The Adirondack Chapter is proud to host the 101st Annual Meeting of the New York State Archaeological Association (NYSAA) and the annual Spring Meeting of the New York Archaeological Council (NYAC).

The NYAC spring meeting will be held Friday afternoon and the NYSAA annual business meeting will be held Friday evening. NYSAA Paper presentations will begin Saturday morning, continue through the afternoon, and resume Sunday morning. The NYSAA annual banquet, awards ceremony and special guest speaker will be Saturday evening. Tours will bracket the conference with the first two on Friday afternoon and the third on Sunday afternoon. Details may be found on the back of this flyer.

All conference events will be held at the beautiful Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, located on Canada Street in the Village of Lake George (off Exit 21 of the Adirondack Northway, I-87). This is one of the most scenic and historic locations in the United States. The famed Fort William Henry (1755-1757), reconstructed in the 1950s, is located next to the hotel, and the modern conference center is nearby, providing meeting rooms for our conference attendees. Lunch will be conveniently held in the conference center on Saturday. The evening reception will be hosted in the newly-refurbished Tankard Tavern followed by the banquet and awards ceremony in the White Lion Room which commands a spectacular view of Lake George.

This year, our banquet speaker is Dr. David Orr, retired professor from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA and retired Mid-Atlantic Region Archaeologist of the National Park Service. His presentation, “Some Things of Value: An Archaeological Odyssey,” will explore the influences and inspirations, both European and American, that guided his archaeological career. This enlightening, humorous and personal discussion will touch upon Prehistoric, Classical, and Industrial archaeology, Landscape, Cemetery and Architectural studies, and the interdependence of folklife, folklore, and community in both broadening personal perspective and interpreting the archaeological record.

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**Tours**

**Friday, April 21st, 2:00-3:15pm**

*Fort William Henry, Lake George*

Fort William Henry -- Steve Collyer, lead interpreter at Fort William Henry, will treat us to a behind-the-scenes tour of Fort William Henry. The "massacre" at Fort William Henry in 1757, which gave rise to the novel "The Last of the Mohicans," is easily the best-known story of the French & Indian War. The fort was partially excavated and then reconstructed in the 1950s and has been a very popular destination for visitors from around the world ever since. Recent archaeology was conducted here from 1997-2000 and 2011-2013 by SUNY Adirondack, and the fort prides itself on its "living history" presentations that make early American history "come alive" for many thousands of school children, their parents, re-enactors, historians and international visitors every summer. Steve Collyer will introduce you to the fort's fascinating stories and exhibits in what will be a very personalized tour.

**Friday, April 21st, 3:45-5:00pm**

*Lake George Battlefield Park, Lake George*

Lake George Battlefield Park -- Dr. Lyn Karig Hohmann, President of the Fort George Alliance, will lead a tour of the Lake George Battlefield Park, which is located at the southernmost end of Lake George (on high ground overlooking the Million Dollar Beach). The Battlefield Park was the setting for portions of the Battle of Lake George (1755); for an entrenched camp of soldiers at the time of the "massacre" at Fort William Henry; for the site of Fort George (1759), a massive British fort that was never completed; and then for regimental camps on through the American Revolution. The Department of Environmental Conservation manages this beautiful park today, and archaeology was conducted here through SUNY Adirondack from 2000-2001 and again from 2014-2016. Dr. Hohmann will present the history and archaeology of this park, and she has many wonderful stories to tell.

**Sunday, April 23rd, 2:00pm**

*Rogers Island, Fort Edward*

Dr. David Starbuck, Professor at Plymouth State University, will lead a tour of the archaeological sites on Rogers Island in Fort Edward, as well as a tour of exhibits in the Rogers Island Visitors Center. Archaeology has been conducted on Rogers Island for a great many years, and SUNY Adirondack will be resuming its annual field school on the Island this coming summer. Walking trails and outdoor exhibits are currently being developed, and this tour will give an "advance look" at some of the future plans.