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From the ASD President...

Soon everyone should be receiving notice of the ASD Annual Meeting, which will be in Dover at Wesley College this year. Thanks to the efforts of Craig Lukezic and David Clark the meeting will be followed by talks on work conducted by archaeologists contracted by DelDOT. This will be an opportunity to learn about recently completed and ongoing projects in Kent and New Castle Counties.

The 2005 edition of the ASD Bulletin will also be arriving in the mail soon. The 2006 edition should follow shortly thereafter, hopefully with other past editions quickly on its heels. Keith Doms is to be credited with helping the society get back on track toward meeting this obligation to its membership. Your help is needed if we are to reach the goal producing a bulletin within the year printed on its cover. If you have or can produce an article suitable for publication in the bulletin, please inform one of the board members and we will work with you as needed to ensure it gets to the printer. A list of board members can be found on the ASD website.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the ASD has been kept active by the work of very few people. A small portion of the membership has put forth a commendable effort at keeping the society not merely running, but vibrant in many areas. Nonetheless, the loss of just one person could mean the demise of efforts to contribute to a greater understanding and respect for the archaeological resources in the state. Therefore, once again I ask you step forward and help the society. At the annual meeting all officer positions will be open, and currently one position, Board Member At-Large, is vacant. Nominations of others or yourself will be accepted up to the time of the annual meeting. Please volunteer to help the society continue to serve in the best interest of archaeology in Delaware.

Sincerely,

Tim Mancl

ASD President



Archaeology Month

The following are the currently planned events for Delaware Archaeology Month:

Saturday, May 01 – Opening Day for Avery's Rest Exhibit, Rehoboth Beach Museum (thorough April, 2011).

Saturday, May 08 – Archaeological Symposium – New Castle Court House Museum, 9:00 – 4:30 pm, various speakers on Early Colonial Delaware Valley.

Sunday, May 16 – Iron Hill Festival

Saturday, May 22 – Annual ASD Meeting, 10:00 – 11:30, followed by a symposium by DELDOT on the Native American excavation done last year in Frederica, 1:30 – 4:00 pm, Wells Theater, in Slaybaugh Hall, on the North Circle on Cecil St, between State St and Governors Ave., Wesley College, Dover. Campus map available on the college's web site, www.wesley.edu (click on Campus Map, upper right of window).

Changes and additions to the above schedule will be posted on the ASD website at www.delawarearchaeology.org.

Note that there will not be an Archaeology Festival at the Zwaanendael museum this year.



Symposium on Early Colonial Archaeology

The third annual symposium on the early colonial archaeology of the Delaware Valley Region will be held from 9 to 4:30 pm on May 8 at the New Castle Court House Museum, 211 Delaware Street in New Castle, Delaware. Now in its third year, the symposium is dedicated to building a regional-level dialog that can identify the uniqueness of the cultures that existed in the Delaware Valley during the early period of European colonization. Admission to the symposium is free and open to the public. To make a reservation, contact Craig Lukezic at craig.lukezic@state.de.us or call 302-736-7407.

Please also see:

<http://history.delaware.gov/museums/default.shtml>

Symposium Schedule is as follows:

9:00 am Introduction

9:15 am

Taken to the Grave: European Trade Goods in Delaware Mortuary Contexts During the 17th and Early 18th Centuries - *R. Dustin Cushman*

10:00 am

The Archaeology of Power along the Colonial Delaware: The Seventeenth-Century Forts that Served as Courthouses and Administrative Centers - *David A. Furlow*

10:45 am

Woodland Settlement Patterns of Delaware and Southeast Pennsylvania: Implications for Contact Period Archaeology - *Jay F. Custer*

1:00 pm

Mexhox's "Land Sales" in Delaware: An update based on New Evidence from New Jersey - *Marshall Joseph Becker*

1:45 pm

A Second Look at Late 17th and Early 18th Century Sites Overlooked in Central Delaware... Examples from Three Sites in Central Delaware - *William B. Liebeknecht*

2:30 pm

Presentations on the Preservation of Historic New Castle - *Students of the Department of Anthropology, University of Delaware.*

Talk on Food History

Tri-state Coalition of Historic Places will host English food historian Marc Meltonville at 5:30 pm on Wednesday May 12, 2010 at the Greenbank Mill. Marc will speak on the experimental archaeology

project at Hampton Court and, for the first time, show how the same model was applied to a much smaller site in Scotland. For more information or to register, contact Tony Shahan at 610-459-2359 or TShahan@newlinGristMill.org. Cost is \$10/person.

