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## *PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – CAROLE NASH*

### *PROMOTING ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE COMMONWEALTH*

The ASV has started its 77<sup>th</sup> year, and its goals are admirable:

- To promote the study of archeology and anthropology, especially but not limited to the prehistoric and historic periods in Virginia;
- To work for the proper conservation and exploration of archeological sites and materials;
- To encourage the scientific study of archeological sites and materials and to discourage careless, misdirected, or commercial collecting of artifacts;
- To promote the spread of archeological knowledge through the media of publications, meetings, lectures, exhibits, etc.;
- To collaborate with other organizations and agencies that serve the same purposes as those of this society; and
- To serve as a bond between individual members and as a link with similar organizations in other states.



Goal #1: To PROMOTE archaeology. There are many ways to do this, and Archeological Society of Virginia members have a long history of advocating for heritage resources across the state. We should be very proud of the work our members do to bring awareness to their communities, and there's always the question of how we can do more. As of 2017, we have a new venue for promoting and supporting archaeological research in Virginia: The Virginia Archaeological Charitable Trust (VACT). Formed through a partnership between the ASV and the Council of Virginia Archaeologists, with guidance from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, VACT has been in the

planning stages for over a year and is almost ready to go 'live.' You'll be hearing much more about it in the coming months, so my column is intended to introduce VACT.

One of the greatest challenges facing archaeology is the rapid loss of information from archaeological sites that are barely documented before being impacted by natural or human-caused disturbance. We all know of such sites, whether on the coast where sea level rise and erosion are taking Middle Woodland shell middens and colonial settlements, or in localities without preservation ordinances that would require resource evaluation prior to development. Most of us have received phone calls from friends and neighbors in a panic about a site or artifacts that have been found, and by the time we can get there to take a look, the context has been compromised, lessening our ability to understand what was found. We also know of significant sites that may not be threatened but are only partially studied, their contributions to our understanding of the past on idle, awaiting future studies (and funding). And then there are the archaeological collections, of which Virginia has many outstanding examples: known well to a few, but available for research on a limited basis, often due to lack of funding.

Enter Randy Lichtenberger, an archaeologist and Director for Cultural Resources at the Lynchburg engineering firm, Hurt and Proffitt. Some of you have worked with Randy through the Certification Program. He recognized that electronic and social media could make a difference for some of the sites and collections deserving of study. He proposed the creation of a crowd-funded program that will distribute monies for vetted projects to archaeologists around the state. Pulling together members of the ASV and COVA Boards, he has led the successful creation of VACT, which is now incorporated in the State of Virginia and working toward non-profit status with the IRS.

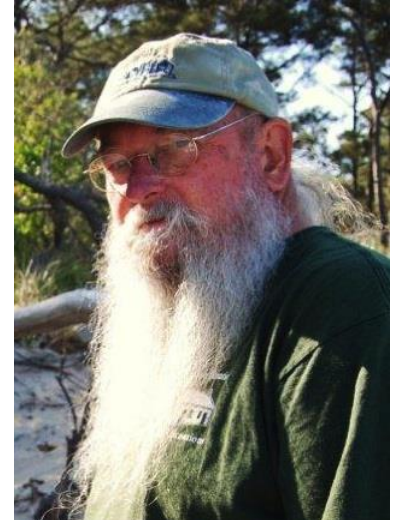
Here's how it will work: VACT will provide a single digital entry point (web page) for potential donors to projects big and small across the state. These projects will be selected by VACT's board which will include representation from the ASV. A number of criteria will be considered for project selection: how well-designed is the project? Is it achievable? What is the compelling case for its support? How will it be implemented? Who is directing it? Once vetted, multiple projects will be promoted at any given time. Please stay tuned for more information on the particulars of donating. We anticipate that ASV chapters will want to take advantage of the new platform to promote funding of sites important in their regions. Any chapter will be able to list projects as long as they are led by a professional who is a full COVA member or certified through the Register of Professional Archaeologists.

