide Seven to Save Endangered Properties list because we believe that, in addition to the loss of those jobs and services, its loss will mean the demise of a unique, functioning and historic feature of the waterfront that helps to define the character of Brooklyn. A thorough Section 106 review, which includes adequate public participation, could result in the retention of the graving dock while allowing for growth and economic development."

"Without the graving dock, New York City's ship repair and support services infrastructure is presently inadequate to accommodate the current demand for ship repair, let alone the confirmed future requirements," said Edward J. Kelly, Executive Director of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey.

The Municipal Art Society is a private, non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote a more livable city. Since 1893, the MAS has worked to enrich the culture, neighborhoods and physical design of New York City. It advocates for excellence in urban design and planning, contemporary architecture, historic preservation and public art. A project of MAS is the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, which is dedicated to helping the region reconnect to its greatest natural resource -- the harbor, rivers and estuaries of the New York and New Jersey waterfront.

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:

Elizabeth Martin, PANYC Secretary
250 East 90th Street – Apt. 4N
New York, NY 10128

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
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 _____

I wish to subscribe to the PANYC Newsletter (Fee \$10) _____

I wish to make an additional donation to PANYC _____

PANYC EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2006

TITLE/SPEAKER	EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT	FEE
Monarchs of the Sea: Celebrating the Ocean Liner Era	Exhibit	Perm. Exhibit		South Street Seaport Museum, 12 Fulton Street, New York	212.748.8766 or www.southstreetseaportmuseum.org	\$5 adults Free children under 12 members- member card
Brooklyn Works: 400 Years of Making a Living in Brooklyn	Exhibit	Exhibit		Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York	www.brooklynhistory.org or 718.222.4111	\$6.00 Adults \$4.00 Students/ Seniors
Born of Clay: Ceramics from the National Museum of the American Indian	Exhibit	November 5, 2005–April 30, 2007		George Gustav Heye Center, New York	http://www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=exhibitions&second=ny	Free
Stephen Kroll, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich “Early Uratu and Hasanu”	Lecture	Monday November 20, 2006	5:00 PM- Cash Bar 5:30 PM Lecture 7:00 PM Dinner	Columbia University Faculty House	Allan Gilbert-718-817-3854	\$23 for Dinner
Kathryn Gleason, Cornell University “Herod’s Jerusalem”	Lecture	Monday December 4, 2006	?	?	Dr. Peter Feinman, Institute of history, Archaeology, and Education, Purchase, NY 10577 feinman@ihare.org	?
Jak Yakar, Tel Aviv University “Ethnoarchaeology of Nomadism, Semi-Nomadism and Transhumance in Turkey”	Lecture	Tuesday December 5, 2006	5:00 PM- Cash Bar 5:30 PM Lecture 7:00 PM Dinner	Columbia University Faculty House	Allan Gilbert-718-817-3854	\$23 for Dinner
Barbara Hewig, German Archaeological Institute, Eurasian Section TBA	Lecture	Thursday January 18, 2007	5:00 PM- Cash Bar 5:30 PM Lecture 7:00 PM Dinner	Columbia University Faculty House	Allan Gilbert-718-817-3854	\$23 for Dinner

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Rowan Flad, Harvard University "The Origins of Sanxingdui-An Early Complex Society in Sichuan"	Lecture	Tuesday February 20, 2007	6:30 PM	Columbia University in the City of New York, West 116 th Street, New York, Schemerhorn Hall Room 612	Rita.wright@nyu.edu	Free
Josef Wegner, University of Pennsylvania	Lecture	Wednesday February 21, 2007	5:00 PM-Cash Bar 5:30 PM Lecture 7:00 PM Dinner	Columbia University Faculty House	Allan Gilbert-718-817-3854	\$23 for Dinner
Andrea Berlin, University of Minnesota (Haupt Lecture) "The Phoenicians and the Maccabees: Excavations at Tel Kedesh, Israel"	Lecture	Tuesday March 27, 2007	7:00 PM	Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76 th Street	Rita.wright@nyu.edu	Free
<i>Conferences and Meetings:</i>						
NYAC-Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting	September 30, 2006		Binghamton, NY	Linda Stone-lindastone@juno.com	?
105th AAA Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting	November 15-19, 2006		San Jose Convention Center, San Jose, CA	http://www.aaanet.org/	Various

If any members have events that they would like listed, please contact Kelly Britt at 717.393.3289 or email at kb239@columbia.edu
Or by mail 224 Euclid Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603 (as of 10/1/06)