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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are a volunteer organization. We could not operate without the generous assistance of our volunteers. Thank you all.

As you may have noticed, PAC has undertaken a couple of initiatives in the last year. All of them are mounted with volunteer help, both from within PAC and with some of our partners. If you are currently volunteering for one of these efforts, again, thank you. If you are currently “without portfolio,” please take the opportunity to read on. Perhaps one of these initiatives might seduce you into offering your help. The challenge of the Board is to find that balance between pushing out too many initiatives to membership, leading to burnout, failure, or both, and not offering enough to attract the interest of each and every one of our diverse membership.

In no particular order:

**Diversity and Equity Scholarship** – PAC would like to establish a permanent fund from which we could award scholarships to support an archaeological community reflective of the larger population. I think it is pretty clear that one of the barriers to becoming an archaeologist is financial; not everyone has the resources to follow this goal. One particularly weak spot is how to pay for field school.

Currently, the fund has \$1,400, but I believe the goal is much closer to \$10,000. Seth Mitchell is currently leading this effort, which now is focused on fundraising.

Note: this is also a chance to plug the fund. If you are able to do so, please consider contributing to it so we can reach our goals. It doesn’t have to be a grand gesture. We would take any amount in any form. If you think you could assist Seth in fundraising, please let him know or let me or someone on the Board know.

**Newsletter** – Gary Coppock and Hannah Harvey are doing a bang-up job editing our twice-a-year newsletter. That doesn’t mean they couldn’t use more assistance, especially in providing articles. If you have something worth sharing with membership, let them know. If you represent a company or group that is continually generating archaeological content, consider setting up camp with a regular report.

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**Web Site** – Tim Carn has done a great job maintaining our web site, but as you all know, web sites are like sharks; if they sit still, they die. The fuel that keeps our web site engine running forward is content. So as with the newsletter, if you have something worth sharing with membership or the larger archaeological community or the public, let Tim know.

**YouTube Site** – Yes, PAC has a [YouTube Site](#). And as with the newsletter and the web site, content drives interest. If you have a worthy video, please contact Amanda Zuckerman, so that it can be posted.

**Symposium and Fall Program/Publications** – Lara Homsey Messer, assisted by Jessica Hedgepeth Balkin, Hannah Harvey, Arron Kotlensky, and Paul Raber, are responsible for the Spring and Fall Programs as well as Publications. We have benefitted from their hard work, but as we all know, the needs for symposia and publication are bottomless. Good sessions can always be better, but that depends on folks stepping up. And it's not just submitting the brilliant paper. There's logistics, editing, soliciting, organizing. If you think you could help, please let someone on the Committee know.

**PA Hallowed Grounds Initiative** – This is a major partnership with PA Hallowed Grounds, a group dedicated to African-American Cemeteries, and especially cemeteries containing the graves of US Colored Troops from the Civil War. Over the last two years, we have completed a GPS survey and drone survey of Midland Cemetery in Steelton, as well as a partial GPR study. This is the biggest initiative PAC has undertaken recently and has involved the dedicated volunteer work of many individuals. The current working group includes Lisa Dugas, Angela Jaillet-Wentling, Casey Hanson, Kira Heinrich, and Heather Wholey. The moving pieces in this are highly technical (for me, at least) and require GIS, GPS, and GPR knowledge. We are trying to bring this phase of work to conclusion and anyone with these kind of remote sensing chops would be very welcome.

**Consulting Party and Membership and Ethics Standing Committees** – Lisa Dugas and Chris Kula are co-chairing the Consulting Party Committee and Jonathan Libbon as VP is chairing the Membership and Ethics Committee. We are fortunate to have vibrant and effective committees in these two critical areas. That said, having additional committee members in each of these Committees makes us more responsive and facile in providing comment on Section 106 projects and in marketing and acquiring new members. In particular, we could use new forward-facing materials to market ourselves to prospective members as well as the public. If you are interested and willing, please contact Jonathan, Lisa, or Chris.

**Supporting Emerging Professionals (Mentoring)** – As it sounds, this working group exists to help emerging professionals navigate their way from student to practicing archaeologist. A key element is one-on-one mentoring, which is often best done in person. In principle, every PAC member is and should be mentoring emerging professionals, but letting someone from this group (Joe Baker, Casey Hanson, Amanda Zuckerman, Amy Covell-Murthy, Ben Resnick) know you're interested in assisting could result in one day you sitting across from an archaeological greenhorn and giving them the support they need.

**Archaeological Certification Initiative** – Last Fall, PAC authorized an investigation into the feasibility of adapting Virginia's archaeological training certification program to Pennsylvania. Jonathan Burns is chairing the effort, with Sarah Neusius, Casey Hanson, and Amy Covell-Murthy currently serving on this working group. Certification is a big deal and will likely be part of a reimagined future education/training program for professional archaeologists. My sense is this is no small effort, and the working group cannot

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Ben Ford  
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Angela Jaillet-Wentling  
Christine Kula  
Cathy Spohn

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be too large. Please let Jonathan know if you have something to contribute.

