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President's Message

Scott A. McLaughlin, VAS President

The Vermont Archaeological Society turns 30 this year and this grand achievement is not going unnoticed. The VAS Board of Directors has decided to celebrate this milestone at both the annual Spring and Fall Meetings. A small celebration is planned for the Spring Meeting with a birthday cake. At the Fall Meeting we will have a larger celebration, with an exhibit, slide show, and panel of old familiar members reminiscing about the development and growth of the VAS. If you have any old photographs, film or video of VAS events or activities and are willing to lend them, please share them with us. If you have any novel ideas about how we should celebrate this momentous occasion, please let the Board know.

The VAS Membership survey distributed at the 1997 Fall Annual Meeting and enclosed in the last newsletter is providing us with a lot of great ideas. If you have responded to the survey, we thank you very much. If you have not, you still have a chance before a final report of the survey is generated. We are anxiously waiting for everyone's reply. Whether you are a new or long-time member, we would like to hear your comments and suggestions, so please locate the survey in your last newsletter and take the time to fill it in and mail it. Each member's opinions are extremely important for the developing the direction and goals of the VAS for 1998 and the future.

With all the activity recently taking place with the VAS, the Board and Committees need your assistance. The seven VAS Committees are still actively seeking assistance in activities ranging from conducting library research to planning a summer lecture. There is room for everyone to help. If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the Board Members (page 2) to give you some assistance.

The VAS is by no means a well-known organization outside or even inside the State of Vermont. Unfortunately, the VAS is not even a well-known organization among the historical and historic preservation organizations in the state. Our membership, which is under 250, is small and may explain our current lack of notoriety. It is one of the goals of the Board to change this situation and we are aggressively planning just how the VAS can reach and excite more of Vermont's 580,000 residents about
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VAS Annual Spring Meeting & Archaeology Awareness Auction

Jill Oliver, VAS Vice President

Scott McLaughlin, VAS President

Come celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Vermont Archaeological Society at our Annual Spring Meeting and Archaeology Awareness Auction on Saturday, April 18th. We have a diverse selection of speakers this year presenting topics such as shipwrecks, cemetery analysis, prehistoric mounds and Roman Emperors' Palaces. The Spring Meeting will allow the public the opportunity to get up-to-date information on new developments in Vermont archaeology, results of recent fieldwork and historical research, resources available for teaching archaeology in the classroom, and learn how they can become more involved in Vermont archaeology.

Registration will be \$15 for VAS members, \$20 for non-members, and includes morning coffee, tea, soda, juice, and catered lunch. Registration without food is \$5 for VAS members, and \$10 for non-members.

Following our program of speakers (see program, page 2), the VAS will host the fifth Annual Archaeology Awareness Auction from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We will kick off the auction with a celebration of the VAS's 30th anniversary. Cake, coffee, and tea will be served. The Auction and celebration are free and open to the public. The auction is a fund raiser for "Journey Into the Past," this year's Vermont Archaeology Week, which will take place on September 20-26, 1998.

Vermont's leading special event auctioneer, Dick Hathaway of Norwich University, has graciously volunteered to aid the VAS's great cause. Many exciting items of interest to everyone will be featured at the auction, such as: a handmade Barn Raising Log Cabin quilt, travel tickets, an antique cast-iron Victorian-era parlor stove, gift certificates, jewelry, maps, museum memberships, great tools, art, crafts, antiques, local histories, and rare books. Please come and pick up some great bargains while supporting public awareness of Vermont archaeology!

The meeting and auction will be held at the Kirk Alumni Center, which is located $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile southwest of Middlebury Village on the south side of Route 30 near the Middlebury College Golf Course. To preregister or for more information, please contact
see Spring Meeting Program -2

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to the Secretary

New Board Appointments

Two empty seats were filled at the February 18th Board of Directors meeting. Herman C. Brown and John Peterson were elected to fill David Starbuck's (1996-99) and Jane Gibbons' (1995-98) unexpired terms. Both seats will be voted upon at the Fall 1998 Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors thanks David R. Starbuck, Jane Gibbons, and John Tomkins for their generous services to the VAS. David remains Editor of the *Journal of Vermont Archaeology*, Volume 3 (in progress).

Spring Meeting Program (continued)

VAS President Scott A. McLaughlin, 183 Plains Rd., Jericho VT 05465 (phone 899-4036 or email at smclaugh@zoo.uvm.edu).

