

New England Antiquities Research Association
2009 NEARA SPRING MEETING
April 24th – 26th, 2008
Best Western Sovereign Hotel
401 Winchester Street, Keene, New Hampshire 03431
Hotel Phone: 603-357-3038



Schedule of Events

Friday, April 24th

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| 12:00 - 5:30 pm | Field Trip (see details on following page) |
| 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Registration and Book Sales |
| 7:00 - 7:10 pm | Welcome: Dan Lorraine, NEARA President |
| 7:10 - 8:00 pm | Ida Jane Gallagher: "The Grave Creek Tablet Is Authentic" |
| 8:00 - 8:50 pm | Glenn Kreisberg: "Lost Landscapes and Hidden Legacies of Upstate New York" |
| 8:50 - 9:20 pm | Break, Book Sales, Exhibits |
| 9:20 - 10:10 pm | Crystal Trickle: "Kansas Rock Inscriptions" |
| 10:10 - 11:00 pm | Peter Anick: "The Ritual Landscape, Down Under" |

Saturday, April 25th

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| 8:30 - 9:00 am | Registration and Book Sales |
| 9:00 - 10:30 am | Business Meeting & State Coordinator Reports |
| 10:30 - 11:00 am | Break, Book Sales, Exhibits |
| 11:00 - 12:00 pm | Michael J. Caduto: "Bones of Stone: New Hampshire's Geology and its Influence on Native Peoples" |
| 12:00 - 1:15 pm | Lunch on your own, Book Sales & Exhibits |
| 1:15 - 2:15 pm | Tom Maxson: "The Corbelled Stone Chambers of Kent, Putnam County, New York" |
| 2:15 - 3:15 pm | Alvin Holm: "Sites That Inspire and Buildings That Sing" |
| 3:15 - 3:45 pm | Break, Book Sales, Exhibits |
| 3:45 - 4:45 pm | Manuel Luciano da Silva MD: The Portuguese Connection to North American History" |
| 4:45 - 5:00 pm | Meeting wrap up and announcements |
| 5:00 - 6:00 pm | Cocktail Hour; Reception & Book Signing: David Brody's new book "Cabal of the Westford Knight: Templars at the Newport Tower" |
| 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Saturday Night Banquet |
| 8:00 - 9:30 pm | Robert M. Schoch: "Global Patterns of Transoceanic Dispersal in Ancient Times: New Evidence on the Driving Factors, and a Warning for the Present" |

Sunday, April 26th

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| 9:00 - 1:00 pm | Field Trip (see details on following page) |
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FIELD TRIPS: sponsored by Donna Thompson, New Hampshire State Coordinator

April is “mud season” in New Hampshire; all tours are weather-dependent! Driving necessary between sites; please plan to carpool. More information, including directions and itineraries, will be given out at the conference.

Friday, April 24th

- ❖ Field Trip #1: TOUR OF PUTNEY MOUNTAIN SACRED SITES AND THE BELLOWS FALLS PETROGLYPHS - Not for the un-nimble!

Five hours and five miles; mud likely. Hiking shoes and flashlights suggested. Leaving Friday at noon from the Putney General Store, Putney VT. **Participants MUST preregister** with Pat Baker at pbaket@valinet.com; limited to the first twelve registrants!

- ❖ Field Trip #2: HARVARD EXPERIMENTAL FOREST AND FISHER MUSEUM AND CHESHIRE COUNTY SITES

Plans for the day include Cheshire County lithic sites and a visit to the Harvard Experimental Forest and Fisher Museum. The museum is home to dioramas depicting the progression of New England forests through time, a ¼ mile walking tour of the remains of the Sanderson’s Farm and stone walls, and video on the geology of Lake Hitchcock. Leaving hotel at noon. Those who wish to meet up with us at first site may contact Donna Thompson by April 23rd at rubydruby@comcast.net for more information.

Sunday, April 26th

- ❖ Field Trip #1: TOUR OF PUTNEY MOUNTAIN SACRED SITES AND THE BELLOWS FALLS PETROGLYPHS - Not for the un-nimble!

Same tour as Friday!! Five hours and five miles; mud likely. Hiking shoes and flashlights suggested. Meeting time and place TBA. **Participants MUST preregister** with Pat Baker at pbaket@valinet.com; limited to the first twelve registrants!