Finally, I am planning on attending the SAA meetings this Spring in New Orleans April 17-21. As President, I am a member of the Council of Councils Committee, where state representatives sit down and talk about common issues. Until I leave, I am listening for any issues that PAC should share with other states down in New Orleans. Sadly, I think the meeting will be at the conference site instead of Café Du Monde.

Ira Beckerman

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## PAC UPDATES

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### Membership Update

Since the last newsletter, PAC has welcomed many new members: Paula Miller, Christian Krempasky, Kristin Swanton, Curtis McCoy, Kristen Walczesky, Jeffrey Irwin, and Scott Shaffer.

PAC serves an important role for the professional archaeology community in Pennsylvania. If you know any archaeologists who are not members or have fallen behind in their membership, please encourage them to join. If there are any questions regarding membership, feel free to reach out to Jonathan Libbon at [jlibbon@swca.com](mailto:jlibbon@swca.com).

### 2024 James W. Hatch Scholarships

*Paul Raber, Heberling Associates, Inc.*

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC), in cooperation with the Society for Pennsylvania

Archaeology (SPA), will again award scholarships to enable students of archaeology to attend the annual joint SPA/PAC meeting, April 12-14, 2024, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. We anticipate that up to four awards of \$150 apiece will be made. We encourage all current college or high school students with a demonstrated interest in Pennsylvania archaeology and the activities of the SPA to apply, although preference will be given to students planning to present papers or posters at the meeting. Applications, in the form of a brief letter of interest explaining the student's background and qualifications for the award, should be sent by mail or e-mail by April 7, 2024 to:

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## AGENCY UPDATES

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### PHMC – PA SHPO

*Casey Hanson, PA SHPO*

The 2023 Annual Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey (PASS) Report is now available on the [PA SHPO blog](#). Over the course of the year, 309 new sites were added to the PASS files, nearly 70% of which were from CRM projects.

PA SHPO is excited to announce that we have a new above ground environmental reviewer, Ashley Respet, a new National Register Coordinator, Jennifer Thornton, and Alex Gorman is now the Historic Property Inspection Program Coordinator.

After over thirty years at the PA SHPO, Noël Strattan retired in January. However, she could not fully escape and has agreed to stay on as an annuitant for the continued roll out of PA-SHARE 2.0.

Speaking of PA-SHARE 2.0, you may have noticed changes to the system. These changes are primarily focused on enhanced functionality and clearer presentation of information. See this [link](#) for more details.

### Policy Update

The US Army Corps of Engineers formally proposed rescinding Appendix C of its regulatory program and instead following the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)'s regulations for implementing the National Historic Preservation Act. You can view the proposed rule change [here](#). Comments on the rule change are due April 9, 2024. All comments will be presented when the final rule is published along with guidance developed by the Corps and ACHP with illustrative examples.



## PHMC – State Museum

Kimberly Sebestyen, PHMC

### The State Museum of Pennsylvania Annual Workshops in Archaeology

The annual Workshops in Archaeology program was held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania on October 28, 2023. The theme for 2023 was *Discovering the Past: The Sciences of Archaeology*, with a panel of speakers comprised of experts in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Carbon 14 (C<sup>14</sup>) dating, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey, geoarchaeology, and soil analysis.

The morning sessions were kicked off with opening remarks by two new PHMC staff, Angelica Docog, Director of the State Museum and an anthropologist by training, and Paul Nasca, the new Senior Curator of the Section of Archaeology. The first speaker was the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) Archaeological Site Survey Coordinator Taylor Napoleon, who spoke on the use of the PA State Historic and Archaeological Resource Exchange (PA-SHARE) online system to record and update site information. Brendan Culleton, Ph.D., a researcher at Penn State University (PSU), discussed his work with the university's Accelerator Mass Spectrometer (AMS) and its capabilities in radiocarbon dating archaeological materials. Heather Wholey, Ph.D., a professor in West Chester University's anthropology program, spoke on GPR and

its uses in archaeological fieldwork. The morning was rounded out with a presentation on geoarchaeology by Joseph Schuldenrein, Ph.D., with examples of projects from Pennsylvania and around the world.

The afternoon sessions began with a presentation from PSU researcher Thomas Harper, Ph.D., on rockshelter sites and how high-tech analyses of these sites can affect our understanding of broader archaeological topics. Lithic technologist Jack Cresson took an in-depth look at how stone artifacts were made and used and how this improves our understanding of artifact function. The last two presentations of the day were by PSU researchers Jose Capriles, Ph.D., and Alejandra Domic, Ph.D. Mr. Capriles discussed human interaction with the environment over the last 13,000 years and how it has shaped the modern Pennsylvania ecology while Ms. Domic spoke on the archaeological evidence of crop domestication in the new world and its spread to the United States. An engaging Q & A session with the speakers rounded out the formal portion of the day, followed by light refreshments.

As in former years, flintknapper Steve Nissly demonstrated his amazing talent at stone tool production and our colleagues from the PA SHPO, including Noel Stratton, Casey Hanson, Justin McKeel, Sarah-Ladd Manley, and Kristen Walczesky assisted with instruction on PA-SHARE, site recordation, and artifact identification.

