

# Newsletter

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## Spring Issue

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ENCLOSURE: ESAF PRE-PUBLICATION ORDER FORM FOR ARCHAEOLOGY OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA, Vol. IV, Fall, 1976. Special prices on AENA IV and previous volumes for VAS members effective until September 1, 1976. AENA IV will contain a preliminary report on the Boucher Site, An Early Wood-land cemetery in Highgate, Vermont, by Louise Basa.

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# **AUCTION**

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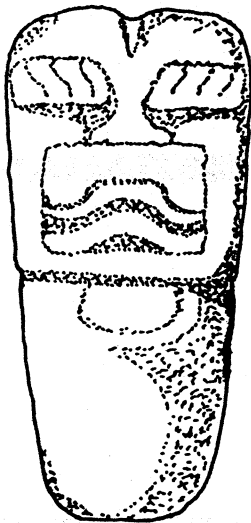
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# VAS Spring Meeting

SATURDAY APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 1976

MIDDLEBURY INN, MIDDLEBURY, VT.



Jadeite Celt in  
the Olmec Style  
Anthropomorphic  
Jaguar Face

- 2:30 PM Registration (\$1.00)
- 3:00 PM Reports: Chapters, Activities, Auction,  
Boucher, Garrison House.
- 4:00 PM Movie: The Early Americans. Portrays  
our current understanding of prehistoric  
man in North America. Filmed in 1974 by  
Shell Oil Co., it includes a Paleoindian  
bison kill, and the long sequence of  
occupation at the Koster Site.
- 5:00 PM Cocktail hour in the Morgan Room.
- 6:00 PM Dinner: Reservation form below must be  
returned by April 10, 1976.

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## RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER—SPRING MEETING

Must be postmarked by April 10, 1976. Make checks payable to: Vermont Archaeological Society Inc. Mail to: VAS, Box 663, Burlington, Vermont, 05401.

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Tax and gratuity included.

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(under 12)

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



7:00 PM Evening Speaker: Dr. Vincent Malmström

Dept. of Geography, Dartmouth College.

Izapa: Cultural Hearth of the Olmecs.

Dr. Malmström received his Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Michigan. Before coming to Dartmouth he taught at Michigan, Minnesota, Texas Bucknell and Middlebury College. He is an expert in European Geography and has published several books.

Dr. Malmström minored in Anthropology at Michigan and has recently conducted research in Mexico. It is Dr. Malmström's opinion that in the great ceremonial center of Izapa can be found the roots of Mesoamerican culture. Izapa is located in the Pacific coastal plain of Chiapas, Mexico.

← STELA 1 FROM IZAPA, CHIAPAS, MEXICO

ILLUSTRATIONS redrawn from: Gordon Willey (1966), An Introduction to American Archaeology, Vol. I: North and Middle America (Prentice-Hall, Inc., New Jersey.

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April 10, 1976

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## BOOK REVIEW — NORTH AMERICA

North America is one volume in the Series in Prehistory recently published in paperback by St. Martin's Press (New York, 1975; Shirley Gorenstein and Robert Stigler, Gen. Eds., 209 pages). According to the editors, one of the aims of the Series is to "sum up the present state of knowledge concerning prehistoric cultural development." North America, like others in the Series, is composed of chapters devoted to either geographical areas, time periods and/or special topics, each written by a specialist in the respective areas. Chapters include The Paleoamericans (Richard G. Forbis), Arctic and Subarctic (John M. Campbell and Linda S. Cordell), Eastern North America (Richard G. Forbis), American Southwest (Dorothy K. Washburn), Far West (Henry T. Irwin) and From the Old World to the New World Via Bering Strait (Paul Tolstoy).

It is inevitable that any short summary dealing with vast geographical areas or time periods will be criticized on the basis of gross oversimplification. Further, authors who are restricted by space limitations (in this case, chapters average 29 pages) tend to emphasize their own interests and interpretations. This book differs from other summary works in its attempt to minimize such deficiencies through the use of bibliographic essays at the end of the chapters. The discussions provide documentation of data (lacking in the text), offer alternative interpretations and in general fill in some of the gaps. While the older classic references are included, most authors have recommended more recent sources, some as late as 1974. The essays are particularly effective following the Arctic/Subarctic, American Southwest, and the Far West summaries.

