



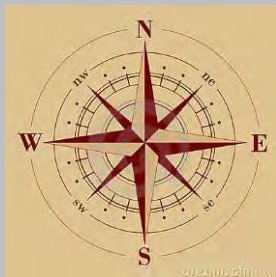
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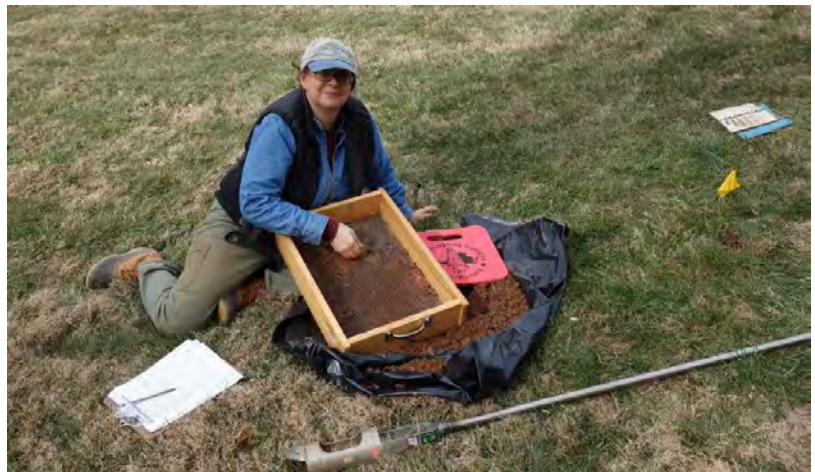


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PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – CAROLE NASH

ON DOING ARCHAEOLOGY THE FIRST TIME



OK, I see myself settled in the square,
Surrounded by unfamiliar tools that have uses new to me:
Trowel (verb) with the trowel (noun, sharp enough to cut paper),
A screen that walks when I shake it,
The magic folding ruler.
That's me at 19 and I'm 5 minutes into field school.
Someone took a picture and I
Look perplexed and anxious,
Busting clods on a hilltop that hasn't seen rain in a month,
Satisfied
That the dust billowing from my pants
Makes me stronger.
Tiny, shining bits of rock appear,
Despite the attempts of millennia to hide them.
Someone says 'chipping cluster,'
And I imagine hands breaking rock, fast.
My hands are moving fast,
Chasing a moment that couldn't have been but so long ago.
They were just here, weren't they?
Me on that hill, connected and connecting.
The quick deduction: this is what I'm meant to do with my life.

To ASV members: thank you for a great year and for all you do for Virginia archaeology. Here's to you remembering what it felt like to get started in archaeology, and here's hoping that you'll carry that joy into 2018.

Carole Nash, ASV President

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



Feasting With the *Yteicos Hcar*

I recently had the opportunity to attend a feast with the *Yteicos Hcar*, a group organized along the lines as outlined for band level society by Service (1962) and Sahlins (1972) with a fission-fusion model as per Gardner (1977). The group is made up of a series of micro-bands at the regional level. Not kinship groups, they are more like clans and unrelated genetically but with a common fictive ancestor in the unconventional form of a French Professor. Each has its own totem but with a common theme of connection with the earth. Leadership is derived through achieved status which is mercurial with frequent changes. These changes are usually peaceful only occasionally result in bloodshed.

On a seasonal basis, the micro-bands fuse into a macro-band. This is implemented by following a system of well-established trails throughout the region. The fusion usually occurs after the harvest when food is the most abundant. The macro-band is also led by an achieved leader, The Chosen One, who is aided by several specialists as well as a group of elders. The two most important specialists are the Scribe who records events for history and the Keeper of the Resources who apparently redistributes the wealth as it relates to commerce although this is done in secret, away from the feasting. There appears to be no role of permanent shaman although, upon occasion, a clan member will address the group in an impassioned manner. The elders come from each micro-band and are the achieved leadership plus some added members who are seemingly chosen for their positive achieved attributes. The overall reason for the meeting is to exchange pertinent information. This falls short of most fusion models where spouses are chosen and other exchanges made. There is some transfer of goods but this is fairly minimal and not a prime aspect of the meeting. It would seem that information is an important aspect of *Yteicos Hcar* life.