VACT will also set aside approximately 5% of all donations for boosting the Virginia Department of Historic Resources' Threatened Sites Fund, which has been critical to saving information from significant sites and collections that are vulnerable or threatened with immediate impact. Over the years, VDHR has leveraged this fund to promote research on everything from surveying the shoreline of the Eastern Shore, to documenting jasper quarries associated with the Thunderbird Site, to excavating at the old Albemarle County Jail site, to salvaging the Oak Hill Plantation slave quarter site that had been severely damaged by metal detectorists from a television show. Its meager resources, no matter how wisely used, are never enough. Anyone who gives to VACT to support a project will also be supporting this foundational program that continues to make a difference to communities around the state.

It's nice to know that, in the face of the uncertainty that exists in Washington these days, there are meaningful, long-lasting acts that we can perform to make an immediate difference for Virginia's archaeological resources. ☀

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

As we begin to move out of the archaeological lethargy of a field-starved winter, exciting things are taking place and/or being planned. Some are happening in a non-field work setting. For example, DHR held its first Winter Lab Week with 18 participants and 5 lectures (Lab Methods, Metals, Site Recordation, Laws and Ethics, and Lithics). In addition, boxes from the Hatch Site (44PG0051) were rehoused and several lithics collections were transferred to half boxes to save space. These lab sessions very satisfying to DHR where we get to meet new people with new skills which strengthen our program. With regard to collections, DHR recently accepted 150 boxes on artifacts from the Kirby site in Poquoson. The site has a prehistoric background from Paleo to Late Woodland but the focus was the 17th /18th century plantations site of the Kirby family. Yet another assemblage which has vast research value.



The long-awaited Prehistoric Ceramic Webpage nears completion through the good work of Keith Egloff who gathered all the data and Mark Freeman of Stories Past who is organizing it into a web-friendly format. This project has been on-going for more than a decade and even an inkling of completion is amazing. Plans call for it to be posted prior to Keith's workshop on prehistoric ceramics of the Coastal Plain at the upcoming MAAC meeting in Virginia Beach, March 16-19, 2017. The MAAC meeting in and of itself is also exciting. Mike Clem augmented by the expertise of Cynthia Hansen handled the arrangements and Lauren McMillan with very minor help from me developed the program. What are noteworthy are the 125 papers to be presented. If you want to keep current on the archaeology of the Middle Atlantic Region, Virginia Beach in March is the place to be.

Field work will be commencing soon. Plans for the Field School in April are in the mill. Right now, we have committed to limited testing at the Pear Valley site, a colonial standing structure in Northampton County on the Eastern Shore. A second site in Northampton County will be tested is a 17th century site with Dutch influence in the form of yellow Dutch bricks and highly decorated Dutch pipes. The lies on the bay and was discovered by the land-owner in pulling stumps.

All in all, spring promises to be a busy and productive season for archaeology. ☀

## ***HELPING TO PUT A FACE ON ARCHAEOLOGY: A FACEBOOK PRESENCE – David E. Rotenizer***

In August 2013, the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) added a new face to one of its many dimensions. The ASV joined the social media platform Facebook. As of middle February 2017, the ASV Facebook page had 2,558 Likes and 2,510 Followers. Members and friends of the ASV are encouraged to Like, Visit and Comment on the page in order to help trigger algorithms that will allow the page and posts to be seen by others. <https://www.facebook.com/Virginia.ASV/>

Three ASV chapters have initiated their own Facebook presence. Please visit and like these pages:  
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211856875536088/>

2014 (Mar) - Middle Peninsula Chapter  
<https://www.facebook.com/MPCASV/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/roanokeASV/>

Kittiewan Plantation, the ASV's Home also has a Facebook page:  
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2010 (Sep) – Council for West Virginia Archaeology  
<https://www.facebook.com/CWVArchaeology/>

2011 (Jan) – Society for Georgia Archaeology  
<https://www.facebook.com/thesga/>

2011 (May) – Louisiana Archaeological Society  
<https://www.facebook.com/Louisiana-Archaeological-Society-152740281459937/>

2011 (Jun) – Tennessee Council for Archaeology  
<https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee.Archaeology/>

2012 (Jun) – Society for Pennsylvania Archeology  
<https://www.facebook.com/SocietyforPArchaeology/>

2012 (Jul) – Alabama Archaeological Society <https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaArchaeologicalSociety/>

2014 (Apr) – Maryland Archaeology <https://www.facebook.com/marylandarchaeology/>

