

New England Antiquities Research Association
2011 NEARA FALL MEETING
Oct 28th – 30th, 2011
The Holiday Inn Burlington
1068 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT
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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, October 28th

- 1:00 - 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 - 7:45 pm Cathy Taylor: "Upton Chamber Update"
- 7:45 - 8:15 pm Peter Anick: "New Finds and Research from Scotland"
- 8:15 - 8:30 pm Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 8:30 - 9:00 pm Lisa Gannon: "Stunning Stonework: the site complex of West Bolton"
- 9:00 - 9:30 pm Polly Midgley: "Mysteries, Enigmas and Stone Chambers"
- 9:30 - 10:00 pm Glenn Kreisberg: "Catskills Research Update"
- 10:00 - 10:15 pm Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 10:15 - 11:15 pm Video Screening "Before the Lake was Champlain"

Saturday, October 29th

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Registration and Book Sales
- 9:00 - 10:30 am State Coordinators Reports
- 10:30 - 11:00 am Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 11:00 - 11:45 pm Hugh Newman: "Earth Energies, Fertility and Secrets of the Megalith Builders"
- 11:45 - 1:15 pm Lunch on your own, Book Sales & Exhibits
- 1:15 - 2:00 pm Fred Wiseman: "Experimental Ethnography of Stone-Built Landscapes"
- 2:00 - 2:45 pm Adam Kane: "How to Sink Boats: Shipwrecks Sent to the Bottom of Lake Champlain with Stone Cargoes"
- 2:45 - 3:15 pm Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm Doug Harris "USET Conference on Federal Agency Standards for Ceremonial Stone Landscape Identification and Documentation"
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm Panel Discussion: "Federal Agency Standards and Protocols"
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm Cocktail & Networking Hour
- 6:30 - 8:00 pm Banquet
- 8:00 - 9:00 pm Harry Holstein: "USET and Site Preservation Efforts"

Sunday, October 30th

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

2011 NEARA FALL FIELD TRIPS

(Please dress warm!!)

Field Trips sponsored by Lisa Gannon and the NEARA Vermont Chapter
Friday, October 28th

Friday Field trips:

#1 Burlington Earth Clock stone circle (funded in part by NEARA!)

Depart hotel at 1:00 p.m. Friday with Lisa Gannon, VT Coordinator, to Blanchard Beach in Burlington, then on to visit the nearby **labyrinth with associated archaeo-astronomical art sculpture** behind the All Saint's Church in South Burlington. Walking the brief labyrinth optional.

#2 ECHO Center - Self Guided <http://www.echovermont.org/>

This Lake Aquarium and Science Center is located on Burlington's stunning waterfront park. **ECHO is located at:** ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center Leahy Center for Lake Champlain One College Street Burlington, VT 05401 **GPS Coordinates:** +44° 28' 36.51", -73° 13' 14.37", then **stroll on Church St. Marketplace** downtown for shopping & dining on pedestrian mall, including the **Firehouse Gallery of Visual Art** <http://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/>

#3 Perkins Geology Museum and the Fleming Museum at UVM <http://www.uvm.edu/perkins/>

also at UVM: <http://www.uvm.edu/~fleming> The Fleming Museum also houses a permanent collection of Native American art & artifacts dedicated to the late James Petersen, UVM Anthropologist and friend to NEARA. **From I-89 North or South:** Take Exit 14W. Proceed 1 mile west on Williston Road (Route 2). Stay in right lane, turn right for East Avenue. Go several blocks to the second stoplight; turn left onto Colchester Avenue. At first stoplight, take left into Fletcher Allen Health Care. At stop sign, turn right; take first right into Fleming Museum Visitor Lot.

Attractions en route to Burlington:

For those traveling I-89, consider a **stop in Montpelier to the Vermont Historical Society Museum** located in the Pavilion building next to the State House. <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/page/349.html>
Exhibit includes state history from 1600 - present and contains Native artifacts.

For those heading north from the NY side of VT, (or heading south and home again) we recommend checking out the **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum** http://www.lcmm.org/museum_info/visit.htm located in Vergennes, VT, 20 miles or so south of Burlington off of Rte. 7. There is also the **Ancient Vermont exhibit at Castleton State College Library** containing marked stones, photo gallery, and small artifacts in Castleton, VT.

