



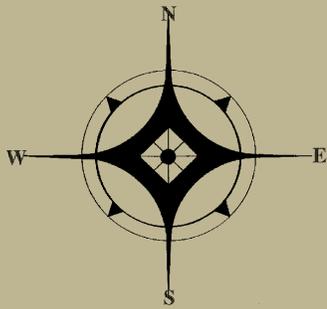
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## PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL - ELIZABETH MOORE

As we move into the chill of winter, fieldwork is winding down for most folks. That doesn't mean that archaeology has stopped though - there are several opportunities for lab work and documentary research around the state. If you find yourself with some time on your hands keep your eyes open for "help wanted" announcements to members either via email or in the newsletter.



I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the recent Annual Meetings a success. It was a full weekend with a great selection of presentations, the fieldtrip, workshops, and camaraderie. The Nansemond Chapter, particularly Cynthia Hansen and Bert Wendell, did an exceptional job organizing the logistics for the weekend, making sure that everyone had what they needed. I particularly liked that the book room was so close to the meeting rooms and became a place not only to buy books and other goods, but to share ideas, talk to the demonstrators, and meet old and new friends. As usual, Michael Barber successfully took on the challenging task of preparing the program and fitting in so many papers and workshops.

I was particularly pleased to see so many student papers. Martha Williams, Charlie Manson, and Patrick O'Neill judged the student papers and selected our winner. Congratulations to Aaron Ellrich from VCU who won the student paper award for his presentation "Lithics and Lasers: 3D Scanning Prehistoric Projectile Points from James Madison's Montpelier." Students not only represent the future of the discipline, but they are often involved in research that is accessible to ASV volunteers and certification program members. To encourage student participation at the meetings I would like the ASV to have a student sponsorship program for upcoming annual meetings. The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC) has such a program where each student presenting a paper has a sponsor who donates funding for registration and membership. The ASV even sponsors two students from Virginia each year to attend MAAC. I would like to see a similar program for the ASV Annual Meetings that would also include a banquet ticket so the students can hear the speaker and see the awards ceremony. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to next year's meetings but if you think you might be interested in sponsoring a student next year please send me an email and I'll start keeping a list. I will commit right now to sponsoring one student so the sponsor list has now officially started. ☩

Stay warm,  
Elizabeth Moore

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

## Michael B. Barber, PhD, State Archaeologist

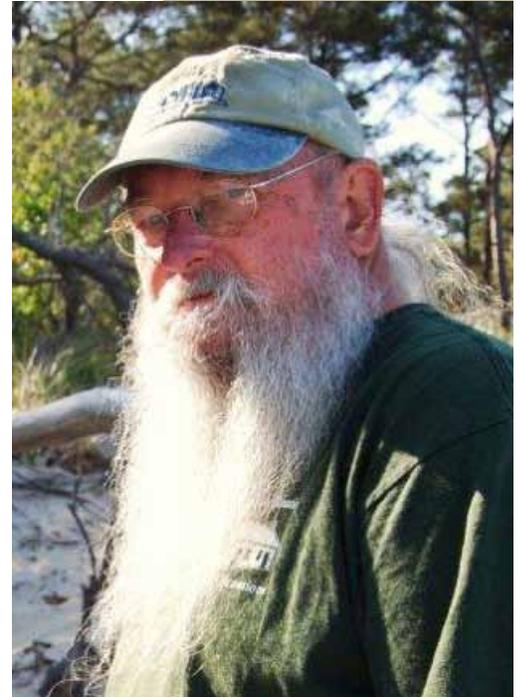
Many of you were able to attend the ASV's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach in October. A fine time was had by all. The meeting included ca. 40 research papers, a successful trip to Fort Monroe attended by 60 individuals, an insightful panel discussion by retired archaeologists (Keith Egloff, Clarence Geier, and Randy Turner), and an extremely engaging banquet presentation by Dr. Bly Straube of Jamestown Rediscovery. It also proved a little bittersweet as it may have been the last hoorah for the historic Cavalier Hotel which has been recently sold.

