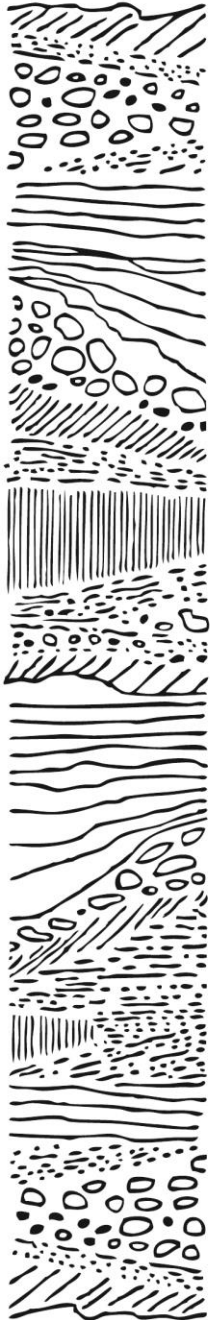




**PANYC**



# Professional Archaeologists of New York City – Newsletter

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### **I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Everyone! So happy to assume my new role as President and looking forward to a productive year. I would like to first thank the outgoing officers and board for all their hard work and efforts, especially Joan Geismar for her work as President. I would also like to welcome the new officers and board for the 2016-2017 year. We have a great team and look forward working with all in the coming year.

Another successful PANYC Public Program cosponsored by the Museum of the City of New York took place on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This year commemorated our 36<sup>th</sup> year of the Public Program and one that celebrated "Digging in the Moment". Like last year, the program was held during a weekday evening and the speakers presented on contemporary New York archaeology. From papers set in university classrooms and elementary schools and even a look into a homeless encampment to Jack-the-Ripper, Jessica MacLean, Courtney Singleton Elizabeth Meade and Miriam Sicherman presented a variety of *reports from the field*, covering three of the boroughs of New York. And we are already looking forward to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Program in 2017 which will be organized by President-Elect Lynn Rakos.

With the new fiscal year, comes membership renewal. If you are 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.

Our May meetings for Board and Membership on the 25th will announce upcoming meeting dates for the 2016-2017 year, so stay tuned. We have had some great presentations and discussions in the membership meetings this past year, 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).

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Best,

Kelly Britt

PANYC President

## II. MEETING MINUTES

### PANYC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Neighborhood Preservation Center

232 East 11th Street

New York, NY

6:00 PM

**(Final)**

**Present:** Kelly Britt, Anne-Marie Cantwell, Jenna Coplin, Camille Czerkowicz, Joan Geismar, Diane George, Sarah Kautz, Joel Klein, Meredith Linn, Jessica MacLean, Lizzie Martin, Arnold Pickman, Nan Rothschild, Joel Schuldenrein, Courtney Singleton, Shelly Spritzer, Linda Stone, Amanda Sutphin, Ted Roberts, Diana Wall.

**Treasurer's report:** Spritzer reported that there are 40 paid members for 2015, with 7 unpaid members. The PANYC bank account equals \$3816.84. She said that the organization has spent more money than usual this year, over \$1000. The rental rate at Neighborhood Preservation Center has increased; PANYC made various donations and spent money on Ralph Solecki's birthday; and we have paid for the web host Godaddy for three years. Emails will be sent to members for overdue payments.

**President's report:** Geismar began her report with a problem with the publicity for the Public Program. The Museum of the City of New York has changed how they are presenting the public program this year. She pointed out that this will be the 36th year of PANYC's Public program at the MCNY. But, this year the museum has put together an archaeology series and included the PANYC public program and used, the title for our program (Digging the Moment) as the title of the entire series. This seemed inappropriate to Geismar and she wanted to find out the memberships' opinion.

