

# A.S.C. NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members,

It is a pleasure to begin this communication with you announcing a generous bequest to the ASC. It was my sad duty to report to you at the beginning of this year the death of long-time member Tom Harris. At the beginning of the summer we were notified that Tom had remembered us in his will and half of an annuity amounting to \$25,000 was to be given to the Society. I posthumously thank Tom for generosity which has reached beyond the grave. This money will be used to generate income that will enable ASC to more efficiently disseminate archaeological research and to further aid us in our endeavor to help fund such research.

Along the lines of funding research, it will be my pleasure to announce at the fall meeting, a recipient of the Lyent Russell Grant. This grant was set up after the death of Lyent Russell in 1998 with the object of funding tools and tests which for normally underfunded archaeologists, especially those without institutional affiliation, were too expensive to acquire without financial help. Lyent was the oldest member of the ASC and two of his life long goals were research and

education. Both of these goals, we hope, will continue under the Lyent Russell Grant program.

We are still putting together the fall program as I am writing this. We are hampered by the lack of a volunteer to organize program speakers about which more in a moment. This fall's program will be at the Wood Memorial Library in South Windsor and will be one of our more unusual programs. It will be introspective in that it focuses on the role of ASC and its members in the development of Connecticut Archaeology. Beginning with an extended presentation by Nick Bellantoni and Paul Costa on the history and development of the Society, the speakers for the rest of the day will present the archaeological accomplishment of past members. Many of the presenters such as Ted Swigart, who will discuss the research and accomplishments of his father, Ned, knew their subject intimately, so you may look to this program for new and unusual insights into Connecticut archaeology.

The process of putting together our programs is one of our ongoing problems, and one which I apply to the membership for help. The programs are developed by the Board of Directors who usually come up with a theme and a proposed list of possible speakers.

Our need is for someone to take these leads and contact those prospects, organizing them into a schedule, and feeding that to our newsletter and publicity people. It is not an onerous job and only requires a burst of activity twice a year for the October and April meetings. In addition, the program director will have the close help and assistance of all board members. If you feel that you can donate the spurts of time, I would appreciate having you contact me. (See the contact info elsewhere in this newsletter - or see me at the fall meeting.) As a benefit for your help will be the opportunity of adding this position with the ASC to your career resume, as well as the gratitude of our colleagues and members of the ASC. Please seriously consider this request - Your Society Needs You!

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As always I solicit your ideas and suggestions for improving your society. Please do not hesitate to approach me or any of the board members with those ideas. My e-mail and telephone number are given in the list of ASC officers below. Please also feel free to approach me in South Windsor on October 16<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you then.

*Dan Cruson  
President*

## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



FOSA members have had a relatively quiet summer with very few digs. A number of volunteers helped Nick and Bruce Greene, the dig supervisor, with an enthusiastic class participating in the Adult Field School in August.

There are several up-coming events that we think will be of interest to you:

October 2-3 – Atlatl Days and Knap-in at Hammonasset State Park, Madison CT. No need to register and the admission and parking are free! These activities are part of the 2010 Native Skills celebration at the park. Among the activities will be a variety of ongoing atlatl contests, Native American games, nature programming, demonstrations of flint-knapping and an actual dig. This event will be held rain or shine, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Saturday, October 30 – Ralph Lewis, retired State Geologist, will identify a wide variety of geologic land forms that are visible at Rocky Neck State Park. These land forms

are what has made Connecticut the state that we know today. For further information please contact Cynthia Redman at, [c.redman26@comcast.net](mailto:c.redman26@comcast.net). There is no admission fee and parking is FREE!

“Andersonville and Fort Pulaski: Archaeology at Two American Civil War Prisoner -of-War Sites in Georgia,” will be the topic of John Jameson’s presentation at FOSA’s Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Mr. Jameson is Senior Archaeologist with the National Park Service and has excavated at both of these sites. Plan on attending this presentation which will be a kick-off to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. There will be further information closer to the date of the meeting.

*Cynthia Redman  
President-FOSA*



### CLUB MEETINGS

September 9, Thursday, 8:00 pm  
GenRe Forum - East Campus  
***Recent Discoveries by NCC Archaeologists***

Our September meeting will feature some of the discoveries made by members of last spring’s Advanced Techniques in Archaeology class. We will meet at the GenRe Forum in the East Campus and as always, there will be refreshments at 7:30 pm and the lecture at 8:00 pm.