Since these essays appear to be the major strength of the book, it is unfortunate that they were not utilized in any major way by Richard Forbis. In the Paleoamericans chapter, he states that his selections are "general treatments giving wide coverage and extensive bibliographies," and that they "offer interpretations which may be radically different," from his own. Only four references are listed, all published within a time span of 1957-1965. In Eastern North America, the "overwhelming quantity of literature" on the region is offered as an explanation for the limited number of selections, in this instance eight, all published 1947-1966. In both essays, American Antiquity is cited as an invaluable source for factual information and new interpretations. Why not include then at least two or three specific articles from this source? Lack of space does not apply since half a page is left blank in both essays. One can only wonder if Forbis, unlike the other authors, either misunderstood the nature of a bibliographic essay or was simply unwilling to do his homework.

-- Marjory Power

## BOOK NOTICE

PEABODY MUSEUM MONOGRAPHS: No. 4

Dincauze, Dena Ferran

1976

THE NEVILLE SITE Available from: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, II Divinity Ave., Cambridge, Mass., 02138.  
176 pp. \$10.00

The Neville Site lay on the left bank of the Merrimack River, immediately north of the lip of Amoskeag Falls. It was near the northern end of the known Indian occupation area of the eastern bank of the river.

Excavated in 1968, it yielded radiocarbon dates of 5385±-380 and 7015±-160, implying a major extension of New England's cultural chronology. The known duration of continuous occupation in the region has been extended by 3000 years, and very close early connections with the Southeast have been demonstrated.

## Auction Update

The Auction for the benefit of the Durwood J. Smith Memorial Fund for Publication is to be held Saturday, June 5th, 1976 at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral (Located at the corner of Pearl and Battery Streets). Viewing hours will be from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, with the Auction beginning at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be available at the site. Plenty of free parking. The public is invited. Donations are still needed. Please refer to page 2 of this newsletter for details.



The 60th Annual Archaeological Conference of the New York State Archaeological Association will be held April 23-25, 1976 at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Spa, New York.

The Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Raymond Baby, of the Ohio State Historical Society, who will speak on The Seip Mound Memorial, one of the most important major Hopewell Centers. The author of numerous monographs and articles, Dr. Baby is one of the foremost archaeologists who has worked on the riddle of the Hopewellian people. His research has shown for the first time the settlement patterns and everyday life of these people. (April 24, 1976)

Interested persons may contact Louise Basa 864-7064, c/o VAS, Box 663, Burlington, Vt. for further information.

### ANTHROPOLOGY 195B OR 295A. FIELD SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY

A four-week field course in archaeological methods and interpretations will be offered by the Department of Anthropology, UVM, July 19- August 13, 8:00 AM-4:30PM daily. Excavations will be conducted at a prehistoric site in Chittenden County; associated laboratory analysis will include cataloging and processing of cultural data. Students enrolled at the 295 level will be expected to prepare a research paper on some aspect of either field work or laboratory analysis. Required text (to be read prior to the beginning of the course): An Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology (F. Hole and R. Heizer; Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 3rd Ed.) Six credit hours will be given; class is limited to 15 students.

The VAS wishes to welcome the following people who have joined the VAS this year.

Charles Paquin, Burlington, Vt.  
 Elizabeth Holmes, Stowe, Vt.  
 Howard Stearns, Swanton, Vt.  
 Fred and Joan Cowan, Canaan, Vt.  
 Mariella Squire, Eggertsville, N.Y.  
 Robert Schuyler, New York City  
 J.B. Peterson, Shoreham, Vt.  
 Kenneth Raymond, Johnson, Vt.  
 Jean Sbardellati, Winooski, Vt.  
 David Kupic, Burlington, Vt.  
 Skipper Lockhart, Charlotte, Vt.  
 Andrea Selkirk, South Burlington, Vt.  
 David Wheeler, Provincetown, Mass.  
 Davis Koier, Waterville, Vt.  
 James Breeyear, Portsmouth, N.H.  
 Janet Maclenman, Montpelier, Vt.

