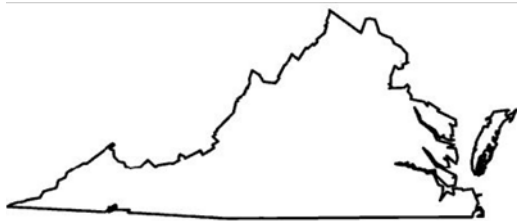




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**The mission of the
*Archeological Society
of Virginia*
is to promote the archaeology
& anthropology of
Virginia & adjacent regions**

From the Desk of President Mike Wilke

Dateline: June 2008. The warm weather has finally firmly established its presence here in the mountains, what a lovely time of year!!!! With school graduations underway, gardens being planted, and the sounds of lawnmowers providing a counterpoint to the almost visible motion of grass growing, summer is nearly upon us.

Your Society has been quite active since my last column co-sponsoring a field school at the Civil War Federal winter encampment in Stafford, co-sponsoring the Uplands Symposium at Radford University, and sponsoring a field school at Kittiewan.



Overview of Stafford Civil War site. Photograph courtesy of Mike Wilke.

The field school at Stafford was a real learning experience on a very unique site. My personal experience with Civil War sites had previously been limited to two days of digging STPs at the McDowell Battlefield working with Dr. Clarence Geier, a group of JMU students and members of the Highlands Chapter. Stafford was unique not only due to its context but also because all of the features were a gray ash mixture instead of the usual dark organic mix. I excavated a firebox attached to one of the many huts, an apparent clay borrow pit (the clay was used for chinking the wooden packing box/barrel chimneys) and a trash

pit. The firebox stratification was actually a thing of beauty featuring gray ash, black charcoal, and bright red fired clay decreasing in intensity as it dropped into the subsoil. Though the site had experienced decades of metal detecting, there was a lot of metal found including minie balls due to the depth of the plowzone. The ASV would like to thank Cultural Resources Incorporated for providing the opportunity to conduct the field school on the site and State Archaeologist Dr. Mike Barber for organizing the often cold and rainy event.



Mapping a feature at the Stafford Civil War site. Photograph courtesy of Mike Wilke.

The Uplands Symposium held at Radford University was organized by Dr. Cliff Boyd and Carole Nash. This two day event, though sparsely attended, featured many interesting and informative papers. Prior to the symposium, Joey Moldenhauer and the New River Valley Chapter hosted a DSS training session conducted by Sara Leonard. This was one of Sara's last training classes as she moved on to graduate school at William and Mary a week later. Further training sessions will be scheduled when her replacement has been selected.



ASV members doing fieldwork at the Kittiewan Field School. Photograph courtesy of Mike Wilke.

The Kittiewan Field School was a successful endeavor with Patrick O'Neill organizing and directing the effort. As with the Stafford Field School, the weather was a tad unsettled. In fact, Patrick had to evacuate his tent one night due to heavy wind and rain. Unlike the Jackson River Bluff Field School in 2002, when a couple of tents were blown over the bluff, Patrick's tent was stopped from heading toward the James River by shrubbery and trees a distance from where it had been set up. The field school resulted in some questions being answered, many more being raised, and several unexpected discoveries.



ASV members doing labwork for the Kittiewan Field School. Photograph courtesy of Mike Wilke.

At the Board of Directors meeting held in Richmond in April, The Banshee Reeks Chapter was presented and approved by the Board as the newest Chapter. The Chapter was organized by Mike Clem, its President, and is located in Loudon. We welcome this new Chapter, the third in the last two years. I will be offering a presentation to a group in Martinsville during the second week in June that is interested in forming a new Chapter in that area of the state. This effort is headed up by Elizabeth Moore.

I spoke with Cindy Dausen at the Kittiewan Field School about her plans to reorganize the Williamsburg area Chapter. Sara Leonard has agreed to assist Cindy with this effort. I am excited about the growth in both membership and Chapters experienced in the past two years and thank all of those who have made it happen.

The activities and outreach of the ASV continue to increase and bring the importance of preservation and archaeological research before the public because of you, the members. Remember.....
YOU ARE THE ASV!

Help Needed for Prehistoric Tool Exhibit



George Tompkins, Glasgow collector.
Photograph courtesy of L. J. Galke.

A wonderful collection of prehistoric projectile points has been donated by George Tompkins for display at the new Glasgow Public Library. The projectile points, which were discovered in Glasgow, include Middle Archaic Savannah River, Morrow Mountain, and Guilford projectile points. Late Archaic Halifax-like points are part of the collection as well as Early Woodland triangular projectile points. Tools, including a number of quartzite scrapers, also form part of the collection. Mr. Tompkins discovered these materials during the late 1970s at Block 134 in Glasgow. The collection represents only a few of the many items found by construction workers at that time.