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## Charter Day

We celebrated the 343<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Pennsylvania with free admission to PA Trails of History sites and museums and view Penn's Charter at the new Pennsylvania State Archives on Sunday, March 10.

## Social Media

The Section of Archaeology's Senior Curator Paul Nasca recently gave an online presentation entitled "Historical Archaeology and the Search for the Early Philadelphia Potter, Branch Green", which is available to watch at on [YouTube](#). In his presentation, Paul discusses the differences between Precontact and historical archaeology, how historical archaeology is conducted, and his search for the pottery of the elusive Philadelphia ceramic maker Branch Green.

We also encourage you to check out the PHMC's other [YouTube presentations](#) and the latest videos at *PA History 2 Go* - a series of short 3-5 minute presentations from across the PHMC sites and museums at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/PA-History-2-GO/Pages/State-Museum-of-Pennsylvania.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/PA-History-2-GO/Pages/State-Museum-of-Pennsylvania.aspx). And please, continue to check out our posts on Facebook!

## The Section of Archaeology is Open for In-Person Visits

***The Section of Archaeology is now open for scholarly research in our labs and offices and for deliveries of collections.*** Please contact Paul Nasca at [pnasca@pa.gov](mailto:pnasca@pa.gov) for more information or to set up an appointment for research or collection delivery.

## Keystone Internship in the Section of Archaeology

The Section of Archaeology will have the assistance of an intern for the 2024 summer season. The selected intern will acquire hands-on experience working with artifacts from an important historic site in Philadelphia. The intern will learn how to use the PA-SHARE geographic information system for recording archaeological sites, develop curation skills, learn museum practices and procedures, and assist the archaeology curators.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission selects interns each year at The State Museum of Pennsylvania and many of its historic sites under the Keystone Internship program. Applications are generally solicited in January for that year's positions and the interns chosen in March.

Check back in the fall for an update on our intern and the results of the intern project!

## Save the Date! - 2024 Annual Workshops in Archaeology

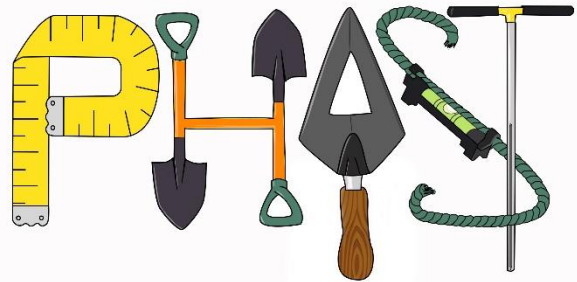
*State Museum of Pennsylvania  
Saturday, October 26, 2024*

The theme of this year's program for the workshops has not yet been decided but will center on an important aspect of Pennsylvania's diverse and interesting archaeological past. The workshops will be held in conjunction with the PAC Fall Business Meeting, which will be held at The State Museum. Please save the date and plan to attend!

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Colonial Fort Halifax Festival

*Fort Halifax Park, Halifax, Pa  
Saturday, May 4, 2024*

The Section of Archaeology will be attending the Colonial Fort Halifax Festival on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Fort Halifax Park. Artifacts recovered from archaeological excavations at the park and from Fort Hunter and Fort Augusta will be on exhibit and curators from the Section of Archaeology will be on hand to answer questions.



## PHAST

*Susanne Haney, PennDOT*

A late start to the 2023 field season left the Pennsylvania Highway Archaeological Survey Team (PHAST) with only seven weeks to utilize a full crew. Nonetheless, PHAST completed Phase I survey for four PennDOT projects; spent a week in District 6-0 where they had a tour of the I-95 Archaeology Center, then assisted a consultant with Phase II survey at a Pre-Contact site; and participated in investigations at the Friendly Fire location as part of the 2023 College Veterans Archaeology Program. The smaller number of completed projects by no means meant that PHAST had a less demanding summer because all four of the PennDOT projects had archaeology sites. As part of the PHAST Phase I surveys, the following new sites were recorded: Humbert (36SO0519, 2023RE0778), a mid-to-late 19th domestic and early 20th century industrial/coal-mining community site with a small Pre-

Contact component; W. & J. Melvin (36WH1847, 2024RE00045), a late 18th through 20th century domestic site; K. L. Blood Sawmill (36JE0206, 2023RE08223), a mid-19th century sawmill; and Conner (36JE0205, 2023RE06414), an early 20th century domestic site. Additionally, an update was provided for a fifth site, the previously recorded Burgetts Mill site (36WH1181, 1994RE01646), which consists of the remains of a circa 1789 grist mill built by Sebastian Burgett, for whom Burgettstown is named. Lastly, three non-sites 36WH/110, 36WH/111, and 36WH/112 were recorded for artifact submittal to the State Museum.



