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## **"Where's the Newsletter?"**

### **A Letter From the New Editor**

Where indeed is the newsletter? Here it is -- late, but hopefully worth the wait.

I have to admit that producing a newsletter such as this involves a lot of hard work -- much more than I realized when I agreed to take it over from Tom Wheaton. The greatest difficulty I have had has been finding enough suitable material to make up an issue. In addition, I have undertaken to redesign and refocus the newsletter as a source of useful information for researchers in African-American material culture, broadly defined.

While I deeply apologize to one and all for the outrageous delay in producing this first issue under my editorship, hopefully with this issue African-American Archaeology (A-A A) will resume a more or less regular publication schedule. In addition to this Fall issue, I plan to produce an early winter issue to be mailed in early December, prior to the 1998 Society for Historical Archaeology Meeting in Atlanta. A late winter issue will report on the meeting, and with a sufficient flow of submissions, Spring/Summer and Fall issues will follow in due course.

Toward that end, please, each and every one of you, consider A-A A as your first choice for publication of breaking research news, preliminary papers, interpretive essays, book reviews, etc. As a matter of policy, this newsletter will remain uncopywritten to facilitate scholarly exchange, and the subsequent journal publication of materials first appearing here.

A new group of contributing regional editors has been appointed, see the last page, and hopefully you will be hearing from them as they round-up news and other contributions to A-A A. Please bear with me as I try to learn how to produce a newsletter not only of which you can be proud, but also one that you will hopefully find indispensable to your work.

Very Sincerely,

*John P. McCarthy, Editor/Publisher*