As Program Chair, I spent a lot of time working with the papers. Just some random comments. I was greatly impressed by the paper presented by Erin Dandridge and Robin Ramey, UMW students working with Doug Sanford. In this paper, the archaeological record of the Oval site at Stafford Hall was interpreted through the eyes of the evolving 18<sup>th</sup> century worldview placing it in proper perspective. Jeff Blick (Georgia State College and University) showed us in great detail the tough lives of dogs at the Hatch Site. Laura Galke (GW Foundation) gave one of her fine-tuned presentations on the Washington boys and their powdered and/or greased hair and wigs. Taft Kiser (CRI) showed us what life in the 1970s was really like, leaving out some things I suspect, but brought us back to 21<sup>st</sup> century reality with the plundering of Flowerdew Hundred, an unforgivable tragedy of the highest magnitude. Randy Turner (ASV, DHR retired) presented a ground-breaking paper on Werowocomoco's physical presentation of Algonkian worldview. Helen Rountree (ODU) presented ethnohistoric data in examining the fluctuating territoriality of Algonkian and Iroquoian populations in southeastern Virginia. Bernard Means (VCU) and his students demonstrated an ever maturing view of the potential for 3D Scanning and Carole Nash (JMU) showed us the equally exciting potential for LiDAR-guided studies. Darrin Lowery (CBARFI) and Mike Madden (USFS) underscored threats to archaeological resources on the Eastern Shore of Virginia while Chris McDaid (Fort Eustis) countered with the management and protection of federal resources. Charlie Manson (ASV) gave a new perspective on bone awls while Lyle Browning (Browning Associates) and Cassidy Van Beck spoke to molinology. Jack Hranicky (ASV) discussed recent hypotheses associated with a Clarke County prehistoric celestial rock alignment. Artifacts and collections were discussed by Dee DeRoche (DHR) on ownership, Betti Colleen (Fairfield) on plowzone impacts, and Chelsea Dudley WLU and Karen Lyle (WLU) on button typologies. Chris Stevenson (VCU) gave an informed presentation on rehydroxylation and hot pots, a dating technique which could revolutionize prehistoric ceramic chronologies. Historic architectural resources in archaeology were discussed by Brian Bates (LU) at the Buckingham Courthouse, Amanda Johnson (W&M) with regard to the 19<sup>th</sup> century Irish immigrant workers at Crozet, Becca Siegal and Garrett Fessler (Alexandria Archaeology) in examining a 19<sup>th</sup> century slaughterhouse, Forrest Morgan (ASV) at John Page's "North End" Plantation, and Teresa Hick (Eastern Carolina University) et. al with Shirley Plantation's wharf system. Rich Guercin (Appalachian Archaeological Resources) outlined the trials and tribulations on managing a 19<sup>th</sup> century cement mine, a unique resource to be sure. Michelle Zulauf (Appalachian Archaeological Consulting) spoke to the increasingly important aspects of public archaeology using the excavations at the Eastville Courthouse as a prime example. War was not ignored with a Civil War paper by



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Tom Higgins (WMCR) on Cedar Creek and Christopher Pieczynski on the role of Craney island in the War of 1812. To bring the program back to the ASV, Patrick O'Neill (ASV) addressed management issues at Kittiewan Plantation with regard to timber sale surveys and large rodent disposal systems.

Three things stand out from the above comments: 1) A wide range of topics are addressed by Virginia archaeology; 2) There is also a wide range of organizations carrying out archaeology within Virginia and which are willing to share that information in public forum; and 3) The ASV and archaeology in general are alive and well within the Commonwealth. ☉

## ASV MEMBER PROFILE – BRUCE BAKER, U.S. NAVY VETERAN AND AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST

### Submitted by Bert Wendell, Jr., Nansemond Chapter

The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) is full of professional and avocational archaeologists. But, did you know that there are many military veterans within the society? Bruce Baker is one of those that has served his country in a most honorable way.

Baker's military service started when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1964. After completion of recruit training he served onboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News (CA-148) and the experimental destroyer USS Norfolk (EDL-1). He worked in the engine rooms of both vessels as a Machinist Mate. While onboard, he was also assigned to the ship's landing force and damage control team as a firefighter. Machinist Mate Third Class Baker completed his enlistment in 1968.

He then went to work for Allied Chemical and then with Puritan Bennett. Later an opportunity to become a firefighter with the Fire Department at Fort Lee, VA arose, and he accepted the challenge. In 1995, he retired as the Fire Chief for Fort Lee. "While at the Fire Department," Baker said, "I became interested in archaeology through my wife, Kathleen, and have been involved for about the last 23 years."

He continues to serve by volunteering his time with the ASV as its Property Manager for Kittiewan Plantation, serving also as Chairman of the Kittiewan Committee, Co-Chairperson of the ASV Certification Program, and a member of the ASV Executive Board.

For the past 6 years, he and Kathleen have lived in Amelia County. He works part time as a 911 dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office and is an active member of the American Legion.

Bruce Baker says, that he looks forward to raising and lowering the Flag of the United States in front of the Visitors' Center each day that he is at Kittiewan. Thank you Bruce Baker for your military service and continuing volunteer service to the ASV.



## KITTIEWAN PLANTATION BRIEF - MARTHA WILLIAMS

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At the recent ASV Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, Nancy Rubin, who volunteers regularly at Kittiewan, requested time to present the following speech. Its contents speak volumes about the pleasures and advantages of joining our expanding Kittiewan family of caretakers. —Martha Williams

Hello!

My name is Nancy Rubin, and I am a member of the Howard McCord Chapter in Richmond. I am relatively new to the ASV as I joined a little over a year ago. I am here today to share with you my story about what brought me to the ASV organization and most importantly to volunteer at Kittiewan Plantation.

