

Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology
2011 Award for Excellence in Service
Sherene Baugher



The Council was pleased to present Sherene Baugher with the Award for Excellence in Service in 2011 at Utica, New York. Over her career, Sherene Baugher has proven to be a stalwart supporter of CNEHA. In 1979, Sherene presented her first CNEHA conference paper, "A Primer for Classifying and Dating 19th-Century Historical Artifacts." In presenting this award, the Council recognizes the many contributions Sherene has made since then in the form of conference papers, journal articles, book reviews, and a co-edited journal volume on the archaeology of 19th-century farmsteads.

In addition to her scholarly participation, Sherene has been active in a variety of leadership roles within CNEHA. She has twice served as Chair of the Executive Board, first from 1983-1985 and again from 1998-2003. She also served as Vice-Chair from 1997-1998. She was CNEHA's Treasurer from 1981 to 1983. Sherene has also served in the role of conference organizer, and has acted both informally and formally as a resource to many subsequent conference organizers. In twelve years of experience as a board member and as Chair, Sherene exhibited leadership, wisdom, and insight. It is thanks, in part, to her leadership that CNEHA is doing so well today.

In addition to her substantial records of scholarship, leadership and service, Sherene has been a one-woman recruiting drive for CNEHA, bringing numerous students to conferences over the years. She has been a mentor to countless students who have become respected professionals in both CRM and academia. Moreover, many of her students have gone on to be regular conference presenters and contributors to the organization.

Although the accomplishments mentioned here specifically relate to CNEHA, they make up only a portion of her contribution to the fields of historical archaeology, landscape studies, and North American archaeology. In reviewing her career and accomplishments we cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award. Her service to CNEHA has enriched this organization. It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge Sherene's outstanding contributions to our organization and to our field with CNEHA's Award for Excellence in Service.

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