The path of the feast was preordained with a dictated sequence of events. First The Chosen One ritualistically 'welcomed' the group with praise of the clan, praise of the place, and the recognition of the bountiful harvest to be consumed. This is followed by an *ad hoc* plea to the gods for a positive outcome of the overall event with safe travel to the home territory. This is made by a commoner selected by the Chosen One and has only temporary shaman status. The feast preparations are made by a separate group, not a part of the *Yteicos Hcar*. Apparently not subjugated by the clan, they act willingly to serve as sustenance providers. Next came the competition associated with foodways where individuals and groups vied for position for sustenance acquisition. This ritual is not fully understood as food is adequate for all, the general populace is neither starving nor under-nourished, and the only recognition is immediate and fleeting momentary status. This may be a replacement ritual as there is no communal dance or sacrifice following the feast.

The feast was made up of two main elements, both of which were substitutes for traditional items. The first was meat from a very large mammal replacing white-tailed deer venison with a small fowl provided instead of

wild turkey. It is hypothesized that the large and small replacements balance the protein to the original levels. The animal of the earth is kept apart from the animal of the sky in the best tradition of the ancient ones (Byrd 1967). As per most diets, plant remains far outweighed protein with local roots, tubers, and gourds being consumed. Of note, the remaining two sisters, corn and beans, were not available, possibly the result of a drought or plant disease situation.

Next came a presentation of sacred goods by an independent but not hostile clan. This marks a typical ploy to reduce friction and reduce risk among independent moieties and fostering potential exchange partners during times of stress (Wiessner 1982). The sacred goods were status items similar to the coppers exchanged by the Haida, Tlingit, and Bella Coola of the Northwest Coast (Boas 1888). The competing group assuaged, sacred goods were given within the *Yteicos Char* clan. Honors, again in the form of coppers, were given to clan members for recent feats associated with clan solidarity. Of note, these coppers are etched in such a manner to render them worthless for future exchanges, perhaps a symbolic act similar to the destruction of coppers in the traditional manner (Pidcocke 1965). This is followed by a ritual presentation of square pieces of what appear to be papyrus etched with symbols. This part of the ceremony is quite confusing as, at the onset, it is obviously a rite of passage with younger members of the clan sanctioned to join the clan as full members through some previous feat based on intra-age competition. This is overseen by the Scribe, not the Chosen One. Next, the Chosen One presented similar papyrus sheets to older members of the clan for random feats supporting clan interests. This mix of young and old recognition with no timed interval for ceremonial realignment is not well understood.

As the feast draws to a close, there is once again an exchange of information. The Chosen One formally announces an end to the feasting and a foreigner from the north or west is presented. Not a shaman but a Wise One, a list of accomplishments is first voiced and then the Wise One speaks. Some magic is involved with throwing images into the air to be caught on thin sheet of whiteness. The Wise One relates a legend of the ancient ones, a once powerful tribe to the west who are no more. As the tale ends, the Chosen One interrogates the Wise One as do other members of the clan. Finally, the macro-band breaks up into smaller groups and ancient elixirs are consumed in a number of areas. Of interest here is that as the night progresses, individuals move from micro-band to micro-band with ease and, hence, breaking down the differences between them. Unlike most feasting events, there was no grand finale, just a gradual reduction in participants until none remained with the exception of those too immobilized by ritual drink to move.

Thanks go to Horace Miner (1956) who first reported on the *Nacirema* of which the *Yteicos Hcar* are a subgroup.

