



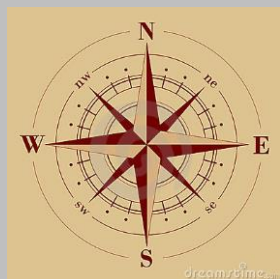
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## *PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – CAROLE NASH*

### *The Analytical Bent*

After a summer of discovery in the field and lab, my students, ASV volunteers and I are making the annual shift toward analysis. In part, this is dictated by my being on an academic schedule. However, as much as I love being in the field, I am anxious to better understand what we



found at the sites where we worked. This happens only with analysis -- the long, hard slog through field notes and forms, photographs and documents, and artifacts -- required to authentically create archaeological explanations. The "A" word is the most difficult to translate to the public, as the media thrives on the immediacy of the discovery and the dramatic photograph. Archaeologists more and more find themselves pressured to promote their work -- for recognition, for funding -- in venues that do not allow for the kind of thoughtful inquiry that fosters the real contributions of our science. As anthropologists, we need to determine patterns of material culture to have a chance of understanding behavior. It takes time and training to make lasting contributions.

Archaeological explanation relies on the questions we ask of what we've found. What do we learn when we're able to take the time to measure the edge angles on flakes to determine whether we have found scrapers or cutting edges? Or trace the marks on a bottle fragment to identify the type of mold that made it? How do we expand our understanding of a logging boom town through the spatial analysis of structures? What do patterns of erosion across a site tell us about the stratigraphic placement of artifacts? These are the sorts of questions and methods that fill out the narratives created by archaeologists, and this is what we're thinking about before we even begin an excavation. How fortunate we are to be

involved in a practice where discovery happens over and over again as we sit with the materials we've recovered and the documents that support the work, asking questions that force us to re-think what we're seeing. How fortunate we are to leave a legacy for those who will come after and make their own discoveries. The tradition of careful documentation and curation keeps artifact assemblages relevant so that lasting contributions can be made years after an excavation has been completed.

The upcoming Annual Meeting in Winchester will no doubt provide us with notable examples of archaeology coming full circle through analysis. I hope that as you listen to the papers and interact with presenters, you'll all come away a little more impressed by the analyses that have made the narratives possible. And the next time you see a blurb about an amazing archaeological discovery, I hope you will be inspired to learn more, knowing that the headline is supported by many discoveries that happen each day, in small increments, in laboratories and archives all over the world. ☀

