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THE NEXT PANYC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Wednesday, 19 May 1982, 7:30 P.M.

New York University

25 Waverly Place, Room 213

Prof. Shirley Gorenstein, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will speak about her role on the New York State Board for Historic Preservation

Material for inclusion in the PANYC Newsletter should be sent to Joel I. Klein, EnviroSphere Company, 2 World Trade Center, New York, N.Y. 10048



## PANyc General Membership Meeting MINUTES (continued)

### Committee Reports

#### Newsletter Committee

Klein sent out 49 copies of Newsletter No. 9. Eleven copies were subscriptions, 3 were exchanges, 5 were complimentary, and the rest went to PANyc members. Klein stated a case for increasing the subscription and membership fees to prepare for a time when the Newsletter production will be charged to the organization. After some debate the increase in fees was finally accepted by a majority of the membership. Klein requested help with the Newsletter in the form of submitted articles, features, meeting notices, etc. This will be increasingly necessary as Klein's professional commitments have been increased in other areas.

#### Action Committee

Rockman and Morgan reported that a community group in Greenwich Village has approached them about doing an archaeological investigation of Sheridan Square where a community garden will be placed. Kellerman, a community activist, has noted that the shape of Sheridan Square has existed on maps of New York going pretty far back in time. Baugher-Perlin noted that Landmarks couldn't demand payment for archaeology in this case but that she may be able to negotiate with the leverage of volunteers. People interested in participating were asked to contact Sherene.

#### Research and Planning Committee

Rothschild reported that she and Baugher-Perlin had contact with archival groups regarding the ship from 175 Water Street and other New York City archaeological materials. They have been discussing the issue of repository needs in the City. The Museum of the City of New York has refused to accept any of the materials while Fraunce's Tavern expressed possible interest.

Salwen proposed that City archaeologists meet with local museum directors, Kent Barwick of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and other experts to discuss various suggestions, including the possibility of forming a new institution. Rothschild estimated that materials from at least 2 sites required approximately 400 cubic feet.

#### Legislative Committee

Salwen urged the membership to contact Senators Bill Bradley and Daniel Patrick Moynihan to support Senate Bill 1723, The Cultural Property Implementation Act. He suggested that it would be good for several interested organizations to work together and meet with Moynihan's local office representatives.

Salwen reported that the SAA was deciding if it wanted to continue sponsoring a D.C. lobbyist after Knudson retired from the position.

#### Public Program Committee

Bankoff reported the plans for the May 1 Symposium on the Archaeology of New York City. The symposium will take place at the Museum of the City of New York between 1 and 4:30 P.M. Speakers include Ralph Solecki, Anne-Marie Cantwell, Ed Rutsch, Sherene Baugher-Perlin, Joan Geismar, Diana Rockman and Nan Rothschild.

Naar gave fliers to various members, requesting that they distribute them to people on the PANyc publicity list.

PANYC General Membership Meeting MINUTES (continued)

Public Relations Committee

Naar reported that Board members encouraged her not to distribute her list of archaeology courses in New York City since this was felt to be basically out of PANYC's intended province.

New Business

Salwen received a letter from Kent Barwick requesting professional input as to curatorial decisions for the ship sections excavated from 175 Water Street. Though the membership agreed that ideally they wished to see the ship remain in New York City, the consensus was that the South Street Seaport Museum did not presently have the staff, facilities or the funds to satisfactorily curate the ship even though they have expressed great interest in the cultural resource. The membership agreed that at this time the offer to curate the ship at the Mariner's Museum, Newport News, Virginia, provided the best possibility for the ship's preservation. Discussion pointed to the pitiful lack of repository facilities in New York City capable of curating the City's own cultural resources.

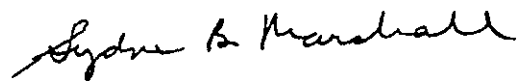
Klein made a motion to increase 1983 PANYC dues to \$12. and Newsletter subscriptions to \$6. This passed with 11 votes in favor and 5 opposed.

Next PANYC meeting

The next PANYC meeting will be held in mid-May.

