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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members,

I hope that you are all enjoying this spring weather, it seems that winter is finally behind us. I am also very pleased to announce that we will be holding our first in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic! The 2022 Spring meeting will be held on May 7th, from 9 am to 3:30 pm (lunch on your own), at the Wood Memorial Library and Museum, in South Windsor. As in past years, we will have a series of lectures in the morning, followed by tours of the museum in the afternoon. Admission to the meeting will be \$10 for non-ASC members, \$8 for ASC or FOSA members, and \$5 for students. This year we will have lectures on a range of subjects, including the Gungywamp, Grannis Island, and Two Wrasslin' Cats sites, as well as a genetics study of a Colonial-era cemetery in Delaware. We have attached a flyer to this newsletter with detailed information about the Spring Meeting, presenters, and abstracts. We hope to see you all there!

In other ASC news, the 2021 *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut* is out! Please be on the lookout for your copy in the mail. As in past years, we will also have extra copies of this issue and past issues of the *Bulletin* and other ASC publications available for purchase at the Spring meeting.

Finally, we are ready to officially announce the dates that the ASC will be hosting two separate, week-long field schools. These will be held at the Templeton Site in Washington and the Lieutenant John Hollister Site in Glastonbury. The field schools will be conducted free of charge to all up-to-date ASC members, so please make sure your dues are current if you wish to participate. People wishing to participate in the field school must agree to come for at least two days that week. The Templeton Field School will be conducted June 27th to July 1st, and the Hollister Field School will be conducted July 18th to the 22nd. Space is limited at each of these field schools, and we will have a sign-up sheet at the ASC Spring meeting on May 7th, with spots available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If there are spots that

are still available after the meeting, we will of course accept sign-ups via email.

ASC members who have been conducting archaeological research should consider submitting an article to the Editor of the *Bulletin*, Sarah Sportman, electronically at sarah.sportman@uconn.edu.

While the 2021 issue is out, now is a good time to be planning your 2022 submissions. Members should also consider submitting their active research proposals for the 2022 Brian D. Jones Research grant. Submissions for the grant are due September 1st, 2022.

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On behalf of the ASC Board of Directors, we hope that you enjoy this newsletter. We cannot wait to meet with you all on May 7th for our annual meeting!

*David Leslie
President*

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY

OSA had a busy year in the field in 2021, with projects at the Hollister Site in Glastonbury, the Cesar and Sim Peters Home Site in Hebron, the Mary and Eliza Freeman Houses in Bridgeport, and the Two-Wrasslin' Cats Site in East Haddam, among others. This past winter, with the help of FOSA volunteers we got all of that material washed and processed in the lab, and much of it has been inventoried. With the onset of some nicer weather in late March and early April, we were able to catch up on our back log of soil samples. We completed floating all of the samples from 2021, as well as the ones from 2020 and 2019 projects.

With the help of FOSA volunteers, this spring we've also been working on moving out of one of the OSA storage buildings on UCONN's campus. We have a new equipment room set up and volunteers have been busy organizing and repairing our field equipment for what we hope will be a busy and productive field season! By the end of the summer, we hope to have all of the state's collections, associated documentation, maps, OSA library, and field equipment centralized in one building on Horsebarn Hill on campus. This will be a big improvement over

being spread out across three buildings, as was the case for the last several years. With the help of the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History (CSMNH), we are also purchasing new shelving, new boxes, and artifact bags, so we can reorganize and repackage some of the older collections. The total effort will take some time, but it marks a big step towards improving the state of the collections, getting a better inventory of what we hold in the collections, and making the archaeological materials and documentation more accessible researchers in the future.

Last year, with support from FOSA and CSMNH, OSA was able to support UCONN graduate student Brianna Rae to reorganize, inventory, and analyze the lithic assemblage from the Grannis Island Site, which was excavated and partially analyzed first by Howard Sargent, then David Thompson and other members of the Greater New Haven Archaeological Society (GNHAS) between the 1940s and the 1980s. Brianna completed her work on the lithic material this winter, and I have been working on the animal bones from the site. This spring we presented the preliminary results of our work at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting in Chicago, and we'll give a longer version of that presentation at the ASC meeting in May. Going forward, we plan to pull together all of the old and new work at the site, with new radiocarbon dates, pottery analysis, and data from soil cores, to get the information from this significant site published and out to the archaeological community sometime in the next couple of years.

