

# THE INCORPORATED ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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Chapter meetings are held 7:30 pm on the third Friday of each month except July, August & November, at the Mulbury House Senior Center located at 62-70 West Main Street, Middletown, NY 10940.

All are welcome to our June meeting: Friday, June 20th at the Mulbury House Senior Center!

### **Vice-President's Message**

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! We have some great meetings coming up this fall and I hope to see everyone back for our first regular meeting this month! Dave continues his work in the southwest over the next 2 months but as always I am available for any questions/concerns/ideas. If you have an idea for an event or guest speaker for one of our meetings this spring, do not hesitate to share! We are currently looking for speakers for meetings beginning in January and for new themes for any of our upcoming meetings. If you have any papers you would like to contribute to the next Occasional Papers, we are still calling. I am pleased to be able to share the news that my "Future Archaeologist" is a little boy! We continued working on the site and I hope to work for several more weekends. Digging is becoming more difficult for me each week as my body grows and am able to do less. Therefore we could use a few more hands as the field season begins to draw to a close. I look forward to seeing you on September 19th!

Stephanie

Bring your moccasins or other interesting footwear for the September meeting **Show & Tell!** 

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2015 New York State Archaeological Association Conference

The **99th Annual NYSAA Meeting** will be May 1-3, 2015 at the **Ramada Inn in Watertown**, **NY** hosted again by the 1000 Islands and Finger Lakes Chapters. The hotel rate will be the same as it was two years ago (\$75/night)! More details will be posted soon.

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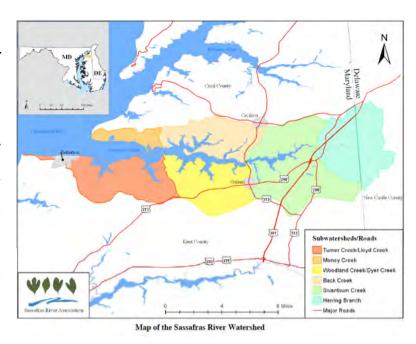
*Fall Election* - This fall, all of the officers and two trustees' term expire. If anyone is interested in running, think about being nominated in September. Ballots will be collected and results announced at the Annual Dinner

### **Current Officers & Terms:**

| Office                  | Officer            | Term      |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| President               | David Johnson      | 2013-2014 |
| Vice President          | Stephanie Benson   | 2013-2014 |
| Treasurer               | Jon Leonard        | 2013-2014 |
| Recording Secretary     | Priscilla Johnson  | 2013-2014 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Sharon Assmus      | 2013-2014 |
| Trustee                 | Barry Kass         | 2014-2015 |
| Trustee                 | Gary Keeton        | 2014-2015 |
| Trustee                 | Doc Bayne          | 2013-2014 |
| Trustee                 | John "Chuck" Tudor | 2013-2014 |

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September's meeting features: Jim Wosochlo, of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaology, Inc. Forks of the Delaware Chapter #14 who will speak about Surface Finds Along the Sassafrass River, Maryland. Colonial and pre history finds.







### **Goshen Florist Site**

"We continued excavating the site this season with new units and more exploration with shovel tests in areas not previously excavated. So far we have not turned up as many exciting things as last year but the lack thereof is equally important information and helps to narrow our research focus. The weather has been great for digging this season and will hopefully continue to be so for the remainder of the fall.". Check the Chapter's Facebook page:www.facebook.com/IOCCNYSAA or the latest dates and announcements.

### **Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet**

### Saturday, November 15th at High Noon Tony Boffa's Restaurant

75 Railroad Avenue Middletown, NY 10940 (845) 343-8842 or <u>www.tonyboffas.com</u>

Our Banquet Menu Selections to be announced.

### \$25 per person

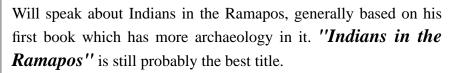
(Sharon must receive your paid reservation before November 1st)

### \$35 per person

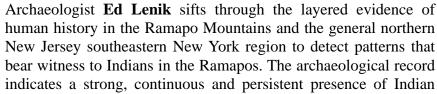
(For reservations received after November 1st)

Featured Speaker:

# **Ed Lenik**



This was the abstract for that book:



bands in the northern Highlands Physiographic Providence-Ramapos well into the 18th century. Historical accounts record the presence of Indians in the Highlands during the 19th and 20th centuries. Oral traditions, and settlement and subsistence activities are examined as well. Using these resources, Lenik develops a story that testifies to the presence, persistence and survival of Indians in the Ramapos.Lenik, a regional archaeologist with over 30 years of experience researching and investigating the history of the Highlands, is well known as a lecturer, hike leader and author in northern New Jersey. His dictum, "Search the records before you dig," has directed him through years of searching archives, libraries, museums and collections seeking references to the continuing Indian presence in the Highlands. He has developed a close relationship with the Ramapough Lenape Nation and has interviewed tribal elders. He has been an avid historical hiker for years, stopping to explore the vanishing evidence of human occupation in the forests of northern New Jersey.