The tentative Meeting Schedule is :

8:30-9:30 Registration and Coffee

9:30-10:00 Business and Opening Remarks. Meet new Board Members and greet the VAW '98 Team.

10:00-10:30 "Lake Champlain's Mosquito Fleet: Thomas MacDonough's War of 1812 Row Galley Squadron" by Eric Emery, Nautical Archaeology Program, Texas A&M University.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:15 "Project Update on the Old Burial Ground in St. Johnsbury, Vermont" by Chris K. Slesar, Consulting Archaeology Program, University of Vermont.

11:15-12:00 "New York: The Architecture of Power: Roman Emperors' Palaces in Rome and the Baltic" by Michael R. Werner, Werner Archaeological Consulting, Albany.

12:00-1:00 Catered Lunch

1:00-1:30 "Vermont: Aboriginal Mounds In Vermont" by Douglas S. Frink, Archaeology Consulting Team, Inc., Essex Junction.

1:30-2:00 "Findings from the State Office Building in Newport, Vermont" by Kathy Wheeler, Independent Archaeological Consulting, Portsmouth, N.H.

2:00-2:30 "Vermont: Stone Tools Video" by Consulting Archaeology Program, University of Vermont.

2:30-2:45 VAS 30th Birthday Celebration with Cake, Tea, & Coffee.

2:45-4:30 Archaeology Awareness Auction.

VAS Education Committee Update

Welcome new Education Committee Co-chairs Sheila Charles and John Peterson (also a new VAS Board member). The next committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 p.m., at American Precision Museum, Windsor, and Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 p.m., at GEOARCH, Inc. headquarters, 594 Indian Trail, Leicester (Lake Dunmore).

Hope to see you there!

**Emily Wadhams appointed
State Historic Preservation Officer**
Giovanna Peebles, State Archeologist

Governor Dean has appointed Emily Wadhams, a native Vermonter and Burlington resident, as the new State Historic Preservation Officer for Vermont. As SHPO, Ms. Wadhams leads the Division for Historic Preservation. Starting on April 1, she will be working full-time out of the Division's new quarters at the National Life Building in Montpelier.

With a M.A. degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont's Historic Preservation Graduate Program, Ms. Wadhams has worked as a Historic Preservation Consultant for the last 12 years. Since 1995, she has been Adjunct Professor at UVM's Historic Preservation Graduate Program. For the last 4 years, she was the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board's Historic Preservation Consultant for affordable housing projects. Ms. Wadhams is looking forward to discovering more about Vermont's rich archeological heritage.

Giovanna's New Address

The new mailing address for State Archeologist Giovanna Peebles is:

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President's Message (continued)

Vermont history and archaeology. The Board, with the assistance of its committees, is dedicating more time, effort, and money to publicizing our events. For the spring meeting, we distributed approximately 250 press releases to media organizations throughout Vermont and the Champlain and Connecticut Valleys. The Board is also hoping to provide a presence at the meetings and conferences of preservation, archaeological and historical organizations in the Northeast. If you frequently attend these meetings and are willing to help publicize the VAS, please contact Membership Committee Chair Jill Oliver at 443-5546 or oliver@panther.middlebury.edu.

The VAS is well on its way to having 250 members and hosting five major events each year. This situation makes it economically feasible for the VAS to obtain a nonprofit bulk mail permit. By using bulk mail, the VAS will save greatly on its mailings, which

currently include press releases, notices of events, VAW mailings, membership dues notices, the VAS Newsletter and others. These savings will allow the VAS to spend more of your membership dues on publications and events instead of on postage. The US Postal Service has assured us that today's bulk mailing is as fast and accurate as any first class mail. The process of obtaining the permit will take five weeks, so expect the change with the next newsletter.

Diggers Needed for Bennington Pottery Dig

Openings still exist for diggers for second phase of the pottery dig at Bennington this spring. This year's excavations will take place on the same school grounds as last year's, but at a slightly different spot - on the north side of the elementary school. Object of the 1-week dig, same as last year, will be to attempt to retrieve more evidence of exactly what the ca.1847-1858 U.S. Pottery Company (VT-BE-263) manufactured. Dates of the dig are the week of April 20-24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will also need people to work in the lab, which will be set up in the Mount Anthony High School's Career Development Center. Lab work will start April 21 and continue at least through the weekend.