### ***FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST – Michael B. Barber***

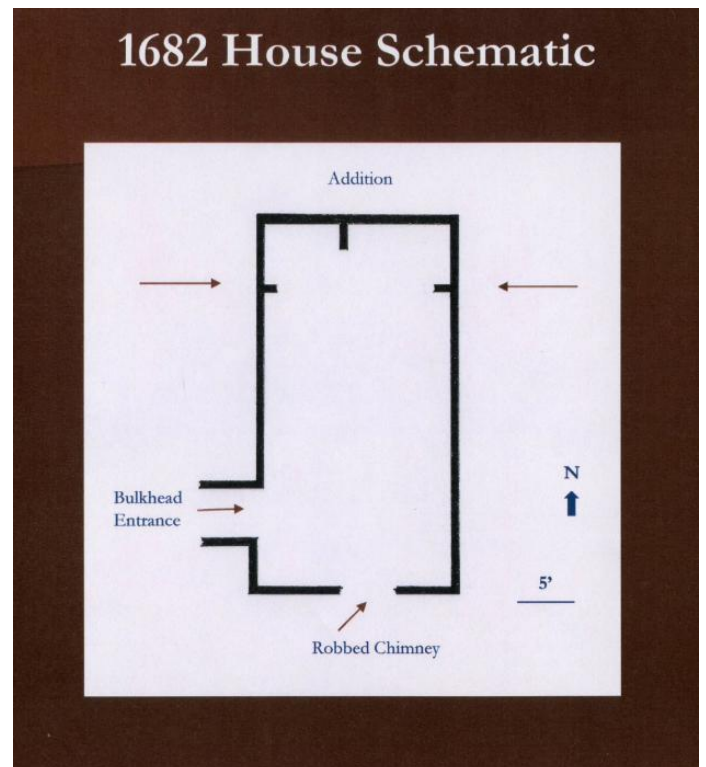


Archaeology once again proves itself to be more complicated than first thought. My most recent example is a brick foundation recently uncovered at the Eyreville site. Eyreville is located in Northampton County on the Eastern Shore with its earliest European occupation probably in 1636 and continual thereafter. In the spring 2017 excavations, probing and 2.5' exploratory squares located the four corners of a brick foundation. The structure measured 32' by 18' and seemed to have a full, brick rubble filled basement. My impression was that, during the next excavation period, we would waltz on out and uncover a simple rectangular foundation. It would be simple. The archaeological record proved otherwise.

Our first hint of something being amiss in our interpretations was the

foundation itself. Along the south, east, and west walls, the foundation was 1.5 bricks wide and somewhat friable. But the north wall was two bricks wide of well-fired clay. We dropped back two of our now 5.0' units to the south and located the original north wall with its 8.0' addition. This made the original structure 24' by 18'. The extension had a perpendicular center wall with sterile subsoil on the west side and cellar rubble to the east, yet another anomaly.

The lack of simplicity continued with a robbed out chimney on the southern center wall. Add to this a bulkhead brick walled cellar entrance near the southern end of the west wall. We had assumed that the front of the house would be to the west as this faced the bay. This may have provided easier access to the basement for the storage of commodities brought in by water. Excavations continued in a centrally placed 5.0' unit in



**Eyreville Site (44NH0507, Northampton County, Virginia: 1682 House Schematic.**



the interior brick rubble. After 3.0' of rubble removal, including a complete pig's head and partial barkman jug, the basement floor was reached. Brick or tile as expected. No, large slabs of slate lined the floor. As we were now convinced that we were excavating a house constructed in 1682 and that Buckingham County slate was first mined in mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, the question of the slate's possible European origin became an hypothesis to be considered.



**Eyreville Site (44NH0507), Northampton County, Virginia: 1682 House Northeast Corner Addition Brick Foundation.**

The historic documentary record becomes equally complex. A 1698 inventory for Captain William Kendall contains amazing details of his possessions as well as his father's Coroneel William Kendall, both men of high means. The inventory described the contents of the "old house" and those of the "new house" which is made up of "inner" and "outer" rooms. The old house is listed as hall and parlor with upper chambers associated with a basement under the hall. Coroneel Kendall built a house in 1682. But is our brick foundation the old house or the new house? The older Kendall bought the property in 1657 and, the original 1636 earthfast structure was likely completely deteriorated by then requiring a new construction. As the new house had

only two rooms, was it in reality the northern addition? To complicate things, the old house had only a basement under the hall and not the parlor but in the brick foundation, it is under both. In addition, the old house had chimney tools in both the hall and parlor but a second chimney is yet to be found.

So it's just this simple: Find the northern chimney, chemically isolate the origin of the slate, test the northern basement addition to establish its date, and test around the structure's exterior to determine doorway placement and activity areas. Simple, right? ☀

### ***NEWS FROM THE ASV HEADQUARTERS – Submitted by Martha Williams***

Archaeology has been front and center at Kittiewan, even though this hot, hot summer has slowed everybody down quite a bit. If you recall, certification students and other volunteers participated in a field school this past May. The focus of that field session, led by Carole Nash, was to determine the spatial limits and the nature and chronology of a previously identified site, which had been registered with VDHR in 2010 as 44-CC-0404-010. Over the ensuing eight years, Kittiewan committee members had continued to collect sherds of prehistoric ceramics and other cultural materials as the terraces of Kittiewan Creek slowly eroded and collapsed into the water. Thanks to the efforts of the field school participants, the site got a name ("Wayne's World") and systematic testing revealed an extensive Late Woodland period midden. In June, members of the ASV's Maritime Heritage chapter also got into the act, as they began to map the details of a wooden structure located further down the shoreline of the creek.



