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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 Patrick O'Neill

The ASV is going through a transitional phase, as we are addressing our Constitution and Bylaws as well as the ASV Board composition. If changes are to be made, they will be approved first by the ASV Board at the July 18, 2009 meeting and then sent to the General Membership in September to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg, Virginia over Columbus Day Weekend.

These changes will make our bylaws more in alignment with the Articles of Incorporation, which will in turn allow us to proceed with grant applications, fund raising, as well as dealing with legal issues, should they arise. Ask your Chapter President if you have any questions.

Get involved with the ASV! Immerse yourself at the local chapter level. Partake in the many field school opportunities across the state. Join the ASV Certification Program. Become part of the ASV Board to help guide policy for the State organization. It is you, the membership, that drives the ASV, and you, the member, that can make the most difference. What can the ASV do for you to make this possible?! Let me know at patrickloneill@verizon.net!



Several members of the Massanutten Chapter took me out to the Morris Kiln (44RM4530), owned by the ASV and under their watchful eye. Since they have dedicated themselves to the preservation of the kiln, I gave the Massanutten Chapter a special

Power Point presentation in May entitled, *Brick Clamps - Or How Can You Get Excited About Fired Earth?* And I was excited about their fired earth feature!



Nestled in a surprisingly flat and wide valley in Mennonite farming country, the Massanutten Chapter has done a wonderful



job in constructing a shelter for the late 19th century kiln. They hope to have a fence and signage around to inform passersby on the history of the kiln site, and that the ASV is the steward of the site!

Archaeology releases the past from the purgatory of time.

ASV seeks a few good folks (Three, to be exact)

submitted by Martha Williams

ASV members attending October's annual meeting in Fredericksburg will be voting to fill three vacancies on the Society's Board of Directors, for a term extending from 2010 through 2012. The Society's Nominating Committee is now soliciting candidates to fill these important posts. Together with the officers of the ASV, the Board sets policies that guide the activities of the Society and determines financial outlays to support its activities.

The Board meets quarterly (generally in January, April, July, and October) in a variety of venues around the state. Board members also serve on committees that deal with specific ASV functions, such as survey and excavation, finance and audit, public relations, and publications. The only requirements for becoming a member of the Board are membership in the state Society and the desire to promote the goals of archeology and the objectives of the Society across the state. We encourage members to submit candidate names and brief biographical information to the nominating committee; self nominations are particularly welcome.

For your convenience, a nominating form has been included with this Newsletter.

Deadline for receiving nominations is August 1, 2009.





CANDIDATE NOMINATING FORM: ASV BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2010-2012)

*NAME _____

*ADDRESS _____

*CONTACT Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHAPTER AFFILIATION (if applicable) _____

ASV MEMBER SINCE _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION _____

*Required

Return form (snailmail or email) no later than August 1, 2009 to one of the following:

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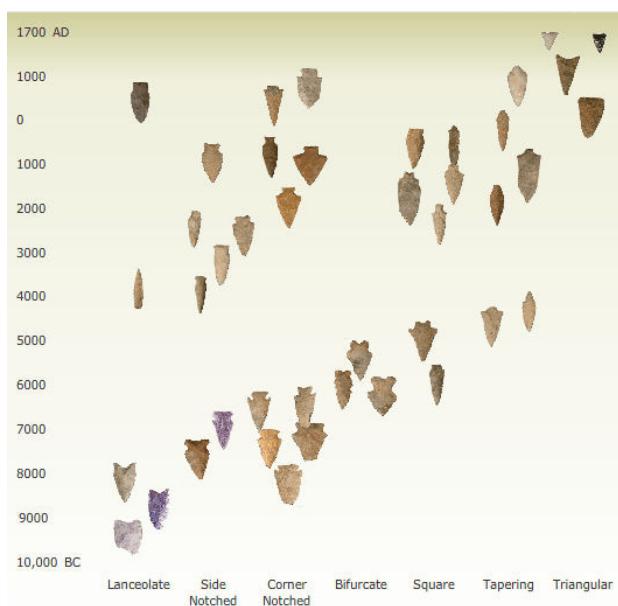
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From the Office of State Archaeology

by Mike Barber, State Archaeologist

The Division of State Archaeology within VDHR has seen some progress over the last few months. The most impressive of which is the new interactive Projectile Points and Lithic Guide webpage. Keith Egloff has been working on this for a number of years and it has finally reached fruition. Available on the DHR webpage, the guide provides a description of each point type with measurements and illustrations. The lithic distribution pages are also of high interest and can aid greatly in mapping the exchange systems and distribution of point types through time and space. If you're interested in projectile points in Virginia, this is the place to go. Click on:

http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch_DHR/archaeo_lpc.htm



Point time line from lithics site. Each point can be selected for more information.