This past winter, with the support of FOSA and iCRV Radio, Scott Brady and I have continued to host our monthly radio show on the *Archaeology of Connecticut*, which is now in its third year. Our recent episodes covered a range of topics including public archaeology at the Hollister Site, Ancient DNA research in archaeology, and the archaeology of the original Plymouth Colony. I hope you will join us for the May show, when we'll be speaking with State Historian Walt Woodward about 17th-century Connecticut. If you missed a past show and want to catch up, they are all archived on the FOSA website at https://www.fosa-ct.org/iCRV_Slideshow_1.htm.

Looking forward to the spring and summer, we already have a busy field season in works! In April we'll be back at the Two Wrasslin' Cats site, to expand our past excavations and learn more about the likely Paleoindian component identified there in 2020 and 2021. We'll also carry out a new GPR survey of the front and rear yards of the Freeman Houses. The last survey was carried out almost 10 years ago and we hope that improvements in the technology and equipment will provide a clearer picture of the soils and features in the yards to better guide the archaeology as the Freeman Center starts its renovations. In June, we'll continue our work at the Cesar and Sim Peters House Site and will participate in the Juneteenth celebration in Hebron, with an event at the site. At the end of June, we plan to be at the Templeton Paleoindian Site in Washington for a week for one of the ASC summer field schools, and in late July and early August,

we'll be back at the Hollister Site with volunteers, as well as another ASC field school. We'll also be running a field school for K-12 educators this summer at the Hollister Site through CSMNH. Prior to the fieldwork at Hollister, we will return to the site to do more remote sensing work, collaborating with specialists from Dartmouth and the University of Denver, to experiment with a newly developed autonomous ground-penetrating radar and magnetometer unit.

I hope everyone is safe and well and enjoying the spring. I hope to see you in person on May 7 at our in-person ASC meeting or in the field this summer!

*Best,
Sarah Sportman
State Archaeologist*



Greetings,

Since the close of the 2021 field season, FOSA volunteers have been hard at work in the lab on the UConn campus. A committed group of FOSA volunteers has been at work processing artifacts, floating soil samples and preparing for OSA's move to a new (to us) storage facility.

FOSA is excited for this summer's collaboration on the ASC field schools mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. It's another great example of the fraternal bonds between ASC and FOSA and the sites selected are two of the most interesting and important that are available to avocational archaeologists. They are truly bucket list sites so be sure to sign up and participate if you can.

This will be my last column as FOSA President as my term has expired. I will continue to serve on the FOSA Board of Directors and will also continue as the FOSA field supervisor working closely with Dr. Sportman. I'd like to thank the board of the ASC and all the ASC members with whom I've had the pleasure of working with as FOSA president – the list is too long to mention all of you by name. The next column will introduce new FOSA President Glenda Rose, a longtime member of FOSA Board of Directors. I'm sure you will find her enthusiasm and commitment to supporting Connecticut archaeology contagious!

Hope to see you in the field.

*Scott Brady
President-FOSA*

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

See flyer for Avon Historical Society next page



April 13 - Frank Winiarski shows off his very impressive collection from a lifetime of surface finds at the Wood Parcel, Great Meadows Conservation Trust (GMCT), in Wethersfield. He has found Native American artifacts from the Early Archaic through contact periods, plus the parcel has an early 18th century homesite. From left are Lee West, Kevin McBride, Scott Brady, Frank Winiarski, Sarah Sportman and Ed Goodrich, with Jim Woodworth of GMCT hosting a walking tour and taking the photo. Further investigations are planned by GMCT and OSA, including test-pitting where some native trees are to be planted.

Unearthing History: The Discovery of a 12,500 year old Paleo-Indian Site Along the Farmington River in Avon, CT

This 2022 series will cover the archaeology, genetics, Ice Age mammals, trade routes and foodways of early life along the Farmington River including the Brian D. Jones Paleo-Indian discovery in Avon.

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Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook
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MARCH 10

What Genetics Teaches Us About the Peopling of North America

Presented by Dr. Jennifer Raff, anthropological geneticist at the University of Kansas. Presentation is based on her May 2021 Scientific American cover story "Journey into the Americas" and her new book, *Origin: A Genetic History of the Americas* being released Feb. 2022.

