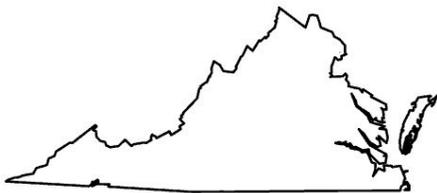




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& anthropology of  
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***From the President***

The Annual Meeting on October 28-29, 2006, was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was indeed a busy weekend and included a bus trip to Kittiewan. Approximately 50 people toured Kittiewan, and most were amazed at our wonderful gift from Mr. Bill Cropper. Thank you to Royce McNeal and Shirley Jaeger, Co-Arrangements Chairs, and to Randy Turner for serving as Program Chair. Each spent many hours planning this weekend, and believe me, it is no small feat!

This was election year, with the following results:

President Elect	Patrick O'Neill
Vice President	Charlie Manson
Treasurer	Bill Thompson
Secretary	Stephanie Jacobie

Board Members 2007-2009:

Cindy Dausen  
Martha Williams  
Russell Darden

As of January 1, 2007, C. Michael Wilke will become President. The President Elect position automatically moves into President after two years, with no further election required.

Congratulations to all! We look forward to having you on the Board, and thank you for being willing to serve the ASV in such important roles. Also, thank you to the Nominating Committee, Natalie Ross, Chair, for presenting a slate of officers for us.

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Greetings fellow members of the Archeological Society of Virginia!!! With this issue of the newsletter, you are seeing a changing of the guard from ASV stalwart George Tolley to my self, Bernard K. Means. I will continue the fine work done by George and other past newsletter editors in communicating the goals and contributions of ASV to the archeology of Virginia.

To do this, I'll need your help!!!! This newsletter is about YOU, the members of ASV. Send me pictures or stories from the ASV projects with which you have been involved, past or present. Make sure any pictures you send clearly indicate what they represent. Tell me who is in the picture and where the place depicted is within our very large state.

Electronic or standard mail submissions are perfectly acceptable. Contact information is provided on the last page of this newsletter.

## *About the Editor*

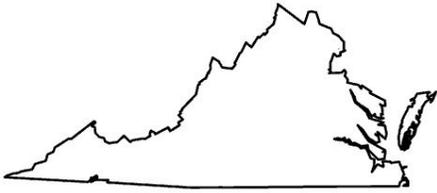
Since I may be a new face to many of you, I thought I'd give all of you a short biographic sketch. I have been doing archaeology for about twenty years, starting in a museum in Los Angeles. Over the next two decades, I have worked in the American Southwest, the Middle Atlantic region (including Virginia, of course!!!) and Southern India.

I am currently teaching archaeology and anthropology courses at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. You can learn more about the editor at: [//home.wlu.edu/~meansb](http://home.wlu.edu/~meansb)

For those of you who may be interested, a new web page dedicated to three decades of archaeology at Washington and Lee University is now available at: [//home.wlu.edu/~meansb/archaeology%20at%20W&L/index.htm](http://home.wlu.edu/~meansb/archaeology%20at%20W&L/index.htm)



Bernard Means excavating an historic grave in South Hill, Virginia.



# ASV Archaeology Around Virginia

The Archeological Society of Virginia and the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) partnered to staff an information and education booth at the Virginia State Fair, September 28 - October 2, 2006.

The following ASV members participated in manning the booth: Tom & Mary Frances Hobbs, Bill & Nancy Trout, Al & Irma Pfeffer, Steve Thomas, Taft Kaiser, Laura Powell, Howard MacCord, Lynn Taylor, Bill & Kitt Thompson, Teresa & Kim Jenkins and Harry Jaeger.

This project was coordinated by Harry Jaeger of ASV and Dee DeRoche of DHR.



Photograph courtesy of Tom Hobbs.



Photograph courtesy of Laura J. Galke.

Eliot Balazs (left) and Charles Bodie (right) of the Upper James River Chapter of ASV promote Virginia archaeology at the August Rockbridge County Fair in Lexington, Virginia.

The Rockbridge Historical Society graciously shared their booth with the chapter.