We note with regret the deaths of Mrs. Miriam Flitts of Montpelier and Dr. Richard S. Woodruff of Burlington. Mrs. Flitts was a VAS member since its inception in 1968. Dr. Woodruff had a life long interest in archaeology and was active in the Burlington Chapter. They will be sorely missed by those who knew and worked with them.

## A Message To Our Members

The Vermont Archaeological Society is and always has been, at least philosophically, a group governed by its members in a manner to best serve that membership and the residents of the state of Vermont.

The decisions and policies are made by the Board of Trustees. These members make their decisions and policies by the mandates and wishes of the membership, when they are made known. In the absence of information from the membership, they then act by what they feel to be in the interests of the Society.

The Society is about to embark on a membership drive to interest more people in the archaeology of Vermont; what it is, its problems, its needs. What its members as interested citizens as well as members can do to preserve and protect a rapidly diminishing non-renewable segment of this country's past. We would like your comments on what we have done in the past for you, what you liked, what we haven't done that you think should be done, and what you think has been wrong or unnecessary. Only you can, and have the right to tell us, so that we may do our tasks better in the future. Please take a few minutes to write us and make your feelings known. Our address? The Vermont Archaeological Society, Inc., P.O. Box 663, Burlington, Vermont 05401.

Thank you, Edgar Bacon, President.

# ESAF Annual Meeting

The 1976 annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation will be held November 18-21 at the Hotel John Marshall, Fifth and Franklin Streets, Richmond, Va. 23219. Members should write to the Hotel to secure accommodations. The host society is The Archaeological Society of Virginia. Federation societies or members wishing to reserve display space for artifact or publication exhibits should contact Mr. M.D. Kerby, Local Arrangements Chairman, 13419 Oak Lane, Midlothian, Va. 23113.

A focus of the 1976 program will be prehistoric and historic archaeological research in Virginia and surrounding areas. Papers of general interest to the membership are also encouraged. Persons desiring to present a paper should contact either the chairman of the session or the program chairman. The program chairman is William Engelbrecht, Anthropology Dept., State University College, Buffalo, N.Y. 14222. Requests to present a paper should be received no later than October 22.

The Preliminary Program Schedule is as follows:

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Registration

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 19

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Address (W. Fred Kinsey, Pres. ESAF)
9:15 - 11:30 a.m.	State Research Review (J. Chapman, U. of Tenn)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	General Session (R. Moeller, Am. Indian Arch Ins.)
7:00 p.m.	Executive Meeting
8:30 p.m.	General Business Meeting

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Virginia Arch. (H. MacCord, Arch. Soc. of Virginia)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	General Session (J. Fitting, Commonwealth Assoc. Inc)
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Annual Dinner with speaker I. Noel Hume of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Topic: "The West Indies and the American Revolution: An Archaeological Perspective."

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Historic Archaeology (W. Kelso, Va. Res. Ctr. For Arch)

ADVANCE REGISTRATION. Please return to M.D. Kerby, 13419 Oak Lane, Midlothian Va. 23113. Make checks payable to the Eastern States Archaeological Federation.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Society \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Fee: Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.50 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual dinner to be paid for at registration.



## MINUTES-SEPT. 2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Present were: Ed Bacon- Presiding, Louise Basa, Carl Swanson, Bill Haviland, Sue Smith, Joe Popecki, Dick Adams and Frank Cowan. Other V.A.S. members present: Giovanna Neudorfer, Gorden Nielsen, Marjory Power, Jean Sbardellati, Ross Christie, Dee Martin, and Davis Koier.

1. The secretary's report was read and accepted. The resignation of Louise Basa as secretary was accepted with regrets. Louise is moving to the Albany area.