APRIL 7

Ice Age Animals of New England

Presented by Dr. Sarah Sportman, CT State Archaeologist & Dr. Nathaniel Kitchel, Dept. of Anthropology, Dartmouth College. They will present the Pope Mastodon (found in Farmington, CT on the grounds of Hill-Stead Museum) and the Mount Holly (VT) Mammoth, among other animals of the Ice Age.

MAY 12

Paleo-Indian Foodways with Trade & Network Exchange

Presented by Dr. Jonathan Lothrop, Curator of Archaeology, The New York State Museum. His focus is on the Pleistocene (Ice Age) into the Holocene period where Natives colonized 11,000-8,000BC. His research is on their technology, settlement and subsistence. He is a consultant on the Brian D. Jones site analysis.

SEPT. 15

Looking into the Past with Ancient DNA

Presented by Christina Balentine and Samantha Archer, PhD candidates and research scholars at the UConn Dept. of Anthropology. They will present a broad overview of ancient DNA (aDNA) research past and present, discuss the ethical considerations of working with prehistoric aDNA samples, and highlight their own dissertation research using aDNA.

OCT. 13

Update on the Scientific Analysis of the Brian D. Jones Site in Avon, CT Since its Discovery in 2019

Presented by David Leslie, PhD, Senior Prehistoric Archaeologist, Archaeological and Historical Services, Storrs, CT. He will present new findings based on artifacts and new analysis techniques. October is Connecticut Archaeology Month!

Spear point, broken during manufacture, recovered at the Brian D. Jones site



Photo provided by Archaeological and Historical Services, Storrs CT

7:00 pm EST via Zoom. Free to attend.
Register at www.avonctlibrary.info

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Watch the webinars from the 2021 series on the Avon Library's YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/user/afplct



Focus on FIELD SCHOOLS

Some of the most important archaeological research being done in Connecticut and surrounding states today is in the form of summer field schools sponsored by the State Archaeologist, several universities, Native American tribal governments and other organizations, while additionally training the next generation of archaeologists. In the following column, a feature in each April issue of ASC News, the field school directors describe their programs for the coming year.

Note: These field school schedules were current as of press time. With possible cancellations and postponements due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, be sure to contact the individual field school organizer before making any plans to attend.

Mohegan Archaeological Field School, Uncasville, Connecticut

June 27 – July 28, 2022, Field School Director: Dr. Craig N. Cipolla (craigc@rom.on.ca) Royal Ontario Museum & University of Toronto, Canada

The Mohegan field school studies colonial-era sites on the Mohegan Reservation in an innovative collaborative setting. The study of reservation households sheds new light on the rhythms and materiality of everyday life during tumultuous times while providing valuable perspectives on the long-term outcomes of colonial repression, survivance, interaction, and exchange. The field school brings together students and staff of diverse backgrounds to learn about colonial history, the history of North American archaeology, and—most importantly—the often-troubled relationship between archaeologists and indigenous communities. The field school runs as an equal partnership between the Tribe and an academic archaeologist.

In 2022, the MAFS will run its 23rd season. The 2022 field school will begin survey in a completely new (i.e., not previously excavated) area of the reservation. As outlined below, we will spend most of the first week of the field school on a pedestrian and shovel test pit survey. For the remainder of the field school, we will continue excavation in and around the Stone Wall Site a Mohegan homestead dating to the first half of the nineteenth century.

For more information, follow this link: <https://ifrglobal.org/program/us-ct-mohegan/>

SCRAP (NH State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program)

June 6 – July 1, 2022: Bear Brook State Park, Allenstown, NH. We're planning to conduct two, two-week sessions of field school at Bear Brook State Park from June 6th-July 1st. The work will focus on continued excavation of 27-MR-450 as well as survey along the Suncook River north of the transmission line corridor.

Contact: Mark Doperalski, State Archaeologist, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Historical Resources, 603-271-6433, <https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/SCRAP.htm>,

Link to Flyer: <https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/documents/fs2022.pdf>

See flyers on following pages for:

Southern CT State University, June 27-July 29

Eastern Pequot Archaeological Field School, June 26 – July 29.

See elsewhere in this newsletter:

ASC Members-only Field Schools

- **Templeton Site, June 27-July 1**
- **Hollister Site, July 18-22**

K-12 Educators, Hollister Site, dates TBA

Summer 2022

Archaeology Field School

Southern Connecticut State University

June 27 – July 29
ANT 305 Section 02

field & lab techniques
historic & prehistoric sites
artifact identification

Email Prof. William Farley at farleyw@southernct.edu for more details.