**Two Sites in Wilton**  
Club President Art DeMattio will report on the March and April 2010 dig when a team of students from the Advanced Archaeology class made a number of forays into wooded areas of northwestern and

southwestern Connecticut in search of previously undiscovered prehistoric sites. The team was comprised of Emma Crisci, Matt DeMattio, and Art DeMattio, all class students. While finding a site with sparse artifactual composition in Kent, the distance from home made a large scale dig unfeasible. While exploring a promising area in Wilton, what appeared to be a fallen rockshelter overhang was observed. This area proved to be better than we could have hoped for.

In a geographic area of around six acres located in northern Wilton, CT our team located not just one but two sites within 500 feet of one another. Both sites are found proximal to a slow moving stream, likely a tributary of the Norwalk River. In the more prolific site, the one presumed to be within the boundary of the former rock overhang, the team recovered a number of pieces of quartz and chert debitage, some utilized flakes, charred wood, and two points. One point, a Bare Island type, was found in good shape, but the point of greater interest is believed to be a Nottoway River bifurcate, easily dating to over 7,000 years B.P. Our second site, overlooking the tributary and elevated around 30 feet, seems to be a good ambush hunting site. This location yielded a number of pieces of chert debitage, utilized flakes, charred wood, and a great stage IV bi-face, made of chert. We continue to excavate both sites and will provide an update if significant finds arise.



Stone Plummet

### **Stone Tools from the Norwalk Historical Society's Collection**

Mohan and David Tracy will present their study of over 60 lithic artifacts belonging to the Norwalk Historical Society, which included the investigation of the collection's provenience and typology, as a part of the Society's ongoing Collection Inventory Project.

From internal investigations, the NHS concluded that a large part of the collection may have come from an area naturalist, Wilbur F. Smith, who donated his collection to the South Norwalk Library before his death in 1964. The Library later transferred the collection to the Norwalk Historical Society.



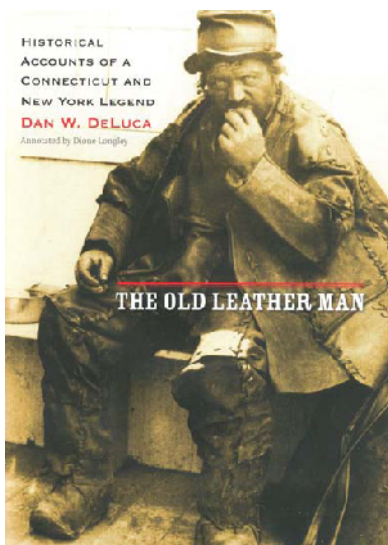
*Wilbur F. Smith, contributor of the NHS Stone Tool collection*

The collection's projectile points include a variety of types which were assigned to periods ranging from the Early Archaic through the Middle Woodland. Other artifacts included some interesting specimens, among them a plummet and a double-faced anvil stone. Some of the objects were judged unlikely to have been collected in the southern New England area.

Many objects have traces of inscriptions or labels apparently associated with previous curation or cataloguing efforts. The lack of reliable provenience details made the study especially challenging, but it is hoped that information acquired in this study can eventually form a basis for a more complete understanding of the collection.

### **Gallows Hill Site - Redding**

Professor Ernie Wiegand will present an update on the ongoing investigations at the Gallows Hill site, including this summer's excavations that, at press time, have just begun (see *Research News* on page two). **Please join us Thursday, September 9th. Refreshments at 7:30 pm and lecture at 8:00.**



**October 14 - Thursday - 8:00 pm**  
GenRe Forum — East Campus  
**The Old Leather Man**  
Dan DeLuca

Our October 14th meeting will be a very special event featuring Dan DeLuca, who will speak about the research he conducted for his recent book "The Old Leather Man". At press time, the meeting room has not been confirmed and club members should contact the Archaeology Office (203-857-7377) at the beginning of October to find out where we will meet.

In 1883, wearing a sixty-pound suit sewn from leather boot-tops, a wanderer known only as the Leather Man began to walk a 365-mile loop between the Connecticut and Hudson Rivers that he would complete every thirty-four days for almost six years. Carrying a large leather bag, he walked a circuitous route through western Connecticut and eastern New York, covering the 365 mile trek each month before repeating it, over and over, for many years.

For over a century, the Leather Man has been one of the region's most famous and colorful legends. Long-time club members will recall that we conducted excavations at one of the Leather Man's caves in Stamford in the 1980s and found a pit feature that may well have been created by him. His circuit took him through at least forty-one towns in southwestern Connecticut and southeastern New York, sleeping in caves, accepting food from townspeople and speaking only in grunts and gestures along the way. This history tracks the footsteps of the Leather Man and unravels the myths surrounding the man who made Connecticut's caves his home.

