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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

Hope you have all thawed out from the snow this last Winter! Summer is here, and opportunities abound! Kittiewan Archaeology Week is from June 19-27, 2010, and will center on excavations for the exterior kitchen, also known as Dr. Selden's Office, as well as the site of the old ice house. Ambitious, yes, but also much needed to continue to interpret the site. As I was weed-whacking around where Dr. Selden's Office was supposedly located, I found some in situ hand-molded bricks (see photograph), which encourages me to start there in June!



Come on down! A form for the field opportunity is included as an insert in this Newsletter. Contact me at patrickloneill@verizon.net or 703-244-6275 if you are interested in coming! Any ASV member can come, and if they are not members, we'll sign them up, and come for any length of time.

The Sandra Speiden Scholarship is going strong and two scholarships will be given out this year. However, because of low interest rates, 2011 may have to be tweaked some. In any event, some young graduate student will benefit from this great gift! The ASV sponsored a student to the MAACs (Mid-Atlantic Archeological Conference) in March, and we received a wonderful note from the student thanking us for the financial assistance.

It is time for nominations for the ASV Awards. Please look at the ballot in this Newsletter, and fill it out for one of your fellow avocational archaeologists or a professional you know! There are dozens of good people in Virginia archaeology that deserve recognition! The Hall of Fame Award is also open this year, as well, for any deceased ASV member you would like to nominate.

Membership is strong, and those receiving this Newsletter have indeed paid their 2010 dues. No one is going to receive an ASV publication if they have not renewed their dues or joined! Over 160 ASV members are getting their Newsletter emailed to them. If we can raise this number to over 200, we can get a better mailing rate for the QB! Plus, I want to send the flyers with the Newsletter, and the more that can be emailed translates to less production and mailing costs! Help me help the ASV to Go Green!

I would like to ask the General Membership for two considerations. Kittiewan Plantation is the home of the ASV, and the plantation is in need of grant writers to help the ASV raise funds for restoration and interpretation. If any of you write grants or know someone who is active in this way, please contact me.

The other item is your time. If you would like to visit Kittiewan and donate some time giving tours, helping sort through the artifacts and collections, or even help with the grounds, contact me. It is a wonderful late 18th century manor, full of beauty and history.

I also want to mention again that the ASV is joining forces with the Eastern States Archeological Federation (<http://esaf-archeology.org/>) to hold both of our annual meetings at the same time and place in Williamsburg, Virginia, on October 28-31, 2010. More information will follow, but this gives the ASV the ability to show off our society to a larger audience and allow for a wider format of presentations to the ASV membership! The combined meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel Historic District, 351 York Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, (757) 229-4100. Special tours will be held at Jamestown and Chippokes Plantation State Park. ESAF is taking the lead in the organization of the meeting with Program Chairs Michael B. Barber & Bernard K. Means.

Get out there and get involved in your local community this summer. I assure you, each of you live in a community that has issues regarding cultural resources that need help! It doesn't always have to be digging in the ground to be related to archaeology. Archival research, support for local bond issues, conducting oral histories, attending seminars, and simply talking to the local people, all are facets of the ASV!

Mesoamerican Conference in September

The Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, DC will hold its 17th annual symposium on Saturday, September 25, 2010, at the U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center Downtown Washington, D.C., 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W/ The symposium title is "Under Cover of Darkness: The Meaning of Night in Ancient Mesoamerica." Speakers include Cecelia Klein, John Pohl, Keith Prufer, Kent Reilly, and Marc Zender. For program details and registration information, please visit: <http://www.pcswdc.org/>

From the Office of State Archaeology

by Mike Barber, State Archaeologist

The snow is gone...finally and things can go back to normalcy. With the two blizzards and the great melt, we have gone from frozen dormancy to a semi-state of emergency. The weather has once again brought me into the great outdoors; I know this because of the pet ticks and chiggers I have recently acquired. All are from a reconnaissance survey that Cynthia Hansen and I carried out in Southampton County in search of the Hand Site. The Hand Site was excavated in the 1970s by Gerald Smith, then a graduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill. The site proved to be an important one with numerous burials, many clay pipes, and interesting pottery (which is currently undergoing re-analysis).