Eastern Pequot Archaeological Field School

June 26 – July 29, 2022

Back for the first time since 2018 with its unique community-based and Indigenous-centered project with the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation in Connecticut. Join more than 120 students who have experienced this fulfilling educational, cultural, and life-changing course since 2003. Now, after a pandemic with few field opportunities ... **It's YOUR turn!!**



Receive training in survey and excavation methods relevant for cultural resource management, academic, and community work



Conduct community-engaged research alongside Native American tribal members



Learn about Eastern Pequot culture and history



Develop heritage and educational activities driven by community needs



Engage in decolonizing, anti-racist, and Indigenous-centered practice



\$2,735 undergraduate
\$3,550 graduate
6 credits



View 2021 short film, "Listen to Their Voices"
(<https://youtu.be/CsJ2znR-Wq8>)

For more information or an application, please contact Professor Stephen Silliman at stephen.silliman@umb.edu



Deadline is **April 4**, but applications will be reviewed starting **March 15** for early admission. Space is limited.

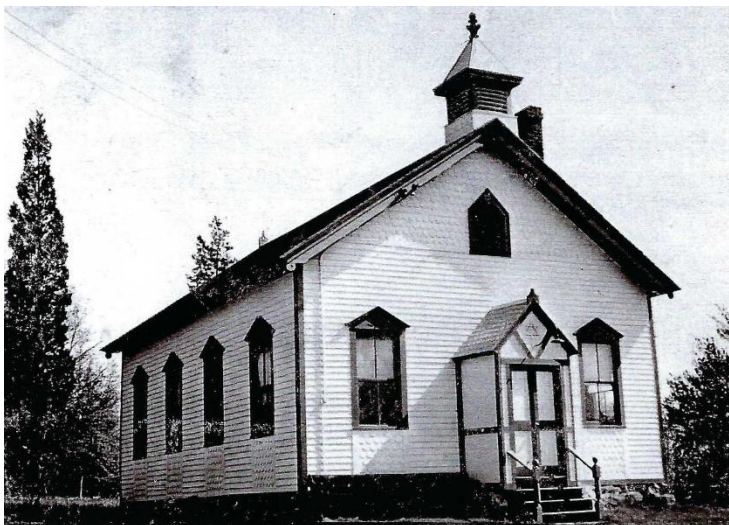
NEWS FROM THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSERVANCY

The Conservancy acquires its first North American Jewish archaeological site, a CT State Archaeological Preserve

The descendants of a nineteenth-century community donate the site to the Conservancy Descendants act to ensure the continued preservation and legacy of its ancestral community.

In 1890-1891, Hirsch Kaplan, an emigre from the Ukraine to New York City in 1887, led a small group of Russian-Jewish immigrants from the crowded neighborhood of Williamsburg, Brooklyn to Chesterfield, Connecticut, where they were able to purchase inexpensive farmland, a privilege forbidden them in Tsarist Russia. In the spring of 1892, these families established a religious and social community called the New England Hebrew Farmers of the Emanuel Society (NEHFES) and erected both a synagogue and stream-powered creamery to process milk into butter and cream for the surrounding region. The money to purchase the farmland and construct the buildings was provided by the Baron Maurice de Hirsch Fund, established in New York City in 1891 by de Hirsch, a German industrialist who enabled the escape of his Russian brethren to North and South America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In 1894, having written a governing constitution in Yiddish, NEHFES began to thrive as a closely-knit religious, social, and economic community of more than fifty Jewish families well into the 1920s. Revenues from their cottage industries enabled the group to purchase land for their synagogue, and from 1905 into the late 1920s several families developed thriving summer boardinghouse businesses, hosting New York families seeking to escape the hot and crowded city. But the Chesterfield Jewish community, which once numbered 500 people, dwindled significantly as the next generation left to start families and businesses in New London, Hartford and beyond. The one-room wooden Chesterfield synagogue, which continued to open for Jewish High Holy Day services into the 1950s, was burned down by an arsonist in 1975.



The Chesterfield Synagogue - 1892

In 2006, NEHFES was reactivated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit by Nancy R. Savin, the great-great granddaughter of Hirsch Kaplan. Since then, NEHFES, which today has more than 40 descendant family members in the USA and Canada, succeeded at getting its historic site designated as the State of Connecticut's twenty-fourth Archaeological Preserve in 2007 and got it listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. The site contains the stone remains of the synagogue foundation, a mikveh (ritual bath) within the shoyket's (ritual butcher's) house, the creamery foundation, a partial barn foundation and two wells, in addition to the surrounding archaeological deposits.

