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Summer Field Schools!!!

ASV members have been active in two field schools held this summer. This issue includes images and some reporting from the June 17 to July 19 field school held at the Golden Ball Tavern site in downtown Petersburg under the direction of DHR's Dr. Chris Stevenson, and the August 3 to 12 field school at the Civil War Camp Misery site in Stafford County, under the direction of Dr. Mike Barber (see next page for his report from the field) of DHR and Mike Madden of the U.S. Forest Service's Passport in Time program.



Excavations at Golden Ball Tavern
(Courtesy of Vivian Rojas).

Remember, as reported in the June 2009 newsletter, that field schools are upcoming at the Camden site (September 14 to 25) and Chippokes Plantation State Park (October 26 to November 1). Details can be found at the ASV web site in the newsletter archives.

Annual Meeting

Don't forget the ASV Annual Meeting from October 9 to 11 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center and hosted by the Northern Virginia chapter of the ASV. Details are on the ASV web site: www.asv-archeology.org

From the Office of State Archaeology

by Mike Barber, State Archaeologist



Mike Barber, center, observes the excavation (Courtesy of Bernard K. Means).

August 2009: I am sitting here in a hotel room in Fredericksburg covered with equal amounts of sweat and dirt. I have a cold beverage before me to aid with the recovery from another day at the excavation of 44ST0286, Camp Misery, the archaeological remnants of a Union winter encampment in 1862/63. Although not as dire as in the 19th century, Camp Misery fits the present situation in a number of ways: the heat has been in the 90s, humidity high, and the features pock-marked by metal detector "hobbyists' " pot-hunting holes. To find a cigarette butt, plastic button, or 9-volt battery within the confines of an archaeological Civil War hut is disheartening.

The nomenclature does not fit with regard to the majority of features. Much information can be found in the hut remains, trash pits, and other features. And it surely does not relate in any way to our volunteer crew. Thanks to the USDA-Forest Service, the excavation is once again a part of the national Passport in Time Program. Add the support of the Archeological Society of Virginia and the cadre of avocational archaeologists is impressive. The heat does not seem to affect them (as it does me). Their enthusiasm is high even when recovered cultural material may be low.

I think the most impressive aspect of the crew is their feeling of personal involvement and understanding of the sacrifices of the soldiers who once occupied the site. At 44ST0286, the past is not only being understood in better terms but being personalized by those studying it.



Mike Madden (left, standing) and Laura Galke (right, standing) watch a hut excavation in progress (Courtesy of Bernard K. Means).



Clarence Geier screening soil at Camp Misery (Courtesy of Bernard K. Means).

The excavation is no accident. The short history is that the Stafford County School System, their consultant CRI, the Archeological Society of Virginia, USDA-Forest Service (Passport in Time), and Department of Historic Resources entered into an agreement to gain as much information as possible concerning the site through a cooperative excavation in 2008. The site was slated for the construction of a new high school beginning in that year but the work has been postponed indefinitely.

At first thinking construction imminent, the partners came forth to extract as much information as possible. Now, the game plans have changed with a more long term view and the added involvement of James Madison University with its expert Civil War archaeologist Clarence Geier. While CRI's responsibilities have been met and their involvement ended, the

partnership of many goes on and will result in a better understanding of the life of the Civil War soldier.

So our efforts will continue but only prove successful with the support of the avocational community. As always with historic preservation, we are all in it together.



Excavations at Camp Misery (Courtesy of Bernard K. Means).



Bernard K. Means talks with VCU student Vivian Rojas (Courtesy of Laura J. Galke).



Trube Short found the soil HEAVY (Courtesy of Bernard K. Means).

ASV Elections 2009: Slate of Candidates



At the ASV's 2009 Annual Business Meeting in Fredericksburg on October 11, ASV members will select candidates to fill the following offices: three full-term Board members, a Treasurer (to fill the unexpired term of Bill Thompson), and an additional Board member (to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Chris French). All of the following candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

Additional nominations for any of these positions also may be made from the floor at the meeting; however, any candidates so nominated must have agreed in advance that they are willing to serve in that position.

For the position of Treasurer (unexpired term: Oct. 2009 - Dec. 2010)

Carl Fischer currently serves as President of the Col. Howard MacCord Chapter (Richmond) and as Vice-President of the ASV. In July, the ASV Board of Directors also appointed him Acting Treasurer of the Society. A retired University Hospital CEO, Carl has considerable experience in the fields of administration and finance. An ASV Certification Graduate, Carl also has been instrumental in promoting the use of Kittiewan as a venue for Boy Scout education and service projects.