"Howard Pyle and the Pirates"

On Thursday May 13 at 7:30 pm, David W. Rickman, Interpretive Media Specialist with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, will present his talk "Howard Pyle and the Pirates," also known as "From the Spanish Main to Hollywood: The Evolution of Pirate Dress, Real and Imagined" at the Dover Public Library. By way of

introduction and, as a bit of a teaser, he will begin the talk in this way:

Everyone knows what pirates looked like – we do, don't we? They were ruffians with scarves tied over their heads, hoop earrings, and big sashes. But how do we know this and is it true? The purpose of my talk is to try and show that evidence for this iconic image is not only found nowhere in history, but was primarily the creation of one man: Delaware native and illustrator, Howard Pyle (1853 – 1911). His is a remarkable achievement, for it is given to few artists to reshape reality to this extent – to make the world see and accept almost without question his own view of past.

For my colleagues, the hook is that it pretty much all happened at Cape Henlopen, before it became a state park, of course. If that isn't enough of a draw, I should note that admission is free.

News from Maritime Chapter

ASD's Maritime Chapter and the Institute of Maritime History plan to continue their underwater survey at Lewes in July, if funding is available. Work started at Lewes in 2007. The inner Breakwater Harbor was finished in 2009 (despite bad weather). Similar work was done at New Castle in 2006 and at Pea Patch in 2005.

They will start on the outer Harbor of Refuge this year, and have another 30 sites to assess and map in Delaware Bay and in Leipsic and Broadkill Rivers.

Avery's Rest

Beginning on May 1, 2010, the Rehoboth Beach Museum will present an exhibit on Avery's Rest, a 17th-century Sussex County, Delaware homestead settled by Captain John and Sarah Avery which was excavated, analyzed, and conserved by the Archaeological Society of Delaware between 2006 and 2010. Utilizing artifacts discovered at the site as a point of reference, the exhibit will explore the shifting economic and cultural traditions of the English and Dutch colonists, and their interaction with local American Indian communities, illuminating the joys and hardships of daily life in Sussex County in the late 1600s and early 1700s.

The exhibit, entitled "Captain John and Sarah Avery: A 17th-Century Family on Delaware's Frontier," will be on display at the Rehoboth Beach Museum <http://www.rehobothbeachmuseum.org/>, 511 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 from May 1, 2010 to April 2011. Museum hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. From May 31 to Oct. 31, 2010, hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens, military personnel,

and students; \$2 for children ages 13-17; and free for members of the Rehoboth Beach Historical Society and children ages 12 or younger. For additional information, call 302-227-7310.

From the exhibit "Captain John and Sarah Avery: A 17th-Century Family on Delaware's Frontier":

In 1674, John and Sarah Avery, along with their children, left their home in Manokin, Somerset County, Maryland to settle on the north shore of Rehoboth Bay. Their new home, first patented as Avery's Choice and later incorporated into an 800-acre tract called Avery's Rest, was likely a mix of woods, fields, and marsh. The family joined other Englishmen, Dutch, Africans, and American Indians in "Whorekill" (or "Hoerenkil"), part of what is now known as Sussex County.

By the time the Avery family arrived, this part of Delaware had been subject to competing Anglo-European and American Indian interests for over four decades. The English had just retaken New Netherland (including Whorekill) from the Dutch for a final time. In the two years prior, agents of Governor Charles Calvert (later Lord Baltimore) had raided area settlements to reinforce Maryland's rival claims. Pirates and privateers trolled the waters of the Delaware River and Bay. In the following decade, Delaware would be annexed to the new Pennsylvania colony but remain a distinct entity.

The Avery family lived in a culturally diverse world in which complex relationships were formed for purposes of profit, status, and survival. These relationships were influenced by the broader political, economic, and social processes evolving in the Atlantic World of the 17th century. This was a frontier culture. Diverse societies faced significant transition, on a stage set by imperialist and nationalist struggles. Through historical and archaeological evidence, this exhibit offers a glimpse into that complex world.

"Captain John and Sarah Avery: A 17th-Century Family on Delaware's Frontier" was planned and created as a collaborative partnership between the Rehoboth Beach Historical Society*, the Archaeological Society of Delaware**, and the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs***.