Project Director is Cathie Zusy, former curator at the Bennington Museum, Project Archeologist is David Starbuck, and Field Archaeologist is Vic Rolando. We would like a minimum of one full day commitment, but if you want to stay longer, we might be able to arrange overnight facilities in local homes. Contact person is Vic Rolando, 442-0105 (or vic.rolando@juno.com). This will probably be the last pottery dig in Bennington for a while.

Summer Fun at Archaeology Summer Camp
by Pamela Lewis

This will be the third season for the Montvert Historical Archaeology summer camp located at Middletown Springs, Vermont. This year's program will have a technology emphasis. Students will make daily posting on the Montvert web page about findings and happenings, add to the electronic artifact database, and learn mapping skills using global positioning. Camp always includes a fun-filled milieu of Victorian music, crafts, arts and creative writing activities, workshops led by specialists in a variety of field, and historical games and activities. Students must have completed fifth grade to apply. Tuition is \$100 per child. Camp runs from 9:00-3:00 daily, Monday through Friday, June 29-July 10. For an application or further information contact Pamela Lewis, RT 1 Box 4141, Fair Haven, VT 05743. Phone 265-3736 (or email at PamelaLew@aol.com).

Out of the Earth: The Archaeology of Raw Materials

Kathleen Callum, GEOARCH, Inc.

Robert Sloma, VAS Secretary

The VAS Education Committee brought off its second successful winter workshop with a gold-plated flourish. VAS Winter Workshops emphasize a rare laboratory opportunity for fans of archeology to view, handle, and discuss interesting artifacts and materials relating to a specific theme. Last year saw the reintroduction of the annual Winter Workshops, featuring renowned Contact Period researchers. This year's Workshop, "Out of the Earth: The Archaeology of Raw Materials," was held Saturday, February 28, 1998 at the Green Mountain National Forest Headquarters in Rutland. Its ringing success can be calculated on at least four fronts: the speakers were great, their topics offered insight on the little explored realm of raw material use, attendance and enthusiasm was high, and the VAS earned a little spare change.

Noted industrial archeologists, geoarcheologists, and an architectural historian hauled out a suite of the northeast's diverse geologic resources. There's an endlessly fascinating list of resources extracted from bedrock contexts, from prehistoric to early historic times: chert, jasper, crystal quartz, rhyolite, garnet, granite, slate, marble, limestone, lime, schist, bog iron, coal, hematite, graphite, soapstone, copper, gold, mica, and so on. Surficial geology yielded peat, kaolin and other clays, sand, and even mineral waters. Raw goods were shaped into spear points, carved into stoves, hammered into plowshares, and powdered into pigment. This year's VAS Winter Workshop presentations focused primarily on materials gained from bedrock geologic contexts. Most speakers emphasized extraction, and to a lesser extent, the processing, or final use of a few key representative materials.

Scott McLaughlin (VAS President) introduced major "Out of the Earth" workshop themes and provided a context for raw material studies in Vermont. Scott discussed the immense diversity of raw materials wrested from the earth by early peoples in the northeast. He also posed questions such as: "where do we expect to find raw materials?" "with what types of sites are quarries or mines associated?" and "what is the value of studying sites associated with raw material acquisition, processing and use?" Few raw material and associated processing sites are listed in VDHP's or other state's files, and most mining district site locations can't be predicted using existing models. Scott therefore challenged us to evaluate whether we are adequately and systematically identifying and protecting quarry and mining districts through compliance, academic, or non-profit projects.

Barbara Calogero (UCONN) bravely guided us "On the Trail of the Knappers: Seeing Through Rocks." Her presentation introduced the bewilderingly broad range of materials used for prehistoric tool manufacture. It also highlighted the problems caused by relying on visual identification of these materials and the need to see through rocks using more advanced techniques like petrography. In her infamous laboratory quiz, Barbara tested our ability to identify common materials. As expected, not many participants got even 40% correct. We're better off flipping a coin to reconstruct ancient trade routes! Mary Ann Levine (Ithaca College) polished up her high tech investigation of "Native Copper in the Northeast." As in Barbara's presentation, Mary Ann also hammered at the need for a variety of methods to identify and investigate raw materials. She pointed out that many issues regarding native copper remain unanswered, including how early peoples could process ore to produce artifacts with surprisingly few impurities left for us to distinguish sources.

