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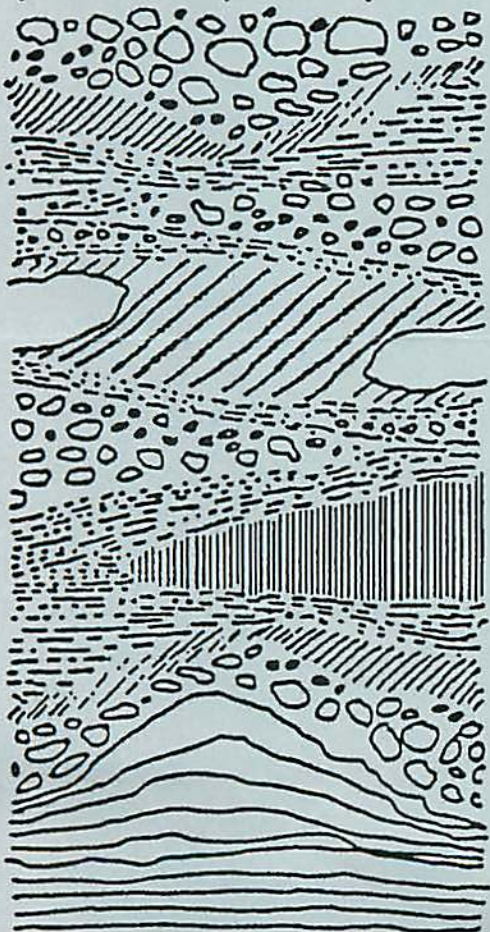
1:00 to 3:30 PM Free with Museum Admission
THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FIFTH AVENUE AT 103 STREET

Twenty-Fifth Annual Symposium sponsored by the
Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC), Inc.
In association with the Museum of the City of New York

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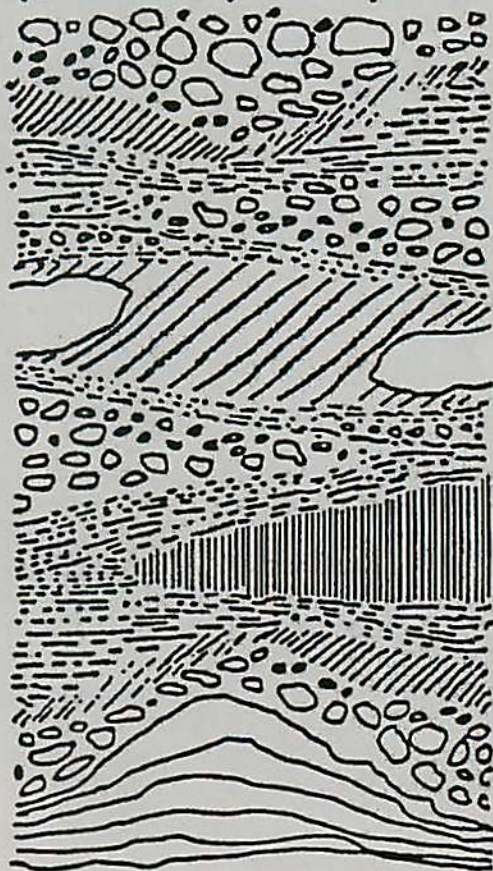


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1:00 – 1:20

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Patience A. Freeman, Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc.

1:20 – 1:40

Diana diZ Wall, City College, CUNY

The Van Voorhis Family: Artisans in the Federalist City

New York City's position in the new nation was unusual after the American Revolution because the British had occupied the city for the entire duration of the war. The Van Voorhis family, who were silversmiths, arrived in the city only after the occupying force left in 1783. Their experience shows that the transition from colony to new nation was not necessarily an easy one for all New Yorkers.

1:40 – 2:00

Joan H. Geismar, Joan H. Geismar, Ph.D., LLC

***Ann Elizabeth Schuyler, an 18th-Century Woman of our
Time***

Ann Elizabeth Staats Schuyler was the wife of a prominent 18th-century New York City merchant, the mother of his children, then his young widow, and, ultimately, herself a successful merchant. Among her ventures was the development of a water lot on the 175 Water Street block in Lower Manhattan. Excavations on the block documented the activities of an elite merchant class as it suggested Ann Elizabeth's place within it. What is known about her implies a prototype: an 18th-century woman of our time.

2:00 – 2:20

Nan A. Rothschild, Barnard College

Alida Schuyler Livingston, a Complete Woman

Alida Schuyler Livingston was the wife of Robert Livingston. Their marriage was unusual because they spent much of their married lives apart, she in Albany and Livingston Manor, he in New York and London, as a merchant and legislator. The Livingston House, excavated as part of the Seven Hanover Square Block in 1981, was a home without a resident mistress. In this paper I will use documents and artifacts to consider Alida's complex roles: manager and agent of the up-river portion of a complex trade, mistress of two up-river homes and the large house at Hanover Square; and mother nine times.

2:20 – 2:30

Break

2:30 – 2:40

***The 2005 Bert Salwen Award for Best Student
Paper on New York City Archaeology***

Presented to Robert Kristek

By Anne-Marie Cantwell

2:40 – 3:00

Charles D. Cheek, John Milner Associates

***Wiert Valentine: Cartman of New York City, Politics,
Food, and Drink in Early Republican New York***

This story is set as an autobiographical interview with a retired cartman, Wiert Valentine. He reminisces about the effect of the turbulent politics and patronage on life in the years following the Revolution in NYC.

3:00 – 3:20

Richard G. Schaefer, Historical Perspectives, Inc.

***A Manhattan Hortus Medicus?
Healing Herbs in 17th C New Amsterdam***

New Netherland documents record elaborate gardens and the collection of American and European plants. A description of the Manhattan garden of a "certain chirurg-eon...wherein a great variety of medicinal wild plants were collected," dates to 1655. Seeds and an herbal were sent to the colony by the Dutch West India Company. Was there a *hortus medicus* (physician's garden), where was it, and what was being grown? What native plants were incorporated into the pharmacopoeia?

As always, we extend our thanks to the Museum of the City of New York and to their staff for co-sponsoring this year's public program. Our special thanks to Joan Geismar, Shelly Spritzer, Diane Dallal and Celia Bergoffen for their assistance with the program. Thank you also to the PANYC speakers. We look forward to seeing you all again next year, and please consider membership in the museum.