



The Captain's Log

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PRESERVING NORTHEAST OHIO'S PAST, WRITTEN AND UNWRITTEN

[HTTPS://WWW.NEOSHIP.ORG/](https://www.neoship.org/)

Events Coming Soon

September 30

10 AM to 4 PM

Ohio Archaeology Day

Celebrate Ohio Archaeology Month at the Ohio History Connection on September 30, 2023 from 10:00am to 4:00pm!

Dig into history with Ohio History Connection's annual Archeology Day! Explore Ohio's past with archaeologists from across the state. Learn what it takes to be an archeologist,

participate in a mock dig on site, and hear from experts in the field.

Activities will include presentations, partner booths, pottery making, flint knapping, atlatl throwing, and mastodon crafts.

See the Event page for more details: <https://www.ohiohistory.org/events/ohio-archaeology-day/>

October 27

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Ohio Archaeological Council Fall Membership Meeting

The OAC's fall meeting will be hosted in a hybrid format at the Columbus Public Library main branch. Presentations will include current research in archaeology from many different archaeologists and educators. The meeting will be live streamed on the OAC YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCihQNObsGAzCtTT_euQ1kA

For questions, please email Elizabeth Hoag (ehoag@cia.edu).

Small Cemeteries Project: Updates

By SHiP Board of Directors

We at SHiP continue to document burials within Summit County and develop tools to disseminate that information to the public. Currently, the small cemeteries committee is working on ways in which the SHiP website (www.neoship.org) can provide open access data on cemeteries in Summit County. We welcome feedback from shipmates on how they would like to access data. Currently, Klanssee Stevens has created an online form where spatial information about the cemeteries can be entered by anyone using the form, which will then integrate into a Geographic Information System (GIS) layer. The link is available here:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/f6e8d38993154e0caf9dc5fe990a4116?portalUrl=https://KS-SHIP.maps.arcgis.com>

However, making the data generated from this GIS is where we at SHiP have run into a snag. Integrating an interactive map on our website may prove too costly to implement. However, there are alternative options that could

provide data, though the data would need to be accessed through a third-party application and downloaded rather than accessible instantaneously through the website. One example is Google Earth, where a frequently updated KMZ could be provided which users could download from the website and view in Google Earth with basic information about burial and cemetery locations in Summit County.

The major drawback to a method like Google Earth is that the file requires updating and re-uploading to the website as new data are added, and any data entered in the newly created form will not be automatically integrated into these Google Earth files. Likewise, without an interactive map, there may be a steep drop off in users utilizing the data. The major upside is the cost: Google Earth is free!

New Book on Schneider Park

Though technically not directly part of the Small Cemeteries Committee, several SHiP board members have been involved for the past few years with the

writing of an edited volume about the cemetery in Schneider Park in Akron. The book was recently approved for printing by the University of Akron Press and should be available sometime in 2024. The book will be highly relevant to those working on cemetery research in Ohio. The content of the book is relatable to many other cemeteries in Ohio, and thus will be a guiding source of reading for any cemetery preservationist, historian, archaeologist and genealogist.

In the next issue...

The next issue will be focused on the summer 2024 field season as many archaeologists prepare for summer field schools. Expect preliminary updates from Eric Olson about the search for a Late Prehistoric Village in the Rocky River Watershed. If you are a professor or teacher who has students interested in history, please recommend them to write a short essay for *The Captain's Log*. Submissions should be approximately 500 words, with a maximum of 3 figures or images.

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