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NEWS FROM THE ASV HEADQUARTERS – Submitted by Bill Bjork and Martha Williams

As 2017 comes to a close, we at Kittiewan are taking stock of just how much has been accomplished here at the home of ASV during the past year. Perhaps most importantly, more and more visitors have been dropping by on our (unofficial) expanded open hours. Many remark

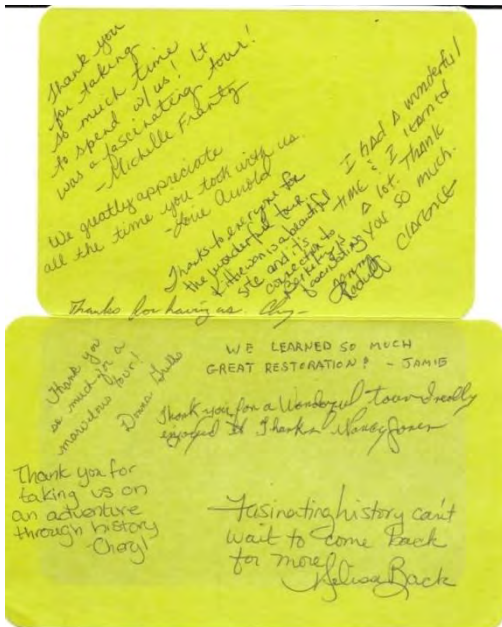
how surprised they are to experience a historic property in ways that most standard tours never offer—like the details of the Manor House’s “stripped down” interior, or a guided ATV tour up to the Rickman cemetery and Civil War trenches on the hill and Elizabeth Hollingshorst’s tomb

on the bank of Kittiewan Creek. Our visitors have included groups and individuals (as well as an errant pig!). Many write us notes-- like the one from the docents at Berkeley Plantation (the pig, on the other hand, just enjoys the left-over corn in our fields!).

Several projects have been aimed at improving and enhancing the property. In addition to the new culverts at the entrance and the new well and well house, these have included upgrades to landscape and gardening, repairs to the shed and barn, and the installation of a beautiful new gate to the Rickman cemetery. Other on-going projects, although less visible, are equally significant. Randy Turner



The errant pig among the corn stubble at Kittiewan.



A collective note from Berkeley Plantation’s docents praising our tour.



View of new culvert at Kitiewan entrance.



A classy new gate welcomes visitors to the Rickman cemetery.



Kitiewan Hunt Club members working on removing tree debris at the Manor House.

continues to catalog ASV's library and archives (including the newly acquired papers of C. G. Holland); Nancy Rubin keeps up with the humidity loggers in the Manor House (we'll soon have six months of readings); and Bob Wharton has taken on the massive job of cataloguing and photographing the Cropper Americana items in the Manor House basement. Our steadfast volunteers, the Policastro family from northern Virginia, have almost completed their detailed list of all the framed art work we have found in the Manor House! And paint analyst Dr. Susan Bush recently submitted her final report—an exhaustive volume that now resides in the ASV library.

And then there's archaeology. Two minor projects were completed around the Manor House, namely those associated with the installation of the new well and water supply system and undergrounding the Manor House drainage system. All the artifacts from these projects have been catalogued and the report on these projects is complete. In the works for early 2018: a Spring Field School that will focus on answering questions about the nature and extent of Native American activity at Kittiewan.

ASV chapters and individual members are encouraged to come to Kittiewan and help out. Remember—two rooms (and even a fully functional bathroom—with shower) are available for overnight stays, and there's plenty of room for camping as well. Come see what we're about in 2018! ☀



ASV Nansemond and MacCord Chapter Members assisting with archaeological project.



Landscaping improvements have enhanced the front of the Manor House, and cold weather crops are flourishing in the back garden.

SUMMARY OF THE 2017 ASV ANNUAL MEETING - Article and photography by Bert Wendell, Jr., ASV Nansemond Chapter

The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) held its 77th Annual Meeting on October 26-29, 2017 at the Natural Bridge Historic and Conference Center Hotel in Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Co., VA. The ASV co-sponsored the event with the Council of Virginia Archaeologist (COVA). 140 ASV and COVA members, college students, and guests registered for the meeting.