2. The following pro-tem appointments were made, effective until the annual meeting: Frank Cowan, membership and corresponding secretary, and Sue Smith, recording secretary.

3. Joe Popecki, treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,153., including monies designated as restricted funds.

4. Marjory Power, chairperson of the Annual Meeting Committee, presented her findings. It was agreed that the meeting will be held on Oct. 30 at the Holiday Inn in Waterbury. Giovanna Neudorfer, state archaeologist, will be the guest speaker. Pre-paid dinner reservations will be required. Details of the program will be announced in the fall newsletter, which will be mailed during the third week of September.

5. Gordon Nielsen presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees: Jules Chicoine of St. Albans, Joe Popecki of Burlington, Dick Ward of Plattsburgh, James Griffin of Rutland, Darrell Casteel of Lyndonville, and Frank Cowan of Burlington. Haviland moved that the slate be accepted as proposed. The slate was accepted as proposed with one nay vote by Louise Basa. Joe Popecki abstained.

6. Proceeds from the auction this summer brought the Smith Fund for Special Publications to about \$1100. Publication policy and plans were discussed, conversation revolving around an expanded and improved regular publication. Giovanna Neudorfer suggested a more substantial bulletin or journal-like format incorporating more substantial material. She volunteered to gather information on costs of various formats, and to serve as editorial advisor.

7. Questions on a budget were tabled until such time as the new board meets. Topics to be brought up then include whether the Annual and Spring meetings can be self-supporting, whether local chapters can submit general budget requests for a fiscal year or specific money requests for specific needs as these specific needs arise?

8. Richard Adams reported that the Vergennes Chapter still exists, though not very active at the moment.

9. Frank Cowan reported that the Burlington Chapter is continuing its excavations at Vt-CH-5 on Sundays, and will continue there as long as the weather permits. With the end of the field season, attention will be turned to the processing of site data.

10. A special board meeting will be held Sept. 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Seminar Room of Williams Science Hall at U.V.M. Giovanna Neudorfer will present plans and invite discussion for future archaeological activities in Vermont.

## BIOGRAPHIES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS

**Darrell Casteel** A resident of Vermont since 1970, Mr. Casteel is 36 years old, married and has two sons. Born in Buffalo, Kansas, he now resides in St. Johnsbury, where he is an assistant professor of Anthropology and Archaeology. He received a B.A. in 1969 at Wichita State University, and an M.A. in 1971. He is currently working on his Ph.D. at Union Graduate School, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He has taught as a visiting scholar in Central Kansas (Anth. and Museum Science) and has field experience in Kans., Okla., N.M., Tex., Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Vt. Other interests include: S.A. Archaeology, member Central State Anthropological Association, member Am. Assn. of Museums, Trustee of the Partners of the Americas, Vt. Council of World Affairs, 3 yrs. V.A.S. trustee, 5 yrs. V.A.S. member.

**James E. Griffin** A resident of Vermont, Mr. Griffin is President and Chief Executive Officer of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and its affiliate Connecticut Valley Electric Co., Inc. He is President of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp., Chairman of Vermont Electric Power Co., Inc., and serves as a Director of each of these companies. Born in Pennsylvania in 1927. Received B.S. and M.S. from Penn. St. Univ. and served with the Commonwealth of Penn's. Dept. of Industrial Development and the Penn. RR. Other interests and activities include: Director of the Vt. National Bank, Trustee of New Industries, Inc., Trustee of Rutland Development Corp., member of the Natural Resources Management and Conservation Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, Trustee Green Mtn. College, Director Vt. Heart Assoc., Chairman of the Rutland County Chapter American Red Cross, and is on the Executive Board of the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has stated that his interests in Archaeology are personal, having read a number of books on the subject and having personally acquired artifacts from a number of sites in Vt. since 1960.