George Tompkins and recently-retired Director of the Rockbridge Regional Library Linda Krantz are hoping to display these artifacts at the new Public Library in Glasgow, so that the local community can enjoy them and appreciate the ancient history of the area. Toward that end, they are seeking individuals interested in volunteering to design and create an exhibit on the prehistory of the region, featuring these amazing tools.

This is a great opportunity for an interested student, intern, ASV certification participant, or a scout looking to fulfill aspects of their archaeology merit badge. For more information, please contact Mr. George Tompkins, P.O. Box 606, Glasgow, VA 24555 or Linda Krantz at 540-463-4324. The Glasgow Public Library is located at 1110 Blue Ridge Road, and was recently recognized as Library of the Year, for libraries in its patron size category.



Linda Krantz, retired librarian.
Photograph courtesy of L. J. Galke.

From the Office of State Archaeology

by Mike Barber, State Archaeologist

{Newsletter editor's note: The following text is adapted from a recent communication by Dr. Barber of the ongoing development of a State Plan and Research Design (hereafter 'State Plan') for Virginia archaeology, as well as planned public dissemination of the State Plan at the October 2008 ASV meeting.}

Overall Goal of the State Plan: To provide Virginia's archaeological community with research direction and with management of resources as a corollary.

Background: COVA in particular, but with ASV and DHR interest, has always supported the concept of a state plan (and research design). First articulated in the 1980s, an initial result was the publication of the COVA volumes published by ASV and providing a synthesis of research data for specific chronological periods. A second outcome was the 2000 review of the prehistoric periods and subsequent publication of papers presented at the 9th Upland Symposium in the *Quarterly Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Virginia*.

Many researchers, however, felt that these efforts were not comprehensive, lacked refinement in organization, did not deal well with the grey literature, and missed many of the "big" questions. Debate continued into the 21st century with Cliff Boyd and others continuing the effort to deal with these issues. DHR became a major player in 2006 and supported the development of such a volume as a research and management tool (as COVA articulated in its May 2002 meeting). As the COVA/ASV/DHR efforts continued, a larger committee made-up of representatives of the three groups was cobbled together in order to develop an outline of what the volume should provide. Early debate was sometimes "thorny" but with major decisions indicating that: 1) there was a need for such a volume; 2) in-depth management issues would be dealt with in a second volume; and 3) that, at least for the prehistoric section, the general outline and tenor of *Kentucky Archaeology* by Barry Lewis would be followed.

Debate as to the nature of the historic sections continued. The relative benefit of using themes and/or chronological periods as organizers was discussed over several months with the outcome opting for temporal periods each with its own series of pertinent themes. Dennis Pogue became the prime mover for the historic chapters.

Outline of Chapters for the State Plan:

- Introduction - Michael B. Barber
- Paleoindian (15,000 - 8000 BC) - C. Clifford Boyd
- Early Archaic (8000 - 6500 BC) - Michael B. Barber
- Middle Archaic (6500 - 2500 BC) - Dane Magoon
- Late Archaic (2500 - 1000 BC) - Christopher Egghart
- Early Woodland - (1000 BC - AD 250) Michael Klein
- Middle Woodland (AD 250 - 900) - Carole Nash
- Late Woodland (AD 900 - 1650): Central Virginia - Martin Gallivan
- Late Woodland (AD 900 - 1650): Southwest Virginia - Keith Egloff
- Late Woodland (AD 900 - 1650): Northern Virginia - Bernard Means
- Contact (post- 1550)- E. Randolph Turner

- Early Settlement (AD 1550 - 1670) - Dennis Pogue
- Rise of the Plantation System (AD 1670 - 1720) - Dennis Pogue
- Path to Nationhood (AD 1720 - 1790) - Barbara Heath
- Antebellum Period (AD 1790 - 1980) - Barbara Heath & Laura Galke
- Civil War (AD 1860 - 1865) - Clarence R. Geier
- Reconstruction and the New Dominion (AD 1865 - 1917) - Clarence Geier & Laura Galke
- Modern Era (AD 1917 - 1945) - Bernard Means & Mike Madden
- Conclusion and Future Direction - Michael B. Barber

Presentation of the State Plan: The Archeological Society of Virginia has graciously provided a day for State Plan and Research Design presentations at their annual meeting in Martinsville, hosted by the Virginia Museum of Natural History. This is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2008. These papers will provide summaries of the chapter drafts. The COVA Education Committee has asked that two of the presentations be made at the Friday night COVA Education Session. These will be presented by Cliff Boyd on the Paleoindian Period and Randy Turner will address the Contact Period.