For the position of Board of Directors (Jan. 2010 - Dec. 2012)

Forrest Morgan resides in North, Virginia, on the Northern Neck. A lawyer by profession, he has been a member of the ASV since 2007. Forrest currently serves as Vice-President of the newly formed Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Society. His major interest is in the preservation of historic buildings.

Dr. Elizabeth Moore, PhD, has been a member of the ASV since the mid-1980s, and is associated with the newly reconstituted Patrick Henry Chapter in Martinsville. Her field of specialization, zooarchaeology, led to her current position as Curator of Archaeology at the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Dr. Moore works actively with candidates for certification in laboratory analysis and field work. With volunteers, she recently completed field work on a 20th century African American historic site in Martinsville, and presently is processing the lithic collections from the Brook Run jasper quarry.

Selinda (Cindy) Dausen, who lives in Williamsburg, has been a member of the ASV since the 1980s. She presently serves on the Society's Board of Directors. She has worked on various ASV field projects, most notably the Hatch Site. A member of the ASV's Kittiewan Committee, Cindy has been instrumental in sorting and archiving the vast collections of Cropper papers at Kittiewan. She also gives tours of the historic house to visitors, and provides on-site supervision of Kittiewan's summer intern.

Harry Jaeger, a longtime member of the Society, resides in Richmond and is a member of the Col. Howard MacCord chapter. Harry has served as President of the Society and several terms as member of the Board. Actively involved in Society affairs, Harry manages the sale and distribution of ASV's publications, including the Quarterly Bulletin and the Society's Newsletter. He also chairs the Kittiewan committee and has overall responsibility for maintaining and operating the property; he was appointed Assistant Treasurer to manage the Kittiewan accounts (a position filled by Russell Darden). In his spare time, Harry is also involved in the restoration of the USS Zuni/USCGC Tamaroa, a World War II era vessel that participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima, and served the U. S. Coast Guard from 1946 to 1994.

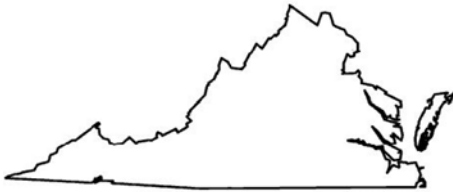
**For the position of Board of Directors
(unexpired term: Oct. 2009 - Dec. 2011)**

Charlie Manson, Past President and current Vice-President of the Col. Howard MacCord (Richmond) chapter, has been an ASV member since the mid-1980s and is also a past Vice President of the state society. In January, Charlie will assume the post of Editor of the Quarterly Bulletin. An active volunteer at the Department of Historic Resources, his primary interest is the identification of archeological sites, and he has recorded approximately 140 sites to date. He also is interested in the preservation and development of Kittiewan as a home for the ASV.

William A. Thompson, Jr.
1941-2009
In Memoriam

William A. "Bill" Thompson, Jr., 68, passed away Sunday, July 12, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Williamsburg, Bill was a graduate of James Blair High School, Williamsburg and Virginia Tech where he earned a Professional Degree of Architecture. He was a founding partner of Thompson and Wright Architects Ltd., Chesapeake. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Construction Specifications Institute, where he held positions in the local, state and national levels. He was also a member of the Virginia Board of Housing. Bill was a member of the Chesapeake Rotary Club, Friends of the Chesapeake Parks, the Masonic Lodge and was a coach of several sports teams for the Chesapeake City Parks and Recreation. He was actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America, including numerous positions at the local, state and national levels. He was a member of James River Baptist Church, Williamsburg. Bill worked tirelessly for ASV through the years, most recently as Treasurer, but also as a Past President.

Memorial contributions may be made to ComfortCare Hospice, 667 Kingsborough Sq # 201, Chesapeake, VA 23322; the William A. Thompson Jr. Memorial Fund, to benefit the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp Maintenance Fund C/O any Monarch Bank Branch or to the Kittiewan Plantation, Archaeological Society of Virginia.

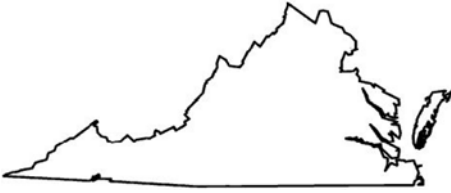


ASV Archaeology Around Virginia



The photographs of the 2009 Golden Ball Tavern excavations appear courtesy of VCU student Vivian Rojas, who participated in the archaeological investigation.