**Joseph T. Popecki** A resident of Vermont. Mr. Popecki is Director of the library, St. Michael's College; First president of V.A.S. and current treasurer; Chairman, Vt. Advisory Council for Historic Preservation; Member of the Advisory Panel of the New England Library Board; Chairman, Citizens for a Quality Life; Production Manager, THAT PAPER, North Burlington News; Commissioner, Burlington, Chittenden County Transportation Authority and Vice Chairman of the Board. Member Vt. Historical Society and Chittenden Cty. Historical Society; Vice President, Vt. Library Association.

**Jules M. Chicoine** A resident of Vermont, Mr. Chicoine has had interests in Archaeology since grammar school. Joined V.A.S. in 1968 (con't next page)

Jules M. Chicoine (cont.)

Has interested others in Franklin County to become V.A.S. members. Has spent the last 17 years dealing in sporting goods. Held offices in the past mainly with recreational connected activities with the exception of Vice President of Vermont Retail Grocers Assoc; Founder of Sportsman's Club of Franklin Cnty. (1947); Joined the V.A.S. in 1968 and spent time with William Ross locating sites in the Champlain Valley.

Frank Cowan A resident of Vermont, Mr. Cowan is an undergraduate at U.V.M. where he is majoring in Anthropology/Archaeology. He is current president of the Burlington Chapter of the V.A.S., and pro-tem membership and corresponding secretary of the V.A.S. His archaeological interests and activities include: Site director B.C.-V.A.S.; Assistant and supervisor of laboratory analysis of Boucher Site materials; Has done contract archaeological work for the Highway Dept. through the summer of 1976.

Richard Ward A resident of New York State, Mr. Ward is in charge of reference and inter-library loan at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System. He received a B.S. in Education at U.V.M. in 1959, an A.M. at Clark College, 1963, and an M.S. in library science at Rutgers in 1964. He has been a member of the V.A.S. since 1971; Charter member and trustee of the Adirondac Archaeological Society; Past president of the Clinton County Historical Society; Member of the Vermont Historical Society; Member of the Society for Historic Archaeology; Co-Author "Guns Under Lake Champlain" which appeared in YORK STATE TRADITION. Mr. Ward is a native Vermonter from St. - Johnsbury.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Joseph T. Popecki |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jules M. Chicoine | On the reverse side is your reservation blank for Annual Fall Meeting.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Frank Cowan       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Richard Ward      | Mail to V.A.S., Box 663, Burlington, Vermont. 05401                            |

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## FALL

October 30, 1976

Holiday Inn  
Waterbury

## MEETING

### Program

- 1:00 Registration and Exhibits
- 1:30 Business Meeting
- 2:30 Reports:
  - The Koster Site Revisited ( Clark Hinsdale III )
  - The Ewing Site ( Ed Bacon )
  - Current Contract Archaeology ( Frank Cowan and Bill Noel )
  - Historic Archaeology in the Middlebury Area (W. Murphy and R. Allcott)
  - Preparation of a School Kit on Archaeology ( C. Paquin )
  - Remembrances of Things Past-- A Slide Presentation of V.A.S. Activities and Meetins since 1968 ( Joe Popecki )
- 5:00 Happy Hour
- 6:00 DINNER
  - Menu and Reservation form attached to Newsletter (see below)
  - Reservations and pre-payment required by Oct. 23.
- 7:30 EVENING PROGRAM
  - "Future of Archaeology in Vermont and the Role of the V.A.S."
  - Accompanying slide presentation.(Giovanna Neudorfer, State Archaeologist, Vermont)

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### RESERVATION FORM

The buffet dinner will include the following items:

Seafood Newburg with sherry in a pastry shell; Beef Tips with Burgundy Wine sauce; Cold sliced turkey; Sliced ham; Sliced cheese; Celery, olives and carrot sticks in a bed of ice; Old fashioned potato salad; Potatoes au gratin; Tuna fish salad; Relishes, pickled beets and onions; Green garden salad; Assorted jello molds; Rolls and butter; Choice of beverage; Assorted pastries.

Please accept reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.85 per person  
(Price includes state tax and gratuity)

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Please make checks payable to Vermont Archaeological Society) Deadline for reservations: Oct. 23.