The door opened for me through my teenage son Josh and his love for history, books, very old buildings, shipwrecks, and archaeology. His desire to join the ASV as a high schooler and to become a certification student, rekindled the desires of my youth to pursue this with him. As we walked this path, we found our way to Kittiewan. It was at the first ASV chapter meeting that we heard Bruce Baker give an inspiring presentation about the Plantation. This unique name and the images of the manor house and property intrigued us to investigate.

Our initial visit down the long cedar tree-lined road with the signs showing the cemetery, Civil War trench, the Hunt Club, and the manor house shed light onto the size and historical wonder of the property. We were greeted warmly, given a tour, and introduced to the small handful of dedicated volunteers who drive long distance twice or more a week to preserve this “diamond in the rough,” the home of the ASV. Those dedicated folks quickly became our friends as we began to get involved—first with archeology and then with helping with all the numerous tasks that are needed to keep the property running.



Have you visited this little gem in Charles City County? Did you know that:

- \*There are new exhibit rooms in the Manor house?
- \*We recently discovered the memoirs of a former student, John Graves, who attended the Kittiewan School and then fought in the Civil War?
- \*One of our volunteers was discovered to be directly linked to Patsy Hilton, an African American who lived at Kittiewan?
- \*That we are preparing a new Civil War Exhibit in the Visitor Center?
- \*That there are about 10,000 publications/books archived in the ASV Library which will benefit all ASV members.

These are just a sampling of the exciting things that are going on at Kittiewan. They have all happened within the short time that I have had the privilege to be a volunteer.



As you may have read recently in the ASV newsletter, Kittiewan will be observing the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War in June 2014. This will be more than just an open house day. Our planning includes having ASV Chapter exhibit tables, 19<sup>th</sup> century music, Union and Confederate Re-enactors, a Civil War medical exhibit, and special guests.

Kittiewan is not just the home to the few of us who volunteer regularly; it is your home too. We need your talent and skills to assist us to plan and execute this special 150<sup>th</sup> Civil War Observance. This can be a wonderful and unique opportunity for the ASV organization and anyone else to come and present itself to the community through the historical and educational windows that Kittiewan has to offer. Come and work with us. Everyone is welcomed. You will be greeted with a handshake and a smile. There is always something new being discovered and new doors of opportunity being opened here. Help us to continue our efforts of stewardship, education, and historical interpretation of our "little gem" in Charles City County."

And things are really moving at Kittiewan!! The pictures that follow answer the oft-asked question: "How many volunteers does it take to move a 700-pound cast iron stove?" Stop by Kittiewan and see the results of this daring escapade. Thanks to Bruce Baker, Bill Bjork, Lyle Browning, Charlie Manson, and Tom Dundon and the Hunt Club for providing the action! ☺

**You are invited to show off your skills for Kittiewan's  
150<sup>th</sup> Civil War Anniversary Open House Observance  
June 14<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Each area will need a lead coordinator & additional volunteers.**

To sign up or for more information, please contact: Nancy Rubin - [nlrubin@mindspring.com](mailto:nlrubin@mindspring.com) or 804 921-1025

**Areas Needing Coordinators and Volunteers - Each area will have details to follow**

1. **Grounds - Set Up & Clean Up/Parking/Trash and Porta -Johns**
2. **Recruit Volunteers to help with Observance** (To include ASV chapter exhibitors, ASV certification students, individual ASV members:, hunt club members, local history clubs boy scouts – troop 2860)
3. **Re-enactors/Musicians/Demonstrators/Docents**
4. **Visitor Center/Civil War Exhibit**
5. **On-site Archaeology and/or displays of previous Archaeology?**
6. **Food/Beverages/supplies for all volunteers/re-enactors and public**
7. **Advertising / Media/ Tickets/Special invitations to V.I.P.s**

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Kittiewan's committee invites you to join in continuing the work of preserving and interpreting this special property. For more information, contact Martha Williams at [mwilliamslonomo@aol.com](mailto:mwilliamslonomo@aol.com).

