Friends of the Office of State Archaeology (FOSA) is a volunteer not-for-profit organization formed in 1997. The organization was formed by people concerned about support for the Connecticut Office of State Archaeology (OSA), which has a minimal budget for staff other than the State Archaeologist’s salary. FOSA’s mission is to enhance OSA efforts and help meet the numerous state-mandate responsibilities of the office.

FOSA meets its goals by:

- Developing and facilitating educational activities that enhance public awareness of the OSA and archaeological issues in general.
- Encouraging participation by communities, institutions, corporations and individuals in supporting the efforts of the OSA.
- Encouraging partnerships between OSA scientific research initiatives and local communities.
- Developing permanent sources of financial and other public support for OSA efforts.

How the Friends help:

- Provide archaeological educational curricula and experiences to schools.
- Present and sponsor public lectures.
- Secure donations of office equipment, laboratory supplies, and field supplies for OSA.
- Coordinate and participate in volunteer OSA field and office activities.
- Help coordinate, organize, and schedule activities for Connecticut’s annual Archaeology Awareness Month.
- Assist scouts in earning archaeology merit badges.
- Create archaeological partnerships between local governments, students, and concerned citizens.
- Obtain grants and public funding for OSA collections management and office staff.
- Help increase corporate sponsorship of OSA-sponsored activities.

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**INTEREST INVENTORY**

Please check areas of interest for volunteering:

- [ ] Work with the CT Archaeology Center
- [ ] Art Work
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