*An early 20th century photo of Renfrew (top) and a similar view today (bottom) at the SR 3007 sec 201 Renfrew Slide project.*

A total of 531 artifacts, almost all of which were historic, were recovered by PHAST during the 2023 surveys. This provided the crew an opportunity to process numerous artifacts and gave them their first taste of historic artifact analysis. It also gave Elena, who had minored in photography as an undergraduate, an opportunity to put her skills to use by photographing some of the artifacts for the reports. Throughout the fall semester, in between classes, Elena continued to assist with the finalization of reports from the summer's projects. Additionally, she photographed some artifacts collected from a surface midden during Phase I survey conducted in December. The survey was for an emergency declaration project in Butler County, SR 3007 Sec 201 Renfrew Slide Repair. The midden contained many whole, or nearly whole bottles, and dated to the late 19th and early 20th century. This corresponded nicely to the formation of Renfrew, which happened rather quickly after oil was discovered on David Renfrew's property in 1882. Because Elena also has experience in creating logos, she updated the PHAST logo to give it a fresh new look.

With one season under her belt, Elena now knows what to expect, and is excited for the 2024 field season to start. We already have a number of candidates who have applied for the three PennDOT STI positions available for our 2024 field crew. Interviews will be conducted in March, and the crew will be ready to start in May.

*FS 1-27, a late 1800s F. H. Loefeller Co. hair tonic/dye bottle from Rochester N. Y. recovered at the SR 3007 Sec 201 Renfrew Slide Repair project in Butler County.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### PAC Spring Business Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024 – 9:30 to 12:00  
Comfort Suites, 10 S. Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA

The next PAC business meeting will be held on Friday, April 12 from 9:30 to 12:00, in conjunction with the [Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology's Annual Meeting](#). A meeting reminder and agenda will be sent to members in advance of the meeting.

### 2024 PAC Symposium: Pennsylvania's Moving Frontier

Friday, April 12, 2024 – 1:30 to 4:30  
Comfort Suites, 10 S. Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA

The frontier shifted rapidly across trans-Appalachian Pennsylvania during the 18th century, sometimes so quickly that cartographers struggled to keep up, forcing researchers to consider alternative data sources. Information about this period can be gleaned from a variety of sources, ranging from the archaeological record and historical documents to Indigenous oral histories and ethnohistoric accounts. This symposium explores the movement of people across the landscape in this period of Pennsylvania history, as well as the response to that movement by Indigenous populations already living there.

**Discussants:** Dr. Ben Ford, Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Katelyn Lucas, Delaware Nation

**Papers** (Full abstracts are available on [PAC's website](#))

***Following the Path of Conflict: Archaeology of Mid-Eighteenth-Century Military Material Culture on Pennsylvania's Colonial Frontier***

Jonathan A. Burns, Ph. D., Cultural Resource Institute at Juniata College

***A Month to Muster: Uncovering Camp Security's Rushed Revolutionary Footprint***

John T. Crawmer, Goldfinch Archaeology

***Rediscovering Brush Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church, Indiana County, Pennsylvania***

Stephanie Zellers, Skelly and Loy, Inc., A Terracon Company

***Frontier at the Mouth of the Cheniaty (Juniata): An Assessment of 18th-Century Archaeological Potential on Duncan Island, Dauphin County***

Gary Coppock, Skelly and Loy, Inc., A Terracon Company

***The Carroll Cabin: Breathing Life Into An Artifact on the Landscape***

Katherine Peresolak, Student Conservation Association

***Lenape Diaspora: Colonizer Communities to Fort Pitt***

Susan Bachor, Delaware Tribe of Indians, and Heather A. Wholey, Ph.D., West Chester University

### SPA Field Trip: Ohio Mounds and Earthworks

June 13-16, 2024

The 2024 Annual SPA Field Trip will focus on the Hopewell mound builders of Ohio. We will visit many of the sites included in the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks designated as World Heritage sites in 2023 (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1689/>) during the one hundredth year since the National Park Service established

the Mound City in Chillicothe as a national monument. This site was later expanded in the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park. Since it has been almost a decade since our field trip focused on the Ohio earthwork sites (2015), it will be a good time to learn about the world heritage designation and what the latest research has been finding out. As usual, it will also be fun to be together seeing archaeological sites and learning about the past.

The details of our plans are still being worked out, but we can share the broad outlines of the trip. We will have an orientation gathering in the evening on Thursday, June 13 at our hotel in Wilmington, Ohio. Current plans are to visit both Serpent Mound and the Fort Ancient State Memorial on Friday. We are in touch with archaeologists from the Ohio History Connection, which manages both sites, about these visits. A group dinner at the historic Golden Lamb restaurant, founded in 1803 in Lebanon, Ohio, is also being planned. After two nights in Wilmington, we will head to Chillicothe, Ohio for Saturday night. We are working with the archaeologists at the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Chillicothe to plan a day visiting this park and seeing sites included in it such as Hopewell, Hopeton, Mound City, and others. Saturday evening, we are reserving group tickets for the famous outdoor drama *Tecumseh!* This production focuses on the life of this famous Shawnee Indian leader and is held each summer at the Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheater in Chillicothe (<https://tecumseh-drama.com/event/tecumseh/>). On Sunday, we will be visiting the impressive earthworks at Newark, Ohio as our last stop, where we are arranging for an archaeologist to lead our group. We expect to disperse and head home early Sunday afternoon from Newark.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity to see sites and learn about the Hopewell people. This is especially true because we are trying to keep the costs down by organizing this trip without a bus. The plan is to carpool from the hotels where we are staying. Participant information packages will include directions and maps as well as details about the sites being visited, but once we gather on Thursday night, not everyone will have to drive. In fact, it may be better to have fewer cars to park. The cost to the SPA will include entrance fees, at least two picnic lunches, dinner at the Golden Lamb, and the *Tecumseh!* tickets. Once again, we will ask participants to make their own hotel reservations at the negotiated group rates. The great news is that without a bus, we estimate that we will be able to keep the SPA cost to only \$150 for members and their first guest, which is less than half of last year's cost. Estimated double occupancy hotel cost for three nights is about \$230/person.