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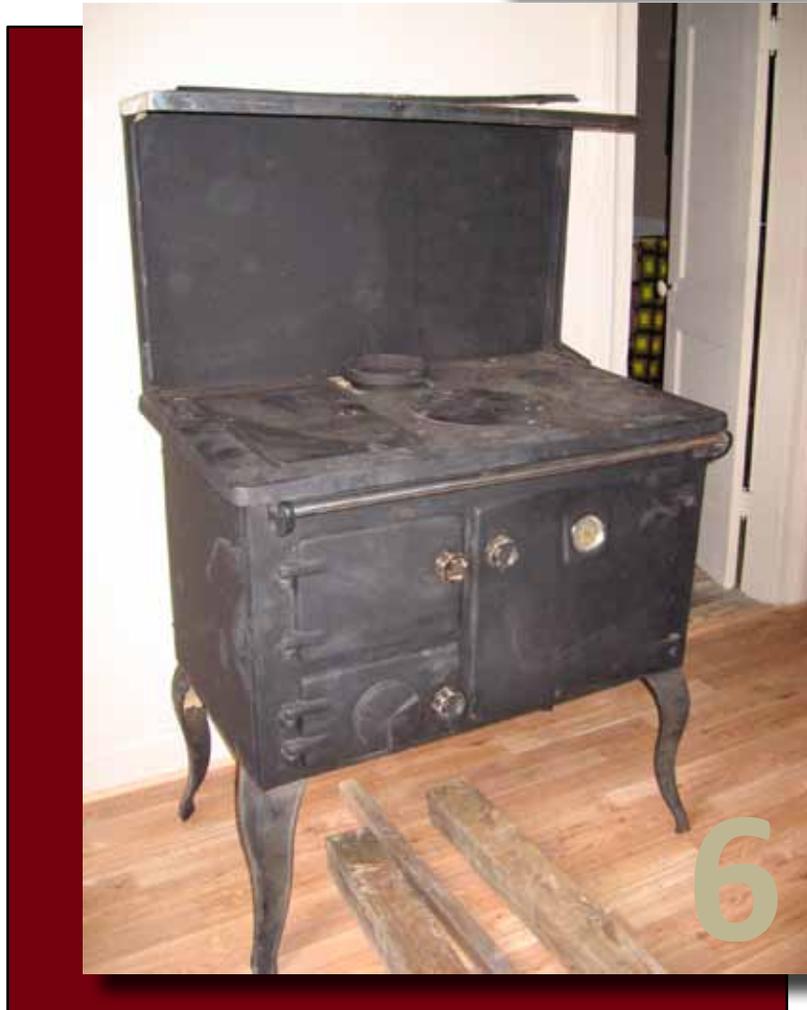
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## ASV ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

### ASV'S 2013 ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP – Bert Wendell, Jr. , President of Nansemond Chapter



The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) held its 2013 Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach October 25-27 at the Cavalier Hotel on the oceanfront. Hosting this year's meeting was the ASV's Nansemond Chapter, which is located in Southeastern Virginia. The ASV Nansemond Chapter is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Dr. Elizabeth Moore, president of the ASV, in her welcoming comments stated, "that this year's meeting has 39 papers, eight chapter presentations, three workshops, a field trip to Fort Monroe, a banquet, and a Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA) public session." Six of those archaeologically related papers were presented by students from the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond.

Over the three days, Virginia State Archaeologist Dr. Mike Barber put together a program of presentations that started with a paper by Dr. Bernard Means, director of the VCU Virtual Curation Laboratory, "Two Years Before the Past: Activities in the Virtual Curation Laboratory". The schedule ended with a presentation on "Shirley Plantation Maritime Archaeology Project: Stratigraphy in Sediments, Shoreline Artifact Concentrations, and Submerged Cultural Resources" which was presented by Teresa Hicks, East Carolina University; Taft Kiser, CRI; and Charles H. Carter, Shirley Plantation.

In the Book Room, Mike Madden, archaeologist with the U.S. Forest Service, had on his tables an assortment of books on archaeology, anthropology, and related topics. Bruce Baker, chairman of the ASV's Kittiewan Plantation Committee, and his wife, Kathleen, sold ASV books, hats, shirts, and other items. Jack Hranicky, an archaeologist from Northern Virginia, displayed a collection of lithic artifacts from the Arkfeld Paleosite in Clear Brook, VA. An exhibit on Digital Archaeology in the Virtual Curation Laboratory was manned by Dr. Bernard Means,



Dr. Bernard Means, director of VCU's Virtual Curation Laboratory, and several VCU undergraduate students. Dr. Mike Johnson, retired Fairfax County archaeologist, presented a pictorial and graphics display on the Cactus Hill, Rubis-Pearsall, Blueberry Hill, and Smith Mountain Gap PaleoAmerican Complex sites.



On Saturday 26, 2013 an ASV tour group of 60 members and guest took a tour bus to Fort Monroe located in Hampton. The group was divided into two smaller groups and given a guided tour of the Casemate Museum and areas within the fort. Of particular note was the prison cell, a casemate, where Confederate President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned following the end of the Civil War. The museum

also holds artifacts ranging from the types of cannons and artillery shells used at various times, an officer's living quarters, uniforms worn by the soldiers, and Jefferson Davis' meerschaum smoking pipe.

Ray Holleran, a retired US Army LTC and Fort Monroe tour guide, pointed out an exhibit highlighting Major General Benjamin Butler's Contraband of War decision, which on May 23, 1861, granted refuge to three escaped slaves. Holleran further stated, "that thousands more followed, and Fort Monroe became known as the Freedom Fort."



At the ASV/COVA 2013 Awards Banquet members of both organizations were honored by receiving plaques and/or certificates.