This year's meeting was sponsored by the ASV's Massanutten, Upper James River, and Roanoke Chapters. They hosted an ASV/Kittiewan Plantation apparel and book area operated by Bruce Baker and Cindy Schroer; posters and displays provided by Bernard Means from VCU's Virtual Curation Laboratory; Mike Madden (USFS) offered for sale an array of archaeology related books and field bags; Bill Trout, curator of the Virginia Canal Museum, displayed items for the Virginia Canals & Navigations Society; and VDHR provided copies of the 2017 Virginia Archaeology Month Poster and displayed an assortment of books that could be ordered on-line.



Opening remarks were made by Dr. Carole Nash, president of the ASV, who welcomed the attendees to the annual meeting. Dr. Nash, a professor at James Madison University, called the group's attention to the program and she stated "you'll see that the paper presenters are covering many topics connecting archaeology to current audiences: teaching archaeology in K-12 settings to instill an interest in children; the role of archaeology in investigating race and racism, past and present; open access to material culture through digital technologies; prioritizing planning to address sea level rise impacts; and promoting understanding through living history." She further stated that, "this meeting is all about the relevance of archaeology."

Nash ended her comments by extending a hearty thanks to those ASV Chapters sponsoring the event and to program co-chairs, Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. David Brown for putting together a rich offering of presentations and events.

The program included 51 archaeology related papers, presentations by 12 ASV Chapter presidents/representatives, a Certification Presentation and lab sessions, ASV General Membership Meeting, COVA Membership Meeting and program, various ASV committee meetings, field trip to the Natural Bridge and Monacan Indian Village, the ASV/COVA Awards Banquet and COL Howard MacCord Annual lecture.

On Saturday afternoon, October 28th, ASV and COVA members toured the Natural Bridge and the Monacan



Carole Nash, ASV president, directing the 2017 annual membership business meeting.



Darrin Lowery presenting paper on Paleoindian lifeways for the Delmarva coastal plain.



Jennifer Shanks, a Monacan Indian, talks about varieties of corn to ASV members.

unanimous vote. ASV Membership Committee Chairman Patrick O'Neill gave a report showing 2017 ASV membership at 481 individuals and 96 institutions. In his written report, it showed that the largest chapters are the Northern Virginia Chapter with 91 members, COL Howard MacCord Chapter with 61 members, and

Indian Village. Guides for the field trip were Dean Ferguson, who was dressed in colonial period clothing and Victoria (Vicky) Ferguson, Director of the Monacan Living History Exhibit, who was wearing Indian Regalia. Demonstrating tool making techniques was Justin DiProsperis and Jennifer Shanks cooked jonny (corn) cakes on a square slab of steatite. Later at the Natural Bridge Visitors Center, Victoria demonstrated traditional methods for making pottery vessels and several of her own techniques.

During the meeting of the ASV's General Membership, Secretary Stephanie Jacobe brought the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes before the membership for which it was approved by a

the Nansemond Chapter with 52 members. Ms. Laura Galke and Dr. Michael B. Barber were elected to service as ASV Elected Directors for the 2018-2020 term. A proposal to revise the ASV Code of Ethics was voted on and approved by the general membership. Carl Fisher, ASV Treasurer, submitted the 2018 budget showing income of \$14,690, expenses of \$13,837 and an excess of income/expense at \$853. It was also reported that the COVA/ASV/VDHR Certification Program currently has 135 students in the pipeline.

At the ASV/COVA Awards Banquet and Ceremony, which was held on the evening of October 28th, the following people were honored:

COVA's **"The Virginia Sherman Award 2017"** – was awarded to Dr. Garrison Brown, a retired veterinarian, for his significant contributions to historic preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and especially on the Eastern Shore, where he has assisted VDHR archaeologists in working with community members who have knowledge of sites. The award was presented by Jack Gary, president of COVA.



Dr. Garrison Brown (right).



Dr. Sara Bon-Harper (right).

COVA's **"The Michael Allen Hoffman Award 2017"** – was awarded to James Monroe's Highland for a significant contribution to historic preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and especially for a holistic approach to the study of archaeological and architectural resources. Accepting the award from Jack Gary, president of COVA, was Dr. Sara Bon-Harper, executive director of Highland.