Who was this mysterious figure and why did he choose to live the way he did? Mr. DeLuca will share his knowledge, gleaned from newspaper accounts, rare photographs, drawings and maps. Any Club members that may have information about the Leather Man are encouraged to bring this along to the meeting to share with Mr. DeLuca, who is continuing his research into this fascinating and mysterious figure.

As a special treat, Mr. DeLuca will sign copies of "The Old Leather Man", which will be available for sale at the meeting. Dan DeLuca is genealogist, a Meriden Connecticut historian and a retired high school teacher. He has been researching the Leather Man for twenty years

and is the leading expert on the subject.



*Author Dan DeLuca*

Please join us Thursday, October 14th in the GenRe Forum, East Campus. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m., Lecture at 8:00 p.m.

November 11 - Thursday 8:00 pm  
GenRe Forum — East Campus  
***The Social Dynamic of Early Fishermen in the Central Andes***  
Gabriel Prieto



*Gabriel Prieto*

The Peruvian coast is one of the richest marine food resource areas in the world. Many archaeological coastal sites show evidence of a robust fishing industry as well as deep-sea fishing industry early in Peru's prehistory.



*Burial T-101, an old male, located in flexed position*

Pampas Gramalote is an Initial Period site (2000/1800-500 BC) located in the Moche valley, on the North Coast of Peru. The Initial Period in Peru began with the introduction of pottery and the change from twined to woven textile production and a relocation of peoples into the interior with the beginning of irrigation agriculture. Within the Moche Valley, it was the time when a more complex settlement pattern first appeared in the valley interior.

Pampas Gramalote was a fishing village and my project is focused on understanding the social dynamic and the importance of early fishermen in the Central Andes. At the same time I am very interested in fishing technology and fish production.



*Fish bones found in a feature of domestic architecture. The fish was dried or salted and bartered for inland products.*

Gabriel Prieto is an Associate Investigator of the San José de

Moro (SJM) Archaeological Program. Prieto obtained his degree at the National University of Trujillo and is currently a doctoral student at Yale University. For four years he has been in charge of excavations of Area 35 of San Jose Moro, a hillock associated with the later periods of the site. Gabriel has worked in Peruvian archaeology for a decade and his research investigations center on the characterization of materials and on the political organization of the Lambayeque and Chimú states at San Jose Moro and in the Jequetepeque Valley. His work has been published and presented in various reviews and congresses. Please join us Thursday, November 11th for his lecture. Refreshments at 7:30 pm and lecture at 8:00.

### **Research News from the Field**

Over the summer, Archaeology Club laboratory sessions have focused on the study of the **Merritt Site**, a major investigation conducted in the late 1990's in the Glenville section of Greenwich. The site of one of the oldest houses in Greenwich, a saltbox house dating to perhaps as early as 1730, the land was subdivided and developed after extensive cultural resource studies were made. Archaeology Club members and NCC students continued the investigations, chiefly of a major late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> century midden that was located in the front yard. Later in its history it was the site of a feldspar mill, a speakeasy during Prohibition and a restaurant before returning to residential use in the 1950's. In addition, the site was occupied by a number of Native Americans during the late Paleindian, Late Archaic and Terminal Archaic periods.

So far, most of the prehistoric materials and faunal remains have been inventoried and studied. The historic period artifacts, which probably number over 10,000

specimens, continue to be studied and cataloged.

Fieldwork at the **Gallows Hill Site** in Redding is planned for the latter portion of the summer and will continue through most of the fall when students in the Introduction to Archaeology course will join club members on the weekend dig sessions. With the completion of the excavation of the 18<sup>th</sup> century structure, the focus of the dig now will move to other portions of the site which were only tested in the past. Additional testing and the excavation of some 1x1 meter units will help to more clearly define the site's boundaries and to examine other activities conducted there.

Club members interested in participating in the dig should contact Ernie Wiegand at the Archaeology Office (203-857-7377) for further information.

Materials from the Gallows Hill sites will be processed and studied during our fall lab sessions. These will be held in room W-131 in the West Campus from 5:30-9:00 p.m. on Thursdays during the fall.