Stan Slivinski received the "ASV Avocational Archeologist of the Year Award" from Patrick O'Neill, chair of the ASV Awards Committee. Absent from the ceremony were: Lori Lee - ASV Professional Archeologist of the Year"; Ed Otter - "Out of State Professional Archeologist of the Year"; and Kara Jorud - "Out of State Avocational Archeologist of the Year". The "Student Paper Award" went to Aaron Ellrich, VCU, for his paper entitled "Lithics and Lasers: 3D Scanning Prehistoric Projectile Points from James Madison's Montpelier".



COVA President Elizabeth Crowell presented the following awards: "The Virginia Sherman Award" went to both William A. Olson and Joyce Stevens, and "The Michael Allen Hoffman Award" went to the City of Fredericksburg. Accepting the award was Matthew Kelly, at large member of the Fredericksburg City Council.

Patrick O'Neill also presented the one time only "Beaver Award" to Bill Bjork and Charlie Manson

for the dispatching of a pesky beaver, at Kittiewan Plantation, who was clogging up a drain pipe and causing the road over the creek to flood.

ASV Certification Committee Co-Chairpersons Dr. Carole Nash, vice- president of the ASV, and Bruce Baker presented "Certificates of Achievement" to Walt Maginnis, Middle Peninsula Chapter, and Donald R. Williams, Northern Virginia Chapter, for completing the ASV Certification Program.

A memorial plaque for Selinda Sanger "Cindy" Dauses, March 9, 1951 to April 6, 2013, was presented to the ASV and Kittiewan Plantation by Bert Wendell, Jr., president of the ASV Nansemond Chapter. Bruce Baker presented Richard Sanger, Cindy's brother, and Mike Dauses, Cindy's son, with wooden canes and bowls made



## ASV ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP continued

from trees that were taken down at Kittiewan Plantation. Richard Sanger stated in his comments that, “the Sanger and Dauses families are thankful that the ASV is honoring Cindy’s memory by hanging the memorial plaque in the Kittiewan Plantation Visitor’s Center.”

After the ASV Awards Ceremony, Dr. Mike Barber introduced guest speaker Bly Straube, Jamestown Rediscovery, who spoke on “Everything but the Kitchen Sink: Packing for the New World”. Her PowerPoint presentation was full of the various and unique artifacts found at Jamestown.

On Sunday, October 27, 2013, the following workshops were conducted for the attending ASV Certification students: V-Cris by Jolene Smith, VDHR; Artifact Cataloging by Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Virginia Museum of Natural History; and Mill Recording by Lyle Browning, Browning and Associates, Ltd.

At a working lunch the ASV Executive Board went into various committee meetings to come up with strategies to improve the management of the ASV. Shortly after, the ASV Executive Board met to discuss and vote on relevant items of business. ASV President Elizabeth Moore thanked the ASV Nansemond Chapter for hosting the 2013 ASV Annual Meeting. ASV Nansemond Chapter members performing an important role in the success of the meeting were: Cynthia Hansen, Bert Wendell, Jr., Marcia Hansen, Sonja and Larry Ostrander, Wayne Edwards, Teresa Preston, Carolyn and Jerry Webb, David Saunders, and Ed Bottoms. Moore also thanked all ASV and COVA members that labored many long hours to coordinate every aspect of the 2013 ASV Annual Meeting.

During the ASV Executive Board meeting it was announced that the 2014 ASV Annual Meeting will be held in the Richmond, VA area and hosted by the Colonel Howard MacCord Chapter. ⊕



▲ Bly Straube, Jamestown Rediscovery



▲ The “Cindy Dauses Memorial Plaque” presentation to the ASV and Kittiewan Plantation was conducted during the 2013 ASV/COVA Awards Ceremony at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA on October 26, 2013. In the photo (left to right) Richard Sanger, Cindy’s brother; Mike Dauses, Cindy’s son; Bruce Baker, Elizabeth Moore; and Bert Wendell, Jr. The plaque was sponsored by the ASV Nansemond Chapter.



◀ Allen Huber, a student at VCU, presents his paper on “Broken Bones: Digital Curation and Mending of Human Remains.”



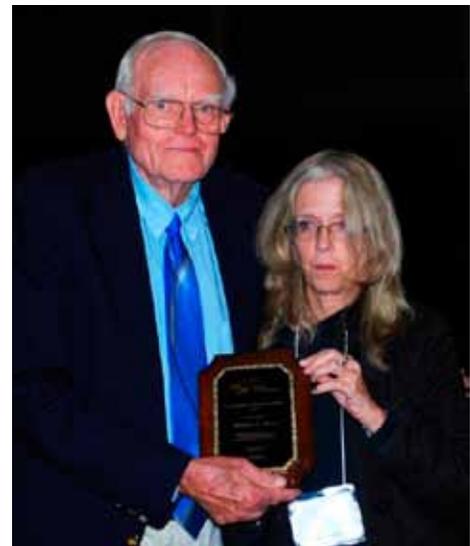
▲ Walter Maginnis (left) receives his “ASV Certification Program Certificate of Achievement” from Bruce Baker (center) and Carole Nash (right), both co-chairpersons for the ASV Certification Program. Maginnis is a member of the ASV Middle Peninsula.