We hope you will find this trip reasonable in cost and plan to join us this year. Sometime before April 1 we will have registration forms, and hotel information. Watch for this information on the SPA website ([www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com](http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com)). These details will also be distributed to SPA chapters and officers and be available at the annual meeting in Carlisle. In the meantime, questions can be directed to John Nass ([nass81@atlanticbb.net](mailto:nass81@atlanticbb.net)) or Sarah Neusius ([sraahneusius@gmail.com](mailto:sraahneusius@gmail.com)).

## Upcoming Conferences and Events

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| Organization  | Location        | Date              | Abstract Due Date | Web Address   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>PAC Spring Business Meeting</b>                            | Carlisle, PA    | April 12, 2024    | NA                | <a href="http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/">http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/</a>                 |
| <b>PAC Symposium</b><br><i>Pennsylvania's Moving Frontier</i> | Carlisle, PA    | April 12, 2024    | NA                | <a href="http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/">http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/</a>                 |
| <b>Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA)</b>             | Carlisle, PA    | April 12-14, 2024 | past              | <a href="https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com">https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com</a> |
| <b>New York State Archaeological Association (NYSAA)</b>      | Oswego, NY      | April 12-14, 2024 | past              | <a href="https://nysarchaeology.org">https://nysarchaeology.org</a>                           |
| <b>Society for American Archaeology (SAA)</b>                 | New Orleans, LA | April 17-21, 2024 | past              | <a href="http://www.saa.org/">http://www.saa.org/</a>   |



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| <b>NYAC / NYSAA - French &amp; Indian War Society at Lake George Workshop</b><br><i>The Material Culture (aka Artifacts) of Fort William Henry Museum</i> | Lake George, NY                            | April 20, 2024      | NA                | <a href="https://nysarchaeology.org/">https://nysarchaeology.org/</a>   |
| <b>Delmarva Archaeology and History Symposium</b>   | Smyrna, DE                                 | April 27, 2024      | past              | <a href="https://history.delaware.gov/">https://history.delaware.gov/</a>   |
| <b>NYAC / NYSAA - French &amp; Indian War Society at Lake George Workshop</b><br><i>Colonial Bateaux &amp; Other 18th Century Warships at Lake George</i> | Lake George, NY                            | April 27, 2024      | NA                | <a href="https://nysarchaeology.org/">https://nysarchaeology.org/</a>   |
| <b>NYAC / NYSAA - French &amp; Indian War Society at Lake George Workshop</b><br><i>A Primer on Anchors and Recording These Artifacts</i>                 | Lake George, NY                            | May 4, 2024         | NA                | <a href="https://nysarchaeology.org/">https://nysarchaeology.org/</a>   |
| <b>Society for Industrial Archeology (SIA)</b>  | Minneapolis, MN                            | May 15-19, 2024     | TBA               | <a href="https://www.sia-web.org/">https://www.sia-web.org/</a>   |
| <b>Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) Field Trip</b>  | Exploring Ohio Hopewell and World Heritage | June 14-17, 2024    | NA                | <a href="https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com">https://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com</a><br>Or e-mail:<br><a href="mailto:nass81@atlanticbb.net">nass81@atlanticbb.net</a><br><a href="mailto:sraahneusius@gmail.com">sraahneusius@gmail.com</a> |
| <b>NYAC / NYSAA - French &amp; Indian War Society at Lake George Workshop</b><br><i>Basics of Wooden Ship Hull Construction</i>                           | Lake George, NY                            | September 14, 2024  | NA                | <a href="https://nysarchaeology.org/">https://nysarchaeology.org/</a>   |
| <b>NYAC / NYSAA - French &amp; Indian War Society at Lake George Workshop</b><br><i>Understanding the National Register of Historic Places</i>            | Lake George, NY                            | September 28, 2024  | NA                | <a href="https://nysarchaeology.org/">https://nysarchaeology.org/</a>   |
| <b>Workshop in Archaeology @ Meadowcroft Rockshelter</b>  | Avella, PA                                 | October TBA, 2024   | NA                | <a href="https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/event/archaeology-day/">https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/event/archaeology-day/</a>   |
| <b>Pennsylvania Historical Association (PHA)</b>  | Johnstown, PA                              | October 10-12, 2024 | past              | <a href="https://pa-history.org">https://pa-history.org</a>   |
| <b>Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA)</b>   | TBA  | TBA                 | TBA               | <a href="https://cneha.org/">https://cneha.org/</a>   |

