



# Newsletter

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

VAS Board of Trustees Meeting  
 January 21, 1977 8 pm  
 Bixby Memorial Library, Vergennes, VT.

Present were: Clark Hinsdale, Dick Adams, Carl Swanson, Joe Popecki, Frank Cowan, Joe Pollender, Louise Basa and Sue Smith.

Auction. Carl Swanson reported a reservation at St. Paul's June 4th weekend or thereabouts. Joe Popecki asked if we should encourage and sponsor an auction in the Brattleboro area to spread our base. Clark responded that we have had no news from Walter Harrington of Brattleboro. Donation receipts are ready for delivery and mailing.

Giovanna wishes to serve on the Printing Committee. A Mass. printing house reports that the Mass. Archaeological Society pays \$3.00-3.50 each for 400 copies of a 28 page journal, typeset. Complete preparation of copy for printing is one way to cut costs.

Will the money from Historic Preservation cover 70% of complete costs or just printing costs? What material, how much, will Giovanna have for any issue? Could we use Anthropology student research papers? Frank Cowan is encouraging submission of papers by students. We all should watch for material suitable for publication. An artist is needed, also. Should the Journal be given to members, or be charged for? Maybe half price to members after the first issue. Joe Popecki and Dick Adams will go to Montpelier to talk with Giovanna about these details early in February.

Present membership mailing is 120. Maybe we should give away 80 memberships to bring us up to the 200 mark for mailing permit purposes. At that point each mailing costs 2½¢ per copy instead of 13¢, for a savings of about \$10 per mailing. It was moved by Dick Adams, seconded and voted favorably that the Membership Committee, Dick Adams, offer free one year memberships to High Schools and College Librarys and other selected institutions around the state.

Frank Cowan will check the P.O. Box regularly and forward the contents to S.M.S. via UVM mail. He will see to paying box rent immediately and will check with Mr. Gadue concerning non-profit mail applications.

Joe Popecki will get Tax Exemption number from IRS.

Louise Basa will develop an overview of archaeology script for Joe P. to build a slide show around. It should be promotional and educational touching methods, reasons, and preservational ethic.

The Bylaws (500 copies) have been printed. Sue will mail out a copy to each new member. They are available upon request from Sue Smith.

Three spots have been offered as a permanent home for the VAS:  
 a carriage house on S. Willard  
 a garage bay at 295 Pearl, and a  
 street level flat, unfinished at 303 Pearl St.

# TRUSTEE'S MINUTES (CONT.)

Dick Adams moved that Clark, Joe, Carl and Frank look into the possibilities of each and report back. It was seconded and passed.

FEB. 18 7:30 pm  
Williams Science Hall, UVM

Present were: Frank Cowan, Joe Popecki, Carl Swanson, Bill Haviland, Jim Peterson, Clark Hinsdale and Jim Griffin.

Joe Popecki developed a flow chart of communication responsibilities.

The new zipcode for VAS, P.O. Box 663, Burlington, Vt. 05402.

The bill for the Winter Newsletter was \$46.01. Expenses of Editing and mailing \$63.20. Printing-Johnson State College.

Bill Haviland moved that initial requests for back issues of the Newsletter be filled when possible at 50¢ a copy with a membership application enclosed. Seconded and passed. The secretary was instructed to deal with requests at her own discretion to generate membership.

It was suggested that there is a potential chapter in Middlebury with the College and John Deere personnel. Bill Murphy is contact.

Saturday April 23 or 30 were suggested dates for the Spring Meeting. Location suggestions: Woodstock, Rutland, Middlebury. Each location has an active Historical Society which might cooperate in co-sponsoring the meeting since our Spring Meeting does not include a business meeting. Jim Griffin, Vice President of the Society, agreed to serve as Spring Meeting Chairman. This might be a good precedent to establish. Publicity in the local newspapers will be sought. Bob Sincerbeaux of the Eva Gebhardt Foundation could be invited to attend and participate.