"Best Student Research Paper in Prehistoric Archaeology" (The McCary Award) was awarded to Olivia Mehalko and Cameron Ruess, Longwood University, for their paper on "Corncobs in the Campfire: Evidence for Cultivation of Zea mays at 44CH62 - The Randy K. Wade Site". Presenting the award was Dr. Stephanie Jacobe, secretary of the ASV and member of the Northern Virginia Chapter;

"Best Student Research Paper in Historic Archaeology" (The Williams Award) was awarded to Adam MacBeth, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, for his paper on "Results of the 2017 Excavations to Locate the "Mansion House" at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest". Presenting the award was Dr. Stephanie Jacobe, secretary of the ASV and member of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

"Best Student Research Paper in Historic Archaeology" (The Williams Award) was also awarded to Kyle W. Edwards, University of Virginia, for his paper on "Reevaluating the history and use of the "Service Yard" at James Monroe's Highland. Presenting the award was Dr. Stephanie Jacobe, secretary of the ASV and member of the Northern Virginia Chapter.



Olivia Mehalko (center) and Cameron Ruess (right).



Adam MacBeth (right).



Kyle Edwards (right).

Dr. Carole Nash and Bruce Baker presented a certificate and trowel to Tony Burke, ASV's COL Howard MacCord Chapter, for his completion of the COVA/ASV/VDHR Field Technician Certification Program.

"ASV Professional Archaeologist of the Year 2017" was awarded to Patrick L. O'Neill, archaeologist, historian, and member of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

"ASV Avocational Archaeologist of the Year 2017" was awarded to William Bjork, ASV's COL Howard MacCord Chapter, and the award was accepted by Martha Williams.

Receiving the **"Out-of-State Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award"** was Dr. Maureen S. Myers and accepting the award was Tom Klatka, VDHR Southwest Regional Office and Roanoke Chapter member. These awards were presented by Carl Fischer, ASV Awards Committee, and ASV President Dr. Carole Nash.

"The Archeological Society of Virginia's Hall of Fame Award"



Merry Outlaw (center).

went to Ivor Noel Hume. Accepting the award was Merry Outlaw, curator of collections at Jamestown Rediscovery. The award was presented by Carl Fischer, ASV Awards Committee, and ASV President Carole Nash.

"The 2017 ASV President's Award" was presented by Dr. Carole Nash, president of the ASV, to two very worthy individuals: Carl Fisher was recognized for his many contributions as Treasurer of the Archeological Society of Virginia and Terri Aigner was recognized for her efforts in the development of the ASV's new website.



Carl Fischer (right).



Terri Aigner (right).



Tony Burke (right).



Patrick O'Neill (center).

Receiving the **"Mrs. Sandra D. Speiden Research Scholarship Award for 2017"** was Michael Makin, College of William and Mary. This award is given to graduate students focusing on Virginia or Middle Atlantic Archaeology. The awardee was selected by the ASV Education Committee which is chaired by Dr. Stephanie Jacobs.

The ASV/COVA Awards Banquet on Saturday evening concluded with a presentation by Archaeologist Darla Spencer MA, RPA and part-time instructor at West Virginia University. Her topic was "The Fort Ancient Culture in West Virginia". In her talk, she spoke about the

archaeological and ethnographic evidence that indicates the Fort Ancient territory in West Virginia was an interface between Fort Ancient people to the west and Siouan speaking people to the east. In her power point presentation there were photographs of the many artifacts recovered from Fort Ancient sites in West Virginia. Spencer's recently published book, "Early Native Americans in West Virginia: The Fort Ancient Culture" goes into more details about her research.