Kathleen Callum (GEOARCH, Inc.) then shifted our focus to "Serpents from the Ocean Depths: Soapstone, Talc, Asbestos, and Antique Verde." Kathy, like the other presenters, remarked on how distressingly little information is available on these widely available northern New England materials. She postulated that modern mining districts are putting increasing pressures on historic and early Native American quarry sites, and encouraged systematic survey of these precious resources before it is too late.

After a leisurely lunch and more artifact viewing, Gordon Pollard (SUNY Plattsburgh) processed us "From Ore to Iron: An Historical-Archeological Perspective." Gordon's presentation emphasized the complex organization of industrial sites, a theme that resoundingly applied to many of the other resources reviewed during the workshop. He also introduced many of us to the intriguing concept of 19th-century sustainable industry. Gordon featured an example of an industrial center that managed the surrounding natural resources such as timber for charcoal, to ensure continued supplies of fuel. Unfortunately, the same foresighted management was not true for human resources. During this period, raw materials and workers were heavily exploited and often more profits were gained from the company store than the earth. Elsa Gilbertson (VDHP) provided the last formal talk of the day, "The Building Blocks of Vermont's Architecture." Elsa cemented the fact that few raw material extraction sites or resource districts are documented on the National Register of Historic Places, in VDHP, or other state's site files. Her slides captured natural resources like timber, clay, sand, and stone as the clapboards, brick walls, glass windows, and stone foundation architectural components of historic buildings.

We then car-pooled to Granville, N.Y., where Susanne Rappaport gave workshop participants a great guided tour of the recently established Slate Valley Museum. Museum exhibits detail the geology, lifestyles, and industry within the famous Vermont-New York slate belt. Participants also were treated with a chance to query experienced slate quarry owner, Steve Williams, about his trade.

Argillite. Copper. Soapstone. Iron. We needed raw materials in the past and we need them today. The limited number of raw materials that we were able to explore during our one-day "Out of the Earth" workshop symbolized the enormity of this topic. By the end of the day, it was clear that sites associated with raw material extraction and processing receive little archeological attention. Unfortunately, these little-known sites are increasingly threatened by development, including the reopening of prehistoric or historic mines for modern use. Workshop participants acknowledged the need to balance modern resource extraction and growth with historic preservation, and urged careful documentation of quarry sites prior to their reopening. Increased concern about hazardous waste has also prompted initiatives to "clean-up" several historic industrial sites (such as the Elizabeth copper mine), which also calls for archeology as part of this process.

The spontaneous discussion near the end of the workshop suggested a few trends for the future. Many Vermont workshop participants were disappointed with the lack of information on local sites, and stressed the need for more exploration of the Green Mountain state's famous resources. Lack of funding, or incentives, for such research were cited as major obstacles. Several members of the audience expressed the need for more recognition, and consideration, regarding these types of sites under the jurisdiction of federal and state reviewing agencies. The audience quickly came to a consensus that the VDHP archeological site files could efficiently merge information on the locations of abandoned mines, quarries, and related processing sites maintained by the Vermont Geological Survey. In addition to further documentation and research, the audience called for the broad public interpretation of these important natural resources. Too few raw material sites, their products, or the data gained from them, are being used to draw heritage tourism or to produce hand-crafted products. Perhaps also Vermont should strive for a comprehensive natural and cultural history museum, with a excellent mining display, befitting a heritage tourism state.

The VAS Winter Workshop boasted a packed room of 35 participants (including 1 scholarship recipient, a new program) and 6 presenters. Attending were 22 VAS members and 13 non-members. Individuals were attracted to this compelling topic from as far away as Rhode Island. We received an income of

\$1,180.00, and expenses such as honoraria and refreshments totaled \$983.60, leaving the "Out of The Earth: The Archaeology of Raw Materials" Winter Workshop with a tidy profit of \$196.40. The VAS is grateful to David Lacy of the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest for providing the facilities and photocopies. GEOARCH, Inc. donated \$189.29 of workshop supplies, photocopies, and postage. Sheila Charles served as contact and arranged for refreshments. Cheryl Fregeau cheerfully volunteered at the registration desk. The VAS Education Committee organized the Winter Workshop under the direction of the authors. We thank everyone involved for their time, energy, and enthusiasm for one of our favorite topics.

Please let the VAS Education Committee know what you would like to see for next year's Winter Workshop.