Since the “official” field school in May, Wayne’s World and the nearby underwater site have continued to demand the attention of both soon-to-be-certified archaeological technicians and the usual culprits (known collectively as the Kittiewan Committee). A return field school session in July that finished up and expanded the investigations at Wayne’s World yielded more cultural material and more soil samples to be water screened (that work is now caught up—so some committee members have been helping Mike Clem to wash the numerous oyster shells recovered from the Eyreville site). A third field session down by the creek, originally scheduled for August, was postponed; a firm return date has not yet been set. Stay tuned!

Not all of the issues involving the Wayne’s World site and its surroundings have been quite so positive, yet they have demanded attention by those of us who keep an eye on the ASV’s Charles City County property. In late July,



**Dumped architectural debris on the shore of Kittiewan Creek.**

the Committee investigated (and subsequently reported to the county sheriff) a “dumping” incident down by the creek. The pile of architectural debris apparently was placed to deny access to the boat launch ramp; efforts will be made to move this material and restore access to the creek. Another issue concerned a leaning tree (partially uprooted?) that threatened to come down on unsuspecting excavators; that will be removed by the end of August.

Despite some down news, however, many more positive goings-on have kept us busy. On August 1, new tenants moved into the apartment at the Visitors’ Center. Thanks to steady overtime work by our cadre of dedicated volunteers, the new occupants were greeted by a freshly painted and power-washed home with all aging appliances (original equipment ca. 1996) and utilities either repaired or replaced outright.

group in August. The nine students and their “chaperones” got the “Full Monty” about what archaeology can tell us about the past, what kinds of evidence archaeologists consider as they approach a site, and various aspects of Kittiewan’s history and archaeology. The group will get a chance to put into practice the theories they were introduced to at Kittiewan, as they travel to dig at Fairfield (thank you, Thane Harpole!).

The extended work done by Committee members Tom Dundon and Nancy Rubin has resulted in a BRAND-NEW, CLASSY, sign that will greet visitors as they enter the Kittiewan property.

Smaller signs denoting features on the property



**Bill Bjork washes yet another bag of oyster shell from the Eyreville site.**

Kittiewan also hosted a school



**Students and their chaperones take a lunch break under the trees at Kittiewan.**

(e.g., the cemetery and the Civil War trench), also done in this new style, will be installed soon.

Finally, our cadre of volunteers has expanded as well. Two new volunteers from the Nansemond Chapter are now assisting in maintaining the grounds, and MacCord Chapter member Gail Tulley has created and installed tags that identify all of the historic trees that surround the Manor House.

Things are lively and constantly changing at ASV's headquarters. If you haven't visited the property recently, come see our latest improvements! ☀

**A new entrance sign greets visitors to Kittiewan Plantation.**



## ***ASV JULY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Stephanie Jacobs, Secretary***

The ASV's Board of Directors met on Saturday July 21, 2018 at the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The board approved four by-laws changes. One of these includes creating a standing committee to assist the sponsoring chapter with the Annual Meeting. This is being done to relieve the Treasurer and the President so a committee chair will be able to provide the necessary support. The other changes flesh out the wording in the by-laws better to reflect what each standing committee actually does. We are also providing some duties for the ASV Vice-President. Copies of those changes are included on this newsletter.

The Board also received an update on the Annual Meeting, which is being sponsored by the Northern Shenandoah Chapter and the Banshee Reeks Chapter. The Annual Meeting will be held October 11-14, 2018 at Hampton Inn/Winchester North, 1204 Berryville Ave. Winchester, Virginia. The discussion about the 2019 Board meeting has begun and we are looking for a place on the east side of the state to hold it. More to come for that in the coming months.

Every July the board also holds the annual reading of William Cropper's will. As part of the agreement we are to read the will out loud a meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board also discussed the changes to the ASV website, which include for the first time, online submission of abstracts for the Annual Meeting. We are also interested in building out further pages and information. We hope you have seen the new site. Terri Aigner has been doing a great job!