- ❖ Field Trip#2: CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY LITHIC SITES

Leaving hotel at 9:30 AM. Trip includes Bellows Falls petroglyphs, “Table Rock” in Sullivan, NH, the Evans Farm petroglyphs in Guilford, VT and various lithic sites in Cheshire County.

More details on these field trips, including maps and directions, will be given out at the conference.



ABSTRACTS OF THE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SPRING 2009 MEETING

Ida Jane Gallagher: The Grave Creek Tablet Is Authentic

150 years of ongoing controversy illustrates how innuendo and poor research debunk an important American artifact. I have the proof of its authenticity. A 1 ½ by 2 ¼ inch Adena burial tablet with an Iberian inscription was excavated from the Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville, WV in 1838. Why has it been the source of ongoing controversy for 170 years? Gallagher defends the tablet's authenticity with eyewitness accounts and three additional burial tablets with comparable Iberian inscriptions. Archaeological claims that the Grave Creek Tablet is fraudulent have been based on innuendo, presumption, repeated misinformation, and incomplete research.

Ida Jane Gallagher is a 30 year NEARA member and a retired teacher (English, journalism, history), freelance writer, and photojournalist. She published Contact with Ancient America with photographer Warren W. Dexter in 2004 and has written numerous articles for professional and popular publications. Ida Jane lectures to many professional, educational, and civic groups about her research on ancient foreign contact with America's native people. She was adopted by the Quinnipiac people of Southern Connecticut for her research with Quinnipiac Sachem Iron Thunderhorse on the Algonquian signatures on deeds and treaties with Colonial settlers.



Copywriter: Ida Jane Gallagher

Glenn Kreisberg: Lost Landscapes and Hidden Legacies of Upstate New York

Lost Landscapes and Hidden Legacies: A Survey of Lithic Sites in the Hudson Valley, Shawangunk and Catskill Mountains. Local upstate New York resident and NEARA researcher Glenn Kreisberg will present and discuss sites in the Catskills, Shawangunks and Hudson Valley consisting of dry stone walls, cairn fields, chambers, megaliths, alignments and more. Some consider the northeastern US to be home to the largest collection of astronomically aligned stone construction to be found anywhere. Who built them, why and Evidence exists to support the theory an ancient cultural group used features in the landscape of the Catskill and Shawangunk Mountains, in upstate New York, to carry out astronomical observations and preserved the information by manipulating the natural terrain to create alignments between landscape features and manmade monuments. Some of the alignments are configured over distances of up to nearly 20 miles. If this could be documented, it would reshape our understanding and concept of what ancient (prehistoric) man knew and was capable of accomplishing. when?

*Glenn Kreisberg is a radio frequency engineer, writer, a researcher who resides in Woodstock, NY. He's researched and published articles on electromagnetism and the ancients, stone cairn alignments in the northeast U.S. and the historic bluestone quarrying industry in the Catskill Mountains, New York, among others. Glenn is also the founder and editor of the alternative science and history web site www.ASHnews.org as well as the current editor of the Author of the Month page featured at www.Grahamhancock.com. His first book, an edited anthology of essays titled *The Search for Lost Knowledge - A Graham Hancock Alternative Science and History Reader*, will be published in August by Monkfish Books.*

ABSTRACTS OF THE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SPRING 2009 MEETING cont...

Crystal Trickle: Kansas Rock Inscriptions

Long enduring stone provided a perfect backdrop for records of the ancient past. Left undisturbed for centuries or millennia, Kansas cliffs and rock shelters held an unimaginable contribution to understanding history. Kansas inscriptions contain a part of the vast "library" that the ancients left scattered across the Americas. Utilizing the sun and simple stone gave competent engineers, astronomers, and literate scribes a means for their intricate messages to be shared for the ages to come. Kansas is not well known for its inscriptions or archaeoastronomy possibly because there have been few specialized reports or books written on the subject. North Central Kansas has several sites of interest; they are exquisite examples of archaeoastronomy, and the ingenuity that ancient man used to tell a story.

Crystal Trickle is an East Tennessee native that learned of the Bat Creek stone when she was sixteen years old. At this young age the fascination with ancient people and their migrations drew her interest into epigraphy and linguistics. She began scouring the countryside in search of other related Tennessee inscriptions; a few were located which fueled her enthusiasm. Following a move to Kansas she began researching Kansas epigraphy and archaeoastronomy, along with her husband Wayne. They were privileged to make acquaintance with local enthusiasts, and a field team was developed to locate and document epigraphic and archaeoastronomical sites. She is a member of the Epigraphic Society, NEARA, Midwestern Epigraphic Society, and AAPS. She is president of the Epigraphic Research association, a local Kansas organization. She has studied German and is currently studying Hebrew. She has an avid interest in Biblical Antiquities, American antiquities, archaeology, and astronomy.