Much of the site remains and the timber management consultant would like to preserve it by removing it from harvest along with two other sites in the environs. Cynthia and I were able to locate the three sites in question but need help in determining boundaries and research potential. For this

we turned to the Nansemond Chapter of the ASV and the Certification enrollees. By the distribution of this newsletter, the survey should be finished and an inventory of artifacts and blood-sucking vermin complete.

The melting snows, rain, and rising waters of the James River also caused a pragmatic schedule at the 17th century Flowerdew Hundred fort in Prince George County. As many of you are aware, the Flowerdew 100 fort dates to the first quarter of the 17th century and was one of the few outposts that survived the Indian War of 1622. In an attempt to re-tool the enclosure for defense against the Indians as opposed to defense against the Spanish, ditches or moats were added. These are the focus of the current excavations.

Funded by DHR Threatened Sites, the William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research undertook the project and immediately began fighting the water table. As the flooding mitigated, excavations brought them below the water table and pumps were brought in. Having been recently completed, the archaeologists proved successful over nature and the report will soon be forthcoming.



Documenting Threatened Sites excavations at Flowerdew 100. Taft Kiser stands at base of ladder (Courtesy of Laura Kiser)

This leaves solid plans for the Chippokes Plantation State Park field School. This year we will test the area in front of the Chippokes kitchen plus look at a nearby standing chimney. We have moved the dates forward to July 12 - 21, 2010, in order to avoid conflict with the ASV / Eastern States Archaeological Federation at the end of October. Both the field school and the meetings should be "a fine time was had by all."

Finally, we are still sorting out the final excavation chapter for our old friend, Camp Misery (a.k.a. Camp Starvation) in Stafford County. The Civil War Union winter encampment of 1862 left much archaeological evidence behind which will eventually be destroyed by the construction of a new high school.

If all goes as planned, Clarence Geier and James Madison University Anthropology will be out there this summer finishing the hut excavations in Block 5, the officers' camp. ASV volunteers will also be asked to participate.

Add to this list all the other field opportunities for Certification and volunteers, and, all in all, it promises to be a busy summer.

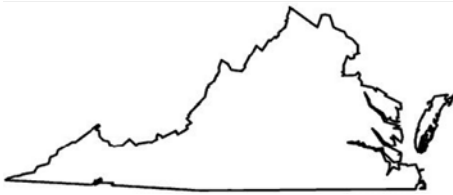


The moat at Flowerdew 100
(Courtesy of Laura Kiser)



Excavations at Camp Misery in August 2009

Left: Dr. Clarence Geier screening
Right: JMU students excavating



ASV Archaeology Around Virginia

Clark's Branch (44FX3226): A Progress Report

Text and Photographs from Paul Y. Inashima, Principal Investigator

After two seasons of investigation, the prehistory of the Clark's Branch (44FX3226) Site has begun to emerge. The local landform reflects at least four distinct landscape histories influenced by both fluvial and colluvial forces. Various depths and ages of the stratigraphic profiles above the native schist bedrock occur. Varying degrees of depositional integrity and resolution within these profiles reflect the influences of past geomorphology. Excavated to a depth of over five feet and probed to a depth of over 10 feet, the site retains yet-to-be-tested deposits of nearly six feet above bedrock.

A combination of temporally diagnostic artifacts and radiocarbon dates indicate a continuous record of occupation from as recently as Contact to as long ago as Paleoindian times. Unfortunately, not all of these diagnostic artifacts have been recovered from intact contexts.