In 2012, the mikveh was the focus of a 3-week University of Connecticut field school, directed by former Connecticut State Archaeologist Nicholas F. Bellantoni and Stuart S. Miller, a professor in the Judaic Studies Program at the University of Connecticut. Their work focused on excavating the area containing the mikveh and shoyket's house. At the time of its excavation, only two other late nineteenth-century mikvehs, located in New York and Baltimore, had been investigated in the Eastern United States. The discovery of the Chesterfield mikveh was particularly exciting, as it is the only one found thus far located outside of a major city.

To meet religious requirements, a mikveh must be supplied with water that flows from the surrounding environment, whether from rain or another natural source. To investigate this at the Chesterfield mikveh, the archaeologists used ground-penetrating radar and discovered a pipe running to the structure from the direction of a nearby brook and pond, sources that met this spiritual requirement. Studying the mikveh can contribute to an understanding the community's spirituality and preservation of tradition, as the mikveh dates to a period when many new American Jews were assimilating and abandoning some traditional practices like ritual bathing.



Mikveh closeup - unexcavated

Most of the artifacts found at the site were related to household trash. These items could inform archaeologists of how much the community interacted with surrounding towns.



Nancy Savin and Kelley Berliner at shoyket's house

In 2018, Mark Michel, the Archaeological Conservancy's President, and Kelley Berliner, its Eastern Regional Director, met with Savin in Chesterfield to discuss preservation of the site. While it has state and federal designations, NEHFES descendants wanted to find a new owner for the property that would enhance its protection and make it available to researchers. After negotiating plans for repairs to the foundation of the shoyket's house, the Conservancy and NEHFES signed a Donation Agreement at the CT State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on October 15, 2021. The agreement gifts the synagogue parcel which is now called The New England Hebrew Farmers of the Emanuel Society Synagogue, Shoyket's House, and Mikveh Preserve, to the Conservancy.

The Conservancy appreciates all the work and dedication of NEHFES to protect this site, as well as the ongoing support of Catherine Labadia of CTSHPPO. The foundation of the creamery sits on land that is owned by the Connecticut State Department of Transportation - it was purchased in 2001 to make road improvements – and the Conservancy hopes to work with CTDOT to eventually reunite the creamery and synagogue parcels as one preserve.

The Chesterfield site is critically important for telling parts of the Jewish and immigrant story in North America, and its acquisition increases the diversity of sites that the Conservancy protects. Future research at this site may help us better understand how immigrant communities settled into the United States, how they interacted with surrounding communities, and how they modified their spiritual traditions as they sought to assimilate into their new surroundings. –*Kelley Berliner*

CALENDAR

To help members plan their calendars, we post the dates of meetings of interest in Connecticut and neighboring states, not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Please contact the editor with any meetings you are aware of which you feel would be of interest to the membership.

April 30, 2022, New York Archaeological Council Spring Meeting in person and/or via Zoom at the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

May 7, 2022, ASC Spring Meeting, South Windsor, CT

November 4-6, 2022, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA) Annual Meeting, Plymouth, MA

November 4-6, 2022, Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF) 89th Annual Meeting, Shippensburg, PA

January 5-8, 2023, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

January 6-9, 2023, Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, Lisbon, Portugal

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2022 DUES NOW PAYABLE

It's time to renew your membership for 2022. Check your mailing label if you are unsure if you are current. (The label may not reflect payments received in the last month.) If it reads 21 or earlier, please fill out the form below or the stand-alone form distributed with this issue or posted on the website and mail it back with your check or pay online. Thanks!