Ceci adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sydne E. Marshall  
PANYC Secretary

Symposium on the ARCHAEOLOGY OF NEW YORK CITY

Searching Beneath Our City's Streets

Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC)  
in association with The Museum of the City of New York

Saturday, May 1, 1982  
Museum of the City of New York

Arthur Bankoff  
Welcoming Remarks

Ralph Solecki  
Archaeology in New York City and Environs, A  
Reminiscent View of the Past and Hopes for the Future

Ann-Marie Cantwell  
Method and Theory: Planning an Archaeological Excavation

Sherene Baugher-Perlin  
The Law and New York City Archaeology

Break

Joan H. Geismar  
Recent Field Investigations on the 175 Water Street Block

Diana Rockman  
Laboratory Analysis of the Artifacts from the Telco Block

Nan Rothschild  
Raiders of the Lost Ark and Urban Archaeology

Arthur Bankoff  
Closing Statements

ABSTRACTS

Archaeology in New York City and Environs, A Reminiscent View of the Past  
and Hopes for the Future.

Ralph S. Solecki  
Columbia University

After a long period of neglect, archaeology in New York City got off to a very hopeful start early in the 20th century. Museum professionals and educated amateurs alike produced substantial work as measured by the standards of their time. There was a low point in field work until the period just before WWII and following it, when interested students and private individuals discovered local archaeology. However, with the growth of the city, available prehistoric Indian and other sites diminished, resulting in a slackening of field investigations. Today we are seeing a new kind of archaeology, some of it in the shadow of our

sky-scrapers. This work deals with problems of urgency, related to building and construction activities in the city. The work involves a professionalism on a scale unprecedented in the history of local archaeology. The resurgence of interest in New York City archaeology, although curtailing some freedom of choice in projects, nevertheless is yielding a harvest of information such as we have never hoped for before.

Method and Theory:  
Planning an Archaeological Excavation

Anne-Marie Cantwell  
Rutgers University  
Newark, New Jersey

This paper will deal with some of the problems archaeologists face in planning excavations. Examples will be given from current excavations at the Hamilton Fish site in the St. Marks Historic District.

The Law and New York City Archaeology

Sherene Baugher-Perlin  
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

The City Environmental Quality Review (C.E.Q.R.) requires that archaeological issues be addressed as part of the environmental review process. This procedure will be discussed and specifically how it was applied to the major digs in lower Manhattan. In addition, a predictive model which will enable the Landmarks Preservation Commission to flag potential archaeological sites thereby giving more time for a detailed examination of a site will be discussed.

Archaeology In The South Street Seaport Area Of Lower Manhattan

Joan Geismar and Diana Rockman  
Soil Systems, Inc.

Joan H. Geismar and Diana Rockman of Soil Systems, Inc. will discuss recent field investigations on the 175 Water Street block; Diana Rockman will discuss the laboratory analysis of the artifacts from the Telco block.

Raiders of the Lost Ark and Urban Archaeology

Nan Rothschild  
Barnard College/Columbia University

It is clear that archaeology has a wide appeal for a major segment of the public. This discussion will center on ways in which archaeologists and interested non-archaeologists can interact, and what responsibility archaeologists have to a public audience. It will also suggest areas of research in which the combination of materials recovered from the ground and information from historical sources can provide insights into past ways of life and patterns of development in New York City which cannot be learned from either type of material alone.

# Landmark News

For Release:  
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## INNOVATIVE GRAVESTONE STUDY INITIATED BY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The Landmarks Preservation Commission, funded by a \$20,500 grant from the New York Council on the Humanities, has initiated a gravestone study program. Administered by Dr. Sherene Baugher-Perlin, Urban Archaeologist for the commission, the program focuses on cemeteries and gravestones as important sources for archaeology, social history, and folk art. It is expected to yield cultural data that is absent from other records and otherwise unavailable, including information on ethnic variability, marriage patterns, sex roles, life spans, occupations, economic trends, and trade networks.