The VAS Office Location Committee reported that they had inspected the locations. 303 Pearl St. is the most desirable but would cost about \$4000 to renovate. 295 Pearl could be made usable for several hundred dollars. It was suggested that we could use 295 Pearl in the near future with a long range goal of rehabilitating 303. The committee will bring cost projections and plans to the next meeting.

The Auction is set for June 4 at St. Paul's, Duane Merrill auctioneer.

Carl suggested that we sign up to have a booth at the Essex Junction Lawn and Garden Show, April 15-17. Frank, Joe, and Carl were appointed as a committee. Joe P. made the motion and it was authorized that we spend up to \$50 to provide and set up a display. This sum to include any show registration fee. Charlie Paquin and/or his educational kit were suggested as the central attraction.

MARCH 21 7:30 pm  
Williams Science Hall, UVM.

## TRUSTEE'S MINUTES (CONT.)

Present were: Bill Haviland, Frank Cowan, Jim Peterson, Bill Bayreuther and Sue Smith. Telephone conference calls with Jim Griffin and Carl Swanson enabled the transaction of business because a quorum consists of one third of the board membership of eleven and there were three board members present.

In a telephone conversation with Jim Griffin, plans for the Spring Meeting were discussed. The chairman recommends that the VAS try to share a dinner speaker, Gordon Day, with the Anthropology Club. Jean Sbardellati is president of the Anthropology Club. The subject would be the Abenaki's of the Northeast. His visit is scheduled for Sat. the 23rd of April. Transportation and accommodations for Mr. Day are being arranged by the Anthropology Club with some financial assistance from Mrs. Jane Hanks. An expenditure not to exceed \$50 was authorized to be applied to honorarium and other expenses. Since Middlebury can not accommodate the meeting on the 23rd, Rutland is the next choice of location. If this plan does not work out, the chairman will schedule the Spring Meeting for April 30th to allow an extra week to make arrangements and procure a speaker.

Perhaps some specific opportunity can be made during the Spring Meeting to draw together a nucleus for a prospective chapter.

Frank Cowan will serve as secretary during Sue Smith's absence, April 15 to May 15.

The Certification Committee reported that we have our first candidate for certification.

Carl Swanson is setting up a schedule of workers to cover the Essex Junction Lawn and Garden Show. Personnel may volunteer. Frank Cowan will write Louise Basa for a script for the slide show Joe P. will pull together.

## CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Carolyn Kerson has fulfilled the requirements for Basic Laboratory Technician in compliance with the guidelines established by the Vermont Certification Board: attendance and satisfactory completion of a Basic Laboratory Techniques seminar; demonstrated ability in washing, marking, and rough sorting of artifacts, maintaining an accurate catalog, and restoring damaged or repairable artifacts. Although we have only established and developed guidelines for a Basic level of certification, Ms. Kerson has demonstrated an ability to qualify for a higher level of certification as a laboratory technician.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST 8 MONTHS --- GIOVANNA NEUDORFER

A month ago, I had to prepare a summary statement of the past 8 months' work and present it to the rest of the staff of the Division for Historic Preservation, for and with whom I work. I think the VAS members would be similarly interested in knowing where we have been and where we are going, so I am taking this

## OVERVIEW (CONT.)

opportunity to let you know.

The main direction of my work, thus far, has been to lay a solid, broad foundation to assure the success and effectiveness of the State's archaeological program. Public relations has been of utmost importance and is a continuing concern. Archaeological resources are such that they are neither self explanatory nor readily economically beneficial, as are architectural/historical properties which are both visible on the landscape and can be used for housing, commerce and other purposes. I thus, have spent a great deal of time explaining to Federal and State Agencies, municipalities, planning commissions and private individuals the value of archaeological resources, and our policies and procedures. As a consequence, numerous agencies have been better able to incorporate our concerns into their planning process and operations to best assure protection and preservation of the archaeological resource base.