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(For students)

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Archaeological Society of Connecticut 2022 Spring Meeting



**Wood Memorial Library and Museum
783 Main Street
South Windsor, CT
Saturday, May 7th**

Admission: Non-members (general public) - \$10, Members (ASC/FOSA) - \$8, Students - \$5
Any questions regarding meeting please contact: David Leslie – David.leslie@uconn.edu

- 9:00 AM** **Registration begins (with coffee and doughnuts)**
- 9:45 AM** **Welcome, announcements – David Leslie, President, ASC**
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM** **Avery’s Rest: Ancient DNA Insights into Kinship and Ancestry in 17th Century Delaware, *Raquel Fleskes***

Avery’s Rest is a late 17th century archaeological site located near present day Lewes, Delaware. Excavations of the site were conducted by Dan Griffith and his team from the Archaeological Society of Delaware beginning in 2006. They revealed the presence of a colonial domestic site with 11 burials dating to the late 17th and early 18th century. Osteological analyses were conducted by the Smithsonian Institution, and indicated that the individuals were separated into two burial clusters by ancestry; with eight individuals of European descent in the southern burial cluster, and three individuals of African descent in the northern. Ancient DNA analyses were subsequently undertaken to understand the extent of relatedness between the burials and their ancestral origins. Results suggest that eight individuals were of Northwestern European ancestry, and the three individuals originated from diverse areas along the west and central African coast. In addition, extensive relatedness patterns were identified between the burials. This information helps to deepen our understanding of British settlement structures on the Delaware frontier, as well as the early patterns of the trans-Atlantic slave trade in North America.

Dr. Raquel Fleskes is a National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. She received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 2021 in Biological Anthropology, specializing in Anthropological Genetics. Her research uses ancient DNA to understand the population history of colonial period North America. Her current projects include work at the 1607 Burial Ground in Jamestown, VA, engagement at the First African Baptist Church in Williamsburg, VA, and the Anson Street African Burial Ground in Charleston, SC. These projects focus on interpreting genomic data with archaeological and other bio-molecular techniques to understand lived experience, ancestry, and relationships on the early colonial American frontier.

10:30 – 11:00 AM

A Paleoindian Encampment at the Two Wrasslin' Cats Site, East Haddam, Connecticut, *David Leslie, Sarah Sportman, G. Logan Miller, and Mark Clymer*

The Two Wrasslin' Cats Site is located on the banks of the Succor Brook, a small first order tributary of the Connecticut River. The site was identified when Mark Clymer, who was drinking coffee in the backyard of the eponymous coffee shop, looked down and spotted a chert flake on the ground. Successive excavations, led by the Office of State Archaeology and the Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, uncovered evidence of the 18th century residents of the dwelling now housing the coffee shop, as well as potential evidence of Paleoindian occupation. A high percentage of the artifacts recovered to date are high-quality Hudson River Valley and Onondaga chert. A number of functional, if not typological graters have also been recovered, and confirmed through micro-wear analyses, along with endscrapers and one channel flake fragment. Here, we present initial evidence for Paleoindian occupations and future research goals for the site.

Dr. David Leslie is a Senior Archaeologist at Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. and current president of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut. His research interests include Pleistocene and Holocene adaptations through lithic technology, remote sensing applications to archaeological sites, and stable isotope ecology.

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Digging into the Collections: A Fresh Look at the Grannis Island Site (93-9), New Haven, Connecticut, *Sarah Sportman and Brianna Rae Zoto*

The Grannis Island Site is a multi-component Indigenous site located on a small island in the Quinnipiac River. An initial investigation conducted in 1947 by Howard Sargent was followed by decades of intermittent excavations by the Greater New Haven Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut (GHNAS). GHNAS began extensive analyses and reporting on the recovered materials, but the work was never completed. In 2021, the Connecticut Office of State Archaeology, which curates the artifact collection and site documentation, began actively cataloguing and reanalyzing the collection to produce a comprehensive synthesis of the site. Lithic materials from Grannis Island indicate occupations from the Middle Archaic through the Late Woodland periods, and an extensive, but shallow, shell midden at the site facilitated the rare preservation of a large and diverse faunal assemblage. Here, we present the preliminary results of the reanalysis, with a focus on the lithic and faunal assemblages and discuss future research directions for the site and collections.

Dr. Sarah Sportman is Connecticut's State Archaeologist. She holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Connecticut (2011) and has worked as an archaeologist for over 20 years, studying the archaeology and history of Euro-American and pre-colonial Indigenous groups in New England and New York.

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Fred Warner (left), Lyent Russell (right-foreground) with Ned Sinnott at Grannis Island, 1950s-60s, photos above and below courtesy of Lucianne Lavin.



