



# VERMONT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## VAS Annual Meeting on October 29

The 1994 Annual Meeting of the VAS will be held on Saturday, October 29 at the Econolodge Windjammer Conference Center in South Burlington (same place we've had our annual meetings since 1991). Joe Popecki and Steve Moore are working on the final arrangements, while other Board members are scheduling speakers for a full day of papers on a wide range of archaeological subjects. The final program of speakers and papers will be available at registration. The Econolodge is at 1076 Williston Road (left side, traveling east) in South Burlington, just east of I-89, Exit 14E. The meeting room is at the right-rear of the motel with plenty of free parking space. As in the past, our free meeting room is provided by our agreeing to have at least 30 people for noon group lunch (separate checks) at the nearby Windjammer Restaurant, so please try to attend, have lunch with us, and meet who's who in Vermont archaeology. A list of lunch choices (including vegetarian) to choose from at \$7.50 (plus tax and 15% gratuity) will be available at registration.

Morning registration will commence at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Conference Center. Registration for the meeting will be \$3.00 for VAS members and \$5.00 for non-members. Coffee, tea, decaf, muffins, and doughnuts will be available during the morning. The morning program will start about 9:30 with a business meeting followed by program papers at about 10:00. The main business of the Society will be officer and committee reports and

election of a slate of candidates to fill vacancies on the Board. Copies of our own newly-published *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* will be available for purchase in addition to other publications.

## Candidates for VAS Board

The Nominating Committee (Ann Clay, Louise Ransom, Bill Murphy) proposes the following candidates to the VAS Board. Board members serve three-year terms with a limit of two consecutive terms, per the By-laws.

Paul Anderson  
John Steele  
Frank Bump  
Herb Swift

Other nominations may be made if endorsed by five or more current members of the Society and submitted in timely fashion to the Nominating Committee, which shall then transmit such nominations separately to the Secretary if they are not already included in the Committee's list. Submit additional nominations to Ann Clay, RD 2, Box 2460, Arlington, VT 05250 by October 15, 1994.

The following are candidates who were appointed by the Board during 1993-1994 to fill the remaining year of two vacated terms:

Jane Gibbons of South Burlington was most actively involved in local archaeology in the 1970's. She worked with both the VAS and the UVM Anthro Department doing lots of site survey and site registration work, and dug with the VAS at Shelburne



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General inquiries concerning the Society should be addressed  
to the Secretary.

Pond sites, the Boucher site and the Winooski River. Jane hopes to offer additional activities for VAS members.

Chris Schlosser of Burlington is an Archaeology Field Technician with the UVM Consulting Archaeology Program. He holds a BA from Rutgers University (1984).

The following are candidates for 1994-1997 terms. Bruce Hedin has served a 1991-1994 term. John Steele and Frank Bump replace Stephen Moore, who has opted not to seek a second term, and Vic Rolando, who has reached the term limit.

Bruce Hedin of Hancock, N.H., is past president of the Underhill Historical Society and has worked at excavations at Mount Independence, John Strong DAR Mansion, and Rogers Island.

John Steele of Burlington is Executive Officer of the Vermont Air National Guard and does volunteer archaeology work for the UVM Consulting Archaeology Program. John has had a life-long interest in archaeology.

Frank Bump of West Rutland is an inspector with the Vermont Department of Agriculture in the area of consumer protection. Frank has dug at Mount Independence and Rogers Island.

John Anderson has done field work at Rogers Island and has assisted with the identification and analysis of animal bones from the Mount Independence excavations. He lives in Castleton, VT, and is a student at Johnson State College.

Herbert Swift has volunteered for field work at Mount Independence and Rogers Island. He is retired from IBM Corp.

### VAS Publishes *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology*

Volume 1 of *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* hit the streets in mid-August following pickup of 500 copies from The Printed Word at Concord, N.H. A number of patient people whose checks had been held since the spring meeting were immediately mailed their copies. By the time you read this, copies will be available at major book stores up and down Route 7, but they will definitely be available at the 1994 Annual Meeting.

