

Indiana Jones made archaeology look cool, running from a massive boulder and fending off snakes. But there's more to the rocky profession than Hollywood would have the masses believe.

Learn what archaeologists, historic preservationists and global anthropologists really do, April 3, when the Archaeology Society of Staten Island and the

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local chapter of the Archaeology Institute of America (AIA) hold their first Archaeology Fair at Wagner College.

The event,

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be in the Spiro Sports

Center, 1 Campus Rd.
The fair, which is free and open to the public, is modeled on those held at the annual AIA meetings, where interactive programming is key. Think cave paintings, metal detection and animal skull exams.

"Looking back thousands of years helps us to better under stand who we are today," says Wagner College's Sarah Scott, assistant professor of art history, who has participated in excavations in Tunisia, Italy and Crete.

In addition to hands-on activities related to ancient societies and global cultures, the fair will offer informal talks about archaeological sites here on Staten Island. Nearly two dozen civic organizations are participating.

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