Check out the VAS web page at

<http://www.uvm.edu/vhnet/hpres/org/vas/vas.html>

National Forest Planning - and YOU!

David Lacy, Forest Service Archeologist

As many VAS members know, the Green Mountain National Forest manages nearly 400,000 acres of mountainous central Vermont. The Forest includes thousands of Heritage Resources, including prehistoric Native American sites and sacred places; archaeological (and occasional architectural) remains of historic farms, mills, dams, travelways, cemeteries and landscapes, and the industrial kilns and post-industrial CCC-era buildings and fire towers erected in the 1930s.

Management of these historic properties, and the nature of the Heritage Resource program in general, is guided by the "Forest Land Management Plan" - a comprehensive planning document that is produced in conjunction with the public. The Plan is nearing the end of its cycle, so we have been working on revising it. Progress has been delayed due to Congressional action, but we are moving forward with some land management issues.

The Forest has prepared a 10-page DRAFT "Heritage Resources and Native American Affairs" Issue Paper. It includes a section summarizing comments received from the public to date, a section describing the existing direction provided by the current Forest Plan, and a final section reporting on the current state of the program. If you would like to review this document, and help influence the direction of Heritage Management on your National Forest into the next millennium, please contact me, David Lacy,

Forest Archaeologist, Green Mountain National Forest, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701. Phone 747-6719 (or email dlacy/r9_gmfl@fs.fed.us). Thank you in advance for your interest.

VAS Spring Bus Tour

Frank Bump, Finance Committee

Reservations are now being accepted for the VAS Spring Bus Tour to Forts Chambly and Lennox (Isle Aux Noix) in Canada on Saturday, May 6. See the February 1998 issue of *VAS Newsletter* for a brief history of the Forts Chambly and Lennox. Our bus will leave Middlebury at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, from the Exxon & Vermont Transit Station, Court Street (Route 7). Bus will also stop for pick up at the Vermont Transit Bus Station, Burlington around 9:00 a.m. and arrive at Fort Chambly at about 10:00 a.m.

Only 20 minutes from Montreal, at the foot of the Richelieu Rapids, Fort Chambly is a precious witness to the French presence in North America. A self-guided tour of the museum brings you back to the daily lives of the French soldiers and "habitants" of the 18th Century. Exhibits include French soldiers uniforms of the 1750's, artifacts found during the archaeological digs at the fort, and the history and architecture of the fort.

Fort Lennox consists of various masonry buildings and defense works of outstanding beauty, built at Isle Aux Noix between 1819 and 1829 to protect Canada in the event of a U.S. invasion by way of the Richelieu River. Exhibits include barracks, prison, guardrooms, and officers quarters, plus artifacts, from the best preserved British fortress in Canada.

Cost for the trip is \$23.00 per person for the bus and admission at both forts. Lunch is on your own. Restaurants are within walking distance of the fort or pack a picnic lunch (Fort Chambly has a picnic area). Space is limited to the first 47 persons. For more information write or call the Frank Bump, 4 Church Street, Brandon, Vt 05733-1108 or phone 247-6980 Fill in the form below, including your check payable to Vermont Archaeological Society. Bring a friend (doesn't have to be a VAS member). Mail form and check to the above address

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Enclosed: find check for ___ people @ \$23.00 each for the VAS May 16th bus trip to Forts Chambly and Lennox. Please print.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: ____ (____) _____

Statewide Archaeological Contracts

Duncan Wilkie, VAOT Archaeologist

During April 1998, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VAOT) will be asking for a RFP (Request For Proposal) from professional archaeologists to bid on a Statewide Archaeological Retainer Contract. Professional archaeologists who are qualified by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to conduct archaeologist studies in Vermont and are interested in working on highway projects should contact VAOT Contract Administration at 828-2641 for information and placement on a list to receive an RFP. Statewide Archaeological Retainer Contracts, when awarded, will be for three years and will require an archaeologist to conduct studies throughout the state.

A scope of work that will be attached to the RFP that will explain in detail the types and kinds of studies and other necessary archaeological information. For general information on archaeological studies for the Agency contact Duncan Wilkie, VAOT Archaeologist, at 828-396, Fax at 828-3983, or email Duncanw@planning.aot.state.vt.us.

