

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology
Secretary Report, Summary for 2007
January 27, 2008

Membership 2007

As of 11/19/2007 it was reported there were 114 members who have paid through 2007 & 2008. FOSA continues to strive for increased membership..

A. Major Events and Volunteer Participation 2007

- 1) Grand opening of the Archaeology Center on April 29, 2007. The event was a great success. Comments from attendees, including the State Archaeologist from Rhode Island, were very positive. Positive feedback was also received from University officials.

The Archaeology Center will be open 5 days a week.

There is an ongoing fund raising campaign for the next phase of development to include space for collectibles and laboratories.

- 2) FOSA, working with the Museum of Natural History, was successful in obtaining a grant for \$25,000 from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. for support of the video display exhibit at the renovated Archaeology Center. This was followed by two \$2,500 direct contributions from FOSA in support of the same exhibit.
- 3) FOSA submitted a grant application to the Connecticut Humanities Council, Eastern Tourism District, in the amount of \$1289 to help defray partial costs of the annual meeting. The grant was awarded.

B. Reports from FOSA Committee Activities

1) Outreach Committee

- a) Connecticut Gravestone Network was held on March 31, 2007 in East Hartford. The new exhibit prepared by Ken & Bonnie Beatrice included an exhibit on middens and side display on Carbon 14.
- b) FOSA participated with museum staff in the CPTV Science Expo on Carbon 14. There were over 14,000 attendees.
- c) FOSA members participated in "Bio Blitz" held at Wilbert Snow Elementary School in Middletown, CT. Approximately 400 people in attendance.
- d) Participation at the Hammonasset Festival in Madison, CT on October 6th and 7th. The festival, which celebrated nature and Native Americans, was attended by 8000.

2) Membership Committee

The committee is discussing issue of member recruitment and retention.

3) Newsletter Committee

Spring and fall issues were published in timely fashion. Positive review.

4) Nomination Committee

Slate of potential new officers has been submitted.

5) Site Committee

- e) Major dig this year was at the Rogers site in Lisbon, CT. Rare artifacts have been found. Project is ongoing.
- f) Archaeology Field School held at Rogers sites, as well as classroom activities at UCONN, July 16 through July 20. Successful event.

Respectfully submitted,
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