The next board meeting will be held on October 14, 2018 in Winchester as part of the Annual Meeting. See you all in Winchester. ☀

## ***LAST CALL - ASV ANNUAL MEETING AT WINCHESTER, OCTOBER 12-14, 2018***

The 2018 ASV Annual Meeting will be held on October 12-14, Hampton Inn/Winchester North, 1204 Berryville Ave, Winchester. Last day for on-line registration and ordering banquet tickets is September 30. We will have meeting registration at the door, but you need to get your banquet tickets by the end of September.

The weekend will include papers and poster presentations, the Council of Virginia Archaeologists' Friday Evening Education Session and reception, field trips, banquet, and Certification classes. Student presenters will again be fully sponsored (registration/banquet/ASV membership) through the Student Scholarship Fund. David Brown and Stephanie Jacobe are Program Chairs, and the Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter is in charge of arrangements. Additional information is available at the ASV web site <https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/2018-asv-annual-meeting/>. ☀



### ***ASV Annual Meeting Registration Hampton Inn/Winchester North October 12-14, 2018***

Conference Attendee (\$30/each)      Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Banquet Attendee (\$35/each)      Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ***NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – ASV 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES***

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jackie Cuyler, Robert Balcom, and Hayden Mathews, submits the following list of candidates for ASV Board of Director positions to be voted on during the general membership meeting at the upcoming 2018 ASV Annual Meeting.

### ***Forrest Morgan*** – Running for President

Forrest Morgan has been the ASV Vice-President for four years just ending his term. Although he is not a professional archaeologist (he confesses to being a lawyer by trade) he has substantial experience with the ASV and how it works during his time as VP, as Chair of the Development Committee and member of the Executive Committee. He is now serving on a four-person ad hoc committee that will make recommendations for a number of changes in the ASV organization. As an avocational archaeologist, he has found and excavated, under professional monitoring, a 1650 tobacco farm and major 1740 plantation and he understands both the joy and challenge and the issues posed by such activities. Forrest has presented papers to the Annual Meeting on both of these finds. He was a senior legal executive for a Fortune 500 company and a senior partner in the major law firm, as well as a mayor of a small community for 16 years. He has also been an archaeological interpreter at historic Jamestowne for 13 years and is a board member of several historical nonprofit organizations.

### ***Mike Barber*** – Running for Vice-President

Mike Barber has been Virginia State Archaeologist since 2006. Prior to that time, Dr. Barber served for 30 years as USDA-Forest Service Archaeologist for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in the western part of the Commonwealth. He holds a BA from College of William and Mary, an MA from Kent State University, and a Ph.D. from UVA, all in Anthropology. Barber has published over 100 papers and made over 300 presentations on archaeology. He is a Past –President of ASV, COVA, and MAAC. His main interests are lithic and ethnozoological studies. Active in the ASV/DHR/COVA Certification Program, he has presented lectures on stone tools, faunal analysis, and the prehistory of Virginia. He has been Chair of the Certification Committee (1997-2000, 2004-2006) and is a current member.

### ***Tom Karow*** – Running for Director

Tom Karow is a founding member of ASV Middle Peninsula Chapter and currently Treasurer. He is the Vice President of The Fairfield Foundation, currently Treasurer (board member), and fundraising chair. He graduated from the ASV CAT Certification in 2010. Tom is a member of the Mathews Co. Historical Society and Board Member of the same. He is a founding member Mathews Historical Museum Board and the Preservation Mathews, Inc. and Board Member. Mr. Karow is a Graduate College of William & Mary 1974, BA.

### ***Janice Biller*** – Running for Director

Janice R. Biller, a Life Member of the ASV and founding member of the Massanutten Chapter, has been involved with the ASV for 39 years. She has served on the Board as an elected member in the past and is currently appointed to complete the term of an elected member who resigned. Janice has worked on archaeological projects around the state, both as an avocational and CRM crew archaeologist (JMU Archaeological Research Center, Thunderbird Archeological Associates, John Milner, Virginia Commonwealth University). There are four generations of ASV members in her family, thanks to her efforts. She is a graduate of the Certification Program and has done extensive research on buttons.