Another major development was working out an arrangement with Drs. William Haviland and Marjory Power, by which the University of Vermont is now officially our major contracting agency for a majority of the archaeological survey work required on Federally funded or assisted projects. This enables undergraduate students to participate on a wage basis on the surveys, resulting in an expansion of available manpower, while at the same time giving the students valuable educational experience. In addition to the University of Vermont, I have been in close touch with a number of other archaeologists in the Northeast and generated a base of individuals willing to participate in contract work here, who are familiar with our policies and guidelines. Contacts with personnel at Norwich University, Goddard, and Castleton have also been important in obtaining broad support for our program.

On an organizational level, Davis Koier, my assistant, and I have systematically collected and organized all the previously known archaeological information in the State, such as site data, so that not only is it under one roof, but it can be easily and effectively used in the course of making environmental reviews, developing a State research design, and evaluating the currently known archaeological resources. In addition, Davis has accumulated large files on locations of collections, informants and sites that need to be documented. He is also systematically doing literature and archival research to supplement known information, and developing a large, comprehensive file of reference materials. Davis' assistance and competence have been invaluable, and it has freed me to concentrate my time on other tasks that would have been impossible to do otherwise.

Long term planning and the development of policies and procedures have been another of my major concerns. Primarily, I see the identification of archaeological sites, both historic and prehistoric, as our highest priority for the next several years. By identification of sites, I mean locating and mapping them on the basis of systematic and thorough surface surveys and sub-surface testing. The initial surveys will be conducted in those areas of fastest growth and development. In view of this policy, I will have students in the field this summer in South Burlington, Colchester and Winooski. The four month long project will result in a set of data and a final report that will, ultimately, enable us to better predict site location, it will provide a more comprehensive basis for understanding the type and nature of the area's archaeological resources, and it will enable the towns and regional planning commissions and Federal and State agencies to plan their projects so that they will not adversely affect the archaeological sites. Within the general plan, excavation of sites will not be attempted until we have developed well-defined questions that need answering and are better able to understand where our information gaps lie. It goes without saying that any site in immediate danger of destruction will require excavation if we cannot, or are unable to, protect it.

## OVERVIEW (CONT.)

In order to expand the available manpower in the State that can assist us in conducting surveys and excavations, we developed an amateur certification program which was discussed in the last Newsletter. Eight VAS members are actively participating in my evening Public Archaeology class at the University of Vermont and they will be assisting in week-end surveys this spring. With time, as we get more organized, I hope that more VAS members throughout the State will be able to actively assist us in survey and excavation activities.

In summary, I feel as if we have made great progress in the past months in laying the foundation for the future. By identifying our office as the main clearinghouse and repository within the State for archaeological activities and information, we can most effectively utilize the data from past archaeological activities and plan and coordinate future work so that we can strengthen our information base, yet at the same time provide maximum protection to our archaeological sites.

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## AREA ACTIVITIES

To be presented by the UVM Anthropology Club

April 14th at 8:00 pm  
115 Commons  
Living and Learning Center

"THE SHADOW CATCHER"

A film about one man's (Edward S. Curtis) 32 year documentation of Indian peoples. Spanning his work from 1896-1930, the film incorporates all of the available footage from these years.

The film crew spent 4 months retracing Curtis's steps through New Mexico, Arizona, California and north to British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

The cinematographer (Robert Fiore) has made a serious attempt at recreating the various perceptions and moods of American Landscape that Curtis and the American Indian would have experienced.

Narrated by Donald Sutherland and Patrick Watson 88 minutes.

## Essex Junction Lawn and Garden Show

April 15, 16, 17.

The VAS has been assigned space and will be displaying archaeological educational material. The project is being organized by Carl Swanson, and those who wish to assist should contact him.

## ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

WATERBURY - - HOLIDAY INN

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

2:00 pm	Registration (\$1)
2:30-4:00	Business Meeting and Chapter Reports
4:00	Presentation on Vermont Projectile Point Typology (Mariella Squire)
5:00	Cocktails
6:00	Dinner (\$5.95)
7:30	Feature Speaker, Dr. Gordon Day, "The Western Abenaki of Quebec and Vermont."