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| PAC Fall Business Meeting                                      | TBA             | TBA                | NA                | <a href="http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/">http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/</a> |
| PAC Fall Program<br><i>Topic TBA</i>                           | TBA             | TBA                | NA                | <a href="http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/">http://www.pennarchcouncil.org/</a> |
| PHMC Annual Workshops in Archaeology<br><i>Topic TBA</i>       | Harrisburg, PA  | October 26, 2024   | NA                | TBA   |
| 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Jumonville French & Indian War Seminar | Hopwood, PA     | TBA                | NA                | <a href="http://braddockroadpa.org/">http://braddockroadpa.org/</a>           |
| Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF)                | Ocean City, MD  | TBA                | past              | <a href="http://esaf-archeology.org/">http://esaf-archeology.org/</a>         |
| Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA)                       | New Orleans, LA | January 8-11, 2025 | TBA               | <a href="https://sha.org/">https://sha.org/</a>                               |

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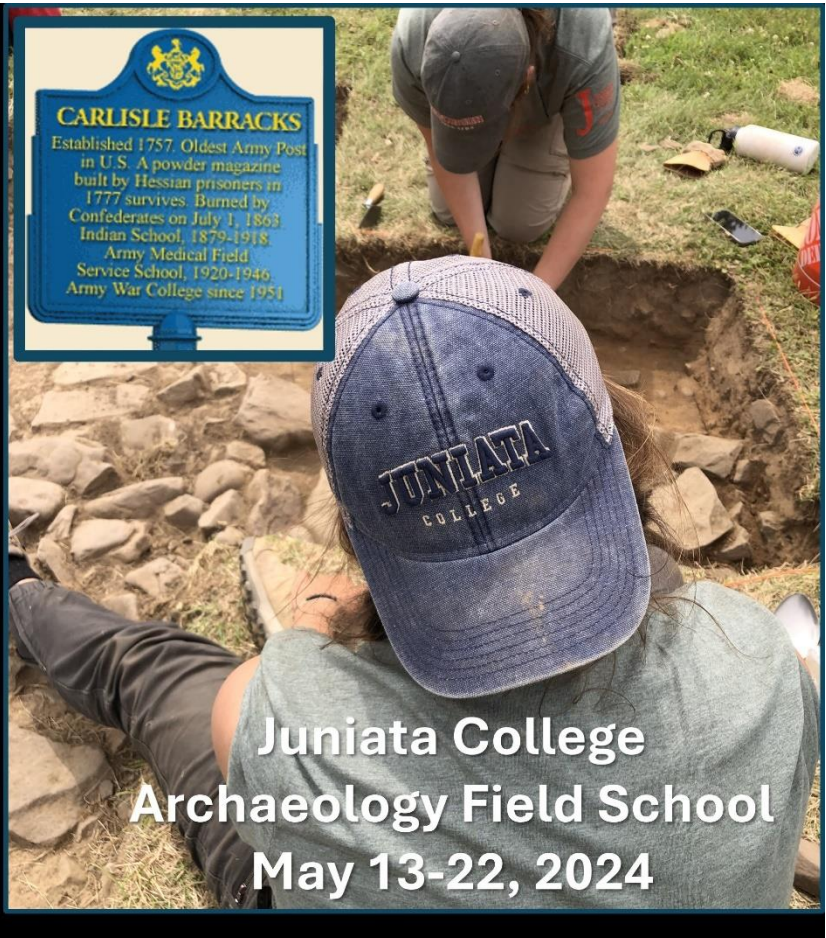
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| Juniata College   | Carlisle PA                    | Hessian Powder Magazine<br>@ US Army War College | May 13-22, 2024      | Jonathan Burns<br>( <a href="mailto:burns@juniata.edu">burns@juniata.edu</a> )  |
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# RPA-CERTIFIED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

**May 20-June 28, 2024**

IUP is offering ANTH 320/520 (6 cr.) & ANTH 740 (4 cr.) at the National Register site of Squirrel Hill, a Monongahela (A.D. 1450-1590) village located near New Florence, PA. This summer we will focus on identifying older occupations, determining how large the site is, and searching for the site plaza(s) & stockade(s).

**What you'll do:** Students will gain experience in feature and test unit excavation, shovel testing, total station & compass, ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey, bucket auguring & soil description, and basic laboratory analysis.

**Cost:** 4-6 credits @ current IUP tuition rate. Housing available through the IUP Office of Housing & Residence Life or can be obtained individually.

**Transportation:** provided to site daily from IUP.

**Registration:** begins March 26, 2024  
See <https://www.iup.edu/summer/> for instructions.

## RESEARCH UPDATES



Drawings from Sergeant Lamb's Journal. Courtesy of the Friends of Camp Security.

### Locating Camp Security: A Revolutionary War Prison Camp

John T. Crawmer, Goldfinch Archaeology

In July 1781, a prison camp was hastily constructed by local tradesmen and militia in York County, Pennsylvania. The camp, known by its captives as "Camp Security", held roughly 1,200 British prisoners of war captured in the Battles of Saratoga and Yorktown. After the end of the Revolutionary War, the camp's stockade and huts were recycled by local farmers. The site faded into the pastoral landscape, and, by the early-20th century, its precise location was lost. This is a brief summary of the archaeological efforts to locate Camp Security and the recent discovery of its elusive stockade.