See Sharon directly or mail your paid reservations to her at:

\*\* Please get your reservation in by November 1st. If you wait until after the first, it will cost you ten dollars more per person.

| Names |                                     |  |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
|       | Total Reservations at \$23.95 each. |  |
|       | Total Amount Enclosed.              |  |
|       |                                     |  |

Please mail to: Sharon Assmus, 10 Keystone Park, Middletown, NY 10940

Tel: 845-343-1671

Or **Stephanie Benson, 358 Rock Hill Dr. Rock Hill, NY 12775**. Email: stephanie.tice@yahoo.com

# Incorporated Orange County Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2014

The June meeting of the IOCCNYSAA was called to order at 7:45 on June 20,2014 by Dave Johnson, President. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. Both were moved, seconded and accepted as read by the membership.

Thanks were given to Norman and Suzanne Braum for presenting the May meeting and to Doc Bayne for his technical organization and assistance.

About 12 members attended the outing at the museum in Waverly. The collectors were there and talked about their collections. Everyone enjoyed the visit. You can visit the museum on your own if you wish.

Our annual picnic will be held on July 19 at Shannen Park. Please call Tom Brannen or Dave about who is coming and what you plan to bring. Also bring anything you have a question about.

The Goshen site excavation will continue this Sunday. Stef will e-mail if there is a cancellation.

Suzanne Braum will be in charge of this year's elections. All offices are up for election. Nominations will be accepted at the September meeting. If you are interested in being a candidate let someone know who can nominate you. Voting will take place in October, and the results will be announced at the annual dinner in November.

Our annual dinner will be held at 12 noon on November 15th at Tony Boffa's Restaurant In Middletown. Ed Lenik will be our guest speaker.

The annual state meeting will be held the first weekend of May, 2015 at the Ramada Inn in Watertown. More details will follow.

This was Dave's last official meeting as president. Several members extended thanks to him for his service.

Tonight's show and tell is your longest projectile point. Dave, Howie Banney, Rich Klimas and Larry Hansen brought in examples.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Barry O'Neill.

Tonight's Program was given by Tom Brannan on the Possibility of Ancient Surveyors.

Respectively submitted,

### Priscilla Johnson, Secretary

# **IOCC Picnic Saturday, July 19, 2014**



### 28TH ANNUAL HIGHLANDS CONFERENCE

Hosted by

THE NORTH JERSEY HIGHLANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER NYSAA FRIENDS OF STERLING FOREST STATE PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014 LAUNTENBURG VISITOR CENTER, STERLING FOREST STATE PARK 115 OLD FORGE ROAD, TUXEDO, NY

### CONFERENCE THEME: HISTORIC IRONMAKING

In 2014 we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Ironmaster Peter Hasenclever in Ringwood in 1764.

Please join us at this "IRONMASTERS CONFERENCE." Topics will include aspects of the iron industry – works, mines, owners and workers, etc. Presentations are 25 minutes and may be illustrated with digital projects. You will will have an opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow iron buffs, archaeologists, and iron industry historians. The event is free to attend, but reservations will be required as space is limited.



Image credit: www.ringwoodmanor.org

Sterling Forest State Park is an historic iron site containing Sterling Furnace, the ruins of a workers

village, ruins of iron related buildings and many mines. The beautiful Launtenburg Visitor Center overlooks Sterling Lake and contains several exhibits relating to the history of iron mining and manufacturing in the Park along with an introductory movie that describes the region and its resources.

Need more info – contact: Edward J. Lenik, R.P.A., Program chair, via email at <a href="mailto:edlenik@hotmail.com">edlenik@hotmail.com</a> or snail mail at 100 Deerfield Road, Wayne, NJ 07470-6414.

Walking tours of iron sites in the region are being planned and the three sponsoring organizations will have books for sale in the Bookroom.



### Friends of Sterling Forest Events for September 2014

F.S.F



THE FRIENDS OF STERLING FOREST (F.S.F.) is a FRIENDS GROUP organized to help preserve Sterling Forest State Park. The F.S.F. will continue to educate and share the beauty of this region with our friends who love the out-of-doors. There will not be any fee for our events. Donations are accepted to assist F.S.F. preserve the history of your park.

All events will take place at the Visitor's Center unless otherwise noted.

Highland Bluegrass Festival at Harmony Hall Sunday September 7 1-6pm Bring your lawn chair to historic Harmony Hall in Sloatsburg, NY and enjoy the region's only free outdoor bluegrass festival on the Great Lawn of this 1848 mansion, which is currently under restoration. More information at: <a href="http://www.friendsofharmonyhall.org/103534.html">http://www.friendsofharmonyhall.org/103534.html</a>

Lecture – Iona Island Sunday September 14 2:00pm This lecture will take place at the Brick Museum in Haverstraw, New York. <a href="http://www.haverstrawbrickmuseum.org/">http://www.haverstrawbrickmuseum.org/</a>

lona Island was used by generations, starting with Native Americans, until it became closed to the public. Over the years it was used as hunting and fishing grounds, a grape vineyard, an orchard, and a US Navy arsenal. It is now a Bald Eagle sanctuary run by the Palisades Interstate Park System. Amazing photos will take us back in time.