*The Rehoboth Beach Historical Society (<http://www.rehobothbeachmuseum.org/>) celebrates the founding and history of Rehoboth Beach through the operation of the Rehoboth Beach Museum and events such as the annual gala, luncheons and lectures, exhibits and other programs. Exhibits range from vintage post cards and bathing suits to original Civil War era maps and train schedules.

**The Archaeological Society of Delaware (<http://www.delawarearchaeology.org>) was founded in 1933 by amateur and professional archaeologists to study and appreciate archaeology, and more recently, historic preservation. The organization's mission is to educate both its members and the public about archaeology,

to support professional archaeological investigations, to report on activity within Delaware and the surrounding region, and to promote interest and participation in archaeology and related activities.

***The Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs (HCA) (<http://history.delaware.gov>) is an agency of the State of Delaware. HCA enhances Delaware's quality of life by preserving the state's unique historical heritage, fostering community stability and economic vitality, and providing educational programs and assistance to the general public on Delaware history and heritage. HCA's diverse array of services includes administration of the state's historic preservation office, operation of museums and a conference center, and management of historic properties across Delaware.

NPS Archaeological Lab Visit

ASD would like to thank Al Mattlock and the Society of Natural History of Delaware for hosting a visit to the National Park Service's Archaeological Lab in Philadelphia. On Friday, January 22, they treated us to a train ride into the central city where the group was met by Jed Levine and Willie Hoffman of the NPS. We had a long and intriguing discussion on the archaeology of the first capitol complex. Of course, with this crowd, we focused on the ceramics!

In Memoriam

Leland Jennings, Chief Historian and Director of Cultural Affairs, passed away March 4. Mr. Jennings played a major role in the restoration of Fort Delaware and Fort Miles. He was also a Revolutionary War re-enactor and was a member of the Fort Miles Historic Association and the Middletown Historical Society.

Conference on Quakers and Slavery

Quakers and Slavery, 1657-1865: An International Interdisciplinary Conference is to be held Thursday, November 4 to Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Swarthmore College and Haverford College. The Keynote Speakers will be Gary B Nash (UCLA), Jerry Frost (Swarthmore), and James Walvin (York).

In 1657, George Fox wrote "To Friends beyond sea, that have Blacks and Indian Slaves" to remind them that Quakers who owned slaves should be merciful and should remember that God "hath made all Nations of one Blood." His argument may seem far from radical today, but it initiated three centuries of Quaker debate and activism over the problem of slavery that would ultimately see Friends taking key roles in abolition and emancipation movements on both sides of the Atlantic, and beyond. It was, however, by no means inevitable

that Quakers would embrace antislavery. In the seventeenth century, and most of the eighteenth century, Quakers were divided on the issue, particularly in the British American colonies, with some denouncing slavery, and others owning slaves. In the following century, Quakers were more unified in their opposition to slavery, but encountered a range of spiritual, political, and personal challenges while taking their antislavery message to a wider world. This interdisciplinary conference aims to examine the history, literature, and culture of the Quaker relationship with slavery, from the society's origins in the English Civil War up to the end of the American Civil War, with a focus on what David Brion Davis has called "The Quaker Antislavery International."

Chapter Meetings

New Castle County Chapter

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Greenbank Mill, 500 Greenbank Rd., Wilmington, DE at 8:00 p.m.

The People's Chapter (Kent County)

Meetings are currently on hiatus.

Sussex County Chapter

Meetings will be announced via email and on the ASD web site under the Sussex Chapter page. Meeting dates, times, and places will vary.

Maritime Chapter

Most regular meetings will be joint meetings with the Sussex County Chapter, in order to share training, guest speakers, and mutual projects.

2010 Membership Dues

ASD membership dues should be sent in by the end of the year to ensure continued delivery of e-mails, *Inksheds* and *Bulletins*.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

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Year(s) _____

Membership/Annual Dues

Enclosed are the dues for (check type):

- ___ \$ 50.00 Sustaining Membership
- ___ \$ 30.00 Contributing Membership
- ___ \$ 15.00 Family Membership
- ___ \$ 15.00 Institution Membership
- ___ \$ 10.00 Individual Membership
- ___ \$ 8.00 Student/Junior Membership

I would like to attend the following Chapter Meetings:

- ___ The Peoples Archaeological Society of DE (Kent County)
- ___ Southern Chapter (Sussex County)
- ___ Maritime Chapter (Sussex County)
- ___ Northern Chapter (New Castle County)

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