The 176-page book was produced in 8-1/2 by 11 inch format and contains 76 illustrations. The hundreds of bibliographic references alone make this a valuable research tool. The Preface and Introduction are written by David R. Starbuck, Editor of *The Journal*, and the Foreword is by State Archaeologist Giovanna Peebles. Articles include (in order of pre-



sentation): *To Stimulate the Study of Archaeology.: The Vermont Archaeological Society, 1968-1993* by Joseph Popecki;

*A Historical Perspective on Prehistoric Archaeology in Vermont* by Scott McLaughlin and Peter A. Thomas;

*Vermont Archaeology Comes of Age: A Perspective on Vermont's Prehistoric Past* by Peter A. Thomas;

*Prehistoric Land-Use in the Green Mountains: A View from the National Forest* by David M. Lacy;

*Understanding the Significance of Small Sites in the Settlement and Procurement Strategies of Native Americans in Vermont* by Douglas S. Frink, Keith Knoblock, and Charity Baker;

*Archaeology at Mount Independence: An Introduction* by David R. Starbuck and William Murphy;

*The Southern Battery at Mount Independence* by Dennis E. Howe, William Murphy, and Marjorie Robbins;

*The Industrial Archaeology Study of Vermont: 1978-1993* by Victor R. Rolando; and

*Lake Champlain Nautical Archaeology Since 1980* by Kevin J. Crisman and Arthur B. Cohn.

Copies are for sale at the reduced price of \$14.95 for VAS members in good standing (get your dues up to date, folks), \$15.95 for Libraries, and \$19.95 for all others. If you can't make the annual meeting, order by mail from Mountain Publications, P. O. Box 1812, Manchester Ctr., VT 05255 (really Vic Rolando in disguise, who is handling marketing and sales of *The Journal* at no additional cost to the VAS). Please make checks payable only to The Vermont Archaeological Society (or VAS) and include \$2.00 for S&H for first copy plus 50 cents for each additional copy (or \$4.00 plus \$1.00 each additional copy for First Class Rate. Call Vic at 1-802-362-4382 (9 to 9 daily) if you have questions.

The Board thanks David Starbuck for taking time

from his busy schedule to put together this important premier issue of *Vermont Journal*. The Board also thanks Dennis Howe of The Printed Word for donating a significant part of the cost of producing the Journal. And finally, the Board thanks all the contributors who provided copy for this 25th anniversary issue and for their patience while we worked to publish it. *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* was funded totally through VAS funds, made available by generous donations down through the years by key members and wise investments by our Treasurer, Joe Popecki. We feel that we have produced a publication of which not only VAS members but all Vermonters can be proud.

### Farewell to the Troops

At the end of business at the 1994 fall annual meeting, my eight years on the VAS Board will end. Not everyone gets to be on the board for eight consecutive years. The By-laws limit board members to two consecutive three-year terms. Since my first term was a two-year term, the Board saw fit to allow me to serve two additional full terms. Stretching a technicality, but legal nonetheless.

I served the society as vice-president, under Pru Doherty and Bill Murphy, and then four years as president. My first reaction when initially called upon to serve as president was a mix of astonishment and worry. Astonishment because, although vice presidents more than likely do become presidents, I was surprised that my fellow board members thought enough of me to present me with that privilege; and worried that I would be the one to be president when the VAS collapsed.

It is said that one becomes VAS president because no one else wants the job. And unfortunately, some very qualified people don't take the bit and run with it because they don't want to appear to be running against that tide of misguided opinion. When I was called upon to be president, I accepted. I consider being president an honor and see it as the pinnacle of my membership in the VAS. That positive attitude helped me through my years at the helm.



And while on the board, I made the VAS my priority organization. I wish more people thought that way about the VAS. I am happy to report that the VAS did not collapse while I was president. It was never near collapsing, but it always lurked in the back of my mind. I attended better than 90% of the board meetings and encouraged creative, open discussions. I am proud to have initiated "Archaeology Day at the State House" in 1991 (which ran through 1993, predecessors to our first full-blown Vermont Archaeology Week in 1994), and grateful to have been a part of making the premier issue of *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* a reality.

No one is indispensable, and I certainly am not. Presidents come and go, all presiding with their own individual styles, repeating the same mistakes, but finally pulling away in confident stride. I had my style, and now it is time for someone else's. My final request of the board is to keep the team in mind and strive to work together for the good of the VAS and archaeology in Vermont.