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11:30 – 12:00 PM Recent Research at Gungywamp (Congungewamphset)
Kevin McBride

Gungywamp is a complex cultural landscape consisting of an extensive array of stone features and structures including, but not limited to, foundations, enclosures, cairns/piles, stone chambers/root cellars, stone wall alignments/field systems, stone circles and associated and non-associated Colonial and Native American artifacts dating from the Paleo-Indian through Colonial Periods. The origin, function, date, and cultural affiliation of these features may be disputed, but their potential historical and cultural significance is not. The Connecticut Historical Commission provided funding to conduct a mapping and historical research project on the Gungywamp landscape as well as to incorporate various Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives on the significance and interpretation of Gungywamp.

Dr. Kevin McBride is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. His research interests include Native American archaeology, contact period and battlefield archaeology, public archaeology, and New England ethnohistory and archaeology.

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 2:30 PM Tour of the Museum, Collections, and Nowashe Village (led by
Director of Museum Education, Liz Glaviano)

2:30 – 3:30 PM Reception (Wine and cheese)

Directions

Nowashe Village is located at 787 Main Street in South Windsor, at the intersection of Main Street and Pleasant Valley Road, conveniently located just off of Route 5 and minutes away from I-291, I-84 and I-91.

From I-91 / I-291 East

Exit 35-A and continue on I-291 over the Connecticut River (Bissell Bridge). Take exit 4 and turn left (north) onto Route 5. At Dunkin' Donuts, turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road. Follow until the end of the road.

From I-291 West

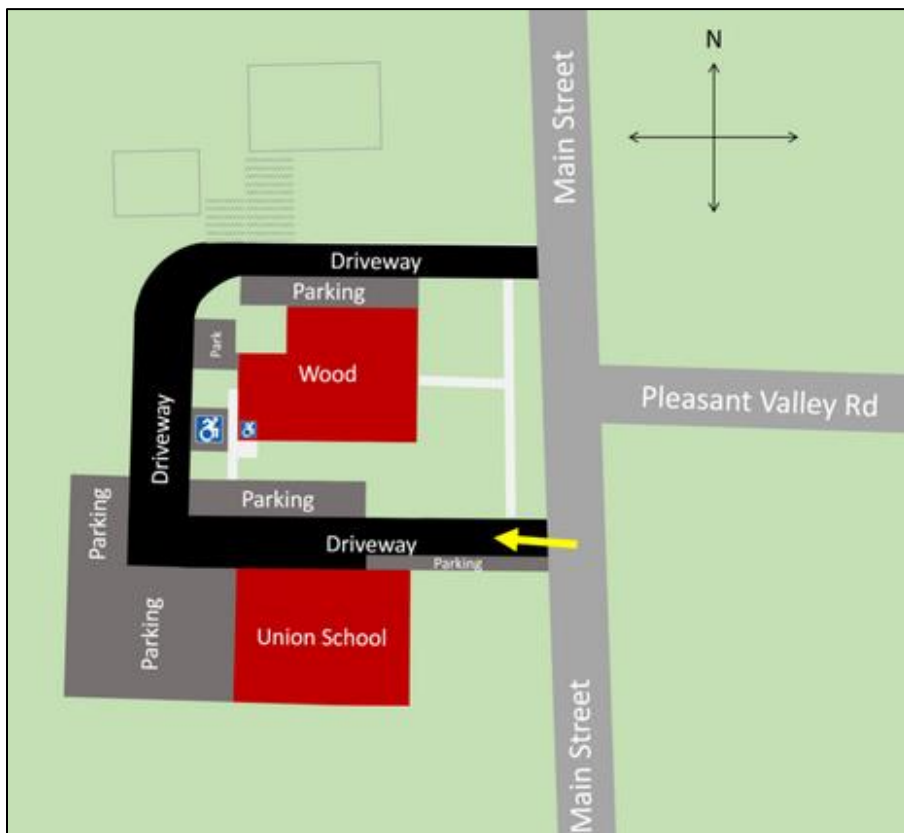
Exit 4 and turn left (north) onto Route 5. At Dunkin' Donuts, turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road. Follow until the end of the road.

From I-84 East

Exit 62 and turn left onto Buckland Street. At Mobil gas station, turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road. Follow 3.7 miles to end of the road, through several stoplights and stop signs.

From I-84 West

Exit 62 and turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road. Follow 3.5 miles to end of the road, through several stoplights and stop signs.



Parking Information

Please do not block driveways or the private parking areas for the two neighbors who share the driveway. Parking is located next door at Union School and along Main Street. Please enter the south driveway for Union School.

Handicap accessible parking is located in the rear of the building, near the back entrance that leads to the elevator. Nowashe Village is a fully ADA accessible building.