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Membership Report Sue Smith

The Membership Secretary has issued a list of current members of the Society (Those whose dues are paid for the current year)

If your name is not on the list, this may, regretablely, be the last newsletter you receive.

Atto, Kathleen
Basa, Louise
Bacon, Edgar
Bayreuther, Bill III
Breton, Marjory
Brigham, Elene
Burbank, Debra
Capron, Earl
Coffrin, Ann
Cowan, Frank
Cowan, Fred and Joan
Currance, Pamela
Dexter, Warren
Hamilton, Karla
Hanks, Lucien and Jane
Harrington, Faith
Harrington, Walter
Hermes, Cynthia
Hinsdale, Clark III
Keil, Susan
Kerson, Carolyn

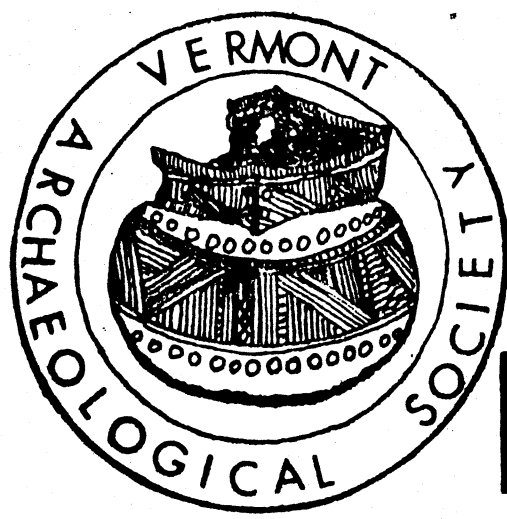
Koier, Davis
Kupic, David
Laberee, Waymer
Lawrence, Thomas and Joan
MacLennan, Janet
Manson, Fredricka
Morris, Louise
Nielson, Gordon
Ott, Eleanor
Partridge, Sanborn
Perkins, Irene
Perry, Brett
Rivard, Mary
Sbardellati, Jean
Smith, Sue, Caroline, McHardy
Tanner, Anne
Toi, Miho
Varney, Kenneth
Vinton, Donna
Vinton, William
Voegelé, Albin and Violet

Hubbardton Excavation G. Neudorfer

A 4-6 week historic archaeological excavation will be conducted at the Hubbardton Battlefield this August. The excavation project will be exclusively within the perimeters of the Selleck cabin site, a portion of which was in existence during the actual battle of Hubbardton. Plans to restore and stabilize the cellar hole foundation, probably built after 1776, have been in the works for some time, and data retrieval in the areas if impact is essential. The excavation will yield information, for example, on when the foundation was constructed, and the data resulting from the project will form an integral part of future exhibits at the visitor's center on the battlefield site.

Due to an absence of professional historic archaeologists within the state at this time, we have had to contract the project out to Dr. Marley Brown at Brown University, Providence, who plans to send up two graduate students. I spoke to him about volunteer help and he was extremely eager to get both community and VAS participation. VAS volunteers will be able to use this project as further credit towards certification. Any individual wishing to partake in this historic archaeological excavation should rop me a note or call me at 828-3226. No previous experience is necessary.

Because this is the first time that an historic archaeological excavation supervised by qualified historic archaeologists has ever been conducted in the state, I recommend that anyone interested in this subject plan to spend some time on the project.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

"The objects of the Society shall be to stimulate the study of Archaeology, particularly in Vermont; to promote research; to conserve archaeological sites; data and artifacts; to disseminate archaeological information; to seek through education the promotion of intelligent archaeological activity; to prevent the commercial exploitation of archaeological sites and specimens; and to foster a public understanding of the aims of archaeological research."

-- Article 1, Bylaws.

I subscribe to the purposes of the Society and hereby apply for election as a _____ member.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ Zip _____

Date _____ Age if student or senior citizen _____

DUES SCHEDULE:

Individual.....	\$5.00
Family.....	\$8.00
Sustaining.....	\$12.00
Student.....	\$3.00 (under 18 only)
Senior citizen.....	\$3.00 (over 65 only)
Institutional.....	\$8.00
Contributing.....	\$25.00
Life.....	\$100.00

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Secretary
Vermont Archaeological Society
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Burlington, Vermont 05401

Auction Committee Carl Swanson

Your Society's previously scheduled fund raising auction targeted for June 4th has been cancelled and rescheduled to take place on Saturday October 1st, 1977. It was found that without exception all of the members involved on various committees were carrying too heavy a work load of outside commitments to assemble a sufficient number at any given time to work on the auction arrangements.

October 1st's auction will again be held at St. Paul's Cathedral. Reviewing time 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be available on the premises. Our goal for the forthcoming auction has been set at 700 items. We request the membership to support your society and this forthcoming auction. It will take the interest, desire, dedication and participation of our total membership to make the auction a success.

The time is short, please begin contacting your friends, neighbors and merchants. The Burlington Chapter will contact it's local merchants. Please contact the following individuals in your local areas for pickups.

Shelburne		
Charlotte.....	Clark Hinsdale III	388-9391
Montpelier.....	Davis Koier	229-0864
Middlebury.....	Bill Murphy	388-7577
Burlington.....	Joe Popecki	863-4121
	Carl Swanson	862-6969
Rutland.....	Jim Griffith	773-3463

Please attempt to obtain good auctionable items. Last year's items were on the whole acceptable, however there were a sufficient number in such a state of disrepair they should not have been included in the auction. Lets try for good quality that will promote an exciting auction.

Update

A second edition of Thomas F. King's Cultural Resource Law and the Contract Archaeologist (revised and expanded) is now out of press. The price is \$1.75 per copy.