***Robert Frye*** – Running for Director

Robert Frye's archaeological experiences became a job in the early 1980's working for JMU Archaeological Center on VDOT road right-of-way clearances, i.e., Alexandria, Eastern Shore, National Park Service (NPS) Wilderness Battlefield, etc. JMU Field School at NPS/Big Meadows and Montpelier led to being hired by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a year at Montpelier. He was with the CRM Gray & Pape which included Columbia Gas line right-of-way and wetland expansion at Eagle Rock with prehistoric burials. Next came JMU/Shenandoah U work for Frederick Co. to clear 10,000 acres for their Industrial Development Zone. Two seasons of survey and collection of oral histories for Handley Archives. Over the past 15-20 years, he also worked in Powell's Fort Valley with Caroline Furnace Lutheran Retreat Center helping the campers learn the stewardship and responsibilities of digging archaeologically. He is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley and Massanutten chapters of the ASV, and COVA since finishing the ASV/COVA/DHR Certification Program in 2003.

***Carl Fischer*** – Running for Treasurer

Carl Fischer is the current Treasurer of both the ASV and Kittiewan. He is also Chair of the ASV Administrative Committee, Member of Historic Triangle Chapter, and a Graduate of Certification Program

***Stephanie Jacobe*** – Running for Secretary

Stephanie Jacobe has served as the ASV Secretary since 2007. She is an avocational archaeologist and spent twelve years working as an Architectural Historian for various CRM firms. Presently she works as an Archivist in the DC area. Stephanie holds a PhD in History from American University in Washington D.C., and a MA in Architectural History from VCU. She worked at the Virginia Historical Society between 2000 and 2005 and the National Trust for Historic Preservation from 2005 to 2006.

***PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES – Submitted by Carl Fischer, Administrative Committee Chair***

The following proposed ASV bylaw changes are to be voted on during the general membership meeting at the upcoming 2018 ASV Annual Meeting.

1. This change is to recognize the Membership Secretary within the bylaws.

Article VIII Section 1.a

(current wording)

Administration: Functions include overseeing fiscal wellbeing, organizational structure and ethical integrity of the society.

(proposed wording)

Administration: Functions include overseeing fiscal wellbeing, organizational structure, ***membership***, and ethical integrity of the society.

2. This change is to recognize the Social Media director.

Article VIII Section 7.

(current wording)



The Quarterly Bulletin editor, the Newsletter editor, and the website administrator are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, to serve at the Board's pleasure or until a successor is appointed. The individual holding these positions shall be members of the Outreach Committee.

(proposed wording)

The Quarterly Bulletin editor, the Newsletter editor, ***Social Media Director***, and the website administrator are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, to serve at the Board's pleasure or until a successor is appointed. The individual holding these positions shall be members of the Outreach Committee.

3. This change is to recognize that the Vice President can perform duties other than acting for the President in his or her absence or incapacity.

#### Article V Section 4. B

(current wording)

Vice President: The Vice President shall act for the President in his or her absence or incapacity.

(proposed wording)

Vice President: The Vice-President shall act for the President in his or her absence or incapacity. ***The Vice President shall also perform other duties as requested by the President and/or the Board of Directors.***

4. This change is to create the Annual Meeting Committee

#### Article VIII Section 1.

(create a new standing committee by adding the following language to the section)

***g. Annual Meeting: Functions include assisting the sponsoring chapter with arrangements, organizing the program, and inviting a banquet speaker.***

5. This additional wording is to recognize that the Kittiewan Committee is also responsible for the financial oversight of the Kittiewan property.

#### Article VIII Section 1. e

(current wording)

Kittiewan Plantation: Functions include overseeing the organization, maintenance, and promotion of property

(proposed wording)

Kittiewan Plantation: Functions include overseeing the organization, management, ***finances***, and promotion of ***the*** property.



## **CHAPTER UPDATES**

### ***COL Howard A. MacCord Chapter – Submitted by Ken Tuley***

The COL Howard MacCord chapter has monthly activities, including meetings, field trips, or other gatherings (outreach, dinners, ASV meetings, etc.) The monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday at the Department of Historic Resources on Kensington Ave. in Richmond.