ASV Archaeology Around Virginia



This reconstructed American Indian dwelling was part of the July 4 celebrations at Ferry Farm in Fredericksburg (Courtesy of Laura J. Galke).

This “blast from the past” is courtesy of Charles Manson. Pictured at right is the crew at the Uwharrie, North Carolina dig in 2007, with Joel Hardison evident in the far right, front row. Below is a rhyolite biface recovered from the site.



ASV Certification

Images and captions courtesy of Carole Nash, James Madison University

Keith Egloff instructing
Katie and Richard at the
VDHR Archaeology Lab.



Lynn Taylor, Cynthia Hansen, and Melba Myers at
the VDHR Archaeology Lab.

Terry Stelle at the Archaeology
Lab, Virginia Museum of Natural
History





Nansemond Chapter Report

Photographs and captions by Burt Wendell, Jr., President

"No Age Requirements"- Mr. Frank Pogue, 84, of Virginia Beach, VA, attended an "Artifact Identification Day" held by the Nansemond Chapter on July 16, 2009 at Fort Story, Virginia Beach. Mr. Pogue is holding a 4.5 inch bifacial knife made from a black chert lithic material. The knife along with many other Indian artifacts were originally collected by his father. Teresa Preston and Bert Wendell, Jr. of the Nansemond Chapter provided him Frank as much information as possible about the artifact. The Nansemond Chapter along with the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe were invited to participate in a program at the "Historic Villages of Cape Henry" which was organized by the First Landing Foundation.



Teresa Preston, left, presents a copy of DHR's Teacher Guide and Activity Book, "Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab", to a visiting archaeology enthusiasts. Carolyn Webb, second from left, discusses an Indian artifact with a group of young women from the State of New York.

"Hand Site (44SN22) Visited": On July 28, 2009 the Hand Site located along the Nottoway River in Southampton County, Virginia was visited by a group of concerned people with a goal of preserving the site from damage do to future logging operations in that area. The Hand Site was excavated in 1965, 1966 and 1969 revealing the footprint of "Long Houses" inside of a palisade village with a cemetery in the center. The site is ethnohistorically recorded to be the territory occupied by the Iroquoian speaking Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indians ca. 1580-85. Organizations represented in the photograph are (left to right) Teresa Preston, Archeological Society of Virginia, Nansemond Chapter; Chief Walter "Red Hawk" Brown , Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe; Tom Reed, South Rivers Forestry Consultants, LLC; Harvey Darden and Scott Bachman of the Virginia Department of Forestry.





Patrick Henry Chapter Report

submitted by Bradley Harris

The Patrick Henry Chapter will be celebrating its one year anniversary in September since being reactivated. The chapter has hosted a number of presentations and programs this past year. Former ASV President Mike Wilke gave a program about the ASV. A video on the Brook Run site was shown with Dr. Elizabeth Moore speaking about the different types of assemblages at the site. Patrick Henry chapter President Jason Lunze gave a presentation on the Capitalism, Trade, and Ingenuity Expressed in Colonial Coinage from the Gould Hill Site (44Hn121). The chapter watched a video on the ice age and Virginia Paleo-Indian sites with a discussion afterwards. Patrick Henry chapter member Bradley Harris presented the initial findings of the late 19th century/early 20th century Elwood Martin Site in Patrick County that he is currently excavating. Tom Klatka, archaeologist with the Roanoke Regional Office of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources gave a presentation titled, "An Archaeological Study of Soapstone in the Prehistoric Blue Ridge". Historian and Author Tom Perry presented a program titled, "Digging Up Jeb Stuart". The program consisted of a biographical sketch of Civil War General James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart, the history of his birthplace and the archaeological work conducted by the College of William and Mary at the Laurel Hill Farm in Ararat. We would like to thank all of individuals who helped or presented a program to the chapter this past year.

In May, ten members of the chapter took a field trip to Saltville, Virginia and visited the Museum of the Middle Appalachians that featured exhibits pertaining to the history of Saltville from prehistoric times to present day activities of the area. A tour of the Madam Russell Church was given by Jerry Catron with a very interesting history program about the early prominent families of Saltville. We also visited the Ice Age area in which excavations were conducted by VMNH and other scientific organizations in the past.