On Sunday, October 29th, at the conclusion of the ASV Executive Board meeting, Dr. Carole Nash stated that, "specific details for the 2018 ASV Annual meeting in Winchester, VA will be available in the near future." ☀



**Darla Spencer, ASV
Banquet Speaker.**

ASV OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Stephanie Jacobs, Secretary

The ASV Board of Directors met on Sunday October 29, 2017 at the Natural Bridge Hotel at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

The board received an update on the Annual Meeting, which was extremely successful. Treasurer Carl Fischer had not calculated the final numbers but believed that we made more money than we assumed. We also had roughly \$1700 in sales in the book room. Planning is beginning for the 2018 Annual Meeting in Winchester. The Northern Shenandoah Chapter is joining with the Banshee Reeks Chapter to arrange the meeting. Look forward to further updates as they continue with planning. Also, Carl Fischer presented the 2018 Budget to the board that had been accepted by the membership on Saturday at the General Membership Meeting.

Also at the General Membership Meeting Laura Galke and Mike Barber were elected as members of the board. Also President Carol Nash has appointed Elizabeth Crowell to be chair of the Research Committee.

The board also heard an update on the work happening at Leesville Lake from Mike Johnson, who is heading up the research group there. Johnson agreed to send a written report to the board once a year to keep us updated on the work being done.

The next board meeting will be held on January 20, 2018 in Charlottesville. ☀

CHAPTER UPDATES

Maritime Heritage Chapter – Submitted by John Broadwater

A Survey of the Wreck of the British Schooner Esk

On November 14, 2017, an all-volunteer team from the Maritime Heritage Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia conducted a survey of the remains of a shipwreck reported to be the British schooner *Esk*. The wreck, in two sections, lies on Parramore Island, which is owned by The Nature Conservancy. *Esk* was bound from Maracaibo, Venezuela to Providence, Rhode Island, when it ran aground on September 7, 1888, about two miles south of the Paramore's Beach Lifesaving Station. The men of the Paramore's Beach Lifesaving Station rescued the crew of seven. *Esk* is listed as a 148-ton schooner, carrying a cargo of dyewood

valued at \$3500. The ship began breaking up almost immediately and was declared a total loss, a value of \$7500.

On November 15, The Nature Conservancy transported us by boat to a dock on the western side of Parramore Island. From there we walked to the wreck, arriving at approximately 8:45 a.m. We faced an onshore wind that built to 12-15 knots by afternoon. That, plus tides that were above average height, meant that we had to deal with water and waves for much of the day. We spent most of our time on the bow, the largest section of the ship. The bow was partially filled with sand, but an impressive portion was exposed. In spite of less than ideal conditions, we were able to record numerous features.



Esk, port side, facing toward shore. (Photo by Bob Balcom)

We shot overlapping digital images of the bow and disarticulated hull section. We also recorded digital video. We dug several trenches to expose frames and permit the recording of profiles along the hull, but they quickly filled with water and sand. We were able to record one profile across the port side at the forward-most iron knee. Time and a high water table made further profiles impossible. Inside the bow were three heavy longitudinal timbers, called keelsons, which strengthened the hull on the inside. Keelsons were installed above and parallel to the keel, which was buried too deeply for us to examine. The arrangement of keelsons was complex, and required quite a bit of our time to document. We also recorded construction details, including width of all starboard frames, along with the gaps between them (“room and space”). The width and thickness of the relatively rare iron knees were recorded, along with the precise angle of bend at the top of the forward-most knee. (The extant knees tell us the level of the lower deck, even though no physical evidence of the deck remains. We also recorded the size of wooden, iron, and bronze hull fasteners, along with photos that show their pattern of placement.



Esk, facing into bow, showing inner construction features. (Photo by Bob Balcom)

This survey demonstrated that our Maritime Heritage Chapter is quite capable of documenting historic shipwrecks to professional standards. Had several more hours been available and weather conditions more cooperative, we could have produced an overall plan and profile of the bow.

The most significant discovery is that this wreck's size and construction suggests a vessel at least twice the 148 tons stated in the source we have been using. More research will be required to find details on *Esk* and to

consider the possibility that this wreck represents a different vessel. The team will prepare a final report for publication in the near future.