Peter Anick: The Ritual Landscape, Down Under

"Songlines" are a network of trails through the Australian landscape that relate the mythology of the dreamtime to the present through song and ritual. They embody principles of navigation and cultural memory that may at one time have been used by nomadic peoples around the world. It is still possible to visit a few of these sacred sites accompanied by their aboriginal custodians. In this talk, Peter presents a glimpse of several central Australian songlines, showing how features of the landscape literally provide a foundation for aboriginal culture.



Peter Anick is the NEARA Massachusetts State Coordinator and is a computer scientist interested in developing ways to help travelers navigate effectively through the virtual outback known as the World Wide Web.



ABSTRACTS OF THE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SPRING 2009 MEETING cont...

Michael J. Caduto: Bones of Stone: New Hampshire's Geology and its Influence on Native Peoples

Eons before people arrived in New Hampshire, the forces of nature sculpted the land. Continents collided. Seas opened and closed. Mountain ranges rose and fell. Each wave of rock that broke on these shores left a fragment behind—a piece of the geologic puzzle we now call New Hampshire. The last glacier melted back about 14,000 years ago. For more than 11,000 years the Alnôbak (Abenaki) and their ancestors have lived here and sustained themselves with ways of life molded by the land itself. Through story, slides and discussion Michael Caduto touches on how the dynamics of New Hampshire's geology and landforms has impacted the lives of native peoples.

Michael J. Caduto is an award-winning author, ecologist, musician and storyteller. He is the author of A Time Before New Hampshire: The Story of a Land and Native Peoples (University Press of New England). Michael also co-authored the national bestseller 'Keepers of the Earth' and its popular sequels 'Keepers of the Animals, Keepers of Life and Keepers of the Night' (NAPPA Gold Award). For more than 25 years he has worked closely with members of many Native American cultures. Michael travels throughout the world presenting environmental and cultural performances and workshops for children, teachers, naturalists and general audiences. His most recent book's are Everyday Herbs in Spiritual Life: A Guide to Many Practices, A Child of God, In the Beginning: The Story of Genesis and Earth Activities for Children and Remains Unknown: The Final Journey of a Human Spirit. His Earth Tales from Around the World was awarded the national Aesop Prize. One of his children's books, The Crimson Elf: Italian Tales of Wisdom received a Storytelling World Honor Award. He also co-authored Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects and Recipes for Families (NAPPA Silver Award). His original music—All One Earth: Songs for the Generations—has received the ASCAP Popular Award.

Tom Maxson: The Corbelled Stone Chambers of Kent, Putnam County, New York

The Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York has one of the highest concentrations of corbelled stone chambers in North America. But these amazing portals into our historical heritage face serious threats from both nature and man. The Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, in partnership with Highlands Historic Preservation, has been surveying and mapping these unique, important historic artifacts in an effort to identify, protect, preserve, and further study these amazing structures. This presentation will review the stone chambers that have been surveyed to date, making note of the threats they face, and discuss the recommendations for their protection.

Tom Maxson is a former member of the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, and is currently the chairman of Highlands Historic Preservation, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to preserving the hidden historic treasures in the Highlands region of the Lower Hudson Valley of New York. Growing up on Long Island, New York, he witnessed the mass paving over of its history in favor of shopping malls and parking lots. He later moved to Kent, attracted by the fascinating stone walls and natural beauty of the area. He recently served on his town's Master Plan Committee, documenting Kent's historic locations, and helping to shape progressive recommendations for the protection and preservation of these unique historical assets, so they can be enjoyed for future generations to come.

Alvin Holm: Sites That Inspire and Buildings That Sing

Much has been written about famous sacred sites and how and why they retain their charisma, sometimes for millennia. Even more has been written about beautiful buildings and how their splendor is achieved. There are no conclusions, so far, to either of these independent studies, but perhaps through a consideration of Pythagorean teachings we can come to understand more about both in relation to each other. Harmonic relationships as they exist in architecture, music, the earth and the human body will be the subject of this investigation. Particular emphasis will be given to Greek myth and the mysteries of classical architecture.