## ANTH 195 FIELD SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY

3 Credits Power

The emphasis of this intensive two-week field school will be upon archaeological survey techniques and methodology. Training will include research strategy design field survey, sampling procedures, preparation of site survey forms, laboratory cataloging and processing of artifactual materials, archival research and archaeological resource evaluation. Students who successfully complete the course may use the experience in partial fulfillment of requirements for our state's Archaeological Certification Program. PREREQUISITE: Permission of instructor and specific readings must be completed prior to the beginning of the field school. Class limited to 15 students.

June 20-July 1 8:00-5:00

## FOUR CENTURIES OF AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVISTS\*

The Bennington (Vt.) American Indian Heritage Committee (Jane R. Hanks, chairman) announces two all-day public meetings:

## I Saturday, May 7, 10:00 am, Southern Vermont College, Bennington

Indians as Friends and Enemies in Earlier America

1. King Philip's War and the End of Amity. Francis Jennings, Newberry Library, Chicago.
2. Crisis and Quiescence in the 18th Century. William Fenton, SUNY, Albany.
3. Images of Indians in the 19th Century:
  - a) In literature: Cooper, Melville, Harte... Alan Cheuse, Bennington College and Joyce Adler, Shaftsbury, Vt.
  - b) In art: Catlin, Bodmer, Remington, Curtis... John C. Ewers, Smithsonian Institution.
4. Panel discussion: including Philip Tarbell, New York State Department of Education, and Robert Jarvenpa, SUNY, Albany: Sources of vacillating policies toward Indians.

## II Saturday, May 14, 10:00 am, Bennington College, Bennington, Vt.

Indian Minorities in the United States Today

1. The Eskimo Case. Charles Edwardson, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.
2. States, Tribes and the Federal Government. Philleo Nash, American University, Washington, D.C.
3. The Menominee of Wisconsin. Ada Deer, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
4. Urban Indians. Michael Bush, American Indian Community House, New York City.
5. Indian Tribal Self-Government. S. Bobo Dean, Washington, D.C.
6. The Abenaki of Vermont. Homer St. Francis and Kent Oimette, Swanton, Vt.
7. Panel discussion: Optimal directions of future Indian policy.

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an exhibit of

EDWARD S. CURTIS PHOTOGRAVURES OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIANSApril 12 to May 15, 1977

Usdan Gallery  
Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont





# Spring Meeting

HOLIDAY INN, WATERBURY, VERMONT

2:00 pm Registration

2:30-4:00 pm Business Meeting and Chapter Reports

4:00-5:00 pm Vermont Projectile Point Topology (Mariella Squire)

5:00 pm Cocktails

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Feature Speaker Dr. Gordon Day

"The Western Abenaki of Quebec and Vermont"

APRIL 30, 1977

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. Marjory Power on her being awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities under their Summer Seminars for College Teachers Program. Dr. Power is one of twelve college teachers selected for participation in the seminar; each will be involved in an individually-designed project based on particular research interests.

The purpose of the seminar is to examine the materials and associations so far excavated in American historical archaeological sites, especially the 18th century as the formative period of American cultural patterns.

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It's shaping up to be a busy summer all-ready. The Newsletter may have suffered a little this time around. Due to complicated editing and layout arrangements, if the deadlines are not adhered to, I end up scrambling for a place to lay it out. The last three issues have been brought to you courtesy of the facilities of The Lamoille County Weekly offices, Johnson, Vermont. I'd especially like to thank Duncan and Charlotte Stephens for allowing me to burn the midnight oil there.

The deadline for copy for the next Newsletter is June 21.

I've been asked to inform everyone, including myself, that DUES ARE DUE !!

## SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail with check by April 22.

Enclosed is payment for..... dinners at \$5.95 each.

Filet of Sole.....

Roast Sirloin.....

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