The prison complex consisted of two residential camps, huts for guards, activity areas, and a cemetery. "Security" referred to a portion of the camp enclosed by a closely guarded stockade that confined prisoners deemed a significant flight risk. A village of unguarded huts dotted the nearby hillside. These dwellings, aptly named "Camp Indulgence", housed a second group of British prisoners who enjoyed greater liberties than their compatriots behind the stockade. They were permitted to travel into nearby York City, labor on local farms, and produce their own goods. One prisoner recounted that, "Men, women, and even the children were employed making lace, buckles, spoons and

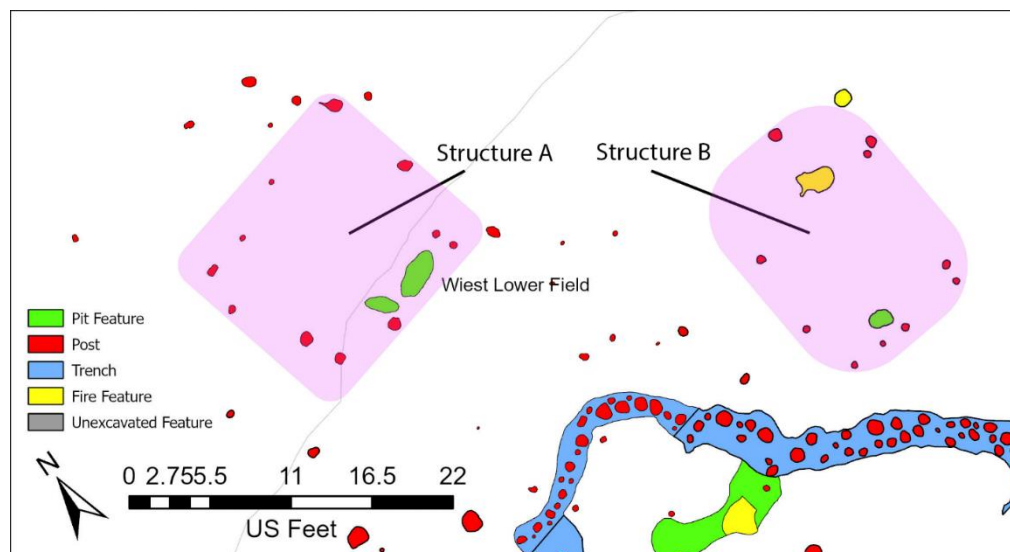
exercising other mechanical trades which they had learned during their captivity" (Hagist 2004:100).

In the centuries following its abandonment in 1783, Camp Security's precise location faded from public memory. The historic record is also vague on the subject. There are no known contemporary maps and historic accounts mention only that the camps were separated by "about two hundred yards" and that Camp Indulgence was situated "upon a rising ground" (Hagist 2004:100; Graham 1862:73). Archaeological investigation has been the sole means of pinpointing these sites.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission uncovered over 50 refuse-filled pits dating to the 18th century in what is today recognized as the Camp Security Preservation Area (Hunter 1979). A large quantity of brass straight pins and bone button blanks suggest the site was a work area affiliated with Camp Indulgence. Despite extensive archaeological exploration, no traces of the stockade or any other structures were found.

The Friends of Camp Security (FOCS), a local non-profit organization, sponsored several remote sensing surveys to shed light on the missing stockade. Multiple anomalies were found between 2014 and 2019, but subsequent ground-truthing proved them to be geologic. Undeterred, the FOCS turned towards more

traditional methods of archaeological survey. In 2020, systematic surface collection and metal detecting across 25 acres yielded 69 18th-century artifacts. One noteworthy object was a button fragment stamped with the number "33," a possible reference to the British 33rd Regiment who were captured at Yorktown and imprisoned in Camp Security. Guided by artifact distributions, nine exploratory trenches were placed with the aim of intersecting the elusive stockade trench. These yielded a series of 9 historic postholes and, in 2022, excavation of the surrounding area uncovered an additional 78 postholes, 4 pits, a fire feature, and a portion of the long-sought stockade trench.



Planview map of structures near stockade trench.

The stockade features a closely spaced arrangement of posts set within a continuous trench. This echoes the fortification techniques used at other 18th-century military sites in Pennsylvania, such as Ft. Loudoun and Ft. Ligonier. The trench measures 175 yards downhill from the Camp Indulgence dig site, remarkably close to the historic estimate of "about two hundred yards". Excavations in 2023 uncovered an additional 40 ft. of the feature, revealing an irregular shape, several strange turns, and two 15x15 ft. structures. Shallow pits line their southern walls, and one has two fire pits near its northern wall. Surprisingly, no artifacts were recovered from either structure's pit. The general lack of artifacts in the area could be telling as to the material disparity between Camps Security and Indulgence.

