



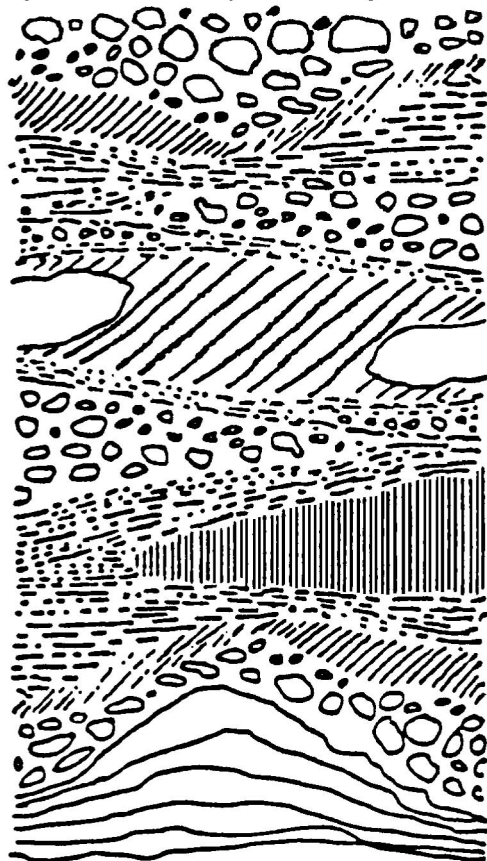
Symposium on the

ARCHAEOLOGY of NEW YORK CITY

*New York City Archaeology Then
and Now: Continuing Stories from
the Underground*

Thirty-fourth Annual PANYC Public Program
Museum of the City of New York
Sunday, May 4, 2014

open to the general public



Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc. (PANYC), is a non-profit organization of local professional archaeologists concerned with preserving the archaeological and historical resources of New York City and educating the community about our cultural heritage. We would like to thank all those who made this year's PANYC Symposium possible. This includes staff members of the Museum of the City of New York, especially Emily Miranker, Manager of Public Programs Operations and Frances Rosenfeld, Curator of Public Programs. We also thank PANYC members Joan Geismar, Alyssa Loorya, Chris Ricciardi, Anne-Marie Cantwell, Diana Wall, Meredith Linn and Shelly Spritzer for their help with program planning and set-up, and we especially thank all who participated in the program and all who attended.

THIRTY-FORTH ANNUAL PANYC SYMPOSIUM

Presented by the Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC) and the Museum of the City of New York.

In Honor of Dr. Ralph S. Solecki, renowned archaeologist.

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1:00

Welcome

Linda Stone, PANYC President and Program Chair

1:10

Brooklyn's Empire Stores: A Jumpstart to 30 Years as an Urban Archaeologist.

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

Thirty years ago, thanks to Professor Ralph Solecki, an archaeological project at this historic Brooklyn warehouse jumpstarted my career in urban Archaeology. Now the Empire Stores is about to have a new "career" of its own. Here is a look back to what it was, and what archaeology revealed, followed by a look forward to what it will now become.

1:30

Snapshots in Time.

**Alyssa Loorya: Chrysalis Archaeology
Chris Ricciardi: Chrysalis Archaeology**

In the first half of the 20th century Ralph Solecki excavated several areas of New York City. In the early 21st century we re-visited some of these sites. This presentation is a photographic journey in a developing city through an archaeologist's (camera) lens.

1:50

The Wilkins Site near Powell's Cove, Malba, Queens: A Multi-Purpose Pre-Contact Period Occupation that Kept on Giving.

Eugene J. Boesch, Ph.D., RPA: Archaeology and Historic Preservation/Arcadis-US

The Wilkin's Site was excavated in 1939 and 1940 by Carlyle Smith and in 1950 by Herbert Pretzart and James Ford. The site's importance to local archaeology was revealed in the features and artifacts their work unearthed. Further archaeological investigation at the site during the late 1990's recovered additional information including other evidence expanding the site's period of occupation and identifying the site primarily as a shell fish exploitation area, also suggesting a semi-permanent occupation. Connections between Native American occupants of the Wilkin's Site and those from the mid-Hudson Valley and western New Jersey/eastern Pennsylvania are indicated by the frequencies of the lithic raw material recovered.

2:10

The Bronx Turtle Petroglyph in the New York Botanical Garden.

Prof. Allan S. Gilbert: Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Fordham University

In the late 1970s, a carving, or petroglyph, of a turtle was found on a large boulder within the grounds of the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. Presumed authentic at the time, it was cleaned and displayed within the NYBG, but a number of archaeologists reacted to publication of the find in the early 1990s with tacit skepticism. Subsequent historical and iconographical study as well as examination of the carving using various imaging techniques have led to a conclusion that the glyph is probably recent. This presentation will describe how its age was assessed, with special focus on the boulder's surface and the minimal historical likelihood that a carved stone in plain view could have remained unnoticed over centuries of modern human occupation and use.

2:30

PANYC Awards

Joseph Schuldenrein, Ph.D., RPA, Awards Chair

Special PANYC Award for Outstanding Contributions Made by a Non-Archaeologist to New York City Archaeology

The Durst Organization

Bert Salwen Student Paper Award

Lisa Geiger, Hunter College of the City University of New York

Consumer Hygiene and Reproductive Healthcare:
The Female Body in Early America