▲ The 2013 “ASV Avocational Archeologist of the Year Award” was presented to Stan Slivinski (left), at-large member of the ASV, by Patrick O’Neill (right), chairman of the ASV Awards Committee, during the 2013 ASV/COVA Awards Ceremony.



▲ Donald R. Williams (left) receives his “ASV Certification Program Certificate of Achievement” from Bruce Baker (center) and Carole Nash (right), both co-chairpersons for the ASV Certification Program. Williams is a member of the ASV Northern Virginia Chapter.

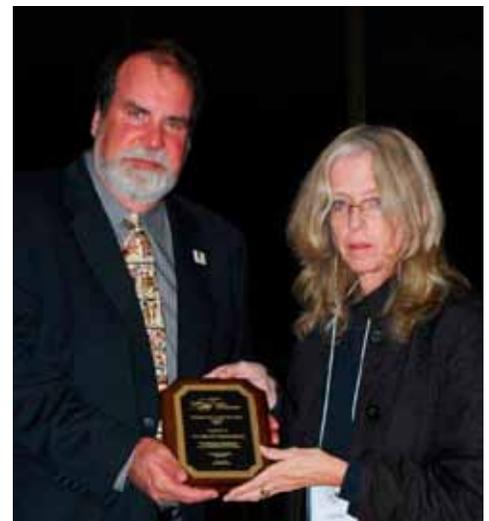


▲ William A. Olson (left) receives “The Virginia Sherman Award” from Elizabeth Crowell (right), president of COVA, during the 2013 ASV/COVA Awards Ceremony.



▲ May Tabor (left) and Charlie Bartlett (right), members of the ASV Wolf Hills Chapter, gave a 10 minute presentation on their chapter and its activities during the past year. .

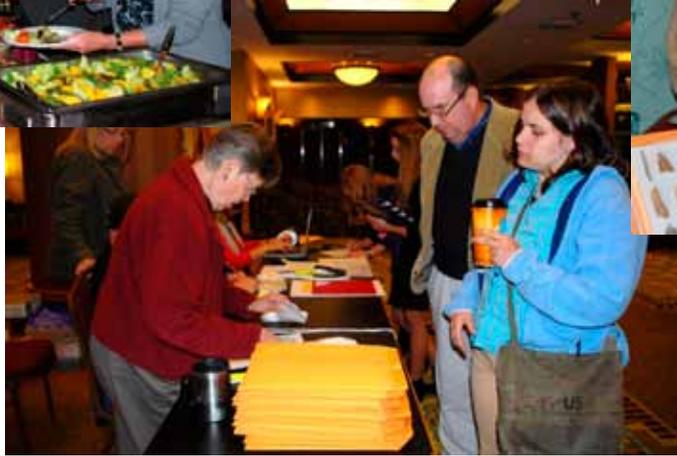
▶ Elizabeth Crowell (right), president of COVA, presents “The Michael Allen Hoffman Award” to the City of Fredericksburg during the 2013 ASV/COVA Awards Ceremony. Accepting the award is Matthew Kelly (left), an at-large member of the Fredericksburg City Council.





Good food and good company at the ASV Annual Meeting!

Thank you to the Nansemond Chapter for a successful 2013 ASV Annual Meeting!



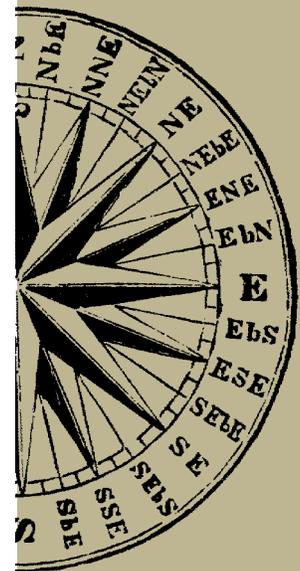
▲ Jack Hranicky, an archaeologist from Alexandria, VA, displays a collection of lithic artifacts that he has recovered from the Arkfeld Paleosite (44FX731) in Clear Brooks, VA.

## NANSEMOND CHAPTER OUTREACH

### Teresa Preston

Teresa Preston (left), ASV Nansemond Chapter’s Community Relations Coordinator and the 2012 ASV Avocational Archeologist of the Year, and Alicia Espinosa (right), ASV Certification Field School Student and Nansemond Chapter member, conducted an archaeology seminar during the Carrollton Branch of the Blackwater Regional Library’s summer program “Digging into Reading” on July 31, 2013. Alicia holds a replica of a Woodland Period ceramic pot and explains to the 5-10 years old kids in the audience how the Native Americans used it for cooking and why it had a round base.

Photo by: Shannon M. Conroy, Youth Services Programmer, Blackwater Regional Library



## IN REMEMBRANCE - JOHN IMLAY

Submitted by Doug Owsley, Dale Brown, and Martha Williams

On September 28, 2013, the ASV lost a long-time member, active participant, and good friend of the Society. John Imlay will be remembered fondly by amateurs and professionals alike throughout the mid-Atlantic for his devotion to the craft, his willingness to travel almost anywhere, his ebullient sense of humor, and his unfailing generosity.