## Connecticut Archaeology Center

### *Calendar of Activities*

#### **Kids-Only Workshop**

##### **Archaeology of Ancient Mesopotamia: Understanding Ancient Climate**

Alexia Smith, Department of  
Anthropology, UConn  
Sunday, October 10, 1 pm to 3 pm  
UConn Storrs location (map will be  
mailed to participants)  
Advance registration required: \$25  
(\$20 for Museum members);  
Includes materials fee

Students ages 6 and above.

Ancient Mesopotamia, which was located in parts of what are now the countries of Iraq, Syria, and Turkey, witnessed the growth of the first cities in the world as well as the invention of writing and the formation of the first empire. Why did cities and empires first emerge in Mesopotamia? Why did some of them suddenly collapse and cease to exist? Some people blame war while others blame climate change.

Spend the morning in UConn's Archaeobotany Lab with Dr. Alexia Smith, member of the international team of scientists that recently discovered a perfectly preserved 5,500 year-old shoe in Armenia, stuffed with preserved cereal-grain grasses. You will use replicas of ancient cuneiform writing tablets to learn how archaeologists use these tools and other clues to investigate ancient cities and ancient climate. Come prepared to get dirty as you will "float" ancient seeds from the sediment of an ancient archaeological site and then examine them under a microscope. What do these seeds tell us about ancient societies, the environment, and the everyday lives of people from the past? Discover the answers to these questions and many more by joining the UConn Archaeological Archaeobotany Team led by Dr. Smith!

#### **Museum Lectures**

##### ***Mad Yankees: Psychiatry in 19th Century Connecticut***

Dr. Lawrence Goodheart,  
Department of History, UConn  
Greater Hartford  
Sunday, September 26, 4 pm  
Biology/Physics Building, Room  
130  
No Registration required--FREE

Adults and children ages 10 and  
above. Children must be  
accompanied by an adult.

In 1824, Dr. Eli Todd opened the Hartford Retreat for the Insane, which would become the Institute of

Living later in the century. The Hartford Retreat for the Insane was the first hospital of any kind in Connecticut, and only the third hospital for mental illness in the United States. Dr. Todd was a proponent of the "law of kindness" for the care and treatment of the mentally ill, a radical departure from the cruel "chains in the dungeon" policies of previous insane asylums. This retreat accepted both wealthy and indigent patients for many years.

Dr. Lawrence Goodheart's critically acclaimed book *Mad Yankees* explores the evolution of treatment for Connecticut's mentally ill at the Hartford Retreat for the Insane in the 19th century. From virtual imprisonment, to a philosophy of "moral treatment," and the chilling emergence of eugenics by the turn of the 20th century, learn about this fascinating period in our state's history and the evolution of the treatment of mental illness. There will be a book signing after the talk.

#### **Lessons from the 1918 Flu Pandemic**

Dr. Ralph Arcari, UConn School of  
Medicine  
Sunday, October 17, 3 pm  
Biology/Physics Building, Room  
130  
No Registration required--FREE

Adults and children ages 10 and  
above. Children must be  
accompanied by an adult.

Swine Flu, Avian Influenza, H1N1—all these have caused rising public health concerns in recent years. Fears of a potential global pandemic continue to haunt us. These fears are not without precedence. In the autumn of 1918, an influenza pandemic wreaked havoc around the world. The global death toll from the 1918 pandemic was 100 million people, with 8,500 Connecticut residents losing their lives to the disease. In contrast, casualties from World War I, occurring at the time of the

pandemic, were 16 million. The 1918 Influenza Pandemic has risen to new prominence given the current concerns, and is being intensely studied in an effort to understand and prevent future global pandemics. Dr. Ralph Arcari, professor of The History of Medicine at UConn School of Medicine, will share how this disease arrived in Connecticut with unprecedented virulence and swept throughout the state to claim the lives of so many, particularly those in the prime of life. Dr. Arcari will then discuss what epidemiological lessons the 1918 Flu has for us today.

### **Stone Age Atlantis**

David Robinson, Adjunct Professor, Maritime Studies, UConn-Avery Point

Sunday, October 24, 3 pm

Biology/Physics Building, Room 130

No Registration required--FREE

Adults and children ages 10 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Maritime Archaeology is an exciting branch of archaeology that involves the underwater investigation of archaeological sites. Recent work has revealed a submerged landscape known as the Doggerlands in the southern part of the North Sea between present day Great Britain and Europe. The inhabitants of this area developed a rich and advanced culture 8,500 years ago that was submerged by rising seas and lost to history. Today, maritime archaeological work off the coast of Denmark near the town of Skaelskor is uncovering the remains of a submerged settlement researchers have named Tudsehage. UConn archaeologist David Robinson is one of the team members recovering the remarkable finds of Tudsehage, including many organic artifacts preserved by the anaerobic underwater environment. The National Geographic Channel produced a television show about

the investigation of this very real civilization that disappeared beneath the waves just like the mythical Atlantis. This exciting and informative National Geographic episode will be shown, along with some original slides of the work done by Robinson last summer, followed by a question and answer session.