on the preservation of the Pulaski County's historic collection which was subjected to fire, considering preservation options for the Paint Lick Mountain pictographs, developing standards for Virginia ceramics, conserving selected iron artifacts from the Walnut Valley Slave Quarters at Chippokes and those from the French and Indian Period Fort Vause in Montgomery County.

I remain ensconced in preparation for the upcoming season of field schools - Stafford Civil War encampment in August, Camden Historic Indian Household in September, and Native American/17th Century Colonial/18th Century Slave Quarters at Chippokes Plantation State Park in October. Information and sign-up included in this Newsletter. Please sign up.

DSA is also developing some Native American interpretation for Fort Monroe, researching the feasibility of a Native American exhibit at the Lake Moomaw Visitor Center (will need help from ASV Chapters), following through on the State Plan and Research Design, developing Colonial and Pre-Colonial topics for the Encyclopedia Virginia sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and a few other things.

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Field Schools 2009

Golden Ball Tavern

Summary: Excavation of the Golden Ball Tavern in downtown Petersburg will enter a third year this season. The location of a Late Woodland Native American occupation, it was later the site of the 18th/19th century Golden Ball Tavern. While the foundation of the tavern has been studied previously, the back yard will be examined. It is anticipated that this area will be replete with the garbage of the day which will document foodways, tavern fair, and local activities. The site meets the criteria for the Certification Program.



Tree Hill Farm area, site of recent DHR field school (Courtesy of Hannah Short)

Dates: June 17 - July 19, 2009 (Weds through Sundays, July 4th week-end off)

Volunteers: Welcome but must pre-register with director.

Contact: Dr. Chris Stevenson DHR (2801 Kensington Ave, Richmond, VA 23221);
chris.stevenson@dhr.virginia.gov

Stafford County Civil War Camp Misery (44ST1086)

Summary: The location of a new proposed high school in Stafford County near Fredericksburg, the Civil War site was occupied by Union troops in the winter of 1862/63. As a hint to camp conditions, the soldiers dubbed the site "Camp Misery." As an army encampment, the daily activities of the idled soldiers are documented in the form of hut remains, ash pits, roasting pits, and trash distribution. Previous investigations recorded over 500 features with many unexcavated. Site strategy will involve ground penetrating radar but rely heavily on the recovery of artifacts and features.

Dates: August 3 - 12, 2009 (continuous through week-end)

Volunteers: While a core group of professional archaeologists will be on-site, the excavations will rely heavily on volunteers. Members of the ASV are welcome and the site meets the requirements of the Certification Program. The site will also be a part of the national Passport in Time Program through the USDA-Forest Service. Students are welcome as well. Please pre-register.

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Mike Madden George Washington and Jefferson National Forests (5261 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, VA 24019); mjmadden@fs.fed.us



Camden Site 44CE140

Summary: Located on the banks of the Rappahannock River in Caroline County near Port Royal, 44CE140 appears to have been occupied during the Middle Woodland and Late Woodland/Contact Period. The site likely represents a household associated with a 17th century Native American dispersed village. Potomac Creek ceramics and an English Kaolin pipe fragment were recovered from the surface. As part of an easement with the land owner, DHR agreed to test the site to determine its significance. The site meets the criteria for the Certification Program.

Tree Hill Farm area, site of recent DHR field school (Courtesy of Hannah Short)

Dates: September 14 - 25, 2009 (continuous through week-end)

Volunteers: Excavations will rely heavily on volunteers. Members of the ASV are welcome and the site meets the requirements of the Certification Program. It is hoped that local ASV Chapters will support the project. Please pre-register.

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Chippokes Plantation State Park

Summary: Chippokes Plantation State Park is located on the banks of the James River in Surry County, nearly opposite the site of Jamestown. The sites will be examined include a Native American Middle Woodland site, the 17th century Colonial site 44SY253, and the slaves' quarter site in nearby Walnut Valley. Together the sites represent the creolization of the cultures into one Chesopean / Virginian culture, borrowing elements from all three.

