

Council For Northeast Historical Archaeology

1996 Award for Excellence in Service

Paul Huey and Lois Feister



In 1996, Paul Huey and Lois Feister received the Council's first award for excellence in service to CNEHA. Paul and Lois have been actively involved in CNEHA since its early formative years. Paul first became a member in 1969 and Lois joined in 1971. Paul gave his first CNEHA paper in 1970, appropriately titled, "Future Directions for Historical Archaeology in New York State." For more than thirty years since that first paper, Paul and Lois have devoted their professional careers to the excavation, analysis, and interpretation of archaeological sites in New York State.

Both Lois and Paul have been regulars at our conferences, first as young scholars with an enthusiasm for the field and the organization and later as mentors and supporters to many other archaeologists. They have regularly given papers at our conferences. In 1983, Paul helped organize the symposium on the archaeology of the Revolutionary War period at CNEHA's meetings at New Windsor Cantonment in New York, and he wrote an article for Volume 12 of *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, composed of selected papers from this symposium. In 1986, on the 20th anniversary of CNEHA, Paul provided a written retrospective of CNEHA's formative years (see Volume 15).

Currently Paul is working for *Northeast Historical Archaeology* as a guest editor for a thematic volume on the Dutch in the Old World and New World. Lois, too, has written articles for our journal, including one on the orphanage at the Schuyler mansion. It is among the earliest articles published in North America on almshouses and charitable institutions. For many years Lois has served as New York's Current Research editor for CNEHA's newsletter. Both Paul and Lois have also helped in the planning and organization of the CNEHA conferences at Albany, Troy, and New Windsor Cantonment. Over the years, they have generously shared their time and expertise and encouraged young scholars both to give papers at our conferences and to write articles for our journal.

They have also devoted many years to diverse and valued work on the CNEHA board. Paul has served on the Board for 22 years: from 1971 to 1987 and again from 1999 to the present. Paul was Chair of the Board from 1981 to 1982. Lois served on the board for seven years, from 1980 to 1987 and she served as the Secretary of the board from 1983 to 1987. While on the board, both Paul and Lois were actively involved in compiling the data and paperwork needed for CNEHA's official listing as an educational organization within New York State. This educational classification enabled us to move toward nonprofit status. Paul's and Lois's involvement in the early years of CNEHA and their time on the board were instrumental in transforming CNEHA into the professional organization that exists today. .

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