The June chapter meeting featured Dr. Chris Stevenson of VCU, with a presentation on “Easter Island Refuge Caves”. A broad background was provided, including the history the migration to Easter Island, the concept of environmental degradation, the changes in the leadership structure including the Birdman competition, European contact, and some of the theories about the caves. Dr Stevenson shared that he is preparing a proposal to return to the site.

A laboratory session was held for the July meeting, assisting the DHR Curator, Dee DeRoche, and our regional archaeologist Mike Clem. It was an evening of artifact sorting, inventorying and re-housing, and involved hands-on activities with various artifact groups. We sorted and re-housed lithics and pottery from the Pritchard Collection. From the Eyreville site, water screening material was sorted by the Nit Pickers including beads, bits of smoking pipe, seeds, shells, ceramics, bits of charcoal and brick, etc. Artifacts from Eyreville were also washed. Finally, a few disappeared into the back archive to inventory larger artifacts on trays. This activity is popular with new members plus we had several guests attend which we tried to recruit. As a bonus, the time is accepted for certification students.



On Saturday, August 18th, members of the chapter toured the King William County ancestral home of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, including the museum, gift shop, school house, and Powhatan's Burial mound. The members were awed by the number and skillful

arrangement of artifacts outlining Pamunkey history from paleo to present day. Councilwoman Debra Martin and Tour Guide Ethan were very welcoming and didn't hesitate to answer our many questions. To cap it off, the chapter picnicked at the tribal pavilion, overlooking the Pamunkey River and the tribal fishery. We give it a hearty 2 thumbs up! ☀

### ***Historic Triangle Chapter – Submitted by Randolph Turner***

Mark Kostro spoke at the July meeting of the newly formed Historic Triangle Chapter providing us with an overview of recent excavations at Colonial Williamsburg's Robert Carter House. Mark serves as a senior staff archaeologist with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and director of the annual Colonial Williamsburg/College of William and Mary field school in historical archaeology.

Chapter officers also were elected at the meeting including Chris McDaid, president; Chandler Fitzsimons, Vice President; Carl Fischer, Treasurer; Randolph Turner, Secretary; and Sara Lewis, Outreach Coordinator. ☀



### ***Massanutten Chapter – Submitted by Cynthia Schroer***

It is business as usual for members of the Massanutten chapter. In May, Carole Nash spoke on "Tidal Creeks and Native American sites, the View from Kittiewan, Charles City County"; in June, we had Eric Larson speak on "Looking for a Frontier, Archaeology and the Enchanted Castle/Fort Germanna Site, Orange County, Virginia; and in July, an anthropology graduate of JMU, Riley Smith, presented "Social Violence Among the Ancestral Pueblo, Mesa Verde". Our August 1st meeting featured Bob Jolley, Northern Virginia Archaeologist, summarizing "Activities and Accomplishments of DHR's Northern Virginia Preservation Office's Archaeology Program: 1995 - Present". On August 11th, we held our annual Picnic and on September 5th Jack Hranicky spoke about PaleoIndians. In October, our chapter member, George Lott is giving us a demonstration on "Flintknapping".

If you are in the neighborhood for any of our future events, please feel free to join us. Between meetings, some members of the Massanutten chapter have been in the field working on prehistoric sites at Old Rag in the Shenandoah National Park under the direction of Dr. Carole Nash; we have also been in the lab washing artifacts and sorting water screening from these sites. Hope to see everyone at the annual meeting. ☀

### ***Nansemond Chapter – Submission and Photos by Bert Wendell, Jr.***

On June 9, 2018, members and guests of the ASV Nansemond Chapter from southeastern Virginia gathered at the Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach for its annual activity and picnic.

The chapter members were given a tour of the new Thoroughgood Education Center and Museum which houses displays of Native American artifacts found in the area, colonial period clothing, household goods and furnishings. The highlight of the tour was the Thoroughgood House which was likely built ca. 1719 (on land originally obtained by Adam Thoroughgood in 1635) by Adam's great-grandson, Argall Thoroughgood II and his wife Susannah.

