

Lower Susquehanna Archaeological Society

Summer 2019

Chapter 28, SPA

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Save the Dates:

June 1st, Saturday Indian Artifact Show / Petroglyph Lecture

June 23rd, Sunday Tour of Susquehannock sites

July 14th, Sunday Chapter 28, SPA Annual Members Picnic

June 1 Saturday, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Indian Artifact Show & Lecture

Location: Indian Steps Museum, 205 Indian Steps Road, Airville, PA 17302 Phone: 717.862.3948

Many artifacts and private collections available to inspect.

Demonstrations of flint knapping by Steve Nissly 11:00 to 12:00

Lecture on Safe Harbor Petroglyphs by Paul Nevin 1:00 p.m.

Artifact Identification available bring your finds.

June 23rd, Sunday Tours of the Susquehannock Sites

10:30 a.m. Begin our tour with Paul Nevin at the Zimmerman Center for Heritage and Native Lands County Park. Learn about the Susquehannocks' "last town", listed on the National Register and known by archaeologists as the Byrd Leibhart Site 36YO170.

Noon: Lunch on your own

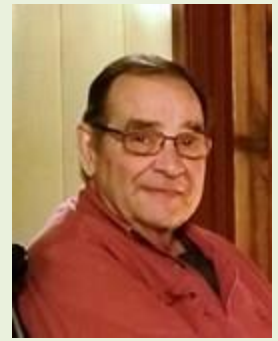
1:00 p.m. Travel over the River to the Lancaster County side. Meet at the Washington Boro Park. Review the artifact summary of our Chapter 28 excavation, plus see what artifact collectors found over the years. Private collections will be displayed by Jim Allen. Debbie Saylor will speak about the famous site labeled 36LA8 connecting the Susquehannocks with visiting Captain John Smith on Clayborne Island near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

2:00 p.m. Meet at Blue Rock Heritage Museum, where we join Charlie Douts for a tour of the museum housing local artifacts from the Shultz, Washington Boro and Strickler Sites.

RSVP by June 16 to Judy Englert: judithenglert@earthlink.net 717. 515.7907

Trip details & directions for June 23 tour will be emailed to those who have reserved spaces.

It is with deep sadness that our archaeological community lost a great scholar, archaeologist and friend. He will be missed by many.



Dr. Barry C. Kent

1939 - 2019 Obituary

Dr. Barry C. Kent

York Haven - Dr. Barry C. Kent, 80, of York Haven died May 8, 2019 at York Hospital. Born February 1, 1939 in York, he was the son of the late Joseph E. and Virginia L. (Karras) Kent.

Dr. Kent was the State Archaeologist with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the 1970's and was responsible for creating the Anthropology Hall at the State Museum of PA. He is best known for his archaeological research regarding the Susquehannock Indians, and authored "the Bible" on the subject, "Susquehanna's Indians. He also had a great love of Indian Steps Museum, and was very involved in creating the local Native American exhibits there.

Dr. Kent was a 1957 graduate of William Penn Senior High School where he was an All American Swimmer. He graduated from Penn State University with his Bachelor of Science degree, Master's degree, and Ph.D. in anthropology. He was a member of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (S.P.A.), and was honored with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Along with other diverse interests, he enjoyed fly fishing. Barry built his own log home with his late father to historic architectural specifications and resided there for many years.

He is survived by his daughter, Kristine Kent and her wife, Loretta Kistler of East Stroudsburg, PA; two brothers, David P. Kent and his wife, Karen of West Chester, PA and Daniel W. Kent and his wife, Jody of Dover; a grandson, Cristian Kent of East Stroudsburg; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indian Steps Museum, 205 Indian Steps Road, Airville, PA 17302 or to a favorite charity.

Message from our President, Paul Nevin

I'd like to share a little bit more about Dr. Kent. Barry was a great supporter of Chapter 28, S.P.A., and one of our founding members. Whenever we had a question, he was there, and his books and articles have been, and will continue to be, invaluable. Barry had a great interest in the excavation our Chapter conducted at the Washington Boro Susquehannock Village site in 2007. I can vividly recall him carefully cleaning the "floor" of the units searching for post molds, and struggling to decipher what they represented.

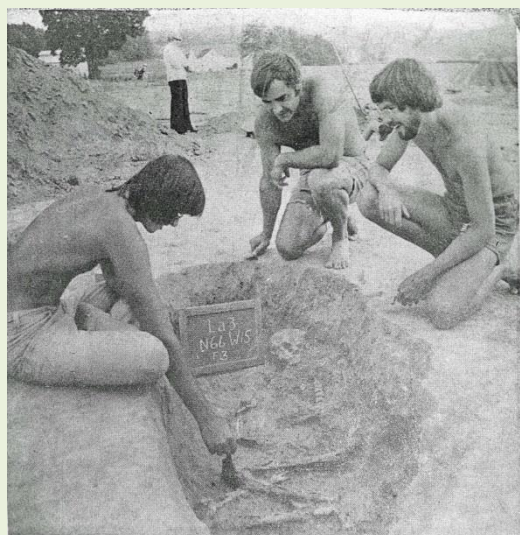
On a personal note, I think I first met Barry when I was beginning my research with the Safe Harbor Petroglyphs. It was so intimidating to ask a question, or even more, to present my "insights" to **Dr. Kent!** (My wife Amy was also terrified of him when she took a course he offered at Penn State York!) Well, we became friends, and I'll always be grateful for the time we spent together. He was so receptive to my theories, and more interested in hearing what I thought than pushing his own ideas. But my fondest memory is just sitting on his front porch, sharing a beer, and shooting the breeze.