### **Shamans, Medicine Men and Ethnobotany in Nicaragua**

Dr. Felix Coe, EEB, UConn Greater Hartford

Sunday, November 7, 3 pm

Biology/Physics Building, Room 130

No Registration required--FREE

Adults and children ages 10 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

No look at the natural history of health would be complete without examining the topic of ethnobotanical medicine.

Ethnobotany is the study of the use of plants by indigenous peoples, and indigenous medicine has traditionally been the realm of shamans and medicine men. Dr. Felix Coe, a native of Nicaragua, has been investigating plants and plant use by indigenous people in Central America since 1972.

Dr. Coe has had extensive contact with the Rama and Miskitu people of southeastern Nicaragua, and has conducted a systematic study of their ethnobotany. Of the 249 plant species documented as medicinal, food, fiber, or tools by the Rama and Miskitu people, 171 were found to be used by both groups. These results have important implications for understanding ethnobotany for they demonstrate that unrelated indigenous groups sharing the same ecosystem, though separated by physical distance, can have similar ethnobotanical lore. Join Dr. Coe for this engaging talk and find out why plant uses are similar for these two peoples.

### **On the Trail of the State Archaeologist**

Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archaeologist, presents lectures at locations throughout the state. His talks are always captivating and give a closer look into the unique archaeological heritage of Connecticut. For more information on a specific program, please contact the hosting organization.

Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 pm

Windsor Locks Public Library

28 Main Street, Windsor Locks, CT (860) 627-1495 -

[www.windsorlockslibrary.org](http://www.windsorlockslibrary.org)

Monday, November 1, 6:30 pm

Derby Public Library

313 Elizabeth Street

Derby, CT 06418

(203) 736-1482 -

[www.derbypubliclibrary.org/](http://www.derbypubliclibrary.org/)

Monday November 15, 7-9pm

Seymour Historical Society

Seymour Community Center

20 Pine Street, Seymour, CT

[okeefe58@aol.com](mailto:okeefe58@aol.com)

Monday, November 22, 6:30 pm

North Haven Historical Society

Masonic Lodge, 30 Church Street, North Haven, CT

(203) 239-7722

[www.northhavenhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.northhavenhistoricalsociety.org)

### **Special Events**

Atlatl Days and Knap-In at

Hammonasset State Park

Saturday, October 2 and Sunday,

October 3, 10 am to 5 pm, rain or shine

Hammonasset State Park,

Madison, CT

No Registration Needed – FREE admission and parking!

Open to all ages; Atlatl activity is limited to adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Museum and Archaeology Center, Friends of the Office of

State Archaeology, and the World Atlatl Association are pleased to offer our Annual Atlatl Days and Knap-In as a part of the 2010 Native Skills Celebration at Hammonasset State Park! There will also be ongoing amateur contests where you can try using the atlatl, an ancient spear-throwing tool that predates the bow and arrow, and there will be ongoing sanctioned ISAC (International Standard Accuracy Contest) atlatl competitions, a World Atlatl Association Championship, and an Intercollegiate Championship. Additional activities will include nature programming, touch tank programs, exploring edible plants, Native American games, campfire stories and stargazing by Meigs Point Nature Center. Visit a recreation of a Native American Village and see demonstrations by noted ancient technologist and artist Jeff Kalin, and watch modern flint-knappers demonstrate the manufacture of stone tools at the Knap-In. Friends of the Office of State Archaeology and the Museum of Natural History & Archaeology Center will sponsor a real archaeological dig with a display of artifacts that will be open to the public.

AIA/MOS Family Archaeology Fair at the Museum of Science, Boston Saturday, October 16, 10am to 4pm Museum of Science, Boston, MA The Archaeology Fair is free with Museum of Science admission price

Open to all ages.