(Return to) Dr. Marjory Power, Dept. of Anthropology  
Williams Science 503, UVM, Burlington, Vt. 05401

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

## BOOK REVIEW

1975 Thomas R. Hester, Robert F. Heitzer, John A. Graham, Field Methods in Archaeology, 6th edition.  
Mayfield Publishing Co., Palo Alto. 408 ppg. \$9.95

Rather than discussing my views of Vermont archaeology and the role of the VAS at this time in the newsletter, I am going to wait until the annual meeting, when I can personally meet and visit with many of you. My first contribution to this newsletter, therefore, will be a review of a volume which I highly recommend as a source of much useful and interesting information both for the active and arm-chair archaeologist.

Primarily, Hester, Heizer, and Graham's Field Methods in Archaeology is a thorough reference guide and manual of basic and relatively up-to-date archaeological principles and appropriate techniques of data retrieval and recording. Although the authors tend to use examples of prehistoric sites, the information in this book is broadly applicable both to sites of any period and to numerous forms of archaeological activity, not just excavation. Field Methods includes heavily referenced and information packed chapters on site survey, site mapping and layout, methods of excavation, data recording, recovery and recording of human physical and faunal materials, the study and care of artifacts and other forms of data, and archaeological field photography. There are two important aspects of this book which distinguish it from every other guide to field techniques. First, each chapter provides extensive references to additional literature. In fact, this book would be of major value for the professional and the amateur for its 71 page Bibliography alone, which includes some 1500 titles. The second aspect of this book which sets it apart from other volumes of its kind is its incorporation of contemporary archaeological theory and methodology into the discussion of field techniques. For example, it introduces the notions of probabilistic sampling, at the survey, excavation, and data analysis levels. In addition, an appendix by Sonia Ragir has a satisfactory overview of sampling in archaeology, although her discussion is somewhat confusing because she does not clearly distinguish between geographic sampling, e.g., over a site of unknown dimensions, and sampling of known populations, e.g., a collection of one thousand projectile points. This distinction should be emphasized because these two kinds of sampling are based upon two different mathematical systems (nonparametric statistics and parametric statistics). Different kinds of sampling, therefore, require different methods in the field.

One reason why I highly recommend this book for arm-chair amateurs as well as for field-oriented individuals is that it summarizes the directions that archaeology has followed in the past twenty years in all types of activities, from survey to analysis. For example, the chapter on replicative experimental archaeology is extremely interesting, especially for those who are not yet acquainted with this form of archaeological research.

In sum, Field Methods in Archaeology is a very diversified book which provides a core of technical information on virtually all aspects of archaeology, and, as the authors suggest in the Introduction, will lead "serious students..... to look up the publications referred to and look up what other workers have done."

## SITE SURVEY FORMS

The office of State Archaeologist is compiling a master list of Archaeological sites in Vermont.

This list is to be confidential and is vital to preservation of these sites in the face of increasing highway projects, sewage and water projects, urban developments, inland waterways flood control projects, and Act 250 compliances.

If you personally know of any sites or suspect any sites, please aid this project by sending for these site survey forms.

The address is: Giovanna Neudorfer  
State Archaeologist  
Agency of Development and Community Affairs  
Pavillion Building  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

The survey forms will be ready in mid-October, 1976.

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am attempting to do a projectile point typology for Vermont. It will be a formal analysis with geographical distribution of point types; I will also be using cultural and chronological data when available. The project is in partial completion of a master's degree at SUNY Buffalo, where I am a graduate student.

I would appreciate any help which collectors and interested persons can give in making their collections available to this project. At the very least, the typology will organize an overview of Vermont points and provide a base from which further study can be done.

I can be reached at 52 Simpson Court, So. Burlington, Vermont, 05401 (862-9567), or c/o Anthropology Department, Williams Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont.

Thank You

Mariella Squire  
52 Simpson Court  
So. Burlington, Vermont 05401

TO:

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Vermont Archaeological Society, Inc.  
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FROM:

CONTAINS: PROGRAM AND RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL FALL MEETING

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