John first connected with archeology in 1980, when he arrived on site at Walney, a historic property in Fairfax County, to work with county archeologist Ed Chatelain and ASV's Northern Virginia chapter. He was immediately "hooked" and quickly became one of the chapter's most active members. For the next decade, in addition to supporting the chapter's own projects, John volunteered at many other sites, including Harmony Hall in Maryland and Portici at Manassas National Battlefield Park (National Park Service); the Enchanted Castle in Orange County (Mary Washington University), Montpelier (National Trust), and Gloucester Point (VDHR).

Dave Hazzard once remarked that the team of John Imlay, Dale Brown, and the late Malcolm "Rich" Richardson were "troopers of the first order who will go anywhere, anytime, under any conditions to help ferret out Virginia history." The group first came together in the early 1990s, when Rich convinced the other two to help Doug Owsley in the Smithsonian's forensic research program. Over two decades, the team examined sites ranging from unmarked Civil War burials to historic cemeteries threatened by modern development. In 2004, the ASV honored the three for their service to the Smithsonian program.

John developed additional archeological talents, too. He worked frequently with professionals on GPS remote sensing surveys; maintained an extensive reference library and his own archeological lab ("more elaborate, more organized, and better equipped than that used by most professionals"); and became a trusted expert in

all aspects of material culture, particularly the Civil War.

But above all, John made the world a better place for his friends. Whether organizing his famous annual crab feasts with Carol at their home in Manassas; consuming a "Hobbs Hole" special at Lowery's in Tappahannock after digging all day in Gloucester; or simply clowning around at "beer thirty" after a hard day's excavation at Aquia, John was simply a delight to know. In his tribute, Doug Owsley summed it up the best: "Everybody should have a friend like John. He knew how to be a friend. John never met a stranger."



## VDHR COLLECTIONS UPDATE - SURPRISES FROM SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA

**Dee DeRoche**

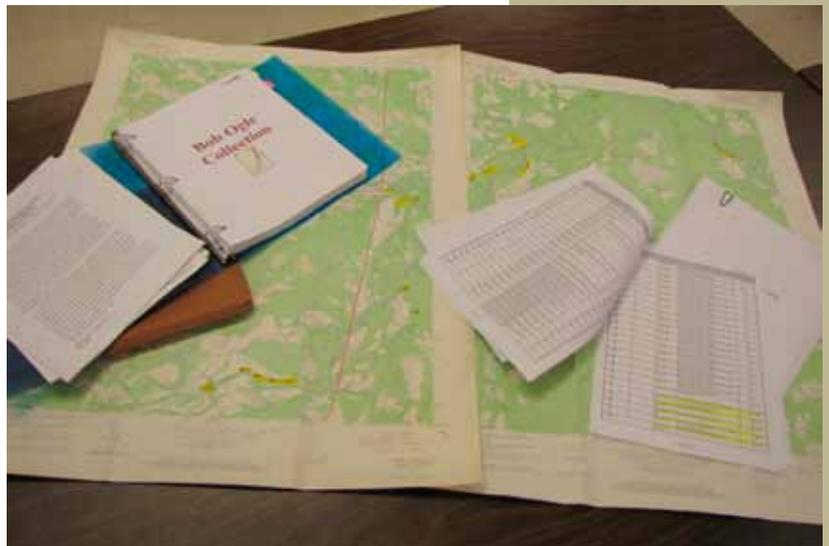
VDHR Collections have had two unexpected but important acquisitions from southeastern Virginia within the past year, one from Sussex County and the other from Southampton County.

Just before Thanksgiving 2012, Maryland's Lost Towns Project asked if we would be interested in the Virginia portion of a recently acquired collection, which did not fit with their stated scope of collections and was over-crowding their shelves. Once our Collections Committee learned that the mainly prehistoric material collected over several decades by avocational archaeologist Robert Ogle included quite detailed provenience information, we agreed to accept the donation of 25 boxes of artifacts and accompanying documentation. Although most of the material is still in the collector's coffee cans, our beginning efforts at rehousing and assessing it indicate that it will shed much light on the early occupations along the Nottoway River in what is now Sussex County.



This past spring, further significant prehistoric artifacts from that region were added to our collections, namely two ceramic vessels found by Mr. Francis Widmeyer while diving in the Nottoway River in Southampton. Actually one is a complete conical, sand-tempered, cord-marked pot of the Stony Creek tradition, and the other seems to be the basal portion of a similar container. These unusual finds were recovered from the river bottom. Following a brief exhibit at the Museum of Southampton History in Courtland, they are now on display at VDHR. Like the Ogle Collection, they warrant further examination.

