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Next Meeting:

January 26, 2011

Neighborhood Preservation Center

232 East 11th Street

New York, NY

7:00pm (*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!***)**

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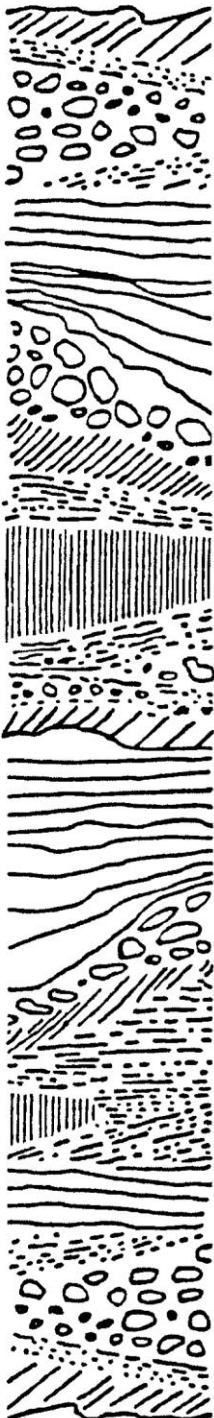
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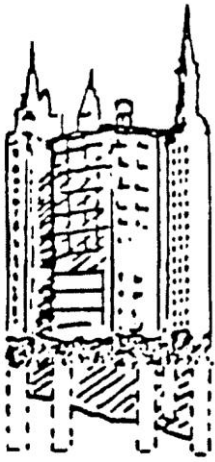


General Meeting Minutes October 2, 2010

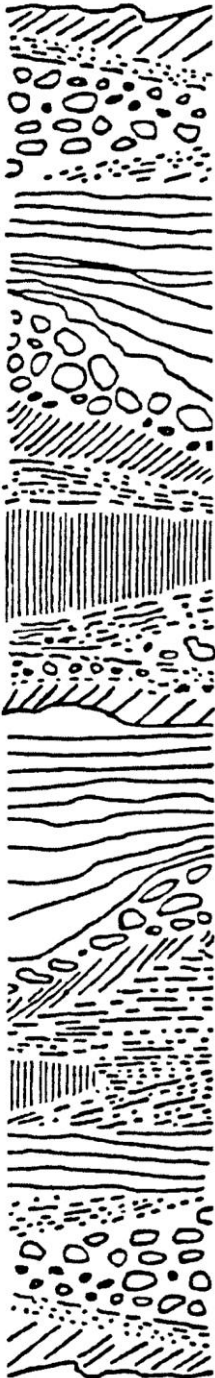
There are no general meeting minutes from the October meeting which was held as a joint meeting with the New York Archaeological Council (NYAC) at Columbia University. See PANYC Newsletter Number 146, November 2010, p. 9 for meeting summary.

The November 17, 2010 meeting minutes will appear in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,
Jessica MacLean
PANYC Secretary



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Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.

November 22, 2010

The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

I am writing on behalf of Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc. (PANYC) regarding the ongoing archaeology at City Hall. We are delighted that all aspects of the archaeological work are being considered in project planning, and we wholeheartedly support both the methodological approach to the extraordinary finds made so far and the proposed five-part mitigation measures as presented to the Landmarks Preservation Commission on November 9th: photography, web site, exhibit, signage, and a deconstruction plan for certain features.

Nevertheless, we have suggestions we believe would benefit the city by increasing the accessibility of these archaeological resources to New Yorkers and tourists alike. First, we encourage you to place multiple high-quality, durable signs about the archaeology of City Hall and City Hall Park not only along the fence, but also within the park and in proximity to the actual finds. Public response to recent discoveries make it clear that New Yorkers are keenly interested in the city's past, and good signage will be well received.

Second, we urge you to ensure future access to at least some of these archaeological features. This type of "preservation in place" is profitably used by cities all over the world where archaeological resources are embraced as important aspects of tourism. New Yorkers also deserve to have access to our archaeological resources and to celebrate our history. This point was also eloquently made by Commissioner Margery Perlmutter at the November 9th presentation.