The VAS Nominations Committee

Robert Sloma, Nominations Committee Chair

If you are interested in helping the VAS move into the future, please consider a seat on the VAS Board of Directors. This is your chance to take an active role and make a difference. The Society is always seeking folks who are interested in actively protecting Vermont's rich and ancient archeological heritage by filling upcoming vacant seats on the Board. If you are a VAS member who is eager to learn more about Society operations and the future, the Nominations Committee has bylaws and other information available. Every VAS member is encouraged to drop by the monthly Board meetings, typically held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 to about 9 p.m., at the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce. Please drop by the Nominations Committee meetings, discuss potential Board nominees, let us know if you are interested in becoming a Board Member, or know a great candidate for a Board seat. VAS Board Members are encouraged to guide or serve on the society's many active committees. The next Nominations Committee meeting is Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at GEOARCH Inc., 594 Indian Trail (Lake Dunmore) in Leicester. For more information on Nominations Committee, Board Meetings, or to suggest nominations, please contact Robert Sloma at address/phone number/email contained in the Board Member listing on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Chaffee Center Archaeology Camps

Sheila Charles, Education Committee Co-Chair

Back for another great year of exploration and adventure, these camps introduce junior archaeologists to the history of a Rutland landmark, Sunny Gables, home of the Chaffee Center for Visual Arts. Immerse yourself into Rutland history through art, archaeology, and architecture. The program leads participants on a journey through the past as they investigate the existing and former structures through hands-on archaeological field and lab work.

Camps are held Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. as follows: June 22-26 for ages 8 to 13; and August 3-14 for ages 12 and older (adults welcome). Instructor is Sheila Charles.

Learn to identify newly recovered artifacts and help research the Chaffee's historic pewter collection. Arts and craft projects will relate to the Victorian period. Products produced during this camp include a slide presentation and an educational artifact kit pertaining to the history of Rutland and Sunny Gables. For further details, contact Chaffee's Education Director Pam Monder at 775-0356.

Relics and Ruins '98

Debra Gardner-Baasch

Last summer we began the archeological exploration of an abandoned logging town called Aldrichville. Tucked away deep in the Green Mountain National Forest off the Long Trail near South Wallingford, this little logging village was a busy town just a century ago (see "Relics and Ruins" VAS Newsletter, Sep. 1997, pp. 1, 3). We will explore this logging village through archaeology, research of historic records, and exploration of life in rural Vermont before the turn of the century. The two-week camp (July 13-24) for students entering grades 5-9, will include daily hikes to the site, mapping and photography of the area, pen and ink drawing techniques, exploration of the environmental impact of logging, trips to working lumber mills, French Canadian music of the era, and creation of an artistic model of the village.

"Relics and Ruins '98" is sponsored by the Hayes Foundation and the Green Mountain National Forest (US Forest Service). Adult Staff includes Archaeologists David Lacy and Sheila Charles, Historian Mike Barbieri, Artist/Art instructor Steve Halford, and Photographer Lowell Klock. For further information, contact: Debra Gardner-Baasch at 259-2459.

Vermont Archeology Week Needs Your Help

Suggested Donation: \$12.00

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Contributions to VAW are Tax-Deductible

VAW '98 Update

Kathleen Callum and Robert Sloma

VAW '98 Coordinators

The VAS is moving rapidly along the rails toward funding and implementing the Society's premier public outreach, Vermont Archaeology Week (VAW). Plans for "Journey Into the Past," scheduled for September 20-26, 1998 were first introduced in February's VAS Newsletter (see "VAW '98 'Journey Into the Past,'" pp. 6-7). VAW annually features approximately 60 events across the state, most of which are free and open to the public. The VAS published 7,000 copies of *Calendar of Events*, advertising posters by a famous artist, and distributed them to libraries, museums, schools, tourist centers, and many other locations.

The 30th anniversary of the VAS, the 5th celebration of VAW, and the 150th anniversary of railroads in Vermont, offers us all the opportunity to raise public awareness about the Green Mountain State's unique archeological heritage. VAW is co-sponsored by the VAS and VDHP, and is largely organized through the VAS's Education Committee. Your help as a VAS member or as a supporter of archeology is critical in ushering this year's "Journey Into the Past" onto the express train for success.