Remembering Dr. Barry Kent



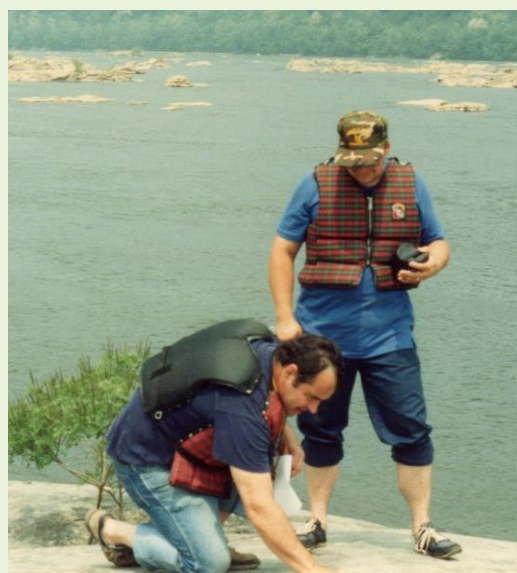
He was my mentor! I enjoyed many hours with Dr. Kent at Indian Steps Museum, as he trained my eye to spot the fine details of point typology, Susquehannock pottery, & local stone tools. He was a wealth of knowledge and I had so many more questions to ask. I will miss him both personally & professionally.

Debbie Saylor, Curator
Indian Steps Museum



Peering at the bones of a Susquehannock Indian at the "Strickler Site," not far from Washington Boro, are, left to right, Russell Hartman, State Archeologist Barry Kent and Steve Warfel. The scene is the last Indian dig, perhaps, in Lancaster County.

Excavation at Indian Steps Museum with Dr. Kent helping form our new archaeology team.



Petroglyphs of Safe Harbor.



Examining a replica created using a 3D printer of a Washington Boro Susquehannock pot produced by Dennis Brooks.



Posthole molds at Washington Boro Site: 36LA8

Dr. Kent with chapter members discussing finds.





Indian Steps Museum Artifact Show June 1 Saturday 10:00 to 5:00



Archaeology

Indian Artifacts

Metal Detection

Colonial Artifacts



Flint Knapping Demo:
Steve Nissly
Time: 11:00 to noon



Guest Speaker: Paul Nevin
Topic: Petroglyphs of Safe Harbor
Time: 1:00 at the Pavilion

Lectures

Identification: Adam Amspacher
Time: noon to 3:00 p.m.



Entrance fee: \$10.00
(includes museum admission)
Kids under 12 free
Members price \$9.00

Indian Steps Museum
205 Indian Steps Rd. Airville, PA 17302
Phone: 717.862.3948
www.indiansteps.org

Demonstrations

Tour of Museum

Native American Arts & Craft Show June 1 Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 Indian Steps Museum

Artifact Show
same day. Two shows
for price of one.

Local native crafted
items for Sale!

Hand crafted jewelry



Quill Work



Pottery



\$10.00 entrance
Kids under 12 Free
Members \$9.00

Finger Weaving and Drum Making Demonstrations
Historical Background on the Wampum Belt by Barry Lee

Annual Picnic

For Chapter 28 Members Only.....

July 14th

You are cordially invited to a picnic hosted by the Lower Susquehanna Archaeological Society, Chapter 28, SPA annual membership picnic on July 14th, Sunday starting at noon.

Location is set for Indian Steps Museum, 205 Indian Steps Road, Airville, PA

From noon to 2:00 Chapter Members Picnic

2:00 to 4:00 Red Lion Felton Band will play on the front lawn of the museum

Bring a lawn chair and relax alongside the Susquehanna River and take in the sounds of the band for your afternoon entertainment!

Please RSVP to Judith Englert at 717.515.7907 email: judithenglert@earthlink.net

The main menu will be: broasted chicken, corn, vegetables, dinner rolls and drinks.

(Small donation on site is requested to cover the cost of food).

We are requesting that each member bring a dessert or side dish to share. Please tell Judy what you plan to bring to the table, so we do not duplicate items.

Next Chapter Meeting: **September 15th, Sunday at 4:00 p.m.**

Location: Columbia Historical Preservation Society

21 North 2nd Street, Columbia, PA 17512

Website: <https://columbiahistory.net/> Phone: 717.684.2894

Check Chapter 28 website to confirm meeting dates & times:

www.spa28.org or Facebook: Lower Susquehanna Archaeological Society



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Chapter 28, SPA (Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.)

Lower Susquehanna Archaeological Society, Chapter 28, of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (S.P.A.) is a non-profit organization that promotes the advancement of scientific research, investigation, collection and preservation of archaeological remains and materials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Our chapter emphasizes the importance of public education as to the prehistoric and historic landscapes and archaeological importance of the lower Susquehanna River valley. We encourage joining a community which actively engages the member to assist in archaeological research, excavations, cataloging/recording of artifacts, sharing ideas and networking with other professionals in the field.

With every paid chapter membership, you will receive email notices of our varied meeting locations, programs and activities as well as the opportunity to share in our archaeological discoveries.

Our chapter meets the 3rd Sunday of every other month at 4:00 p.m. located at The Columbia Historical Preservation Society, 21 North 2nd Street, Columbia, PA. 17512

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[For information about our next meeting, please contact any of the officers listed above.](#)

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Membership Application for Chapter 28, S.P.A

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mail membership's payment to: Judith Englert, 28 Schoolhouse Lane, Windsor, PA 17366

Please make check payable to: Chapter 28, S.P.A.

Individual (\$15.00) _____ Family (\$20.00) _____ Sustaining (\$30.00 or more) _____

*New memberships are subject to Chapter 28, S.P.A. Board approval. Membership is for the calendar year.