Have you ever seen the sun rise over Stonehenge, a spear hurtle through the air at over 60 miles per hour, or designed and raced your own miniature Inuit dogsled? You will have the opportunity to experience all of these things, and more, at the Archaeology Institute of America and Museum of Science's 2010 Family Archaeology Fair! Through special programs and activities, you can discover how science and technology help us understand the

past. On Saturday, the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center will present an exhibit featuring plant and animal fiber use by people throughout the world and showcase some textiles from our collections. Cheri Collins, Museum staff member, will demonstrate ancient spinning techniques, and you can give it a try! Most events during the weekend are free with Exhibit Hall admission. For more information, contact the Museum of Science, Boston ([www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)).

### Workshops

#### **Ancient Technologies: Gourd Container Art**

Jeanne "Morningstar" Kent, Interpreter at the Institute for American Indian Studies and gourd artist

Saturday, November 6, 10 am to 12 noon

Museum of Natural History (map will be mailed to participants) Advance registration required: \$55 (\$45 for Museum members); includes materials fee

Adults and children ages 10 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Jeanne Kent, also known as Morningstar, is descended from Abenaki, Nipissing, Montagnais, and Algonquin peoples, as well as Europeans. She is a nationally-acclaimed gourd artist who earned her Master of Art Education from the University of Hartford. In this workshop you will learn about the archaeology and history of the indigenous use of gourd containers in Eastern North America, as well as the modern cultivation of gourd plants and how to safely prepare them for use as containers. Then, Morningstar will provide the materials and instructions for completing your own gourd container to take home - decorated with Eastern Woodland designs or designs of your own. Enjoy this unique opportunity to learn an

unusual art form, and its fascinating history, right here at UConn!

To register for a program or for more information, contact the Connecticut Archaeology Center at 860-486-4460 or E-mail to [www.cac.uconn.edu](http://www.cac.uconn.edu)



**American  
Institute of  
Archaeology**

### New Haven Society

**Tuesday, October 26, 4:30pm**

**Location:** Yale University, Phelps Hall, Room 407  
New Haven, CT

**Lecturer:** Lynne Lancaster

**Abstract:** Building Trajan's Column

**Wednesday, January 26, 4:30pm**

**Location:** Yale University, Phelps Hall, Room 407  
New Haven, CT

**Lecturer:** Pamela Gaber

**Abstract:** History of Portraiture in the West - Portraits: Human Introspection

### Wesleyan Native American Lectures

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to announce the Native American Studies Lecture Series that will be held at Wesleyan University this fall. The event is sponsored by University Lectures administered by the Center for the Study of Public Life, and the American Studies program.

All of the talks will be held at the Center for African American Studies at the corner of High St. and Washington St/Rte 66 in Middletown, CT on the Wesleyan University campus. The various

dates are listed below each brief bio provided here.

The series features:

**Jean O'Brien** (White Earth Ojibwe), Professor of History and American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, president of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, and author of *Dispossession by Degrees: Indian Land and Identity in Natick Massachusetts, 1650 -1790* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), and a new book, *Firsting and Lasting: Writing Indians out of Existence in New England*. (University of Minnesota Press, 2010);

Dr. Jean O'Brien - Wednesday, September 15th from 4:15-6pm

**Ned Blackhawk** (Western Shoshone), Professor of History and American Studies at Yale

University, and author of *Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West* (Harvard University Press, 2008) which won the 2007 Frederick Jackson Turner Award, Organization of American Historians, along with five other notable awards.

Dr. Ned Blackhawk - Thursday, October 28th from 4:15-6pm

Lisa Brooks (Abenaki), Assistant Professor of History and Literature and of Folklore and Mythology at Harvard University, and author of *The Common Pot: The Recovery of Native Space in the Northeast* (University of Minnesota Press 2008), which focuses on the role of writing as a tool of social reconstruction and land reclamation in the Native networks of the northeast.

Dr. Lisa Brooks -Thursday, November 18th from 4:15-6pm

I will send individual announcements (with lecture titles) to the list server as each date approaches. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the series. The Center for African American Studies has disability access. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact me.

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## **The Institute for American Indian Studies** *museum & research center*

Calendar of Events  
October – December 2010

### ***Teachers' Workshop***

Saturday, October 9th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

IAIS invites Connecticut teachers to a workshop, "Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples: Their Community and Culture, Then and Now." on Saturday, October 9th from 10am-4pm. Teachers will gain a first hand look at Native American issues including historical perspective and current topics such as sovereignty and federal recognition. Listen to professionals and tribal elders and learn about the histories and cultures of Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples. This workshop will help educators develop curriculum and classroom activities relating to Connecticut State Social Studies Standards.

CT Educators may earn .5 CEUs.