Vic Rolando, President

### Trip to Montreal

#### *Visit a New Museum of Archaeology*

Join the VAS on a trip to Montreal on Saturday, November 12, 1994, for a special look at Pointe à Callière, Montreal's new archaeology and history museum! This innovative museum incorporates (is constructed over) the archaeological remains and foundations of several buildings important to Montreal's early history. Pointe à Callière is considered the birthplace of the city and is named after Louis-Hector de Callière, the third governor of Montreal. Museum Archaeologist Jean Guy Brossard will present an in-depth report on the archaeological research conducted at the site and the development of the museum at the fall VAS meeting on October 29.

The group tour fee is \$22.50, which includes the round trip bus fare and museum admission.

Departure from Burlington, VT will be at 8:30/9:00 am, return 5:00/5:30 pm. If you are interested in joining us on this VAS field trip, please return the form below and your check (or other) for \$22.50 per person. Space is limited to 47 persons. If you have any questions, contact Audrey Porsche at (802) 759-2412.

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Mail to: Chimney Point S. H. S., RD 3, Box 3546,  
Vergennes, VT 05491

I'm interested in the VAS trip to Montreal, Nov. 12, 1994.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

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### Missing Member

Does anyone know the whereabouts of this Life Member?

Frederick R. Royce (L82)  
Minnesota Graduate Club  
2089 Carter Avenue  
St. Paul MN 55108

This is his last known address. If you know his current address, please contact Joseph Popecki, Treasurer VAS, 33 Woodridge Road, Burlington, VT 05401

### Letter to the VAS

To Whom It May Concern:

Our museum is collecting reprints, letters and other information on Roy Latham (1881-1979) of Orient, Long Island, New York. To date, over 200 articles by Mr. Latham have been collected or copied.

His biological and archaeological collections represent the most comprehensive assemblage ever put



together on Long Island. Mr. Latham donated over 100,000 botanical specimens and over 10,000 zoological specimens to the New York State Museum. His collection of 100,000 insects was given to Cornell University. The collection of over 30,000 American Indian artifacts was given to the Inc. Long Island Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association (a.k.a. Southold Indian Museum) at Southold, New York.

A notice in your publication requesting reprints or copies and other information concerning Roy Latham would be appreciated.

All of Mr. Latham's publications and other pertinent material will be published in an annotated bibliography. The editors of this publication are Eric E. Lamont, Ph. D. and Walter L. Smith MIBiol.

Very truly yours,  
(signed)

Walter L. Smith MIBiol.

President,

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### Fall/Winter Activities and Meetings Around the Northeast

Sept.30-Oct 2: Historic Ironmaking Conference at the Clove Furnace Historic Site, Arden, N.Y. (18 miles south of Newburgh). Tours and papers addressing historic period ironmaking. Contact: Ed Lenik at (201) 492-8525 (days).

Oct. 6-9: Society for History of Technology (SHOT) at the Tsongas Industrial History Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum,, Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell, MA. Papers, tours, and receptions. Info: phone (508) 970-5080.

Oct. 8: New Hampshire Archeological Society Annual Meeting at Canterbury Shaker Village.

Contact Dennis Howe at (603) 224-7563, evenings.

Oct. 15: The Northern New England Chapter of the Society for Industrial Archeology (NNECSIA) will hold its Annual Meeting and Tour in Bretton Woods, NH. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Mount Washington Hotel, followed by a trip on the Cog Railway. Contact Dennis Howe (603) 224-7563, evenings, for details.

Oct. 20-23: Society for Industrial Archeology (SIA) Fall Tour at Madison, IN. Tours of blacksmith shop, leather shops, nuclear power plant, etc. Contact: John M. Staicer at (812) 265-2967

Oct. 21-23: Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA). at Colonial Williamsburg, VA. Workshops, papers, receptions, tours, and a grand Colonial Dinner. Contact: Julia A. King at (410) 586-0005.

Oct. 29: Vermont Archaeological Society at Burlington, VT. (see elsewhere in this issue).

Nov. 3-5: Eastern States Archeological Federation Annual Meeting at Best Western Airport Inn, Albany, NY. Contact: Dean Snow at (518) 442-4716

Jan. 4-8, 1995: Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA), at Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. Contact: Dr. Henry M. Miller at (301) 862-0976.

## Application for Membership or Renewal

NEW     RENEWAL

I SUBSCRIBE TO THE PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY AND HEREBY APPLY  
(OR REAPPLY) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATEGORY CHECKED BELOW.

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or senior citizen)

DUES SCHEDULE (please check one)

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\*Under 18 or over 65 years of age

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