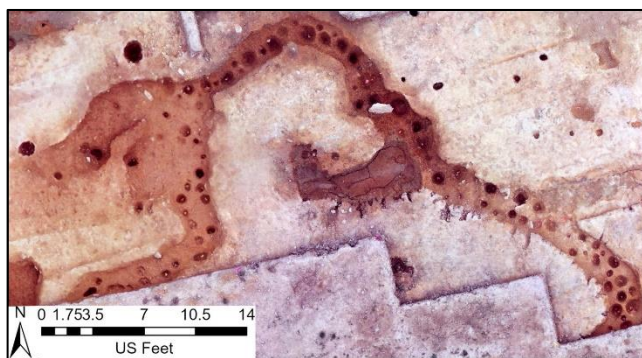
Much remains unknown about the size, shape, and orientation of the Camp Security stockade. It is still not clear which spaces are enclosed and which lie outside of its walls. Archaeological investigations are expected to continue with the goal of surveying and mapping the remaining stockade footprint. The information gathered from these surveys will be critical for future preservation and public interpretation planning.

This research would not have been possible without the dedication of the FOCS and the over 200 volunteers who have assisted in the archaeological process since 2014. Springettsbury Township permitted this research to be conducted in the Camp Security Preservation Area and graciously backfilled after each field season. Township Supervisors also gifted all artifacts and associated field records to The State Museum of

Pennsylvania for long-term curation. This work was greatly aided by the generous support of the National Trust of Historic Preservation and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Keystone Historic Preservation Grant, a program funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Orthophoto of exposed stockade trench at the end of the 2023 season.

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### An Interesting Apothecary Bottle

Kimberly Sebestyen, PHMC



*Valentine's Meat Juice bottle from the Richard Janney House/Edgewood Farm site (36BU0473). Photo: State Museum of PA*

Embossed with the proprietor's name, "VALENTINE'S", this 1880s bottle once contained an elixir concocted of egg whites and pressure-cooked meat renderings that was widely advertised as having near-miraculous restorative properties. In an age before food and drug regulations, homemade remedies and potions were commonplace treatments people used in an effort (sometimes successfully, sometimes not) to nurse their loved ones back to health.

For more information, check out this link:  
[In the 1800s, Valentine's Meant a Bottle of Meat Juice - Gastro Obscura](#)

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- A graduate degree in anthropology, archaeology, or a closely related field; or a Bachelor's degree in anthropology, archaeology, or a closely-related field, and two years of professional experience in a research, supervisory, educational, or administrative capacity.
- A professional interest in Pennsylvania archaeology. Interest must be documented by the applicant and should clearly demonstrate how the applicant's professional activity has contributed, or may contribute, to the advancement of Pennsylvania's prehistoric or historical archaeology. This documentation may include:
  - a. Authorship of professional or archaeological publications.
  - b. Authorship of archaeological papers presented at professional or professional/avocational meetings.
  - c. Authorship of archaeological contract or grant reports.
  - d. Development or implementation of archaeological educational or interpretive programs.
  - e. Administration or supervision of archaeological programs or projects.

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- Enrollment in a graduate or undergraduate degree program in anthropology, archaeology or closely-related field.
- The applicant should have an interest in Pennsylvania archaeology. The applicant will submit a curriculum vita and proof of enrollment in a degree program. Student members will be voting members.
- Student dues are \$15/year.

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**Please Note:** All members of the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council must also be members of the [Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology](#).

## How to Apply

To apply for membership, please send a completed membership form and a CV or resume documenting that you meet PAC's membership requirements, as outlined in the constitution, to the Vice President:

Jonathan Libbon  
SWCA Environmental Consultants  
80 Emerson Lane, Suite 1306  
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15017  
email: [jlibbon@swca.com](mailto:jlibbon@swca.com)

The Membership and Ethics Committee will review new applications as they are received. Once your application has been approved by the Board, you will be contacted by the Secretary/Treasurer with a welcome message, including an invoice for dues—which must be paid in order to finalize your membership. New members will be announced at the PAC business meetings.

Payments received by July 1 will be applied to that calendar year. Payments received after July 1 will be applied to the next calendar year.





# PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

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# Join us in Ohio for the 2024 SPA Field Trip!

Exploring Ohio  
Hopewell and World  
Heritage  
June 13-16, 2024

It's time to return to Ohio and learn more about the Hopewell Culture, the Ohio earthworks and mounds, and recent archaeology and interpretations. 2023 marked both the designation of eight of Ohio's mound and earthwork complexes as World Heritage Sites and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of a monument to the Hopewell culture in Chillicothe. This makes the summer of 2024 a great time to make this trip and get up to date on what has been happening in Hopewell archaeology and interpretation.

We plan to visit Serpent Mound, the Fort Ancient site, several sites at the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park, and Newark Earthworks, learning from the archaeological experts in each case. We also will have dinner at the historic Golden Lamb restaurant and go to the outdoor drama *Tecumseh!*

Please join us! Full information on registration and hotel costs will be available before April 1 on the SPA website ([www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com](http://www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com)) and through SPA chapters. Because we will be carpooling, the trip is a BARGAIN. Per person costs are expected to be ca. \$150 to the SPA for members and first guests (\$175 for non-members) and hotel costs are estimated at about \$230 (double occupancy). In the meantime, contact John Nass ( [nass81@atlanticbb.net](mailto:nass81@atlanticbb.net) ) or Sarah Neusius ( [sraahneusius@gmail.com](mailto:sraahneusius@gmail.com) ) with any questions and mark your calendars!