This article provides an update on the VAS's progress toward raising \$19,600, augmenting our contact database, and event planning. The Education Committee is now co-chaired by VAS enthusiasts John Peterson and Sheila Charles. Please contact them if you would like to be involved in the Education Committee and planning present or future VAWs. The ever-energetic Cheryl Fregeau recently volunteered to serve as VAW '98 regional coordinator for northwestern Vermont. Megan Battey will be contributing her talents to this worthy cause through her dual roles as Addison County regional coordinator and *Calendar of Events* editor. Unfortunately, Jean Dedam's work load increased and she recently resigned her position as northeast regional coordinator. We'll miss her coordinating efforts, and are seeking someone from Vermont's "Kingdom" to fill her shoes. We are also still seeking volunteers to coordinate efforts for VAW '98 Grants, Development, and Publicity, as well as a Special Publications editor. Meet the VAW '98 team at the upcoming Spring Meeting and join us as we promote Vermont's rich and ancient heritage.

The VAS, Board, Education Committee, and VAW '98 Team are already chugging along with donations for funding the society's week long outreach. Your personal financial contributions and volunteer assistance with the society's fundraising efforts will ensure VAW '98's success. Donations of \$500 or more will be listed on the poster, and other sums or auction goods listed on the *Calendar of Events*. This

year, all donations will be highlighted on the VAS's new web site (see page 5). Your donation toward "Journey Into the Past" makes a valuable contribution toward educating the public and protecting Vermont's endangered archeological resources. The deadline for auction item contributions has been extended until April 18th, the day of the Spring Meeting and Awareness Auction. Come check out the great bargains on artwork, equipment, weekend getaways, gift certificates, books, and a whole lot more. Contact VAW '98 Coordinators, any regional coordinator, auction coordinator Jill Oliver, or any VAS Board member for more information.

"Journey into the Past" event planning is picking up speed. President Scott McLaughlin, VP Jill Oliver, and VAW '98 Coordinators have streamlined publicity and event contacts by augmenting the VAS's new Filemaker Pro computer software database. Further assistance with data entry would be great! If interested, please contact Database Coordinator Jill Oliver. Regional coordinators will be hosting VAW '98 organization meetings in preparation for local events during late April/early May. Event Solicitation Forms should be in the mail by early May. Please contact any VAW '98 Coordinator if you or your organization has not received one. Forms are due by June 10, so start planning now. Submissions to VAW '98 Special Publications (Vermont Archeology Through Education and Libraries) are also due June 10. Also upcoming is a quilting bee to complete the "Windows to the Past" archeology quilt and the VAS's Excellence in Archeology Awards nominations. More information will arrive in coming issues of the *VAS Newsletter*. Please contact your state or regional coordinators (see below) if you would like to support the VAS's highly successful public outreach with your event ideas, vital donations, auction items, in-kind services, or volunteer time. VAW 1998 State and Regional Coordinators are:

State Coordinators Kathleen Callum and Robert Sloma of GEOARCH, Inc., RR 2 Box 2429-1, Brandon Vt 05733, 247-8127 (h/w), Fax 247-0107, geoarch@sover.net

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Southeast Region Co-coordinators Shirley Grainger, 152 Hawk Pine Road, Norwich Vt 05055; and Nancy Beaudoin, PO Box 182, Merridan NH 03770, (603) 469-3309.

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Coming Events and Activities

April 6-June 14: "People of the Dawnland: Vermont's Native Americans" exhibit at the Sheldon Museum, Middlebury.

April 18: VAS Spring Meeting and VAW Awareness Auction (see pages 1-2).

April 20-24: Dig at US Pottery Site in Bennington (see page 3).

April 30: "Making Sense of a Vermont Prehistoric Toolmaking Quarry" Lecture (7 p.m.) at the Sheldon Museum, Middlebury, by David Lacy (VAS), Forest Service Archeologist, about toolmaking discoveries in a prehistoric quartzite quarry.

May 1-3: NYS Archaeological Assn. & NY Archaeological Council Annual Meeting at Bonnie Castle Resort Hotel, Alexandria Bay, NY. Contact Tim Abel (315) 642-0202 or abeltj@northnet.org

May 16-17: Ironmasters Conference. Papers, garden party, guided bus and foot tours, etc., on ironmaking heritage of The Salisbury District, at Falls Village, Ct. Contact Matt Kierstead (401) 728-8827 (h) or (401) 728-8780 (w) for registration information.

May 30, 10 a.m. to about noon: Guided tour of 19th-century forge remains by Vic Rolando (VAS), sponsored by East Middlebury Historical Society. Contact Linda Kelton 388-7456 for meeting place.