Nevertheless, the time markers include Potomac Creek and Selden Island wares, as well as Madison, Levanna, Jack's Reef Corner-notched, Piscataway, Perkiomen, Poplar Island, Bare Island/Holmes, Susquehanna Broad, Lamoka, Dry Brook, Savannah River, Otarre, Slade, Brewerton Corner-notched, Brewerton Eared Triangular, Halifax, Vernon, Guilford, Clagett, Morrow Mountain I and II, St. Albans, Ft. Nottoway, LeCroy, Kirk Corner-notched, Palmer, and fluted points. In addition, two new projectile point types, the Clark's Branch Stubby Side-notched and the McNett Side-notched, have been provisionally defined.

The radiocarbon dated temporal contexts include (1) a sand-tempered ceramic component (1050 to 920 ca B.P.), (2) two Selden Island components (2990 to 2790 cal B.P. and 3450 to 3280 cal B.P.), (3) a Guilford component (7320 to 7180 cal B.P.), and (4) a possible large Kirk Corner-notched component (8320 to 8170 cal B.P.).

A Phase I/II report was completed two year ago, and the Phase III report is currently being written.

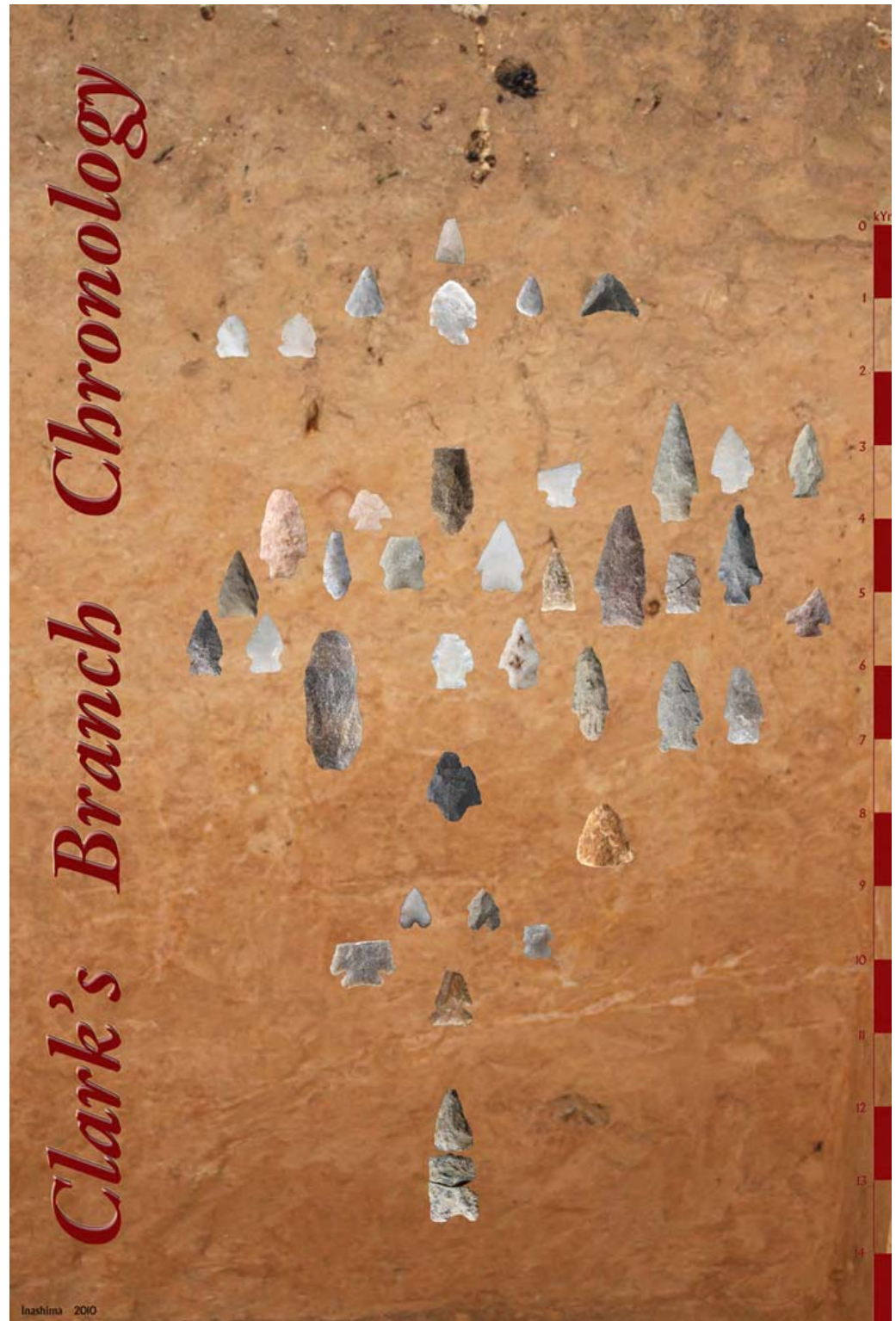


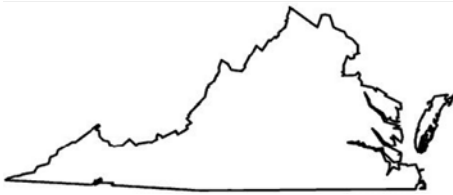
Dan Hayes conducting a geomorphological analysis during the Phase I/II study



ASV Archaeology Around Virginia

A projectile
point summary
of the prehistory
of Clark's
Branch.





ASV Archaeology Around Virginia

ASV Field School at Poplar Forest in November 2009

Captions and Images Courtesy of Lori Lee



Eric Proebsting and Kathy Janky



Lisa and Jared Jordan



Eliot Balazs



Hannah and Chris Short



Kenny Armstrong and Eric Proebsting



CALL FOR PAPERS



Eastern States Archaeological Federation 77th Annual Meeting

**Hosted by the
Archeological Society of Virginia**

October 28-31, 2010

**Clarion Hotel Historic District
351 York Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
(757) 229-4100**

**SPECIAL EVENTS
Tours of Jamestown and Chippokes Plantation State Park**

**Program Chairs
Michael B. Barber & Bernard K. Means**

Abstracts are due August 31, 2010

Please send abstracts for
individual papers or
sessions to:

bkmeans@juno.com *or*,
Department of Anthropology
School of World Studies
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, VA 23284

Presenters must be individual members of ESAF for 2010 and pre-registered for the meeting

**Arrangements Chair
Mike Madden
540 265-5212 or mjmadden@fs.fed.us**