This experience is being funded through a grant provided by the *Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut* and is offered at no cost to teachers. Bring your own lunch or lunch will be available for \$10.

### ***5th Annual Native American Archaeological Roundtable - "Native Conflict"***

Saturday, October 30th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Please join us in another rousing **Native American-Archaeologist Round Table** on an important theme that is particularly relevant in today's political and historical climates. Filmmaker Guy Perrotta has updated his acclaimed film on the 17<sup>th</sup> century Pequot War, *Mystic Voices*, specifically for this event. David Naumec and Joseph Peters (Pequot) will provide a power point presentation entitled *Fighting the Pequot War (1636-1638): A Historical and Archaeological accounting of Native and European Weaponry & Tactics* based on the Mashantucket Museum's ongoing research on the war and their battlefield archaeology excavations. Dr. Margaret Bruchac (Abenaki, University of Connecticut) will give a power point presentation entitled *Guns in the Valley: Pocumtuck*

*Hostilities on the Colonial Frontier* that will discuss later 17<sup>th</sup> century conflict in southern New England.

These presenters will be followed by a lively panel discussion that will include other conflict situations and how those historical events may have affected contemporary political relationships. Besides the presenters, our illustrious panelists include Native American leaders Trudie Richmond (Schaghticoke), Faith Davison (Mohegan), and Steve Comer (Stockbridge Munsee Mohican), and archaeologists Ernie Wiegand (Norwalk Community College), Dr. Laurie Weinstein (Western Connecticut State University), and Dr. Lucianne Lavin (IAIS).

Come hear them discuss the historical (documentary and oral) and archaeological evidence. **The general public is invited to this free event, and audience participation is encouraged**

## ***Arrow Making Workshop***

Saturday, November 13th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

With only one chance to make the shot count, accuracy is important and a well made arrow is key. Under the guidance of **Primitive Technologist Jamie Leffler** you will create your own functional arrow employing techniques that have been proven through time. Using materials native to Connecticut, participants will learn the science and the art that goes into making traditional arrows and leave with an arrow ready to use (stone arrowheads will be provided). **CT Educators may earn .4 CEUs. Space is limited, please call for reservations.**

**Fee: \$50; \$35 IAIS Members (fee includes all materials)**

## ***Veterans Day Celebration***

Sunday, November 14th 12:00 pm

Each year IAIS honors a local Native American who has served in the United States Military. Throughout history Native Americans have served their country with the highest record of service per capita when compared to any other ethnic group. Join us in remembering all veterans, Native and non-native, who have served our country with courage and pride. Following a traditional ceremony in our outdoor village we invite participants and visitors for a light lunch.

**Free; donations welcome**

## ***LHAC Lecture Series Presents***

### ***Native American Clay Containers: Connecticut's First Crock Pots***

Sunday, November 14th 3:00 pm

What did the local Native American cooking pots look like? Who made them and how?

Find the answers to these questions and more at this hands on demonstration of local Indian pottery manufacture by Litchfield Hills Archaeology Club President Andrea Rand. Based on her studies of prehistoric pottery from Connecticut archaeology sites and extensive replicative research, Andrea will introduce her audience to indigenous techniques of clay preparation, temper choice, vessel construction, decoration, and firing – building a pot before their very eyes! One thousand to two thousand year old potsherds from IAIS's collections will be temporarily displayed at this presentation.

Andrea received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Central Connecticut State University and did post-graduate work towards the M.A. in Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. She has over twenty years' experience in archaeological excavation and pottery replication. **Fee: \$5 General Public; Free to LHAC Members**

## ***LHAC Lecture Series Presents***

Native American Communities and Cultures About Lake Waramaug

Sunday, December 12th 3:00 pm

Dr. Lucianne Lavin, Director of Research and Collections at IAIS, will give a PowerPoint presentation about the original settlers of the lake, Chief Waramaug and his Weantinock tribe, as well as findings from previous and recent archaeological excavations around the lake.

**Fee: \$5 General Public; Free to LHAC Members**

## ***Winter Indian Market***

Saturdays & Sundays only,

December 4th - December 19th 12:00 noon - 4pm

Once again we are hosting local Native American crafters, jewelers and artists for weekends **only beginning** December 4th and continuing through December 19th at our Annual Indian Market. Take advantage of this time to meet and buy directly from the artists while learning about contemporary Native American art and cultures.

Stop by between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 4:00 pm to purchase gourds, pottery, jewelry, rattles and more!