Sunday, October 30th

Sunday Field trips:

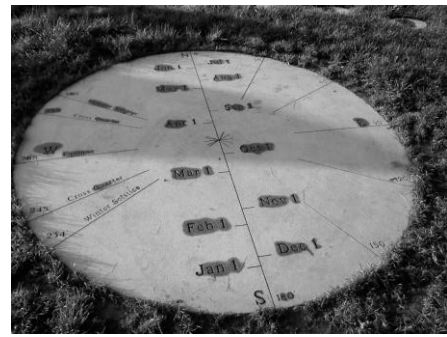
Depart hotel at 9:00 a.m. Sunday

1) PRELCO SITE: West Bolton, VT - Trip Leader Lisa Gannon

We will explore large free-form stone mounds, stone rows, and other features in this wooded section of the Preston Land Co. Hike will be on uneven, mostly young-growth forested terrain with some muddy spots likely due to numerous springs. Limited parking at this site will require carpooling from the nearby Richmond Park & Ride located on Rte 2, Exit 11 off I-89. All directions will be provided to participants at the meeting. Duration of site visit will be 2+ hrs.

2) GATEWAY SITE: West Bolton, VT - Trip Leader Joanna Carpenter

We will explore well constructed cairns, ceremonial-looking stonework surrounding a large split glacial boulder, and many other features as well as some examples of historic stonework all located on conservation land owned by the Jericho-Underhill Land Trust. Hike will be on trails and uneven forested terrain with some wet or muddy spots. Some gradual uphill hiking for those wishing to see multiple stone piles leading to a split boulder with associated stone row. Duration of site visit will be 2-3+ hrs. depending on participants' time schedule. Directions will be provided at the meeting.



Burlington Earth Clock on the shore of Lake Champlain (See field trip page for site visit info)

ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE FALL 2011 MEETING

Hugh Newman: Earth Energies, Fertility and Secrets of the Megalith Builders

A fascinating account of new scientific discoveries relating to earth energies, leys, fertility, orbs of light and how the ancients used these energies for various purposes.

Hugh Newman is an earth mysteries and esoteric science researcher. He organizes the Megalithomania Conferences, co-edits Avalon Rising magazine and hosts the 'Avalon Rising Radio Show' on Glastonbury Radio. He coordinates talks, films and workshops at numerous festivals. He has researched the Indigo child phenomenon and published a book on the subject. His most recent book, Earth Grids has been published by Wooden Books. He is an honorary member of The Antiquarian Society and has spoken at conferences in the UK, Malta, France, Peru and North America. He is currently writing a book about the Wandlebury complex near Cambridge.

Fred Wiseman: "Experimental ethnography of stone-built landscapes."

Many of the stone structures of the Far Northeast, especially cairns, resemble platforms, with more or less level platform tops; and steps, ramps or other means of access to the cairn summit. In this paper, we report the preliminary results of a September, 2011 test of the hypothesis that they function as thrust stages focused on 1.) the performer(s) viewing of mountain vistas behind audiences, and 2.) the audiences focused on the performance atop the platform cairn. Using reconstructed costuming and stage property, as well as performers of Native descent from the region of the platform cairns, we will assess the physical applicability of the platform cairns as thrust stages and the ease of using them for solo or group performance.

Professor Wiseman is Chair of the Department of Humanities Johnson State College, Johnson, VT. Frederick M. Wiseman has his Masters and Doctorate from the Department of Geosciences, University of Arizona. Trained as a geo-archaeologist and ethnobotanist, Dr. Wiseman has done extensive ethnobotanical, paleoenvironmental and archaeological fieldwork in the American Southwest, Northwestern Mexico, Yucatan, Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. Before coming to Vermont, he taught Mesoamerican and Southwestern archaeology, ethnobotany and phytogeography at Louisiana State University and archaeological paleobotany at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Materials Research in Archaeology and Ethnology. Within the last two decades, the native experience in the Northeastern United States has become the focus of his scholarly and community activity. During this time, he has published many articles and books (i.e. Voice of the Dawn, 2001; Reclaiming the Ancestors; 2005, and At Lake Between, 2009) dealing with the history, craft arts and inter-racial politics of the Vermont Abenakis and their neighbors. Wiseman lives in a restored Victorian house built by his grandfather in Swanton, Vermont, with his wife Anna, and pursues hobbies of restoring antique furniture and vintage Lionel trains, and testing the northern Vermont hardiness of subtropical flowering plants such as wisterias, cacti and magnolias



Before the lake was Champlain Documentary Film

Adam Kane: "How to Sink Boats: Shipwrecks Sent to the Bottom of Lake Champlain with Stone Cargoes"

With over 300 wrecks in its dark, cold waters, Lake Champlain has witnessed feats of heroism and terrible tragedies. Learn from the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's Adam Kane about Lake Champlain's most harrowing shipwreck stories, from the Revolutionary War to the present day. This presentation includes an overview of Lake Champlain's maritime history and a discussion of five or six wrecks in the lake that were sent to the bottom by their stone cargo.