For more information, go to: esaf-archeology.org

ANNUAL MEETING

Archeological Society of Virginia and Eastern States Archeological Federation

October 28-31, 2010

Clarion Hotel Historic District
351 York Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185
1-757-229-4100
www.clarionwilliamsburg.com

Preliminary Schedule Overview:

Thursday, October 28 Afternoon Field Trip – Jamestown

Friday, October 29 Field Trip - Chippokes Plantation State Park (and Craft Festival)
Papers
COVA Fall Meeting
Evening COVA Education Committee Symposium / Canada Friendship and COVA
Reception

Saturday, October 30 ASV Business Meeting and Chapter Reports
ESAF Executive Board Meeting and Business Meeting
Papers (concurrent sessions)
Banquet and presentations
Keynote Banquet Speaker: Dr. Doug Owsley, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History

Sunday, October 31 Papers, (concurrent sessions)
Certification Workshops
ASV Executive Board Meeting

- **Book Room open throughout the weekend**
- Morning refreshments Saturday and Sunday
- **Buffet Menu:** Tossed salad and fruit cup; Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Madeira Sauce, Roasted Turkey with Sage Stuffing and Brown Gravy, Vegetable Lasagna; Red Bliss Potatoes, Sweet Potato Yams; Sauteed Vegetable Medley, Broccoli & Cauliflower; Chocolate Mousse Cake with Strawberry garnish; Water, Coffee, Iced Tea
- Hotel: Full service restaurant and lounge, indoor pool, exercise and game room, guest rooms have data ports, coffee makers, cable TV
- Colonial Williamsburg within walking distance for restaurants, shopping, and sightseeing
- Busch Gardens nearby
- Local map and directions to hotel at www.clarionwilliamsburg.com

REGISTER NOW

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Archeological Society of Virginia

and

Eastern States Archeological Federation

October 28-31, 2010

Hosted by the Archeological Society of Virginia

at

Clarion Hotel Historic District, 351 York St., Williamsburg, VA 23185

Hotel reservations: Phone the Clarion Hotel at 1-757-229-4100 and mention the Archeological Society of Virginia/Eastern States Archeological Federation Annual Meeting to receive the meeting rate of \$69.00 Single/Double occupancy plus 10% tax and @2.00 per room, per night occupancy tax. Rate is in effect for 3 days before and after the event.