**Hike – Fitzgerald Falls**Sunday
September 21
1:00pm
Join Doc Bayne and Friends for a walk to the beautiful Fitzgerald Falls. Continue along the Appalachian Trail past the falls to discover an old horse farm dating from the early 1800's. Moderate hike lasting approximately 3 hours. Bring water and a snack.

Sterling Forest Day Sunday September 28 9:30am – 3pm Come out and celebrate Sterling Forest State Park's 16<sup>th</sup> year!! We will be having lectures, hikes, and other events going on all day. A schedule will be emailed at a later date and posted on our Facebook page and our website: http://www.friendsofsterlingforest.org/

The trails can be steep and rocky, so please wear sturdy hiking shoes. Our hikes will include stops along the way to interpret natural and historic features. Hunting is allowed in portions of Sterling Forest State Park, we suggest wearing hunter orange or bright colors other than white during the hunting season. **Registration is required for all programs.** For more information or to register, call 845-351-5907.

Have fun by learning more about history and archaeology, and help support our local historical sites and organization affiliates with these upcoming events:



### **Fort Montgomery Talk**

Thursday, September 4, 2014 07:00 PM Fort Montgomery State Historic Site

Phone: (845) 446-2134

Researcher Don N. Haist will look at the light infantry company of one British regiment from the American Revolution and discuss some of the individual men who served in it, from their background before joining the army through their fate after leaving it.

Please reserve a seat by calling 845-446-2134. Please leave your name, phone number and number of people in your party. Please note: Due to the overwhelmingly popularity of the Thursday Night Speaker Series, seating is by reservation only and is limited to the first 50 reservations.

The Thursday Night Lecture Series is sponsored by the Fort Montgomery Battle Site Association. Registration: Required

# In Their Own Words - The Battle for Fort Montgomery!

Saturday, September 13, 2014 10:00 AM Fort Montgomery State Historic Site

Phone: (914) 552-6799

Come for a rare, extended tour of one of the Hudson Valley's most dramatic battle sites! Drawing mainly on 1st hand accounts and archaeological data, this ramble will bring to life the Revolutionary War attack on Fort Montgomery using the words of the soldiers who were there and what they left behind. Program will last about 2 hours, and include rarely visited spots of the battlefield and conclude with a musket firing demonstration.

Advanced registration required by September

12, 2014; Please call 914-552-6799 or email peter.cutul@parks.ny.gov Please bring decent footwear, lunch and drinking water.

Registration: Required

### Walk to Two Abandoned Johnsontown Cemeteries

Saturday, September 13, 2014 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lake Sebago Beach - Harriman State Park Phone: (845) 351-2583

With help from Walter Luther and Florence
Anderson there will be a walk to two of the four
abandoned Johnsontown Cemeteries; Pine Grove
and the Johnsontown Cemetery. Those on the
walk will learn about the vanished hamlet of
Johnsontown and its cemeteries.



Please make sure to bring: good walking shoes, a walking stick (if desired), and water. A parking permit will be issued to you to display in your car window before

the walk begins. Meet at the entrance to Lake Sebago Beach in Harriman State Park. Advanced registration required by September 12 To register, or for any additional questions, call: Walter Luther: 914-582-3007, Louise Parnell: 914-393-2814, or Simone Schassler: 845-429-3243.

Registration: Required

#### **Hudson River Ramble**

Saturday, September 13, 2014 01:00 PM Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site

Phone: (845) 786-2521

1:00 pm: Guided walk to the Lighthouse with discussion of New York history

2:00 pm: Walk with a soldier to learn the details

of the Revolutionary battle

3:00 pm: Celebrate the firing of our 6 pounder

cannon

## Historic Tallman Mountain State Park Hike

Saturday, September 20, 2014 10:00 AM Tallman Mountain State Park

Phone: (845) 519-4247

We will hike through the historical Tallman Mountain State Park and learn its interesting history as a former oil tank farm. Then it's out the Piermont Pier to follow in the footsteps of the 40,000 US Troops per month who marched to the waiting ships to transport them to the Atlantic Theatre during WWII. Finally, we will learn of the historic transformation of Piermont, NY from a blue collar factory town to its present day status.

Trip Duration (Hours): 5 / Trip Length (Miles): 7 / Not suitable for children under 7 / Recommended Equipment: Lunch, water, snack and good walking boots or sneakers / There will be a lunch break. Please pack your own lunch.

### Continental Army Military Demonstration

Saturday, September 27, 2014 02:00 PM New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site

Phone: (845) 561-1765 ext 22
See a Revolutionary War Continental Army
military drill and cannon firing demonstration.
Following this demonstration, tour nearby
Knox's Headquarters at 3pm.

Registration: Required