Generally, the membership was in agreement that this was not exactly how they wanted the PANYC Public Program presented. Geismar reported that she had written an email response to Julie/MCNY, but hasn't sent it yet. Rothschild said she had, in fact, just received an email from Julie/MCNY saying that they have removed the title of "Digging the Moment" from the other events as per Rothschild's request.

In addition, she noted that other organizations have been offered co-sponsorships of the events in this new archaeology series. Geismar said that PANYC could consider co-sponsoring other events as well. Stone said she would be opposed to that but not to other organizations supporting PANYC's annual program. Cantwell asked what it means specifically to be a sponsor? Rothschild confirmed that it would not be an extra cost. Stone affirmed this from an email that the MCNY had sent NYAC which stated that a co-sponsorship position would mean an organization would send programming information out to members and help publicize as much as possible.

Wall stated that it is her opinion that PANYC's program should stand alone but she would be happy to sponsor other programs. She is worried the public program will lose its identity. Czerkowicz suggested that being part of a series might bring more people into the program while Kautz added that the program might get more exposure. Geismar said the museum sends out publicity. Klein asked if the flyer says "annual program" because that might help. Linn said she agrees that it should definitely say "36th Annual Public Program" and that it should not get lost and it should be very clearly distinguished from the others. All agreed that the marketing and publicity needed fixing. Geismar plans to talk to Julie or Tracy in publicity at the MCNY.

The last portion of the President's Report was related to membership. Celia Bergoffen, who reapplied to PANYC last year needs an official vote by the end of the meeting. Spritzer had another new application which will be sent out the board for approval before a general vote. The membership application will also get updated after this meeting.

**Archives report:** Geismar told the membership that PANYC's archives have all been moved from the South Street Seaport Museum. They are currently housed in Linn's office but will need a real home soon. There is a plan to cull and scan many items soon.

**Public Program Awards:** Nan announced both awards:

**The Bert Salwen Award for Outstanding Student Paper** will go to Herbert Seignoret, Hunter College, CUNY, for the paper 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*"

The other award for **Outstanding Contributions by a Non-archaeologist** to the field of New York City Archaeology will go to Lauren and Jonathan Chu of Chu Enterprises for their company's willingness and openness to working with archaeologists during a construction project on Bowery St. on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

**NYAC:** Stone reported that the upcoming meeting is April 15 and 16 with NYSAA. They are now working on topics for roundtable discussions based on the very popular last meeting that covered the subject of culling.

**NYSAA and Met chapter:** Wall announced that there would be Met chapter event next Wednesday, April 6th with a talk by A. Michael Pappalardo, AKRF, speaking about *The Harlem African Burial Ground Project: An Example of Effective Collaboration Between a Local Community Organization, a City Agency, and a Consulting Firm.*

There will be another on Wednesday, April 27, when Sarah Kautz will speak about her research on porcelain in New Amsterdam and Japan: "Provisioning Profit: Asian Export Porcelain as a Global Commodity of the Dutch East and West India Company"

**Municipal Arts Society:** Geismar reported that MAS has a new President, Gina Pollara, She is very impressive: involved, proactive, and supportive of preservation issues that seem to include archaeology.

**Newsletter:** Roberts was congratulated for the last newsletter. There was a quick discussion about linking articles into the newsletter or pasting them in their entirety into the newsletter in case the links stop working. All agreed that short articles will get pasted in and longer ones will just get a link.

**Election results:**

President: Kelly Britt  
President-Elect: Lynn Rakos  
Secretary: Lizzie Martin  
Treasurer: Shelly Spritzer

**Board:**

Camille Czerkowicz  
Diane George  
Meredith Linn  
Jessica MacLean  
Linda Stone  
Joan Geismar (ex officio)

Geismar thanked everyone who ran and everyone who voted. She pointed out that there was a large voter turnout this election.

**Repository:** Sutphin reported on a few updates. The database will probably be ready to go live this summer and there will be content for the public and curricula for teachers. They are trying to host materials for people with different interests. She announced that she is happy to provide tours. Contact her to set up a time. The address is: 114 West 47th street.