Deadline is September 28, 2010 for the special room rate.

Registration fee: \$40.00 Student fee \$20.00

Banquet: \$40.00 per person

NAME _____ Company _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____ ASV Chapter _____

Registration fee: Number attending _____ x \$40.00 _____ Student: _____ \$20.00

Banquet: Number attending _____ x \$40.00 _____

Total enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to **ASV 2010**. Please mail registration information and check to:

Carl R. Fischer, Treasurer

1685 Sweet Hall Road

West Point, VA 23181

2010 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Contact Information: Mike Madden/ESAF mjmadden@fs.fed.us

Cynthia Hansen/ASV c.hansen@cox.net



Archeological Society of Virginia

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

2010

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 held jointly with the Eastern States Archaeological Federation Annual Conference. This year's meeting will be held **October 28-31** at the Clarion Hotel Historic District, 351 York Street in **Williamsburg**. 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. Students need not specify the award category in which they are interested.

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 31, 2010:** Presentation abstract is due to the ASV program co-chair, Bernard K. Means (bkmeans@juno.com).
- You must notify Laura Galke, student affairs committee chair, via email [Galke@gwffoundation.org] of your intent to participate by **August 31, 2010**.
- Competition participants must **register** for the ASV annual meetings and be **members** of the ASV. For details about this year's annual meetings and registration form:
<http://asv-archeology.org/News/NewsAM.html>
<http://asv-archeology.org/PDF/CFP-ESAF%202010.pdf>
- Students should prepare a **written** version of their presentation, to be submitted by October 15. This written paper should be provided to **Laura Galke**, Student Affairs Committee chair. An email to Laura Galke (Galke@gwffoundation.org) with the paper (draft version is acceptable) 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 15, 2010**.
- Participants should prepare an **oral presentation** to present at the Annual Meeting in October. The 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 enthusiasm.
- 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.

2010 ASV AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT

By July 1, 2010, please mail your ASV Awards ballot to Patrick O'Neill, 9902 Rand Dr., Burke, Va. 22015 or email the form 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 submitter:

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 2010, 2015, 2020):

NAME

Reason for nomination:

