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As we approach bringing the journal back on schedule for the first time in well over a decade, you will note some changes and additions to our format and contents. We're excited at the prospect of having the journal appear in a timely manner and are celebrating by expanding on commentaries, reviews, and short research notes. It was not appropriate to include book reviews on a regular basis before we knew the journal would be out regularly. In future volumes, we hope to include review essays that address two or more books on similar topics in addition to reviews of individual monographs. We're a long way from having a regular book review section or book review editor, however. Volume 24 contains reviews of two books that we know are of particular interest to historical archaeologists working in the Northeast.

We are interested in including commentary in each issue, either in response to something we presented in an earlier volume or on wholly new topics. Our commentary pieces in this volume come from Jim Symonds, who directs an archaeological consultancy in England, and Harley Erickson, who has an M.A. in Archaeological Heritage Management and is particularly interested in cemeteries and forensic archaeology. Jim sees a great deal of congruence in recent developments in contract archaeology in the U.S. and U.K., along with reason for concern, while Harley offers a strategy for dealing with gravestone fragments as part of an overall management plan for historical burying grounds.

Needless to say, we are not cutting back on full-length articles. In this volume you'll find a long, descriptive piece by Mary on work conducted at a farm site in Newbury, Massachusetts, since 1986. The article was written and submitted while she was away on sabbatical. We're happy to have Tom Davidson's innovative work on electronic image analysis of early Virginia earthenwares appear in this volume; his approach has poten-

tial for application elsewhere, but it is particularly exciting for what the results can contribute to identifying and understanding the distribution of pots in early Virginia. Charles Fisher's analysis of officers' huts at Crown Point, New York, reveals differences between accommodations for officers and regular soldiers in the nature and quality of both architecture and small finds. Such differences reflect military hierarchy and, perhaps more important, provide specific and poignant insight into the day-to-day existence of men who served in the colonial military. Gerald Kelso and Dick Hsu also discuss a military site in New York, but in this instance, pollen analysis plays a key role in reinterpreting an earlier interpretation of an important feature of the Saratoga battlefield.

We've also made some behind the scenes changes in regular journal operation. In this issue we introduce our editorial advisory board, the members of which help us to solicit and review manuscripts for publication in the journal. We know that their dedication to the journal will help us to maintain the quality and quantity of manuscripts we receive for consideration. The names of the committee members can be found on the title page of the volume. Thanks are due them for all the hard work they have done.

We hope you enjoy this volume and we'd like to hear your comments. Please write to the editors via regular or electronic mail with your comments or even with a commentary to be considered for publication in an upcoming volume. Our new email address and our regular mailing address can be found on the masthead page.

Here's wishing you good reading!

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