Adam Kane joined the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in 1999, and has been working in the cultural resource management field since 1991. Kane has a B.A. in anthropology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and a M.A. in anthropology from the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University. Kane is an Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) Scientific Diver and a Monitor for the Lake Champlain Underwater Historic Preserve.

Doug Harris "USET Conference on Federal Agency Standards for Ceremonial Stone Landscape Identification and Documentation"

Doug will discuss his work with the United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET) <http://www.usetinc.org/Home.aspx> and the Department of Agriculture <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/tribalrelations/sacredsites> reviewing existing laws, regulations, and policies and examining their effectiveness in ensuring a consistent level of protection for American Indian and Alaska Native sacred sites located on National Forest System lands.

Doug Harris is the Preservationist for Ceremonial Landscapes and Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office. He has had a voice in consultations with the Federal Government regarding developing the first set Fed. Agency standards for identification and documentation of ceremonial stone landscapes and has led the fight to protect and preserve Native American sacred sites for many years.

Harry Holstein: "USET Site Preservation Efforts"

Professor Holstein has been investigating stone structure sites in Alabama and the SE for over 25 years. He's recently become very involved in getting the word out as to the importance of these sites to Native Americans and archaeological site preservation. Anyone who knows him will tell you he loves to talk about these sites and point out the problems of trying to convince folks these are not "just piles of Rocks!". Holstein's talk discusses some of the sites he recently investigated in Alabama and the problems encountered in trying to preserve some of the obviously Native American sites.

Professor Holstein attended California State University, California, Pa. Anthropology B.A. 1970 and University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. Anthropology Ph.D. 1978. Research Interest includes: 16th Century Spanish Explorers incursion into NE Alabama and NW Georgia, Prehistoric Stone Structure Sites in Alabama, Creek Indian War Sites in Alabama, General Alabama Prehistory and Civil War Iron Furnaces in Northern Alabama. Publications include: "Stone Structure Sites in Alabama and the Southeastern United States: A Result of Historic Land Management Activities and / or Prehistoric Woodland and Mississippian Memorials of the Past." Presented at Society of American Archaeology 74th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. April 2009.



Carved granite figures along the lake shore walk in Burlington, VT.

Cathy Taylor: "Upton Chamber Update"

Archaeology and stone repair was possible during the summer and fall of 2011 through a Community Preservation Act grant for the Upton Chamber. In addition NEARA research committee also put \$2,000 towards this endeavor. Cathy Taylor will update with slides and information.

Cathy Taylor, middle school teacher, member of Upton Historical Commission, and on the board for NEARA, has been interested in stone sites in her home town as well as all over New England for well over ten years.

Peter Anick: "New Finds and Research from Scotland"

Peter is just back from Scotland with a lot of material on recent megalithic finds/alignments there, including a possibly novel hypothesis on Callanish, and even data that may be relevant to the Westford knight interpretation.

ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE FALL 2011 MEETING cont...

Peter Anick, our Massachusetts state coordinator, is a computer scientist who has worked on applications of natural language processing and web search engines. Telecommuting to California for a number of years, he naturally developed an interest in the Native American sites and rock art of the Bay area and beyond.

Lisa Gannon: "Stunning Stonework: the site complex of West Bolton"

Nestled in the foothills of the northern Green Mountains, not far from Mt. Mansfield, is a large complex of three sites containing diverse examples of enigmatic stonework. These sites have only been recently discovered on conservation land. We will look at these sites in the context of a brief history of West Bolton. Two of these sites will be the focus of our field trips at the Fall Meeting.

Lisa Gannon works in pediatric medicine and is a Massachusetts native, living in the Champlain Valley of VT since 1988. She has been a NEARA member since 1997 and has served as State Chapter Coordinator for the past 8 years.

Polly Midgley: "Mysteries, Enigmas and Stone Chambers "

Stone chambers of NY and New England are admired for their construction. They are built of quarried stone, well sited and well engineered. Some mark the cycle of the sun and moon and are in harmony with the landscape. Concentrated primarily in New York and New England they are located near streams and other water sources. Many consider these chambers enigmatic. Their origins are mysterious. What other mysteries and enigmas might relate to them? This is my take on why they are here and who might have built them.

