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2022 ANNUAL WORKSHOPS IN **ARCHAEOLOGY**

PATHWAYS TO THE PAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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PATHWAYS TO THE PAST

The theme of this year's program centers around archaeology as a tool for discovering a pathway to the past. Archaeologists have identified physical pathways such as Indigenous foot paths, portages, and trade routes but there are also the pathways archaeology can offer in enriching, and sometimes correcting narratives of the past. Pennsylvania's landscape of rolling mountains, plateaus and ridges, and major river valleys were physical factors that influenced settlement of the Commonwealth. Foot paths created by Indigenous peoples thousands of years ago led to trade and exchange routes that eventually developed into roadways. River valleys served as transportation corridors for commerce and trade from Precontact throughout time defining the locations of communities. Some pathways are not as evident, as in the underground railroad network that transported formerly enslaved peoples to communities here and elsewhere. Discovering the stories of the past can be a difficult emotional journey to uncovering heritage, as is often true for the disenfranchised, but their contributions to our Commonwealth's development are important and the archaeological record is a pathway for sharing their stories.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

9:10 A.M. - 9:25 A.M.

Opening Remarks

JANET JOHNSON, ACTING SENIOR CURATOR,
SECTION OF ARCHAEOLOGY,
THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

SESSION 1 | 9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

*Trade, Migration, or Both:
Delmarva Adena-Hopewell*

DARRIN L. LOWERY, PH.D.

In the mid-late 19th century, historians began to recognize the presence of exotic Ohio Valley trade items along portions of the Middle Atlantic coastline. Much of this early data was lost, but new discoveries in the mid to late 20th century, sparked a renewed interest and a series of academic debates. However, many of the unique aspects and regional patterns associated with these findings were never quantified and interpretive errors were made. Personal research interests, interactions with other scholars, and consultations with avocational archaeologists over the past 40 years have afforded me an opportunity to construct an "improved" quantifiable understanding of the Delmarva Adena-Hopewell complex (circa 500BC to 450AD). Through these reinterpretations researchers can now better appreciate the material remains associated with the culture/s that arose along the coastlines of the Middle Atlantic region ~2500 years ago.

SESSION 2 | 10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

*The Search for the Ephemeral Feature Type:
A Look at Some Potential Native American
Travel Routes on the Allegheny Plateau*

ANDREW J. MYERS, MA, RPA, MARIENVILLE RANGER DISTRICT,
ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

Trails serve to connect people with certain places on the landscape. Prior to the construction of the highway network that links Pennsylvania's cities and towns, earlier Native inhabitants used foot paths to reach their desired destinations. Some of these were used during hunting and gathering forays while others served to facilitate travel between neighboring villages. Remnants of these features have long since vanished from the observable record due to disuse and a climate that does not favor preservation. One method employed to detect potential travel routes was to examine the distribution of shell tempered pottery and other artifacts that have been recovered from temporary type sites including rock shelters and small open-air campsites found dispersed across the landscape. Sites were plotted on topographic maps to observe any patterns that might be evident. Relationships to historically recorded trails were noted. The results of this study will be presented herein.

10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Break - Auditorium Foyer, Coffee and Snacks

*The Venango Path:
History, Archaeology and Environment*
CHUCK WILLIAMS, PH.D., RPA, WILLIAMS ECOLOGICAL, LLC.

SESSION 4 | 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
"Over the Hump":
Portages and Pathways into Western PA
KENNETH BURKETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JEFFERSON COUNTY
HISTORY CENTER, FIELD ASSOCIATE, CARNEGIE MUSEUM

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
*Lunch on your own - see order form
for bagged lunch options*

*The Underground Railroad
through Cumberland County*
MATTHEW MARCH, EDUCATION DIRECTOR,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Mt. Tabor AME Church Preservation
CARMEN JAMES, MT. TABOR PRESERVATION PROJECT

2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Break - Auditorium Foyer, Snacks

CCC Company 361-C, S-62 PA: Exploratory
Archaeology at Penn-Roosevelt State Park
KATE PERESOLAK, M.A., RPA, PENNSYLVANIA OUTDOOR CORPS
(PAOC) CULTURAL RESOURCES CREW (CRC) LEADER,
THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (SCA)

Questions and Discussion

Closing Remarks- audience question and answer session with presenters

Reception - Susquehanna Room, Light Snacks

Flintknapping Demonstration - Auditorium Foyer
STEVE NISSLY

Expert flintknapper and avocational archaeologist, Steve Nissly, will demonstrate and share his knowledge of stone tool production and tool use during the Pre-Contact and Contact periods in PA.

10:30-11:00 and 2:30-3:00

Recording of archaeological sites is an essential task in protecting and preserving our archaeological resources. Assistance in identifying artifacts and recording the archaeological sites from which they came will be provided by these qualified individuals.

NOEL STRATTAN AND CASEY HANSON,
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

**JAMES HERBSTTRITT AND DAVID BURKE,
CURATORS SECTION OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

State Historic Preservation Office, PHMC

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

**Note below if you are a student,
PA Heritage Foundation, SPA or
PAC member**

Registration Name(s)		_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Contact Information		Please print clearly		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Address		_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
(Street)		(City)		(State)		(Zip)					
Phone (Home)		(Work)									
<p>Bagged lunch options: Yellow Bird Café, Harrisburg (must pre-order and pay in advance)</p>											
OPTION #1:		Chicken Caesar wrap - \$8.50									
Qty: _____		Chicken, lettuce, tomato, Caesar dressing, whole wheat wrap. Chips.									
OPTION #2:		Vegetable wrap - \$8.50									
Qty: _____		Tomato, cucumber, roasted red peppers, banana peppers, guacamole, spinach, provolone, whole wheat wrap.									
OPTION #3:		Turkey and arugula - \$8.50									
Qty: _____		Oven roasted turkey, provolone, garlic aioli, arugula, tomato, ciabatta roll. Chips.									
OPTION #4:		Chicken salad - \$8.50									
Qty: _____		Diced chicken in mayo mixture with grapes, apples, dried cranberries, leaf lettuce, ciabatta roll. Chips.									
ADD COOKIE:		\$1.50 each									
Chocolate chip		peanut butter (GF)		snickerdoodle							
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