**PAST ASV
AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

Year	Amateur	Professional	Out of State	Hall of Fame
1980	Ben McCary (Dec.)	Ivor Noel Hume	Emory Jones (Dec.)	N/A
1981	Floyd Painter (Dec.)	Howard MacCord	None	N/A
1982	Dale Kerby (Dec.)	Paul Hudson (Dec.)	None	N/A
1983	Horace Hood (Dec.)	C. G. Holland	None	N/A
1984	Richard Gravely (Dec.)	Leverette Gregory	None	N/A
1985	Vivianne Mitchell	William Kelso	None	Thomas Jefferson (Dec.)
1986	Joey Moldenhauer	Pam Cressey	John Cotter (Dec.)	N/A
1987	Charles S. Bartlett, Jr.	Michael B. Barber	None	N/A
1988	C. Lanier Rodgers	Carl F. Miller (Dec.)	Joseph Benthall	N/A
1989	Wm Jack Hranicky	Theodore R. Reinhart	None	N/A
1990	William A. Thompson, Jr.	Michael F. Johnson	None	David I. Bushnell (Dec.)
1991	Malcolm Richardson	None	None	N/A
1992	Russell E. Darden	Keith T. Egloff	None	N/A
1993	None	None	None	N/A
1994	Eleanor Parslow	Mary Ellen Hodges	Joffre L. Coe (Dec.)	N/A
1995	Harry A. Jaeger	L. Daniel Mouer	Paul Y. Inashima	Carl F. Miller (Dec.)
1996	Charles S. Herndon	Martha R. Williams	None	N/A
1997	Joyce Pearsall	Dennis J. Pogue	None	N/A
1998	Daniel E. Vogt	C. Clifford Boyd	None	N/A
1999	Dale Collins	Stephen Shephard	None	N/A
2000	Edward Bottoms	David K. Hazzard	Edward F. Heite (Dec.)	William H. Holmes (Dec.)
2001	George Ramsey	Carole Nash	Dr. Joan Walker	N/A
2002	David Rotenizer	Randolph Turner	None	N/A
2003	Albert J. Pfeffer III	Ester C. White	Peter Bonn	N/A
2004	Graham H. Simmerman	Lysbeth B. Acuff	None	N/A
2005	William Trout	Lyle Browning	Wayne Clark	Ben C. McCary
2006	Bruce Baker	Barbara Heath	Joel Hardison	N/A
2007	Shirley Jaeger	Martin Gallivan	Stephen Israel	N/A
	changed to Avocational			
2008	Steve Thomas	Stephen Potter	Maxine Grabile	N/A
2009	Cynthia Hansen	None	None	N/A

KITTIEWAN ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

KITTIEWAN PLANTATION, CHARLES CITY COUNTY

HOME OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA
JUNE 19 – 27, 2010

The land on which Kittiewan Plantation rests was first mentioned as Konwan in 1618, when Governor John Yeardley was allowed to claim land in the area. The land was patented in 1632, situated on the north side of the James River above beautiful Kittiewan Creek. The manor house was built in the 1770s, and was surrounded by several outbuildings including slave quarters, a kitchen, ice house, and a hospital/doctors office. Nearby was an antebellum school house. Owned by American Revolution physician Dr. William Rickman, many members of the Harrison family of Berkeley, and Dr. William Selden, the manor was modified several times during, with the last major addition built in the 1840s.



The 2010 excavations will focus on the suggested ice house depression near the manor and locating Dr. William Selden's office. Probing in the cemetery for field stones and markers, and transit mapping will also be conducted during the week. Former participants can assure you a fun, as well as educational, time will be had by all. Hours can be applied towards field survey, excavation, and laboratory requirements for Certification Program.

WHEN:

- Main orientation Saturday June 19, 2010 9-10 A.M. Kittiewan Visitor's Center; daily orientations provided as needed.
- Site set-up and field work begins immediately after orientation.
- Remainder of Field School hours: June 19-27, 2010 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
- Late afternoon or evening educational sessions, such as survey transit work and Deedmaster training are planned, as well as other ASV Certification Classes.

WHERE:

- Kittiewan Plantation, southern Charles City County, between Richmond and Williamsburg. Address is 12104 Weyanoke Rd. (pronounced Why-Noke), Charles City, Va. 23030

WHO: All participants must be a registered member of the ASV. You can join when you come!

LOGISTICS:

- On-site camping will be available with potable water, no campfires or bathing facilities, grills welcome.
- Porta-jons will be provided.
- Hotels within 20-30 minute drive in the Williamsburg (20mi) and Hopewell (15mi) area.
- No food provided, but coffee will be brewed as needed!

This field school is solely sponsored by the ASV, without financial support from a Federal or State entity. A donation of \$25 per person is asked to help defray costs of supplies, equipment, handouts and porta-jons. Donations for camping are also encouraged.

APPLICATION FOR KITTIWAN ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK 2010

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: _____

Phone contact: _____

Chapter Affiliation: _____

Enrolled in Certification Program ____ yes ____ no

Archaeological Experience: _____

Special Skills: _____

CONTACTS

Submit All Applications to: - Patrick O'Neill (703-244-6275)
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Information of Certification Program

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Excavations at
Flowerdew 100 moat
(Courtesy of Laura Kiser)

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August 1!!