Alvin Holm, AIA, has been teaching classical architecture design since 1981. An architect in general practice with project throughout the United States, he is a founder of the Institute of Classical Architecture, and has taught at University of Pennsylvania and many other colleges.

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Manuel Luciano da Silva MD: The Portuguese Connection to North American History

Dr. da Silva has used the same scientific method of making medical diagnosis on his historical investigations of documents and monuments. His first autopsy [*auto*=self + *opsis*=vision] is the epigraphic analysis of Dighton Rock inscriptions, proving that the original inscriptions were made by Miguel Corte Real in 1511. The geologist has no right to make the diagnosis of Dighton Rock inscriptions. Only the Epigraphists of the XV and XVI centuries must do it, but there are no Epigraphists of these centuries in any of the five thousand American Universities, neither in Europe! Why? Dr. da Silva states the Phoenicians and Vikings had nothing to do with Dighton Rock and the proponents of these two theories committed forgery. He also affirms that the Newport Tower and Ninigret were built by the Portuguese navigators. The first map showing lands of North America is the Portuguese "Nautical Chart of 1424" on which he made the original diagnosis of the "The True Antilles" which are the Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edwards Island in Canada. Under his same scientific method he discovered, on the Portuguese map called Kunstmann map dated 1505, the eight-shaped bay of St. John's in Newfoundland, as the Land of Corte Real. Dr. da Silva and his wife went to the Vatican Library and found there two Papal Bulls that have the name of the Navigator Columbus written in Portuguese, Cristovao Colon. They did the "autopsies" of the Papal Bulls, the Sigla, the Monogram the Blessing and present the conclusions of the DNA studies done on 477 men from North Italy, from Southern France and from Spain (Cataluna) who affirmed to be direct descents of Columbus, but none of them matched the Y chromosome typical of the male Columbus family tree. They analyze the so called documents for the Italian theory and they found all of them to be false. They conclude their presentation with the fact that the German cartographer Waldseemuller, who made the World Map of 1507 which presents for the first time the name America, (and the Library of Congress paid ten millions for it), but Waldseemuller created another map called "Carta Marina" dated 1516, where he wrote on one the maps legends: "Columbus a Captain of Portugal".

Manuel Luciano da Silva MD practiced internal medicine for 45 years. In addition to his medical practice, he's been studying the history of Dighton Rock inscriptions made by Miguel Corte Real in 1511. He has written many articles for Portuguese, Brazilian and American press including National Medical Magazines. He has given more than 300 lectures in Universities, Colleges, Historical Societies and has appeared on many radio and television programs educating the public on Portuguese-American History. In 1971 he published the book Portuguese Pilgrims and Dighton Rock, which summarizes his original research in the history of the discovery of North America. Together with his wife published in 2006 their book "Christopher Columbus was Portuguese" which was adapted into a movie and won the "Bisato D'Oro" (Gold Medal) at the International Film festival in Venice, Italy, in 2007.

Robert M. Schoch: Global Patterns of Transoceanic Dispersal in Ancient Times: New Evidence on the Driving Factors, and a Warning for the Present

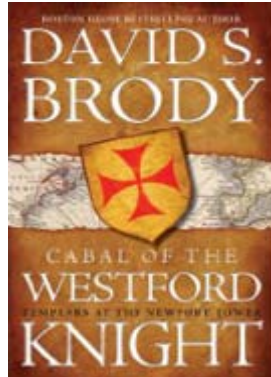
There is abundant evidence supporting the contention that trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific voyages and contacts took place in both classical (circa 1500 to 2500 years ago) and remote ancient times. The evidence includes material artifacts as well as linguistic, mythological, religious, cultural, and biological points of congruence. But why were long distance voyages undertaken? Traditional answers fall into such categories as unintentional voyages (being swept off course and ending up on the shores of a new world), exploration, trade, and escape from persecution. Increasing evidence, developed from geological, archaeological, historical, and paleo-climatic records, targets downturns in the environment, for example climatic changes, coastal inundations, and volcanic eruptions, as significant causal factors. The leading driving factor, however, may be a series of well-documented catastrophic events, caused by extraterrestrial objects such as comets, asteroids, and meteorites. Indeed, the ancients may have tried to leave a record of these catastrophes, if only we could decipher it, and the next potentially devastating event may not be far off.