Together these two recent acquisitions offer a chance to confirm or adjust the current perceptions of the distribution and movements of peoples in this region. We encourage researchers to tackle the challenge of integrating this new information into our understanding of Virginia's past. 'Tis the season' to be thankful for such gifts.





## Eastern States Archaeology Federation

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Eastern States Archaeological Federation, 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.

October 30 – November 2, 2014

Holiday Inn at Solomons, Maryland, south of Annapolis

ESAF rate \$119 single/\$124 double per night for rooms reserved prior to Sept. 30, 2014.

155 Holiday Drive, Solomons, Maryland 20688

(410) 326-6311; [holidayinn.com/solomons/slmmod](http://holidayinn.com/solomons/slmmod)

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday Evening Banquet:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Henry Miller, Director of Research at Historic St. Mary's City, Title TBA.

Pre-Meeting Tours: Thursday, October 30, 2014, (Accessed is via carpooling).

8:45 AM to 11:30 AM tour the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum grounds on the Patuxent River, Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab (MAC Lab) and Visitor Center exhibits. There is no admission fee to Jefpat.

Lunch 12 Noon at Solomons or at Lexington Park.

1:15 PM to 5 PM tour Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland's First Capital, reconstructed Jesuit Chapel, the original city plan, and the St. John's Site Museum that preserves the foundation of a house that stood there throughout the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Leonard Calvert, the third Lord Proprietary and Proprietary Governor, early court and assemblies met in the Governor's Leonard Calvert House. The exhibits dramatize the events that shaped Maryland the Nation colonial lifeways in the Tidewater colonies. There is a reduced admission fee of \$5.00 per person for the ESAF tour group.

Individuals are invited to submit abstracts for papers, posters, and workshops on any topic related to archaeology in the Eastern United States to be presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF) held Thursday, October 30 through Sunday, November 2, 2014. Thematic sessions, such as archaeology on military sites in light of the bicentennial of the War of 1812, are especially welcomed. Students are encouraged to submit papers for the Best Student Prize.

Presenters must be members of ESAF for 2014 and pre-registered for the meeting.

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## OCTOBER 2013 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Stephanie Jacobs, Secretary

The Board of Directors met on Sunday afternoon, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach at the end of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Several of the standing committees also had the opportunity to meet over lunch before the board meeting began. The first report the board received was from Carl Fischer, Treasurer. Carl had presented the 2014 budget at the Annual Membership Meeting, which was held Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. For the board he presented a proposal to invest some of the ASV and Kittiewan funds. Carl has been looking into better ways for the ASV to make interest on its funds as rates have been so low in the last several years. The board approved a motion to invest the principle of the Sandra Spieden Scholarship Fund and some money in the Kittiewan Fund into low risk investments in an effort to some amount of annual interest.

The Standing Committees that had the opportunity to meet over lunch also made reports to the board about their objectives for the next year. The Research committee, chaired by Mike Barber, discussed issues with site survey and threatened sites. The Administration committee, chaired by Carl Fischer, discussed its efforts to expand the Society's ethic procedures. We have a statement of ethics but no written procedures surrounding that and the Ethics subcommittee, chaired by Martha Williams with be creating those. Carl also discussed a main interest of his committee and that is to update the Society's Operations Manual, which was created by Jack Hranicky back in the 1990s but has not been updated recently.

The Outreach committee, chaired by Randy Turner, talked about its continued efforts for expanding the ASV's presence on social media.

But they also discussed issues with electronic books, newsletter, and the even a potential for an electronic QB in the future. The Education committee, chaired by Stephanie Jacobs, discussed its efforts to put together a slide presentation to take to the chapters to discuss the ASV's new organizational structure. The committee looks forward to working with Chapters to put together a list of speakers to circulate among all

the chapters to assist in planning programs. The committee will also be working with Chapters on a collections policy for the ASV, which is very much needed, so the Society can get a handle on what we have and what we might be responsible for in the future.

Finally the board heard a report from Charlie Manson, in his role as President of the Howard McCord Chapter, about the 2014 Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Richmond area. The next board meeting will be held in Charlottesville on January 25, 2014.





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# UPCOMING EVENTS



- January 8-12** Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Canada  
<http://www.sha.org>
- January 25** ASV Board of Directors Meeting, Charlottesville.  
<http://www.asv-archeology.org>
- February 21** Council of Virginia Archaeologists Winter Meeting, Gloucester  
<http://www.cova-inc.org>
- March 13-16** Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, Langhorne, PA  
<http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org>
- April 23-27** Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX  
<http://www.saa.org>
- May 16** Council of Virginia Archaeologists Spring Meeting, Poplar Forest  
<http://www.cova-inc.org>
- October 30-  
November 4** Eastern States Federation Annual Meeting, Solomons, MD.  
<http://esaf-archeology.org>



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► ASV Nansemond Chapter President Bert Wendell, Jr. (left) presented the "Cindy Dausen Memorial Plaque" to Elizabeth Moore (right), president of the ASV. The plaque will be hung in the Kittiwon Plantation's Visitors Center.