The chapter will be working with the Roanoke and New River chapters to make ASV certification classes more accessible in the southwestern region of the state. Two members from our chapter attended three ASV certification classes given by Dr. Carole Nash, Professor of Anthropology at James Madison University, in June. The New River and Roanoke chapters hosted the event in Roanoke and it turned out to be a great success. The Patrick Henry chapter hopes to host a few ASV certification classes later this year.

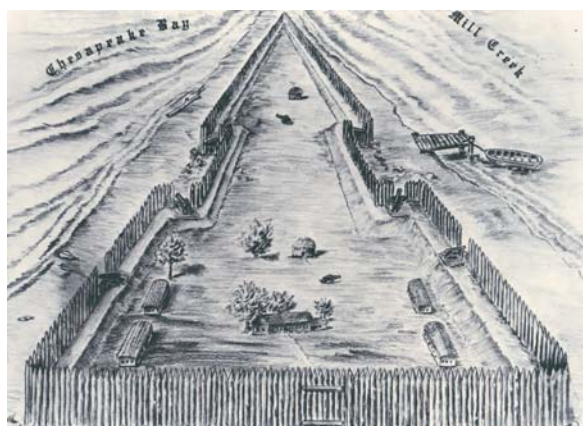
Chapter volunteers have also been putting in a large amount of hours in the Virginia Museum of Natural History archaeology lab, working on material from the Brook Run Site (44Cu122). Anyone who is interested in volunteering at the VMNH archaeology lab or logging lab hours for the ASV certification program should contact Dr. Elizabeth Moore at elizabeth.moore@vmnh.virginia.gov. On July 18 the exhibit titled, "Clues to the Past: Archaeology in Virginia", opened at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in the Harvest Foundation Great Hall and will be on display until July 31, 2010. Our chapter treasurer Mr. Ward Littlefield received the William Barton Rogers Individual Award, which is presented to an individual who has shown significant support for the natural sciences in Virginia through contributions to research, science education or other relevant programs of the Virginia Museum of Natural History. On a different note, we are saddened by the leaving of chapter President Jason Lunze who will be attending Syddansk Universitet at Esbjerg in Denmark for his Masters in Maritime Archaeology. The chapter held a special election to determine a new chapter president in July and Bradley Harris of Patrick County was appointed. The chapter is now in the planning stage for upcoming projects for the following year.

Archaeology License Plate Effort

You may have heard that Maggie Johnson, a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter is leading an effort to get an Archaeology special interest license plate in Virginia. She needs our support to make this happen. The entire process will take 9-12 months and involves nomination of a bill to the next VA General Assembly (Jan 2010) authorizing the DMV to issue the plate.



If you will want the plate when it is available let Maggie know NOW by send your name, address & number of plates wanted to arch-plate@cox.net or stillmaggie@cox.net.



Fort Algernonne, 1609

Colonial Virginia's Maritime Rim
Celebration & Conference

October 16-18, 2009 • Fort Monroe, Virginia

The Fort Algernonne, 1609 celebration and conference commemorates the 400th anniversary of Anglo-America's first coastal fortification. It honors the US Army's outstanding military legacy, embodied in Fort Monroe, and recognizes the enduring significance of Old Point Comfort's strategic location in defending American freedom.

The celebrations will begin on Friday, October 16, 2009, with an Army Retreat Ceremony on Fort Monroe's parade ground, home to the ancient Algernonne Live Oak. The event will include a US Citizen Naturalization ceremony. Immediately thereafter, the Casemate Museum will host a reception to open a new historical exhibit on Fort Algernonne.

On Saturday, October 17, the symposium will consider how the maritime rim of colonial Virginia developed. Fort Algernonne introduced English maritime law to the New World, imposed the nascent customs system, regulated commerce, and enforced allegiance to the British crown. Most importantly, it created a visible symbol of England's bid for sovereignty over vast stretches of the Atlantic shoreline.

On Sunday, October 18, conference attendees have several options, which include an elegant Sunday brunch at the restored 1928 Chamberlin dining room overlooking the entrance to the Hampton Roads Harbor, or one of two tours: a boat excursion to Fort Wool or a land tour of Fort Boykin and other historic sites along the James River.

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Chris Short (far left) shows Mike Madden (center) and Rich Geurcin (right) an artifact she recovered at Camp Misery in August 2009 (Courtesy of Bernard K. Means).



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