From: CRMS, Anthropology Building H-B107,
113 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222

Procedes will go to the Marion E. White Legal Defence Fund of the New York Archaeological Council.

Research Funding Frank Cowan

During the last six years, members of the Vermont Archaeological Society have been engaged in important fieldwork, adding considerably to our knowledge of the prehistory of the Winooski Valley. These efforts have included surface collection and excavation of the Agriculturally disturbed AuClair site (Vt-Ch-3) in South Burlington, limited excavation of an eroding portion of the Winooski site (Vt-Ch-46) in Winooski and Colchester, as well as continuing excavation of the Ewing site (Vt-Ch-5) in Shelburne, now entering its last year of current fieldwork.

This summer, I am attempting to analyze and initiate report preparation for the Winooski and AuClair sites. These two sites represent important segments of the prehistory of the Champlain Valley. Vt-Ch-3 has yielded approximately 1500 artifacts which give evidence for a long sequence of occupation, from approximately 6000 B.C. to perhaps 1500 A.D. The Winooski site, based on present evidence, appears to be a site of shorter occupational duration, being occupied throughout the Middle Woodland period (A.D. 100-600). It seems to represent either an extensive village site, or a continuous series of fishing camps stretching a quarter of a mile along the bank of the Winooski River. It is one of the few such large sites in Vermont to have escaped destruction by development, and remains an invaluable source of archaeological data.

These are important sites in Vermont, especially so because the state has seen so little systematic archaeological research in the past, and because land development and population pressures are threatening these non-renewable cultural resources at an ever increasing rate.

The fieldwork portions of these two studies are, for the present, complete. However, actual excavation characteristically constitutes only about 25% of any scientific archaeological research. Much of the necessary supportive laboratory and library work remains to be done to prepare reports that will make our present knowledge of these sites both useful to other archaeologists in the Northeast, and a part of the public heritage of the citizens of Vermont. This lab work has not kept pace with fieldwork because our active VAS volunteers have been able to devote only limited amounts of time to such ongoing work. This is why I am asking for your help. Reasonable progress can be made only if someone can devote a substantial amount of time to the effort.

This summer, I will be working to prepare these sites for publication in the Occasional Papers series of the Vermont Archaeological Society. As a student, my time will be financed largely through the University of Vermont by the Federal Student Work Study Program which will pay 80% of my summer's wages. The remaining 20% must be paid by a non-profit, public service hiring agency, the VAS. The general funds of the society are at present meagre, and funds to support this research must be raised elsewhere.

I need to raise a sum of \$200 to cover the Society's 20% of my summer's wages. I am, therefore, asking for assistance from you, the general membership. Should you wish to support your Society's research efforts, direct your responses to the Vermont Archaeological Society, Inc., Box 663, Burlington, Vermont 05402. Please don't forget that your donations are tax-deductable and will be increased five fold by the Federal government.

Bibliography Bill Haviland

Vermont Indians; A Summary and Listing of Selected Sources of Information.
by William A. Haviland

A 12 page overview of materials in print, dealing with Paleo-Indian through the present.

Available from: Department of Anthropology
Williams Hall
University of Vermont cost 50¢
Burlington, Vt. 05401

Field Schedule Frank Cowan

The Burlington Chapter has resumed its fieldwork at the Ewing site (Vt-Ch-5) for the 1977 season. The site is a multi-component prehistoric site in Shelburne, with presumed Archaic and Late Woodland components. The Chapter will be working at the site each Sunday through September 25, except July 3. All VAS members and other interested parties are invited to join us and help out at the site. We meet in front of Williams Science Hall, University of Vermont, at 8:30 A.M. each Sunday, and will try to car pool to the site. Bring your lunch, bug dope, and sufficient clothing for work in a cool, shady place. In the event of rain, we will work on site materials in the lab. Please contact Frank Cowan at 656-3884 (or 655-1597 in the evenings) in advance if you would like to join us.

ESAF

The 44th annual meeting of the ESAF will be held at the Hartford Hilton in Hartford, Connecticut on November 3,4,5 and 6, 1977. The fall Newsletter will carry a schedule of speakers.

SHA-ICUA

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology and the 9th International Conference on Underwater Archaeology will be held jointly on January 3rd to 8th, 1978 at the St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Experimental Archaeology

Charles Paquin of Burlington, Vermont's only resident flint knapper, has produced an educational display for the Vermont Historical Society. The display replicates the steps involved in the manufacture of chipped stone tools, beginning with a flint cobble, and ending with the finished product. The display will be housed at the Historical Society's Museum at 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

Abenaki Bibliography Bill Haviland

For those who heard Gordon Day's talk at the VAS spring meeting and wish to read more, and for those who had the misfortune to miss his superb talk, the following bibliography has been prepared. The bibliography includes only those sources which are reliable and reasonably accessible. For the reader who wishes to delve more deeply, the sources listed here all refer to other sources.

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Hallowell, A.I.

- 1928 Recent Historical Changes in the Kinship Terminology of the St. Francis Abenaki. Proceedings, 22nd International Congress of Americanists (Rome) 97-145.

The reader may wish to know that an article by Gordon Day on the Western Abenaki is scheduled to appear imminently in The Handbook of North American Indians, to be published by the Smithsonian Institution.

Also: Day's material was the basis of the ethnographic description of Indian life and beliefs in the film: Prehistoric Life in the Champlain Valley, available from the University of Vermont Media Services, the Vermont Department of Libraries Audio-Visual Unit, and the Vermont Historical Society.

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Snow, D.R.

- 1968 Wabanaki Family Hunting Territories. American Anthropologist 70:1143-51.

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