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## CALENDAR

To help members plan their calendars, we post the dates of meetings of interest in Connecticut and neighboring states. Please contact the editor with any meetings you are aware of which you feel would be of interest to the membership.

**October 16, 2010**, ASC Fall Meeting, South Windsor, CT

**October 28-31, 2010**, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA), Lancaster, PA

**October 28-31, 2010**, Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF), Williamsburg, VA

**January 29, 2011**, FOSA Annual Meeting, Glastonbury, CT

**April 23, 2011** (tentative) ASC Spring Meeting

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## FALL MEETING

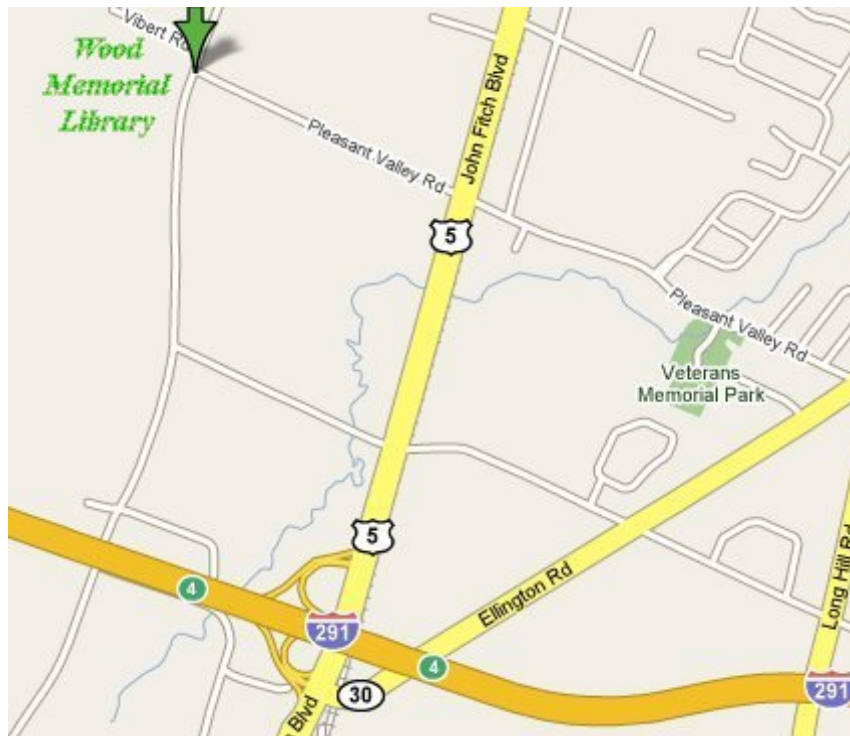
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South Windsor, CT

**Saturday, October 16, 2010**  
Dan Cruson, Acting Program Chair

*Theme: The Archaeological Society of Connecticut  
and the History of Connecticut Archaeology*

- Admission:** \$10 - general public; \$8 - members (ASC, FOSA or Wood Memorial Library); \$5 students
- 9:00 - 9:45** Registration and Coffee.
- 9:45- 10:00** Welcome and Overview of Today's Presentations  
Dan Cruson - President
- 10:00 - 10:45** *Early History of Archaeology in Connecticut: Yale University, University of Connecticut and the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*  
Paul Costa and Nicholas Bellantoni
- 10:45 - 11:15** *The Contributions of Don Malcarne - Essex Archaeology*  
John Pfeiffer
- 11:15 -11:45** *Nothing Was Coincidence - The Quest of One Archaeologist Fulfilling His Dream.*  
Ted Swigart
- 11:45 - 1:30** Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:00** Brief ASC business meeting - Awarding of the Lyent Russell Grant
- 2:00 - 2:30** *Walter Landgraf: Student, Colleague, Mentor, Friend*  
Kenny Feder
- 2:30 - 3:00** *David G. Cooke and Harold D. Juli: Contributions to Connecticut Archaeology*  
Nicholas Bellantoni
- 3:00 - 3:30** TBA
- 3:30 - 4:00** TBA
- 4:00 - 4:30** *Research on the Binnet Site*  
David Thompson
- 4:30 - 5:00** Reception

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***From the Buckland Mall, Pleasant Valley Rd extends from the Olive Garden on the corner of Pleasant Valley and Buckland Rd.***

***From the John Fitch Blvd (Route 5), signs direct visitors to the library from both directions. A Dunkin' Donuts is located at the intersection of Route 5 and Pleasant Valley Rd.***

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