Dates: October 26 - Nov 1, 2009

Volunteers: While a core group of professional archaeologists will be on-site, the excavations will rely heavily on volunteers. Members of the ASV are welcome and the site meets the requirements of the Certification Program. The site will also be a part of the national Passport in Time Program through the USDA-Forest Service. Students are welcome as well. Please pre-register.

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FIELD SCHOOL APPLICATION

2009

Applicants are encouraged to become 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.

Field School of Interest: _____

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: _____

CONTACTS

Submit Applications to:

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2009 ASV AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT

By July 1, please mail your ASV Awards ballot to Patrick O'Neill, 9902 Rand Dr., Burke, Va. 22015 or email the form from <http://asv-archeology.org/PDF/ASV%20AWARDS%20NOM.pdf> to patrickloneill@verizon.net. Please supply all information requested. Add pages as needed, and be prepared to provide contact information for a person close to each nominee to ensure the winners attend the October awards banquet!

Name of submitted: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

I am a member of: ASV, COVA, or Both

I nominate the following for ASV Awards:

AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME _____

Reasons for nomination:

PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME _____

Reasons for nomination:

OUT OF STATE PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD:

NAME _____

Reasons for nomination:

OUT OF STATE AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD:

NAME _____

Reasons for nomination:

HALL OF FAME AWARD (given in 2005, 2010, 2015):

NAME _____

Reason for nomination:

In Memoriam

ASV lost two members recently. The Virginia archaeological community is saddened by their loss.

Russell Darden

Nansemond Chapter/ASV Board

*submitted by Patrick O'Neill, ASV president,
or obtained from the published obituary*



Russell Darden, 46-year member of the ASV, passed away May 5, 2009 at the age of 73. He was perhaps the longest living member of the ASV after the passing of COL Howard MacCord last November. Over the past 4 1/2 decades since he became a member, he held all of the top offices of the ASV, excepting Vice-President, as he has been President, Treasurer and Membership Secretary and was a current Board Member. Russell was one of the hardest workers you would have ever found, dedicated to whatever group or project he wanted to associate himself with, and luckily, the ASV was one of those groups! Russell, an Army veteran, retired from Union Camp Corporation and was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where he was a lay reader. He was a life

member of the Virginia Jaycees, an Eagle Scout and Scout Master of Troop 28, Vigil honor-Order of the Arrow and Silver Beaver recipient. He was charter commander of the Urquhart-Gillette Sons of Confederate Veterans and past commander of the Army of Northern Virginia SCV. The family suggests memorials be made to the Mahone's Tavern and Museum Inc., P.O. Box 565, Courtland, VA 23837, the Courtland Fire and Rescue Squad, or a favorite charity. The COVA executive board has made a donation in Russell's memory.



Cathy Evans at Keyser Farm
(Courtesy of Marcus Lemasters)

Cathy Evans

Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter

submitted by Marcus Lemasters, ASV Tech

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter wishes to inform you of our Chapter President's, (Randy Evans) and our loss. Randy's wife, Cathy Evans passed away recently. Cathy was not only his partner in life but his partner in archeology. As a team they have worked on several Chapter, State and VDHR projects and field schools. At many of the projects that NSVCASV members have worked on, Cathy could be seen sifting and picking away at the screens. On several occasions, Cathy has come to a site, when Randy could not. Or she would draft her grandson for a day at the screens. Cathy always had interesting conversations for us to take part in and was ready with ideas and suggestions when we needed them. For the last couple years they have attended the field school at Keyser Farm. Our sympathies go out to Randy for the loss of wife and soul mate.



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<http://asv-archeology.org/>



Start thinking about the 2009
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Student Paper Competition

The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) provides cash prizes to the best student papers presented at the Annual ASV Meetings. This year's meeting will be held in Fredericksburg, Virginia in October [dates to be announced]. The competition is open to **undergraduate** students and **graduate** students. Three official award categories exist, recognizing student research contributions in **Prehistoric Archeology** (The McCary Award), **Historical Archeology** (The Williams Award), and **Collections-Based Research** (The VMNH Award). Two judges will evaluate the presentations.