Coming Events and Activities (continued)

June 14–July 24: Archeology Field School, Rogers Island, NY. Contact David Starbuck (518) 747-2926.

June 22–25: Third Annual Eastfield Village Ceramics Symposium "British Influence on American Ceramics 1750–1900," East Nassau, NY. Contact Don Carpenter (518) 766-2422.

June 22–July 31: Archeology Field School, Jefferson, NH. Contact S.C.R.A.P. (603) 271-6433 (scrap@lilac.nhsl.lib.nh.us).

July 20–August 28: Archaeology Field School, Fort William Henry, Lake George, NY. Contact David Starbuck (518) 747-2926.

We Need Your Bibliographies

Scott McLaughlin, VAS President

The VAS Publications Committee is working with State Archaeologist Giovanna Peebles to develop an indexed master bibliography of Vermont archaeology publications. The bibliography will include newspaper, newsletter and journal articles, booklets, book chapters, books, and archaeological reports that discuss prehistoric, historic, industrial, and underwater archaeology in Vermont. The bibliography will also contain abstracts of journal articles and archaeological reports.

The Vermont archaeology bibliography will be made available on CD-ROM and in a bound paper format. The plan is to have this product ready for the fall 1998 VAS meeting; but to achieve our goal we need your assistance in this project. Please send us your Vermont archaeology bibliography, preferably on disk (call for details). All major contributors will receive a free copy of the final publication. We also need volunteers to conduct library research and type abstracts and bibliographical entries. For further details please contact Scott McLaughlin at 899-4036 or smclaugh@zoo.uvm.edu.

Book Review

William H. Mulligan, Jr., Murray State University.

(submitted by Giovanna Peebles, State Archeologist)

The Long Winter Ends, by Newton G. Thomas, published Wayne State University Press, February 20, 1998 (reprint of a 1941 novel). Introduction by William H. Mulligan, Jr., \$16.95 paperback.

This is the story of a year in the life of a young emigrant miner who leaves Cornwall, a peninsula at the southwestern end of England, to work in the copper mines of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Typical of emigrant miners drawn to the new mines in

America after copper and tin mine closings in Cornwall, Jim Holman journeys to Michigan from Stoke, Cornwall, and spends his first year living in a boarding house with other Cornish miners.

Through Jim's story, *The Long Winter Ends* offers a glimpse into the lives of an often neglected immigrant group that played an important role in the development of the Great Lakes and American mining industries since the 1840s. Drawing on his own experience as a young Cornish immigrant in the mining communities of the Upper Peninsula, Thomas incorporated firsthand knowledge of the work routines of underground mining, as well as the inflections and patterns of Cornish speech, into this novel. With an introduction providing information about the cultural history of the Cornish, this narrative traces a Cornish emigrant's experience, including details about the failure of the mines in Cornwall, his hopes to preserve Cornish traditions in America, and then finally his acceptance of a future in America.

Newton G. Thomas was born in Stoke, Cornwall, in 1878 and emigrated to Michigan's Upper Peninsula as a child. He was on the faculty at Northwestern University Dental School, taught histology at the University of Illinois, and served as secretary of the College of Dentistry in Chicago.

William H. Mulligan, Jr., is Professor of History at Murray State University.

Volume 2 Journal Selling Well

Sales of our newest issue of *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology*, Volume 2 (1997) are keeping up with sales expectations. At press time, 48 copies have been sold and 11 complimentary copies distributed to our authors and Journal editor. Volume 2 sales have also resulted in sales of 14 Volume 1's.

Journals will be available at the Spring Meeting (April 18), where you may inspect and purchase copies (and save the \$2 S&H fee).

The next VAS Newsletter will be published in early September, so we look forward to your inputs describing your summer digs, research, and archaeology vacations to far-away exotic lands. We are already working on the Volume 3 issue of the Journal, so you might consider submitting a substantive paper on your current archeological work sometime the next few months, in time for publication in 1999.

For Journal manuscript specifications, contact the Journal Editor, David Starbuck, PO Box 128, Ft. Edward, NY 12828. To order copies of the Journal or for ordering information (Volume 1 and/or 2), contact Vic Rolando, 214 Jefferson Hgts, Bennington Vt 05201, 442-0105, vic.rolando@juno.com (see "Journal of Vermont Archaeology, Volume 2, Published by VAS" in VAS Newsletter, February 1998, page 3).

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