

**New England Antiquities Research Association
2010 NEARA SPRING MEETING
April 16th – 18th, 2010
The Holiday Inn Kingston, NY
503 Washington Ave. Kingston, NY 12401
Hotel Front Desk: 1-845-338-0400, Hotel Fax: 1-845-340-1908**



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, April 16th

- 12:00 - 5:00 pm** Field Trips (see details on following page)
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm** Registration and Book Sales
- 7:00 - 7:15 pm** Sue Carlson, NEARA President: Welcome
- 7:15 - 8:30 pm** Enrique Noguera: "Megalithic Structures of the Mid-Hudson Valley"
- 8:30 - 8:45 pm** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 8:45 - 9:30 pm** Glenn Kreisberg: "Lithic Alignments in the Northeast"
- 9:30 -10:15 pm** Members Forum: Peter Anick, Tom Paul and Steve Voluckas

Saturday, April 17th

- 8:30 - 9:00 am** Registration and Book Sales
- 9:00 -10:45 am** Business Meeting and State Coordinators Reports
- 10:45 -11:15 am** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 11:15 -12:00 pm** David Johnson: "Nasca Lines and Geoglyphs of South America"
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm** Lunch on your own, Book Sales & Exhibits
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm** William Sullivan "Secrets of the Inca"
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm** Laird Scranton: "Mystery of the Dogon"
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 4:00 - 4:45 pm** "Site Preservation Panel Discussion"
- 4:45 - 5:00 pm** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm** Cocktail & Networking Hour
- 6:30 - 8:00 pm** Saturday Night Banquet
- 8:00 -10:00 pm** John Anthony West: "Rebel Egyptology"

Sunday, April 18th

- 9:00 - 1:00pm** Field Trips (see details on following page)



Bearsville Hollow Turtle Cairn

2010 NEARA SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Field Trips sponsored by Polly Midgely, Hudson Valley, New York State Coordinator

*****Friday, April 16th*****

Field trip #1: "Putnam Chamber Tour"

Led by Polly Midgley: Please call Polly, at 914-610-6047, by Wednesday, April 14th, prior to registration, and state tour preference.

12:00pm: Meet at the Holiday Inn parking lot in Mt. Kisco (Westchester County). Take exit 37 (Kisco Avenue) off of the Saw Mill River Parkway and go east/southeast on Kisco Avenue one block. Turn left onto Holiday Inn Drive. There is a sign.

12:30pm: Depart for Putnam Chamber tour working from Westchester Co. north through Putnam towards Kingston, visiting nearby chambers and associated features along the way.

Field trip #2: "Putnam Cairn Tour"

Led by Rob Buchanan: Please call Polly, at 914-610-6047, by Wednesday, April 14th, prior to registration, and state tour preference.

12:00pm: Meet at the Pelton Pond parking area on route 301. Exit the Taconic Parkway at the route 301 Exit. (The Taconic's northern most exit in Putnam County.) Go east a very short distance on 301 to the Pelton Pond parking area. Tour includes field trip into a Cairns in Fahnestock State Park.

Field trip #3: "Bearsville Hollow Turtle Cairns"

Led by Glenn Kreisberg:

12:00pm: Depart from Kingston Holiday Inn and drive to Race Track Road, Bearsville, NY. Explore turtle cairn field and surrounding stone walls.

2:00pm: Continue to Mink Hollow Cairn field. We'll take a short tour of one of the three large cairn fields in Mink Hollow.

5:00pm: Arrive back to hotel

*****Sunday, November 18th*****

➤ **Sunday morning field trip: 9 to 12am**

Field trip #4: "Spruceton Valley Cairns"

Led by Glenn Kreisberg:

9:00am: Depart from hotel

9:40am: Arrive in Spruceton Valley; Westkill, NY, to explore the Spruceton Valley Cairns Field located a short walk from the parking area, alongside a mountain stream, in this scenic valley. This cairn field lies very close to the direct line of the Hammonasset Line and is thought to have solstice alignments.

➤ **Sunday afternoon field trips: 12 to 5pm**

Field trip #5: "Silver Hollow Cairns"

Led by Dave Holden :

12:00pm: Depart hotel and travel through Woodstock, up Lake Hill, to Willow, where the newly discovered Silver Hollow Cairns are found.

Field trip # 6: "Overlook Mountain Great Cairns"

Led by Glenn Kreisberg and Dave Holden:

2:00pm: Depart from NYS DEC Mink Hollow Trailhead parking area and explore the three large cairn fields and massive stone walls starting and located a short walk from the parking area. Mink Hollow Road, now a NYS DEC hiking trail, was once a major thoroughfare as the most direct north/south route through the rugged mountains. The head waters of the Little Beaverkill which feeds the Esopus, are found in Mink Hollow, a divide between the Hudson and Delaware River watersheds.

ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE SPRING 2010 MEETING

Enrique Noguera: “Megalithic Structures of the Mid-Hudson Valley”

Many enigmatic stone structures and complexes are still standing across the country, especially prominent in New York and New England. New York’s Hudson Valley may be the richest archaeoastronomical complex area in the United States, with still functioning equinox and solstice alignments. Come take a megalithic journey to ancient sacred sites in the mid Hudson valley. These exquisite ceremonial complexes have been constructed by people highly attuned to the earth and sky, who thereby established networks of power and transformation within the natural world. Deep in the woods, discover slab-roofed stone chambers with equinox and solstice sunrise and sunset alignments, very similar to calendar sites elsewhere in New England and Europe.

Enrique Noguera has been a field researcher studying the megalithic sites in our region for decades. First with the Early Sites Society and then in the early days of NEARA right through up to the present Enrique has gained knowledge and insight few have achieved into the origins and nature of these sites.



Glenn Kreisberg: “Lithic Alignments in the Northeast”

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.

Glenn Kreisberg is a radio frequency engineer, writer and researcher who currently serves as Vice President of the New England Antiquities Research Association (www.NEARA.org) He has researched and published articles and interviews on electromagnetism and the ancients, historic bluestone quarrying in upstate New York and lithic sites and alignments in the northeast U.S., 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 “Knowledge of the Ancients, A Graham Hancock Reader”, will be published this fall by Inner Traditions - Bear and Company.

Peter Anick: “On the Rock where Moses Stood? Lithic Features of the Holy Land.”

Far from the usual tourist sites in Israel lie enigmatic stone structures - altars, standing stones, cairns, dolmans and rock art. We'll visit a few of these sites and discuss some of the interpretations that have been offered.

Peter Anick is a computer scientist. He is, also, the NEARA Massachusetts State Coordinator with a long-standing interest in prehistory, rock art, and the relationship between landscape and mythology. This has led him to many off-the-beaten track locations around the world, most recently to Israel and Egypt.

ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE SPRING 2010 MEETING cont...

Charles Tom Paul: “A Review of Hammonasset Line Research”

This talk is about the work done on the Hammonasset Line from the Connecticut boarder to the town of Roxbury, past the Catskill State Park. This presentation examines additional sites recently uncovered in eastern New York, including walls, boulders, cairns, quartz and serpent effigies.

Tom Paul is a retired research engineer who has always had an interest in history. He joined NEARA in 1997 after finding a series of stone structures around his home in Madison, CT, and has been the NEARA Treasurer for the past 12 years. He is a member of land use boards for the past 26 years which brings him in the woods. He has given a number of talks on the Hammonasset Line to NEARA and ESAF, over the last 10 year, and continues researching this solstice line. He has studied the Westford Knight for more than 30 years and been a member of the Westford Knight Committee for about 20 years. Other research has included trips to various locations such as Nova Scotia, England, Scotland and Venice.

Steve Voluckas: “Newport Tower Solstice Light Projections”

A look at the patterns of light projected by windows in the tower during summer and winter solstices, that may provide clues as to the origin, purpose, and history of the Newport Tower. The windows appear purposely constructed to focus solstice sunrise or sunset light into planned shapes and striking features within the tower that have been modified to mark the solstices. A brief video adds to the understanding of the formation and movement of these light projections.

Steve Voluckas is a pilot for Island Airlines in Hyannis, MA. He produces and directs public access TV programs at C3TV Comcast channel 17 on Cape Cod. Steve is involved with the Multicultural Festival of Cape Cod, the Cape Cod Immigrant Center, and the Lithuanian-American Community of Cape Cod. His interest and study of possible Norse and other unexplained sites between Nova Scotia and Rhode Island began in 2005. He joined NEARA in 2006 and now serves on the NEARA Board as a Director-at-Large.

Davis Johnson “The Nasca Lines and Geoglyphs of South America”

One of the most enduring archaeological mysteries of ancient Peru are the so-called Lines of Nasca or geoglyphs which consist of giant geometric forms (triangles, trapezoids, parallel lines) as well as biomorphs (birds, plants, and mammals) etched into the surface of the desert of southern Peru, especially in the drainage of the Río Grande de Nasca. David Johnson has researched these features for over a decade and has a working theory which explains many of the mysteries.

Johnson was a National Geoglyph Research and Exploration recipient (1998) for his research on the correlation between geology, hydrology and the Nasca Lines in Peru. He served as an Adjunct Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, for six years during his research in Peru. As a member of the New York State Archaeological Association for 40 years he’s worked on sites throughout the Mohawk and Hudson Valleys. Currently, he serves as president of the Orange County Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association and is writing a report on a middle to late archaic site. At the same time of his research on the correlation between geology, hydrology and the Nasca Lines, he was principal investigator for two scientific expeditions in the Rio Grande de Nasca drainage of southern Peru and co director for several others.



ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE SPRING 2010 MEETING cont...

William Sullivan: “The Mystery of the Inca”

Dr. Sullivan will discuss how precessional change was regarded and recorded in Andean myth, its relationship to the formation of the Inca empire, and how newly discovered monumental earthworks in the Sacred Valley of the Incas confirm this understanding of the myths.

William Sullivan is an archaeoastronomer, historian, student of myth, and the author of ‘The Secret of the Incas: Myth Astronomy and the War Against Time’, which was featured in a two hour documentary on Channel 4, England. Having recently completed a five year stint as senior content consultant for a proposed museum of world mythology, he is currently working on a project to clarify the relationship between Algonquian mythology and the enigmatic Native American stone constructions scattered throughout the woodlands of New England.

Laird Scranton: “The Mystery of the Dogon”

The Dogon, an outwardly primitive African tribe from modern-day Mali, preserve a detailed cosmology in ancient form, cast in the themes, symbols and storylines of the classic world mythologies, and couched in the clearest of modern terms, yet expressed using ancient Egyptian words. The cosmology is founded on an aligned ritual shrine that takes the same form and evokes the same symbolism as a Buddhist stupa, and culminates in a religious tradition that expresses itself through many of the signature rituals of Judaism, such as the wearing of skull caps and prayer shawls, the practice of circumcision, and the celebration of a Jubilee year. This presentation is an introduction to a pivotal culture that appears to stand at the very crossroads of ancient knowledge.

Laird Scranton is a software designer from Albany, New York, and the author of two books on African and Egyptian cosmology and language. His focus is on the study of comparative cosmology, which is the study of the classic myths, symbols, deities, cosmological concepts, rituals and words of various ancient and modern cultures. His emphasis is on defining fundamental similarities between the cosmologies of the modern-day Dogon tribe of Mali, ancient Egypt, and Buddhism. These studies have culminated in a new symbolic approach to interpreting Egyptian hieroglyphic words that are based on words and definitions drawn from comparative cosmology, rather than the traditional comparative texts of the Rosetta Stone. His articles include three Dogon-related topics in Temple University’s forthcoming Encyclopedia of African Religion, and a recent article in support of Marcel Griaule’s Dogon cosmology in the University of Chicago’s academic journal Anthropology News.

“Site Preservation Discussion Panel”

This discussion panel will address issues, resources, processes, and procedures related to the field of historic and prehistoric site preservation.

The Panel will consist of experts, researchers and those knowledgeable about site preservation.

John Anthony West: “Rebel Egyptology”

In The Case for Astrology, West presents compelling new evidence that corroborates the astrological premise: that correlations exist between events in the sky and on Earth, and that correspondences exist between the human personality and the positions of the planets at birth.

John Anthony West is a writer, scholar, Pythagorean, and rebel Egyptologist. He has traveled to this region more than 100 times. He is the author of ‘The Traveler’s Key to Ancient Egypt’, and consulting editor for the Traveler’s Key series. His previous book, ‘Serpent in the Sky: The High Wisdom of Ancient Egypt’ is an exhaustive study of the revolutionary Egyptological work of the French mathematician and Orientalist, the late R.A. Schwaller de Lubicz. West won an Emmy Award for his 1993 NBC Special Documentary ‘The Mystery of the Sphinx’, hosted by Charlton Heston.

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HOTEL INFORMATION and ROOM RESERVATIONS

The Holiday Inn Hotel at Kingston is located in the Hudson River Valley Region of New York State in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains and is easily accessible from the NYS Thruway (I-87) mid way between the State Capitol of Albany and New York City. The Inn features the Holidome recreation center, a heated indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, game, conversation area in a garden atmosphere, fitness center, broadband access, 100% non-smoking, full service restaurant, a separate lounge and pets allowed.



Additional points of interest in the area: The uptown Kingston Historic Stockade area and Senate House.

Directions:

- >>> From West: Take I 90 West to I-87 South. Take 87 South to Exit 19. Enter rotary and take first exit to Washington Ave. Hotel is ½ mile on the right after first light.
- >>> From North: Take 293 south/NH 101 east, merge on route 93 south, merge onto route 495 south, take 495 to 90 west, take I 90 west to I-87 south. Same as above.
- >>> From South: Take Route 95 via exit 48, merge onto Route 495 via exit 6B, take 495 north to 90 west. Take I 90 west to I-87 south. Same as above.



NEARA has secured a rate of \$85.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for single or double occupancy, \$95.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for triple occupancy, and \$105.00 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.

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.**



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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEARA FALL MEETING

November 12th – 14th, 2010

Nathan Hale Inn, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

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