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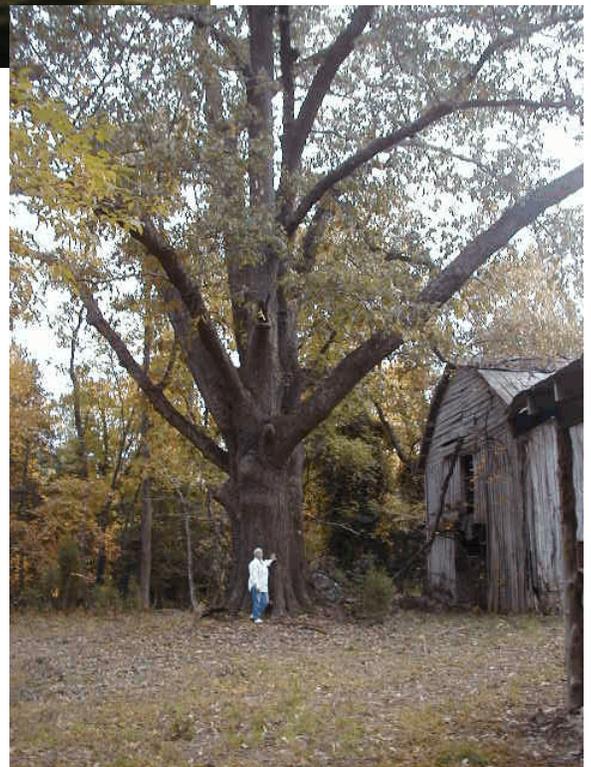
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Kittiewan Plantation, October 2006.  
Photograph courtesy of Tom Hobbs.

In October 2006, Shirley and Harry Jaeger, Russell and Pam Darden, and Tom Hobbs were doing some work at Kittiewan Plantation when Shirley and Harry took Tom to look at a Black Oak tree. This Black Oak tree is reputed to be over 300 years old and one of the oldest trees in the state.

Numerous other trees were noted in the vicinity that appeared to be at least 200 years old. Tom suspects that Kittiewan contains many other surprises as ASV explores this property.



300-yr old Black Oak at Kittiewan  
Plantation, October 2006.  
Photograph courtesy of Tom Hobbs.



## The Highlands Chapter

Submitted by Mike Wilkie

The new Highlands Chapter was organized in June 2006 and its formation presented to the ASV Board at its August meeting. The Chapter currently numbers 17 charter members with the charter status ending on December 30, 2006. The officers include Charles "Mike" Wilke - President, Sara Bell - Vice President, Judy Marks - Secretary/Treasurer, and Janet Mullenax - Historian. Membership includes one Certification graduate and five Certification students. The majority of the chapter's activities to

date have centered around Archaeology Month with Mike Wilke and Mike Barber addressing a Highland High School assembly for grades 6 through 12 and Robin Brown's presentation of a program on the replication of Native American crafts in six classes at the Highland Elementary School from kindergarten through fifth grade. A month-long display on Virginia archaeology was also in place in the high school. Wilke also addressed the teachers of both schools prior to the beginning of the school year and presented all interested teachers with a copy of the Department of Historic Resources' teachers manual. The chapter's 2007 activities will include site recordation in Highland County as well as site surveys under the direction of member and State Archaeologist Mike Barber.

## The Upper James River Chapter

Submitted by Charles Bodie

The chapter will soon close a very busy year of activities. Four chapter members presented talks on their interests. In March, Charles Bodie spoke on the Washington and Lee University (WLU) campus on the 1901 excavation of the Hays Creek Mound in Rockbridge County. This was followed in June by Harrison Fridley in Covington on ASV archeological certification and his appreciation of the process of archeology. In July, several members attended the Forest Service Field School in Page County at the Keyser Farm. The chapter sponsored an exhibit at a street fair, the Rockbridge Festival, in August. In September, George Tolley spoke to the Rockbridge Historical Society on the Native American presence in the county. Also in September, Bernard Means spoke on the WLU campus on archeology during the New Deal Era. In October, Laura Galke presented an overview of archeology conducted on the WLU campus and conducted an open house at the University Anthropology Lab. The chapter and some individual members also made a donation to support the Archaeological Conservancy's efforts to preserve the Kippax Plantation. The chapter looks forward to another active year in 2007.



Charles Bodie stands atop the remnants of Hays Creek Mound.

