



New York State Archaeological Association 104th Annual Conference

April 24 - 26, 2020

Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah, Suffern, NY

Hosted by the Incorporated Orange County Chapter



The Incorporated Orange County Chapter is proud to host the 104th 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 be Saturday morning through the afternoon, and resume Sunday morning. The NYSAA annual banquet, awards ceremony and special guest speaker will be Saturday evening. Tours will take place on Friday morning and afternoon, and on Sunday afternoon. Tour details and other nearby museum information may be found with this flyer.

We welcome you to the beautiful Lower Hudson Valley! All conference events will be held at the Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah Hotel in Suffern, NY (3 Executive Blvd, Suffern NY 10901).

A short distance from the conference hotel are many of New York's State's most notably historic military sites such as but not limited to: West Point, Fort Montgomery and the site of Fort Clinton, Fort Constitution, Iona Island, and Sterling Forest. A breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as Saturday buffet lunch at the hotel is available for advanced purchase only with your conference registration. The Saturday evening banquet and awards ceremony will also take place at the conference hotel.

This year, our banquet speaker is Richard Veit, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Anthropology at Monmouth University. Rich is a North American historical archaeologist whose research focuses on the Middle Atlantic Region between the late 17th and early 19th centuries. His work focuses on commemoration, symbolism, vernacular architecture, and military sites archaeology. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles and reviews and eight books including Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archaeology in the Garden State (Rutgers Press 2002), New Jersey Cemeteries and Tombstones History in the Landscape (co-authored by Mark Nonestied, Rutgers Press 2008), and New Jersey: A History of the Garden State (co-authored with Maxine Lurie, Rutgers Press 2012). In 2007 he was the recipient of Monmouth University's distinguished teacher award. His Presentation **"A Monument to fallen Royalty": Rediscovering Joseph Bonaparte's Point Breeze Estate in Bordentown, New Jersey**, will discuss recent archaeological excavations in Bordentown, New Jersey that have unearthed the remains of Joseph Bonaparte's palatial estate, Point Breeze. Joseph, the elder brother of Napoleon Bonaparte and former King of Spain and Naples, fled to the United States in 1815. He lived in New Jersey from 1816 until 1839. During this period he built two palatial homes, laid out a 1900-acre picturesque landscape, and acted as an unofficial cultural attaché. His home was a center for French refugees in America. His library and art collections were the largest in country. At Point Breeze, he entertained many of the leading intellectuals, politicians, artists, and military figures of the day. Bonaparte's passion was landscape architecture, and on his property he created one of the first purposefully-designed picturesque landscapes in America. Archaeological excavations have revealed the remains of Joseph's first mansion and recovered an intriguing collection of artifacts that provide a unique glimpse of the lifestyles of the rich and famous in 19th century New Jersey.

Tours

Friday, April 24th, 10:00am-12:30pm Iron History Hike, Sterling Forest State Park

Doc Bayne, environmental educator and historian at Sterling forest State Park, will lead a hike on the Lakeville Iron Trail in beautiful Sterling Forest State Park. Attendees will experience the history of the first iron industry in the state of New York. Proper footwear for wooded trails is recommended. Attendees should also bring water, a snack, and or bagged lunch if attending both Friday tours. Group will meet at the US Senator Frank R. Lautenberg Visitor Center located at 115 Old Forge Rd, Tuxedo, NY 10987.

Friday, April 24th, 1:00pm-4:00pm Hike to Sterling Forge, Sterling Forest State Park

Doc Bayne will lead a tour and hike to the forge where the Great Chain placed on the Hudson River at West Point was made during the Revolutionary War. Proper footwear for wooded trails is recommended. Attendees should also bring water, a snack, and or bagged lunch if attending both Friday tours. Group will meet at the US Senator Frank R. Lautenberg Visitor Center located at 115 Old Forge Rd, Tuxedo, NY 10987.

Sunday, April 26th, 1:30am-4:30pm Iona Island

Doc Bayne, expert on Iona, will lead an approximately 3 hour long leisurely-paced walking tour of the island. Iona is a National Natural Landmark located in Bear Mountain State Park and boasts an extensive history that includes Native American encampments, 17th Century Dutch settlement, 18th Century British military occupation, 19th Century resort tourism, and decades as a navy munitions depot before becoming an active wildlife sanctuary. Iona is closed to the public except for special occasions, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to see the island firsthand. Be sure to bring water and a snack, and wear comfortable, sturdy shoes. Group will meet at Iona Island in the parking lot by the railroad tracks. (Iona is just off 9W, approximately 1 mile south of the Bear Mountain Inn.)

Can't attend a tour? Visit one of the many nearby museums during your visit! Suggestions:

- ~ Trailside Museums & Zoo a Bear Mountain State Park (also site of Fort Clinton)
55 Hessian Dr., Bear Mountain, NY 10911. \$10 parking fee. Main Entrance is on Seven Lakes Drive, next to the Bear Mountain Inn
Open: Daily, 10:00am-4:30pm
- ~ Fort Montgomery State Historic Site
690 Rte 9W, Fort Montgomery, NY 10922 (foot bridge connects w/Trailside Museums & Zoo)
Open: Wednesday-Sunday, 9:00am-5:00pm
- ~ West Point Museum
2110 New South Post Rd., West Point, NY 10996
Open: Daily, 10:30am-4:15pm
- ~ Clove Furnace Historic Site
21 Clove Furnace Drive & Route 17, Arden, NY 10910
Open: Monday-Friday 9:00-11:00am, 1:00-4:00pm
- ~ Stony Point Battlefield & Light House
44 Battlefield Rd., Stony Point, NY 10980
Open: Monday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm

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