Note: This survey would not have been possible without our great volunteer team and the generous assistance of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Laboratory (VIMS-ESL). We also owe thanks to Mary and Bob Hayes for providing delicious box lunches for the team. ☀



Esk 2017 Survey Team (L-R): Bill Waldrop, John Broadwater, Jeff Welch, Bob Hayes, Steve Andrews, and Bob Balcom. (Photo by Steve Andrews)

New Technology for an Old Wreck: Esk 3D Scanning

On November 20, 2017, less than a week after the Maritime Heritage Chapter surveyed the wreck of the schooner *Esk* (see the November 15 survey report in this issue), the site was digitally mapped using a state of the art laser line scanner. Longwood University and the Maritime Heritage Chapter conducted the one-day survey with support from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Laboratory (VIMS-ESL).



Brian Bates calibrating the laser line scanner.

Brian Bates, Executive Director of Longwood's Institute of Archaeology, led the survey, assisted by his former graduate student, Jason Coffey, and John Broadwater from the ASV Maritime Heritage



Longwood's laser line scanner recording the wreck of the British schooner *Esk*.

Chapter. The entire wreck was successfully scanned and the data will be processed to produce an interactive 3D image of the wreck with sub-centimeter accuracy. ☀

Middle Peninsula Chapter - Submitted by Thane Harpole

ince the beginning of the summer, chapter members have been involved in quite a few activities on the Middle Peninsula and surrounding areas. We spent two days at the Bailey site this summer, looking for more evidence of the 17th-century dwelling. We did not locate any features this time, but the artifacts continue to provide more clues about the lifestyle of these early settlers. Chapter members also helped out at the nearby Hall site, where we are looking for the remains of an 18th-century house and farmstead. We found several postholes and possibly a small storage cellar that may have been part of the house. Members continued to help with excavations at Fairfield over the summer, working on the southern portion of the house foundations and testing areas in the west yard. Digging continued in the fall with Market Days in Mathews County. For the second year in a row we held a public excavation at the old hotel site near the



Bailey site.



Toddsbury.

can better document its changing cultural landscape. It is always a treat for us to work at this remarkable site. Finally, we assisted chapter-members-from-afar Jim and Carol on a project to test one of five outbuildings that form a line of structures at Toddsbury in Gloucester County. It is unclear yet what functions these buildings served, or when they were built, but they were all apparently gone by the mid-19th century. Their work will hopefully determine the function of this small building and give us insight into dynamic changes to the built environment at the estate. Fieldwork projects are slowing down with the cooling weather, but our chapter will continue to stay busy as we head towards the new year. ☀

heart of town. It is very popular with kids, and many members of the public came by to see what we were finding and talk about archaeology. Our chapter members also spent some time at the Pamunkey Reservation conducting a shovel test survey at the site of the new tribal preservation office and hosting an artifact wash day at the museum to process what was recovered during the field work. This also allowed us to tour the wonderful museum and enjoy a nice lunch along the Pamunkey River.

We recently worked with 6th graders and high school students at Rosewell in Gloucester County, introducing hundreds of kids to the wonders of archaeology, and getting a chance to expand our testing of areas surrounding the mansion ruins so we



Rosewell.

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

Fred D. Taylor, a lawyer and Civil War historian, is a native son of the Old Dominion, where his family roots go back to the settlement of Jamestown in 1607. Taylor spoke to the members of the ASV Nansemond Chapter on September 19, 2017 in Chesapeake. His topic was "The Confederacy's Lifeline: Supplying the South through the Blockade". He presented a mixture of history and some archaeology efforts that is going on along the North Carolina coast. He spoke mainly about the Confederate Blockade Runner Modern Greece which was attempting to evade a ring of federal ships while entering the Cape Fear River. Two of the Federal ships opened fire and forced the Modern Greece ashore. Rather than having the cargo fall into Union hands, Confederate Fort Fisher fired on the stranded vessel, causing it to sink. In 1962, a storm uncovered remains of the ship, which had been totally destroyed. During the next two years 11,500 artifacts were recovered by North Carolina's Office of Archives and History and the U.S. Navy.



Fred D. Taylor.



Nancy Rubin.