Schedule for Thursday, October 9, 2008

- 8:30 - 8:50 State Plan and Research Design Introduction - Michael B. Barber
- 8:50 - 9:10 Early Archaic (8000 - 6500 BC) - Michael B. Barber
- 9:10 - 9:30 Middle Archaic (6500 - 2500 BC) - Dane Magoon
- 9:30 - 9:50 Late Archaic (2500 - 1000 BC) - Christopher Egghart
- 9:50 - 10:10 Early Woodland - (1000 BC - AD 250) Michael Klein
- 10:10 - 10:40 *Break*
- 10:40 - 11:00 - Middle Woodland (AD 250 - 900) Carole Nash
- 11:00 - 11:20 - Late Woodland (AD 900 - 1650): James River - Martin Gallivan
- 11:20 - 11:40 Late Woodland (AD 900 - 1650): Southwest Virginia - Keith Egloff
- 11:40 - 12:00 Late Woodland (AD 900 - 1650): Northern Virginia - Bernard Means
- 12:00 - 1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 - 1:20 Early Settlement (AD 1550 - 1670) - Dennis Pogue
- 1:20 - 1:40 Rise of the Plantation System (AD 1670 - 1720) - Dennis Pogue
- 1:40 - 2:00 Path to Nationhood (AD 1720 - 1790) - Barbara Heath
- 2:00 - 2:20 Antebellum Period (AD 1790 - 1980) - Barbara Heath & Laura Galke
- 2:20 - 2:40 Civil War (AD 1860 - 1865) - Clarence R. Geier
- 2:40 - 3:10 *Break*
- 3:10 - 3:30 Reconstruction & the New Dominion (AD 1865 - 1917) - Clarence Geier & Laura Galke
- 3:30 - 3:50 Modern Era (AD 1917 - 1945) - Bernard Means
- 3:50 - 4:10 Summary and Comments - Michael B. Barber
- 4:10 - 5:00 Discussion



ASV Archaeology Around Virginia

Note: All photographs and accompanying captions on Pages 6 and 7 of the field school at the Civil War Federal winter encampment in Stafford were supplied courtesy of Richard Guercin of the U.S. Forest Service. Richard is to be commended for providing so many excellent images – and captions!!!



Cynthia Hansen from the Nansemond Chapter and State Archaeologist Mike Barber work on a bisected feature.



John Hayes of Luray works carefully excavating delicate artifacts from a refuse and ash filled feature.



Richard Hebron having a blast in spite of the cold weather.



ASV President Charles "Mike" Wilke hard at work.



Catherine and her son Jake, from Lexington, screen soils from a trash pit.



ASV Archaeology Around Virginia



Stan Slivinski of Page County carefully fills out a provenience card.



Andy Kincaid of the Nansemond Chapter once again is tasked to make use of his long reach in this increasingly deepening feature.



Cynthia Hansen of the Nansemond Chapter teaching a Mary Washington University student how to use a transit.



Cynthia Hansen of the Nansemond Chapter works with a student from Mary Washington University on drawing a profile.



Cynthia Hansen of the Nansemond Chapter helps a Mary Washington University student use a Munsell to determine soil colors for her profile drawing.



ASV Archaeology Around Virginia

Cactus Hill Site Clean Up

submitted by Teresa Preston, ASV Nansemond Chapter President

On Wednesday, April 23, 2008, members from the Nansemond Chapter of ASV met with DHR's Tidewater Regional Director, Dr. Randy Turner and DHR Archaeologist David Hazzard at the Cactus Hill archeological site (44SX202) in Sussex County, VA for the purpose of cleaning up all evidence left over from previous archeological excavations. The group of fourteen volunteers pitched in and within two hours had the old blue tarps, boards, ropes, plywood and black plastic bundled up and tied down ready to take to the dump. This was done in preparation for backfilling those excavation units still open.



Cactus Hill Clean Up Crew included front row (left to right): George Ramsey, Dr. Randy Turner, Sharon Cross, Russell Dardon, Teresa Preston; standing in truck is David Hazzard; back row (left to right): Tommy Saunders, Ed Bottoms, Duane Preston, Preston Cross, Carolyn Webb and David Saunders. Photograph by Bert Wendell, Jr., member Nansemond Chapter ASV.



Nansemond Chapter of ASV volunteers clean up the Cactus Hill Site. Photograph by Bert Wendell, Jr., member Nansemond Chapter ASV.

CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES LAB WORKSHOP

August 11 - August 16, 2008
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

KEYSER FARM ARTIFACT PROCESSING LAB HOURS FOR CERTIFICATION GUARANTEED 4 CERTIFICATION LECTURES GOLDEN BALL TAVERN ARTIFACT PROCESSING

The Department of Historic Resources welcomes volunteers for a week of lab work from Monday, August 11, to Saturday, August 16, 2008. The lab will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Lab work in both prehistoric and historic periods will be dealt with. The work will focus on processing artifacts from Keyser Farm (44PA1), a Late Woodland village complex in Page County, Virginia. Over a 5 year period, a summer field school organized around the volunteer program of Archeological Society of Virginia and Passport in Time participants excavated at Keyser, one of the most significant sites in Virginia. Although numerous papers have been presented on the work over the years, the final analyses and report writing need to be completed. To this end, artifact sorting and cataloguing will begin during this August lab workshop. In addition, recent excavations at the 18th century Golden Ball Tavern in Petersburg will provide artifacts to be washed and processed.



Excavators at Keyser Farm in July 2007. Photograph courtesy of Bernard K. Means.

The time for the lab program in August was selected for 2 reasons. First, there will be no work at Keyser Farm this summer. While excavations will continue at the Golden Ball Tavern, it was felt that an opportunity to work with prehistory should also be provided. Second, the timeframe was seen as an opportunity to capture teachers and students recently released on summer parole and provide them with honest work in their idle time.

This is a great opportunity for ASV and PIT members to follow through on sites which they have excavated. Not only will the artifacts which you dug up be processed but you will have the opportunity to bring them to the point of analysis and research. Excavation is only the initial step in

the reconstruction of the past. The real story is produced in the lab. Be a part of it.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Due to the size of the DHR lab, the number of participants is limited. On a daily basis, a maximum of 20 people can be accommodated. So sign up soon and sign up for particular days.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION LAB WORKSHOP

AUGUST 11 - 16, 2008

Applicants must be members of the Archeological Society of Virginia and will gain the best experience if enrolled in or graduated from the Certification Program. Children as young as 12 years of age may participate if accompanied by a responsible adult, although they must be 16 years of age to enroll in the Certification Program.

Name of Applicant:

Date(s) of Attendance:

Address:

Email Address:

Chapter Affiliation:

Enrolled in Certification Program ☐ yes ☐ no

Enrolled in Passport in Time ☐ yes ☐ no

Archaeological Experience:

Special Skills:

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Passport In Time Volunteers with over 500 hours!!!!

Submitted by Mike Madden
U.S. Forest Service Archeologist

In April 2008, "Passport In Time" listed its members who have been outstanding volunteers to the program and who have accumulated 500 or more volunteer hours on PIT projects. As of this year three members of the ASV have reached the goal of 500 or more hours given to Passport in Time projects. Bruce Baker, Beverly Barker and Charles "Mike" Wilke have graciously donated their time and are so recognized for their hours of service to the Passport In Time program. Two other members who have donated hundreds of hours to the PIT program and deserve to be recognized for their achievements as well are Kathleen Baker and Cynthia Hansen. The George Washington & Jefferson National Forest appreciates your service and the service of all members of the ASV in making our projects a success. **Thank you!!!!!!!**

"Passport In Time" is a volunteer archaeology and historic preservation program of the U.S. Forest Service. For more information, go to: www.passportintime.com.



Upper James River Chapter

submitted by Trube Short

My name is Trube Short and I am 13 years old. I am a member of the Upper James River Chapter of the ASV. I recently went to a Passport in Time dig in Fredericksburg, Virginia. We were digging a federal winter encampment from the War Between the States near the Rappahannock River. When we got to the dig, me, my mom, my sister Hannah, and our friend Eliot were assigned to dig in a fire pit. One side of the pit had been excavated by CRI. First, we had to clean the excavated side up to take a picture of it. So, for the first 3 hours Hannah and Eliot obsessed over getting the pit PERFECT, while me and Mom screened the clay from the pit. Have you ever tried to screen WET clay? It's something like trying to put Chunky Thick Peanut Butter through a sieve. My and Mom's reward for doing this job was that we got to dig the other half of the pit while Eliot and Hannah screened for a change! :o) What we found in the pit was a percussion cap, a piece of glass, BIG cow bones, pieces of metal, and a can lid. Other units near us yielded lots of minie balls. We had a wonderful time! If you have never been on a PIT dig, I would encourage you to do so. It is a wonderful program, and you learn so much by going on one of their digs.



Eliot Balazs assists Trube Short with an unconventional excavation technique. Photograph courtesy of Hannah Short.

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An in progress plan view of a soldier's hut firebox from the Stafford Civil War site. Photograph courtesy of Richard Guercin of the U.S. Forest Service.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

The newsletter editor is moving and does not yet have a new physical address. For the next newsletter, only electronic submissions can be accepted.

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Deadline for Submission to September 2008 Newsletter is August 1!!