The house was restored by the Adam Thoroughgood House Foundation and opened as a museum in 1957. The building was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.





Those attending the event, as shown in the group photo (left to right), were Tersea Preston, Dan Holman, Elizabeth Mackall, Willard Mackall, Tabitha Packer, Magdalene Sadler, Donnie Sadler, Sarah Shields, Elise Balcom, Robert Balcom, Preston Cross, Marguerite Hubbard, Wayne Edwards, Mary Edwards and Bert Wendell, Jr. (took the photo).

(Note: The spelling of the original family name, Thorowgood, went through spelling changes over time.) ☀

### ***Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter – Submitted by Mike Kehoet***

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter has had a busy summer. Members have been working at two sites listed below in preparation of the 2018 ASV Annual Meeting to be held in Winchester. Excavations and surveys are ongoing at Clermont Farm in Clark County near Berryville and at Belle Grove Plantation near Middletown, Frederick County.

Clermont Farm (circa 1750) is a research and training site for history, historic preservation, and agriculture and is owned by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Commonwealth of Virginia. A number of archaeology projects have taken place at Clermont over the past decade and will be showcased as an annual meeting visitation site. Our own Carole Nash and Clarence Geier of JMU, Mike Barber of DHR, and Mark Ludlow of the SVCASV have conducted work here on the main house, slave quarters, well and diary building, cemetery, and currently the smokehouse. See website at [www.clermontfarm.org](http://www.clermontfarm.org).

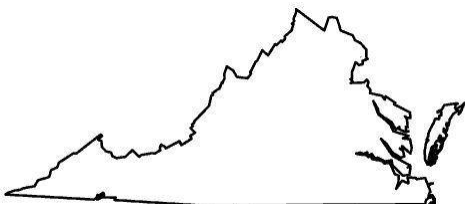
Belle Grove Plantation is part of the Cedar Creek, Belle Grove National Historic Park and is owned by the National Historic Trust. It is part of what was one of the larger plantations in the Shenandoah Valley and was a major complex of agricultural and commerce. Belle Grove is most well known as the headquarters of General Philip Sheridan during the Battle of Cedar Creek which is also sometimes referred to as the Battle of Belle Grove. But the Civil War is just a small part of the story of this historic property once owned by Joist Hite often referred to as the first settler in the Valley. The manor house is a beautiful mansion of Valley limestone and built by his grandson Major Isaac Hite in 1797. A number of archaeological projects have also take place at Belle Grove over the years, the most recent being the search and excavation of the slave quarters and accessory buildings by Matt Greer and of Syracuse University. This is Matt's and his associates fourth summer of working on this site. Matt will be available the weekend of the annual meeting to explain and interpret the findings thus far. See website at [www.bellegrove.org](http://www.bellegrove.org).

We are looking forward to hosting the 2018 ASV Annual Meeting which will be held at the Hampton Inn in Winchester. It will be a great venue. A visit the lower Shenandoah Valley offers many interesting places to visit and experience while here. A virtual map of historic and other sites of interest within 50 miles of Winchester will be made available to attendees and others who may tag along to the Conference.

Also I wish to report that those in attendance to our August 3 meeting were treated with a great presentation about the geology of the Shenandoah Valley and surrounding regions by Hayden Mathews, President of the Banshee Reeks ASV Chapter. ☀



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***ASV ANNUAL MEETING IN***  
***WINCHESTER –***  
***OCTOBER 12-14.***



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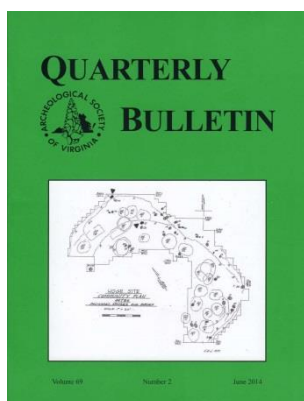
## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12-14 ASV Annual Meeting, Winchester.

November 1-4 ESAF Annual Meeting, Watertown, NY

The ASV has a new website! Check us out at

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