**Website:** Britt reported that the committee still needs to meet. Spritzer stated that she would like to use a different service or check with Go Daddy about what they charge to update websites. Although most places that do the website for you charge too much.

Stone asked the membership if we're interested in doing a more dynamic website or the more static style. She knows of small organizations sharing the costs but she had thought we only needed a static one. Britt agreed that they were looking at a static website design so that this maintenance wouldn't have to be monthly and could be managed by the committee easily. Pickman agreed the PANYC site doesn't need constant updating. Stone said she will find out about the shared cost and does agree that they need to revamp the website. Britt will send out an email to remind the committee.

**New Business:** Rothschild shared an email that Loorya had sent to her because she couldn't attend the meeting. She wanted the membership to be aware that there were some zoning law changes happening. These might fall under the heading Zoning Laws- Demolition.

Sutphin clarified some for those present. For private homes that are a danger of collapse, the city has now passed zoning laws that allow for demolition, for the public good. A complication is that they will not be required to consider archaeological resources because they are not planning for any subsurface work. Sutphin said that she has made the argument that in these cases, future development is an inevitable option and that archaeology should be considered.

Rothschild will forward to the board and Martin will send out to membership for response. Britt will write a letter with a PANYC response.

**New Members:** Celia Bergoffen is unanimously approved. Martin will notify her.

At this point Geismar turned the meeting over to new President Britt who thanked the outgoing President and Board for all they have done this last year and introduced Czerkowicz who gave a wonderful presentation on the NYC repository database titled: "Capturing archaeological data on New York City archaeology collections."

The Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

TBD

#### **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
Unearthing New York City's African American History	Museum of the City of New York, 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC	6:30 PM June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<a href="http://www.mcny.org/event/unearthing-history">http://www.mcny.org/event/unearthing-history</a>
Into the Digital Age: 100 Years of Archaeology in Upper Manhattan with Dr. Matthew Spigelman	Dyckman Farmhouse Museum, 4881 Broadway (@204 <sup>th</sup> Street), NYC	6:30 PM June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<a href="http://www.heightsites.com/event/history-on-the-back-porch-with-dr-matt-spigelman/">http://www.heightsites.com/event/history-on-the-back-porch-with-dr-matt-spigelman/</a>
NY Path Through History with the Bowne House: Quakers, Queens and the American Revolution	Bowne House Museum, 37-01 Bowne Street, Flushing, NY	12 – 5 PM June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<a href="mailto:bownehouseeducation@gmail.com">bownehouseeducation@gmail.com</a>
Archaeology Talk at the Neighborhood Preservation Center: "Excavating a turn of the century Mikvah on Allen Street" with Dr. Celia Bergoffen	Neighborhood Preservation Society, 232 E11th Steet, NYC	6:30 PM June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Contact Celia Bergoffen for more information
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>
Gilded New York: Explore the Visual Culture of Elite New York in the late-19 <sup>th</sup> and early-20 <sup>th</sup> Centuries	Museum of the City of New York, 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.mcny.org/content/gilded-new-york">http://www.mcny.org/content/gilded-new-york</a>
Conference on Iroquois Research	Best Western 1228 Western Avenue Albany, NY	October 14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<a href="http://nysarchaeology.org/category/events/">http://nysarchaeology.org/category/events/</a>
Brooklyn Historical Society Exhibit: "Brooklyn's Sewers: What's Up Down There?"	Brooklyn Historical Society 128 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NYC	until May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<a href="http://www.brooklynhistory.org/exhibitions/current.html">http://www.brooklynhistory.org/exhibitions/current.html</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>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual ACRA Conference	Renaissance Hotel, Palm Springs, California	September 13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<a href="http://www.acra-crm.org/?2016Conference">http://www.acra-crm.org/?2016Conference</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)

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I wish to make an additional donation to PANYC \_\_\_\_

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