Polly has served as Neara Coordinator for the Hudson Valley for six years and as Coordinator for NYS for two years. In both capacities, she has worked with Chapter members to find and document stone chambers and to promote their preservation. A long time resident of Westchester County, she brings a NY perspective to questions about the chambers. Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Fairfield (CT) Counties are home to the largest concentration of chambers. A teacher, Polly presently does tutoring work.

Glenn Kreisberg: "Catskills Research Update"

Does evidence exist to support the theory that 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 the horizon, landscape features and manmade monuments? Some of the alignments are configured over distances of up to nearly 20 miles, and petroforms have been discovered which appear to represent star constellations in the northern sky. These finds hold the potential to reshape our understanding and concept of what ancient (prehistoric) man, in our region, knew and was capable of accomplishing.

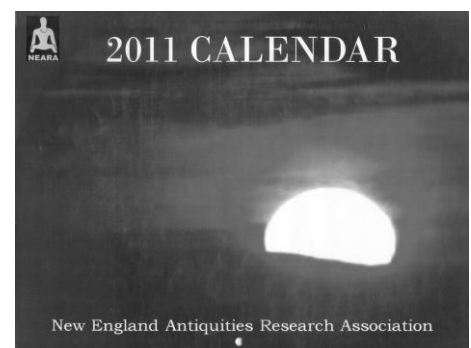
Glenn Kreisberg is a radio frequency engineer, outdoor guide, writer and researcher who currently serves as Vice President of the New England Antiquities Research Association (www.NEARA.org) He's researched and published articles and interviews on historic bluestone quarrying in upstate New York, lithic sites and alignments in the northeast U.S., and electromagnetism and the ancients , 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.

Annual NEARA Calendar Photo Contest Continues!

Anyone interested in entering a photo for consideration in the NEARA Wall Calendar, please send a 300 +dpi image along with a short caption and credit to: Glenn Kreisberg at cliffrover@aol.com. You will be notified by email if your photo is selected.

Remember, your photos and support help make this happen, so THANKS!

**For 2012 Calendar purchases please send \$15.00 to Glenn at:
P.O. Box 1278 Woodstock, NY 12498**



*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

The cut-off date for NEARA special rates is October 3rd 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 October 3rd will be subject to room availability.



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HOTEL INFORMATION and ROOM RESERVATIONS

Located just minutes from the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain, our hotel's facility places us right in the middle of all the natural beauty found in Burlington, Vermont. The hotel's situated just off I-89 at exit 14E, offering easy access to area attractions.



Don't forget that the **Holiday Inn®** Burlington hotel offers a well-equipped Fitness Center, indoor and outdoor pools and free high-speed, wireless Internet access for your convenience. You also have the chance to enjoy a great meal in the cozy atmosphere of Harper's, the on-site restaurant. Harper's is open for all three meals, and kids under 12 eat for free every day.

Directions:

Driving Directions

From the north or south - Route 89 to Exit 14E. Hotel is located just off the exit. Make a left into the parking lot at the light.

Burlington International Airport(BTV)

- Distance: 1.0 MI/1.61 KM WEST to Hotel
- Turn left out of parking lot onto Airport Drive .6 miles. Turn right onto Williston Road 1.6 miles
 - Hotel on right.

Train

- Station Name: Amtrak, Essex Junction
- Distance: 6.0 MI/9.66 KM NORTH EAST to Hotel
 - Taxi Charge (one way): \$ 15.00

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MEETING REGISTRATION

Name(s) *(please print)* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration **\$30.00** per person, member Number _____ \$ _____

\$35.00 per person, non-member Number _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet - \$35.00 per person, tax/gratuity incld. Number _____ \$ _____

Buffet style and includes: **Full buffet menu, salad bar, appetizer, and choice of 3 entrées, dessert and coffee.**

_____ Check here to indicate a dietary restriction. We will do our best to accommodate or offer a 25% discount.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Friday evening meal and Saturday lunch are on your own – many choices in the immediate area.

All lodging for this meeting is at the **Holiday Inn, Burlington, VT**. NEARA has secured a rate of \$79.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for single &/or double occupancy, triple is \$79.00 per night, and quad is \$79.00 per night. When making your reservations, mention that you are a NEARA member and verify that you are receiving these special rates.

CALL TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY – AT THESE RATES, THE BLOCK OF ROOMS THAT THEY ARE HOLDING FOR US IS SURE TO GO FAST.

Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel. **Hotel Front Desk: 1-(802)-863-6363**

Field Trips are available on both Friday and Sunday – no need to pre-register to participate in these events.

Please send your “meeting registration” early and mail to:

Don Winkley, NEARA Registrar *(Please make checks payable to NEARA)*
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