While extensive cemetery research has been done in such areas as New England, gravestone study in New York City has been largely ignored. The commission's work constitutes the first systematic effort to record and analyze the diversity of stones within the city. In view of increasing cemetery vandalism, as well as the natural erosion of gravestones, the project is a most significant and timely one.

The gravestone study, which is gathering its data from 35 cemeteries--10 in Queens, 8 in Manhattan, 7 in Brooklyn, 5 in the Bronx, and 5 on Staten Island--has three goals: 1) to photo-record all legible, pre-20th century gravestones contained in the targeted cemeteries; 2) to prepare slide-lectures and walking tours for community organizations on gravestones as cultural resources; and 3) to encourage community participation in a preservation effort to record data from the city's historic cemeteries and to maintain them.

The implementation of the gravestone study program represents the start of a long-term commitment by the commission to gravestone research and cemetery preservation.

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# New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

## *Internship & Volunteer Program*

### *The Program*

The Internship Program at the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission offers students and volunteers an opportunity to obtain professional experience at a city agency and to learn about architectural and urban history, photography, archaeology, and historic preservation.

Introductory tours and lectures will be given by staff members. Graduate students may then assist the Commission with research on a building or a public park, or on some aspect of the cultural, social, or ethnic history of a community. Students with a background in architecture may participate in monitoring an historic district or focus on technical aspects of building preservation. Those with a special interest in anthropology may work researching site reports, mapping, doing laboratory work or a survey of historic gravestones. Individual interests and areas of specialization—e.g., law, journalism—can be accommodated.

### *Student Eligibility*

This program was designed as a credit-granting internship for undergraduate and graduate students working in subject areas such as art history, architecture, sociology, history, American studies, and historic preservation. Students majoring in other fields are also welcome to participate.

### *Nonstudent Volunteers*

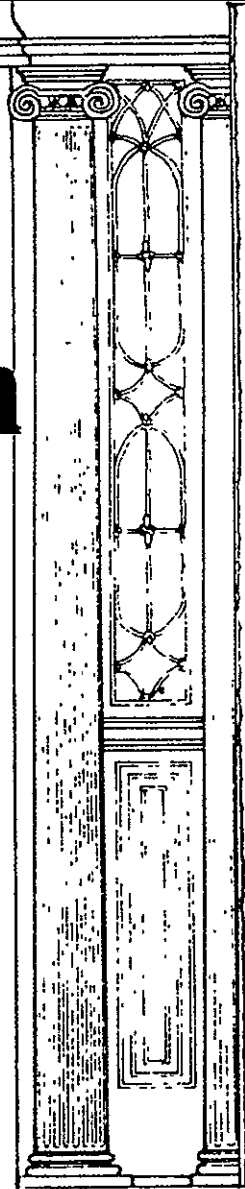
Members of the public may work for the Commission as volunteers. They are welcome to attend all tours and lectures.

### *Work-Study*

Students eligible for Urban Corps and other work-study programs may be paid while participating in the internship.

### *Credit & Hours*

Internships may be undertaken at any time and, for students, are arranged to correspond with traditional academic semesters—fall, spring, and summer. Registered student interns may earn from two to twelve academic credits through arrangements made between the sponsoring department and the Commission. The Commission will assist students in making these arrangements. While there is no time requirement for volunteers, a minimum commitment of four hours a week is encouraged.



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please contact*

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(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the New York Archaeological Council? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state your interest in New York City archaeology and/or reasons for wanting to become a member of PANYC:

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PANYC BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in PANYC is open to any professional archaeologist who possesses a Master's degree or equivalent in anthropology, archaeology, history, or related discipline, who has demonstrated an interest in the archaeology of New York City, and who has been approved by a majority of members present at a regular scheduled meeting of the general membership.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be in writing and shall include a copy of the applicant's resume or vita, and a statement describing the applicant's interest(s) in New York City archaeology.

All members receive the Newsletter and other PANYC publications.  
The 1982 Annual Dues are \$8.00.

If you are interest in applying for membership in PANYC complete the attached form and mail it to Sydne Marshall, 808 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10025.

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME OR VITA