Awards of \$100.00 are provided to contest winners, once their winning paper is submitted to the ASV's *Quarterly Bulletin*. In addition, award recipients will receive a *free* one-year membership in the Archeological Society of Virginia.

Requirements:



- **August 14, 2009:** Presentation abstract is due to the program chair.
- Competition participants must **register** for the ASV annual meetings and be **members** of the ASV. For details about this year's annual meetings: <http://asv-archeology.org/News/NewsAM.html>
- Students should prepare a **written** version of their presentation, to be submitted by October 2, 2009. This written paper should be provided to **Laura Galke**, Student Affairs Committee chair. An email to Laura Galke (Galke@gwffoundation.org) with the written paper as an attachment is welcome. Papers sent via the postal service should arrive to Ms. Galke, 268 King's Highway, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405, *by* October 2, 2009.
- Participants should prepare an **oral presentation** to present at the Annual Meeting in October [dates TBA]. The oral presentation should be no more than 20 minutes in length and visual accompaniment in the form of a PowerPoint presentation or slides is encouraged. Presentations will be evaluated based upon content, effectiveness of presentation, professionalism, contribution to the field, and the enthusiasm of the presenter.
- Participants are responsible for **attending** the ASV Annual Meetings in October and **presenting** their paper at their assigned time.

Please watch for upcoming announcements in the ASV newsletter and website for additional details. If you have any questions regarding the contest, please contact

Laura Galke, Student Affairs Committee Chair,

Galke@gwffoundation.org

Phone: 540-370-0732 ext. 26.



Northern Shenandoah Chapter

submitted by Marcus Lemasters, ASV Tech

Our two latest projects have been metal detector and site surveys in support of Shenandoah Valley archaeology. VDHR Archaeologist Bob Jolly has been working on a field study of 44FK623, The Hessian Barracks, near Winchester. This site is one of the largest Prisoner of War camps in Virginia for British, Scottish and Hessian soldiers, during the American Revolution. Even some dissenters from New England and some Indians were contained here. The site was composed of 14'square huts housing 36 men each. Yes, not the best of accommodations. Our group completed an intensive metal detector survey of a core section of the site and recovered around 315 period artifacts. We also completed a series of Shovel Test Pits on 100' intervals and an accompanying 6 - 5'x10' test units. Mr. Jolly is in processing and analyzing the artifacts now. Several pieces of eight, shoe buckle fragments, a pipe stem, and a watch key are included in the inventory. The button photo by Bob Jolly is an excellent example of the buttons coming from the site. Our other project, currently in the works, is assisting Dr. Geier, JMU, with a metal detector and field survey of sections of the Chemstone Quarry property on the Cedar Creek Battlefield in Frederick County. For lab work, the chapter is processing and analyzing artifacts from several sites - prehistoric content from Gene Dicks Old Forge, the Steele House in Stephens City, the Stone House in Stephens City and tand the Peter Stephens settlement site on the south side of Stephens City.



Buttons! (Courtesy of Marcus Lemasters)

Upper James River Chapter Report

submitted by Chris Short



Eliot Balazs and Chris Short at Tree Hill Farm (Courtesy of Hannah Short)

The upper James River Chapter has been very busy this winter. We have attended two lectures given by Sean Devlin, the new archaeology laboratory director at Washington and Lee University, and we also hosted 2 certification lectures. Tom Klatka graciously came to Lexington to speak about topographical mapping and site form preparation. Some of our members participated in the Tree Hill Farm dig in March. This site is southeast of Richmond and offers a sweeping, scenic view of the Richmond skyline. Our unit yielded many prehistoric artifacts, including dozens of flakes and several tools. This made for a very enjoyable day, enhanced by the unusually summer-like conditions! Our three certification students, Christine Short, Eliot Balazs, and Hannah Short, took their laboratory test in April at Carol Nash's home. Not

only did they pass the test, but they had a lot of fun doing it! Thanks, Carol, for letting our students interrupt your weekend and for those yummy local pastries!

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**For more information on ASV go to:
<http://www.asv-archeology.org>**

**Congratulations
New ASV Certification Program Graduates!!!!!!**

Alan Tidwell, Northern Virginia Chapter

Andy Kincaid, Middle Peninsula Chapter

Linda Waggy, Massanutten Chapter



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