Finally, we applaud your decision to permit school groups to view the archaeological excavations; seeing treasures of history unearthed in their midst inspires youth to learn more about their city and to get excited about education. Therefore, we strongly urge you to continue these tours, to keep the excavations visible and allow the children to continue to visit them. Ideally, this same privilege should be afforded to all who care to see these amazing discoveries where they were found-- at the center of our City's government.

Sincerely,

Meredith B. Linn

Meredith B. Linn, Ph.D.
PANYC President 2010-2011

cc. Patricia E. Harris, Mayor's Office
Robert B. Tierney, Landmarks Preservation Commission
Margery Perlmutter, Landmarks Preservation Commission
Amanda Sutphin, Landmarks Preservation Commission
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December 13, 2010

Dr. Meredith Linn
PANYC President 2010-2011
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Dear Dr. Linn:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mayor Michael Bloomberg in support of the archaeological project at City Hall.

The City of New York and the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is very excited about what has been discovered at the excavation behind City Hall and is delighted to share these historical artifacts with all New Yorkers, especially our City's youth. It is our hope that in sharing these finds with our residents and students, we can teach New Yorkers about our City's rich history through these tangible remnants of the past.

To ensure that these historical finds will be available for future reference, LPC adopted and implemented a number of mitigation measures to document the features. As such, the site has been scanned for 3D modeling and Chester Higgins, a noted archaeological photographer, professionally documented the features after exposure. Although LPC gave approval for some features to be carefully deconstructed, other features, such as the late 18th century beehive cistern, are being documented and then will be preserved in its original location. Signage will be installed at the end of the project to provide brief details about the excavation and historical remnants. LPC will be part of this design approval process and will consider your suggestions.

I am also delighted to let you know that a website will be created to highlight all that has been learned from the excavation. It will also provide educational resources that will allow students throughout the five boroughs and beyond to learn more about New York City's history.

Many thanks again for your letter and interest in our City's archaeological history.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Tierney

We wish to express
our sincere thanks for your
friendship, kindness and prayers
during this time of great sorrow

The family of
Elizabeth "Betsy" Wright Kearns



Memorial Sloan-Kettering
Cancer Center

May 27, 2010

Professional Archeologists of NYC, Inc
Meredith B. Linn
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New York, NY 10023

Dear Friend,

I am privileged to acknowledge the memorial gift of \$100 from Professional Archeologists of NYC, Inc to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Please be assured that a letter of notification regarding your gift has been sent.

As the nation's preeminent cancer center, Memorial Sloan-Kettering brings together outstanding people and resources in pursuit of an ambitious goal: to gain new insights into cancer through basic and clinical research, and to put those insights to work as quickly as possible through improved methods of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. Today, more than ever, we rely on the generosity of friends who recognize the importance of this mission and share our commitment to moving it forward.

We appreciate your thoughtful contribution and, on behalf of the entire Memorial Sloan-Kettering community, I extend heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Naum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Naum" clearly legible.

Richard K. Naum
Vice President, Development

RKN/dr

For tax preparation purposes, no goods or services have been provided in exchange for this gift. Please regard this letter as your 2010 tax receipt.

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NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
2011 BERT SALWEN AWARD
FOR THE BEST STUDENT PAPER ON NEW YORK CITY
ARCHAEOLOGY**

A prize of \$100.00 will be awarded by Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC) to the author of the best paper on New York City archaeology written by a student in fulfillment of an academic requirement. Although preference may be given to papers written using materials from contract archaeology projects in the city, the competition is not limited to such research. Both graduate and undergraduate students are urged to apply. Papers should not be longer than 50 pages. The deadline for submission is March 15, 2010. Please either email the manuscript to acantwel@andromeda.rutgers.edu or else mail three copies of the manuscript to Anne-Marie Cantwell, PANYC Awards Committee, Apt. 5C, 14 Stuyvesant Oval, New York, New York 10009. The Bert Salwen Award will be presented at the annual PANYC Public Program at the Museum of the City of New York on the spring of 2011.

**NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR
SPECIAL PANYC AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY A NON
ARCHAEOLOGIST TO
NEW YORK CITY ARCHAEOLOGY**

PANYC (Professional Archaeologists of New York City) is pleased to request nominations for a special award honoring non archaeologists or institutions who have made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of New York City archaeology. Please email your nomination to acantwel@andromeda.rutgers.edu or mail three copies of your letter documenting the nominee's qualifications to Anne-Marie Cantwell, PANYC Awards Committee Chair, Apt. 5C, 14 Stuyvesant Oval, New York, New York, 10009. Nominations must be received by March 15, 2010. The award will be presented at the PANYC Public Program at the Museum of the City of New York in the spring of 2011.

A CONFERENCE

Presented by Hudson River Environmental Society
Cosponsored by Pace University and Hudson River Foundation

Environmental History of New York City and the Hudson River

Human Uses that Changed the Ecology Ecology that Change Human Uses

400 years of uses, abuses and accommodations

**Wednesday, February 9th, 2011
Pace University
Manhattan Campus**

**Save \$\$\$ -- Go to <hres.org> NOW
Details and early bird registration**



PANyc Events Calendar

Event	Topic	Speaker	Time	Date	Location	Contact
"Environmental History of New York City and the Hudson River"	A Conference presented by the Hudson River Environmental Society: Human Uses that Change the Ecology, Ecology that Change Human Uses"	papers given by: Joel Grossman, "Early Foods and Medicines of 17th Century New Amsterdam", and Wendy Harris and Arnold Pickman, "The Hudson River ice harvesting industry", among others	9am-4:30pm	Feb 9, 2011	Pace University, Manhattan Campus, Pace Plaza	hres.org for early registration
The Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting	"The Bowery: Past, Present, and Future", an illustrated talk on the legendary street by the Chair of the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors	David Mulkins	06:30 PM	March 30-April 3, 2011	Sacramento, CA	saa.org
Talk at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum	"Portraits in Miniature: Glyptic Art from Bactria to Ganharā, 4th-8 th century CE"	Judith Lerner	06:00 PM	Apr 5, 2011	LES Tenement Museum, 95 Orchard St.	tenement.org
Event from NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	"The Assyrians from History to Myth"	Muriel Debie, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)	06:00 PM	Jan 25, 2011	2 nd Flr. Lecture Hall, ISAW, 15 E.84 th St.	
Event from NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	"The Language of the Qur'an and a Near Eastern Rip van Winkle"	Robert Hoyland, U. of St. Andrews	06:00 PM	Feb 8, 2011	2 nd Flr. Lecture Hall, ISAW, 15 E.84 th St.	
Event from NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	"The Monsters and the Critics: Mesopotamian Heroes, Myths and Monsters"	Karen Sonik	06:00 PM	Feb 9, 2011	2 nd Flr. Lecture Hall, ISAW, 15 E.84 th St.	
Event from NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	"Belgians as Bersha: Recent fieldwork in the Old Kingdom necropolis and the intact tomb of Henu"	Marleen De Meyer, Catholic U. of Leuven	06:00 PM	Feb 15, 2011	2 nd Flr. Lecture Hall, ISAW, 15 E.84 th St.	
Event from NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	"Fishing and Aquaculture in the Roman Mediterranean"	Annalisa Marzano	06:00 PM	Feb 17, 2011	2 nd Flr. Lecture Hall, ISAW, 15 E.84 th St.	
Conference from NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	"A World of Cities": this conference will consider the evolution and nature of early cities in worldwide perspective – as creations, arenas of performance, administrative technologies, the distribution of power, and their countrysides	Norman Yoffee, organizer	All day	Feb 22, 2011	ISAW, 15 E.84 th St.	
				Mar 25, 2011		

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Brooklyn, NY 11233

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Please indicate your preferences below, as appropriate.

I wish to apply for membership to PANYC and would like to receive the application form _____

The application form may also be downloaded from:
http://www.panycarchaeology.org/membership_information.html

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I wish to make an additional donation to PANYC _____

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If you have any questions please email: info@panycarchaeology.org