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Also, the Awards Committee made the following awards:

Professional Archaeologist	Barbara Heath	COVA President, formerly with Poplar Forest, now Professor at University of Tennessee
Out-of-State Archaeologist	Joel Hardison	US Forest Service
Amateur Archaeologist	Bruce Baker	GRAC Chapter

On Saturday night, Dr. Michael Barber, Virginia State Archaeologist, spoke about "Archaeology in Virginia – 2007 and Beyond". Thank you, Mike, for joining us and presenting a challenge to each of us for years to come.



A meeting of ASV presidents at the October 2006 annual meeting.

And now for the bittersweet. When this Newsletter is published, I will be at the end of my two-year term as President of the ASV. I leave office with mixed feelings but leave you in capable hands. It has indeed been an eventful two years, and I am very proud of the accomplishments. At the 2005 Annual Meeting, the membership unanimously voted to contract with a strategic planner to assist in setting both short and long range goals as well as modifying our Mission Statement. As you know, IEN was chosen and changes began (see September, 2006 Newsletter). As a result, the Standing Committees as outlined in the By-Laws were revamped and voted on at the Membership Meeting. The time had come for the ASV to have legal representation. David Ledbetter and Brooks Smith of Hunton & Williams in Richmond, Virginia, have agreed to become attorneys for the ASV. Harry

Jaeger and I have met with them over the last year, and the ASV is indeed fortunate to have such fine attorneys as counsel.

The ASV, in conjunction with COVA and DHR, have been monitoring relic hunts on private lands in Virginia and legislature involving historical resources. It was my privilege to serve on the Selection Board for State Archaeologist as well as working with COVA and DHR on other matters of mutual interest, including the Technician Certification Program. In November 2005, Mr. William "Bill" Cropper unexpectedly passed away, leaving Kittiewan Plantation in the care of the ASV. Time went by while legal matters were being taken care of, and on August 4, 2006, the Deed of Trust was signed and recorded. Kittiewan is indeed a dream come true for the ASV. However, with this comes a tremendous responsibility. Now is the time for the ASV membership to pull together and shoulder the responsibility that comes with managing a property of this magnitude. A new chapter was incorporated in 2006, the first new chapter in many years. The Highlands Chapter meets in Monterey, VA, and members are excited to be a part of the ASV. The 2007 Committee is publishing a 2007 Jamestown Trilogy, with Volume I completed and for sale. Volume II will be out before the end of 2006, with Volume III to follow shortly thereafter. The Committee has worked very hard in making this a memorable publication for the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown. Thank you, Ed Bottoms, for chairing this committee.

I want to say thank you for the faith you have put in me these last two years and for your never ending support. The ASV is a special organization and one of the best of its kind nationwide. We have a lot to be proud of. In closing, I want to offer the following challenges to each of you:

- Continue to work together in preserving Virginia's abundant heritage and to continue strengthening the relationship with DHR and COVA. There truly is strength in numbers, and together much can be accomplished.
- Share your knowledge with others. Through education, a lot can be accomplished to the never ending battle to preserve Virginia's heritage. Talk about archaeology as much and as often as possible. The children are our future, and their minds are like sponges, always seeking knowledge – make some of this knowledge archaeology and preservation.
- Volunteer your services, talents and ideas for Kittiewan Plantation. Many opportunities will be forthcoming, and I encourage you to step up and assist in any way you can – physical labor, ideas, monetary contributions – to mention a few.
- Support your Board, offering ideas and suggestions for an even stronger ASV. Recruit new members, and keep chapters active.
- Submit papers for publication in the Quarterly Bulletin and Newsletter; publish books through the ASV's Special Publications; share your knowledge and research with others.

2005 and 2006 have been milestone years for the Archeological Society of Virginia. May 2007 also become a milestone year as we celebrate the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown and the 67th Anniversary of the ASV.

Faye M. Wade



Virginia archaeologists at the October 2006 ASV annual meeting.

## Upcoming Archaeological Conferences of Interest



*Society for Historical Archaeology*  
 40th Annual Conference on  
 Historic and Underwater Archaeology  
 January 10-14, 2007  
 The Williamsburg Lodge  
 Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
 Reservations: 1-800-261-9530

### *Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference*

37th Annual Meeting  
 March 15-18, 2007  
 Cavalier Hotel  
 Oceanfront at 42nd Street  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451  
 Reservations: 1-800-446-8199



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ASV members  
volunteering at Keyser  
Farm in July 2006.

Photograph courtesy of Bernard K. Means



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