*Robert M. Schoch, PhD, is a fulltime faculty member at Boston University's College of General Studies. He is renowned for his work on re-dating the Great Sphinx, based on his geological studies; he determined that the Sphinx's origins date prior to dynastic times. He has also focused his attention on the Great Pyramid, temples and tombs in Egypt, and similar structures around the world. He is an author and coauthor of technical and popular books, the trilogy with R. A. McNally: *Voices of the Rocks: A Scientist looks at Catastrophes and Ancient Civilizations* (1999), *Voyages of the Pyramid Builders: The True Origins of the Pyramids from Lost Egypt to Ancient America* (2003), and *Pyramid Quest: Secrets of the Great Pyramid and the Dawn of Civilization* (2005). His most recent book is *The Parapsychology Revolution: A Concise Anthology of Paranormal and Psychic Research* (2008, compilation and commentary by Robert M. Schoch and Logan Yonavjak). Website: www.robertschoch.com*

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David Brody: Reception and Book Signing in celebration of Dave's new book: Cabal of the Westford Knight: Templars at the Newport Tower

This is Dave's new fictional adventure book based on historic facts and sites throughout New England and especially Rhode Island and relates to the subject of Masonry and Templars in the New World. "Cabal was another book I got via an offer from a publisher. While the whole Da Vinci Code genre burned out rather quickly for me, this book offered a unique twist in that it was set on American shores. Add in the fact that all the historical sites and artifacts actually do exist, and you get an interesting blend of quasi-history told in an adventure thriller plot." - Thomas Duff



David Brody is a real estate attorney who graduated from Tufts University and Georgetown Law School. He is a Boston Globe bestselling fiction writer, with his fourth new novel just recently published. He is a member and Director-at-Large with NEARA and an expert on the subject of pre-Columbian exploration of America.

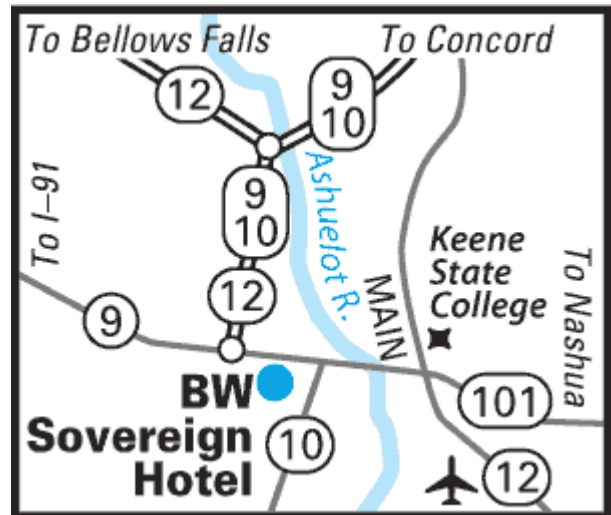


Medieval Battle Sword pommel, hilt and blade punched-marked into bedrock at Westford, MA

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HOTEL INFORMATION and ROOM RESERVATIONS



Ideally located off Interstate 101, the Best Western Sovereign Hotel is just minutes from both Keene State University and Antioch University and just two miles away; guests can visit Wheelock Park, Alumni Field or the Cheshire Fairgrounds. The Cheshire Medical Center and Sims Medical are also close by. Colorado Steak House, on premises, is full service Steak House, open for breakfast and dinner. Shopping is 1 mile from Colony Mill Marketplace. Transportation is 1 mile from Dillant Hopkins Airport.

NEARA has secured a rate of \$99.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for single or double occupancy, and \$111.99 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for triple, and \$123.99 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for quad occupancy. When you call to make your reservations, **mention that you are a NEARA member and verify that you are receiving the special rate.**

Directions:

- From Highways 101 and 10. South, Take Route 12, the Best Western is located at the junction of Route 12, 101 and 10 South.
- From Interstate 91. Take Exit 3 (9E) to Route 12 South to 10 South, to the Best Western.
- From Boston. Take Route 2 West to 140 North to 12 North to 10 South, to the Best Western.
- From East. Take 101 West to the Best Western.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The cut-off date for NEARA special rates is April 1st so call to reserve your room now!! After the cut-off date, all rooms being held for NEARA will be released back into general inventory and any requests made after April 1st will be subject to room availability.

“PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY April 1st”

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