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Since 1993 (Issue 8) when I took over the editorship of African-American Archaeology from Theresa Singleton, I have enjoyed dealing with the readership, sharing ideas and information, and just being part of what I consider to be a very important area of study. My purpose as editor has been to produce a newsletter that is current, that is useful to scholars and non-scholars alike, and that comes out on a regular basis. This past year and a half, I have found it impossible to do the legwork necessary to maintain my self-imposed schedule of three issues a year. For this reason and because I think it is time for someone with new ideas and energy to give it a try, this will be my last issue as editor of the hardcopy version of the Newsletter. I will continue to publish the web version at http://www.mindspring.com/~wheaton/NSA.html.

John McCarthy at the Institute of Minnesota Archaeology has offered to take over as editor, and as you will remember, he recently presented a comprehensive overview of the development of African-American history and archaeology studies. He has worked on African-American sites in the Northeast and Midwest, and I look forward to watching the Newsletter develop under his guidance. Depending upon how John approaches the job, there may be changes in scheduling, format and costs. In keeping with how the newsletter has been operated in the past, these issues are completely John’s responsibility.

Everyone is reminded to attend our annual workshop in Corpus Christion Saturday, January 11, from 4-7 P.M. I was remiss in getting our reservations into the program chair so that we do not appear on the preliminary program. We will be included on the final program. Ywone Edwards of Colonial Williamsburg has organized this workshop. The theme will the implications of ritual and spirituality on our interpretations and understanding of what we find archaeologically. You are encouraged to bring artifacts or other evidence to a round table discussion that will follow a few, brief focussing statements by key speakers. As always, the entire membership of SHA is invited to attend and participate in what is an informal discussion of where we are in the sub field of African-American Archaeology and where we should be headed. Everyone from graduate students to the grey beards are encouraged to speak up.

I hope to see all of you in Corpus Christi.

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