Nancy Rubin, a VCU graduate and member of the ASV COL Howard MacCord Chapter, was the guest speaker at the Oct 17, 2017 meeting of the ASV Nansemond Chapter in Chesapeake. The title of Rubin's presentation was "If These Walls Could Talk: An Archeological Perspective on Kittiewan Plantation's 18th century Manor House Walls". She informed chapter members that by uncovering Kittiewan's 18 century plastered walls it revealed new and important historical interior changes. Rubin stated, "by removing the wallpaper for this project, it exposed layers of paper that span over 100 years". She continued by saying, "beneath those layers lay wall pattern impressions, handwriting, pigmented distemper and structural changes. These discoveries opened a historical widow which have led to questions, expert consultations, paint analysis and additional research. The results have given us a glimpse into Kittiewan's former visitors, residents, their style and common practices".



Wayne Edwards.

On October 28, 2017, ASV Nansemond Chapter President Wayne Edwards gave a 10 minute power point presentation on the chapter's past year's activities at the 2017 ASV/COVA/VDHR Annual Conference. The three day event, Oct 26-29, 2017, was held at The Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center in Rockbridge Co., VA.

The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton Co., VA held its 22nd Annual Inter-tribal "Corn Harvest Festival" Powwow on 4-5 November 2017 in Courtland, VA. As part of this event, 1,300 area elementary and middle school students and teachers attended "School Day" activities on November 3, 2017. They toured Cattashowrock Town (a palisade village), talked with tribal members, heard the Iroquoian language spoken by Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown, III and learned about the "Three Sisters"- the bean, the corn and the squash. Also, they had the opportunity to learn about how archaeology can reveal facts about the past and present, the recovery and preservation of prehistoric and historic artifacts, and how the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) plays a vital role in the preservation of Virginia's

artifacts. A team of volunteers from the ASV's Nansemond Chapter, which included Teresa Preston, Wayne Edwards, Elizabeth and Millard Mackall, Preston Cross and Bert Wendell, Jr., ushered the students along this path of learning.



Teresa Preston

Upper James River Chapter – Submitted by Hannah Short

Upper James River Chapter members had a wonderful time at the annual meetings in Natural Bridge. Big thanks to all those who organized it, and we were delighted to help where we could! In November, our Chapter went on a hike to the top of Big House Mountain near Lexington. Afterwards, we met at member Sarah Clayton's house for a potluck dinner. We hope everybody has a restful and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas! ☀



Hannah Short and Sarah Clayton.



Sarah Clayton and Dan Pezzoni.



2018 ASV MEMBERSHIP FORM



The Objectives of the Archeological Society of Virginia are to study Virginia archeology, to locate and conserve archeological sites, to encourage the use of scientific methods, to develop better techniques and to share archeological knowledge. All applicants are requested to promote the Archeological Society's objectives. By joining the ASV, you acknowledge your support of the ASV's Code of Ethics.

Please complete this form and return to Carl Fischer, ASV Treasurer (address below). You may also pay on-line at: <https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/join-asv/>. Memberships are valid for the entire calendar year from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st and are **due by January 31st**. Prompt remittance ensures that members receive the *Quarterly Bulletin* and *ASV Newsletter*.

Date of Application: _____
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ASV Board Meeting, Charlottesville (Virginia Foundation for the Humanities).

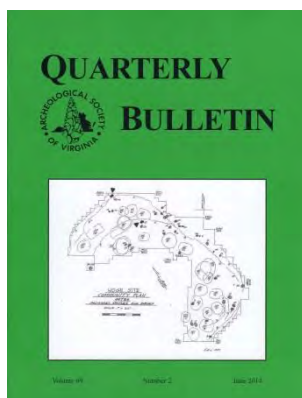
April 21

ASV Board Meeting, Charles City (Kittiewan).

July 20

ASV Board Meeting, Martinsville (Virginia Museum of Natural History).

The ASV has a new website! Check us out at <https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/>



ASV QUARTERLY BULLETIN

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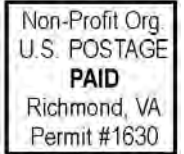
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