2014 (Sep) – Archeological Society of South Carolina  
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***EXCAVATIONS AT PEAR VALLEY AND EYREVILLE, EASTERN SHORE,  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA –FIELD WORK  
OPPORTUNITY, MAY 9-21, 2017***

**Background**

The Archaeological Society of Virginia, Chesapeake Bay Archaeological Consortium, Department of Historic Resources, and USDA-Forest Service have recognized the impacts of both sea level rise and catastrophic storms on archaeological resources on the Atlantic Coast, Chesapeake Bay, and the tidal sections of tributary rivers. There are also concerns with deeper plowing and sheet erosion to interior sites. Two sites will be tested in the spring of 2017 to enhance data collection on threatened resources.



Pear Valley is the earliest surviving single-room-plan house in Virginia. A Yeoman's Cottage dating to circa 1740, the small house was occupied by a farmer raising grain for market. It is currently owned and managed by Northampton Historic Preservation Society. The field school will do limited testing in attempts to locate the foundations of outbuildings which will aid in management and interpretation.

The Eyreville site, also located in Northampton County, is found on the grounds of a late 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century plantation house. The extensive farm lies on the Chesapeake Bay and is easily reached from Route 13. The site to be tested lies to the west of the main house. The land-owner, during tree stump removal, recovered numerous artifacts dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century which included rosehead nails, bricks, blue and grey stoneware, tin-glazed ware, gin and wine bottle fragments, and numerous pipe stems. Of note were Dutch yellow bricks and elaborately decorated Dutch pipes. Documentary research will be implemented and field testing will attempt to isolate foundations and other features in order to determine site function and more precise dates of occupation.

**Field School**

The field school meets requirements for the ASV/DHR/COVA Certification Program for excavation. Several motels are found in the environs of nearby Exmore. Campgrounds are also available in the vicinity. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. Lunch will not be provided at the site. Portajohns with washstands will be available at the work sites. The field school timing in early spring will avoid the influx of insects and the hot humid weather. Work will begin at 8:30 am and shut down by 4:30 pm. Excavation may also be prone to the vagaries of the weather. Saturday, May 20, is set aside for a public open house.

The 2017 Field School is sponsored by ASV, DHR, the local Eastern Shore ASV Chapter, Chesapeake Bay Archaeological Consortium, USDA-Forest Service Passport in Time, and Northampton Historic Preservation Society. ☀

**Application Due Date: April 1, 2017.**



**APPLICATION FOR EASTERN SHORE  
FIELD SCHOOL  
2017**

Applicants should be members of the Archeological Society of Virginia and will gain the best experience if enrolled in or graduated from the Certification Program. Children as young as 12 years of age may participate if accompanied by a responsible adult, although they must be 16 years of age to enroll in the Certification Program. Deadline for applications is **April 1, 2015**.

**Name of Applicant:**

**Date(s) of Attendance:**

**Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Chapter Affiliation:**

**Enrolled in Certification Program**    \_\_\_\_ yes    \_\_\_\_ no

**Archaeological Experience:**

**Special Skills:**

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

In addition to the major changes inside the Manor House, other projects are ongoing in and around Kittiewan. As of December, the Kittiewan's Visitors' Center and one of the tenant houses began to use water provided by a newly installed well. Located east of the Manor House, this well replaces the old one that had served the complex since 1980. Contractors needed to excavate a trench to connect the well with existing water lines, so committee members screened soil samples and recorded stratigraphy at 10 ft intervals all along the new supply line. The recovered artifacts are now being processed at Kittiewan, even as committee members also manually backfill the 223 ft long trench and restore the landscape east of the Manor House.



**Backfilling the water line trench at Kittiewan.**

On another front, recent inquiries from two members of the Talbot family led us to re-examine one of the numerous notebooks filled with Cropper/Clark documents that reside in Kittiewan's archives. One book, devoted entirely to a "Mr. C. L. Talbot," contained a group of letters that were written to Talbot by his sons, one of whom served in the Army during World War II. Those letters were sent from training camps in Mississippi and from France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia during and immediately after the war. How these documents came to be at Kittiewan is interesting. From the late 1940s through the late 1960s, C. L. Talbot lived at Kittiewan in a small four-room house that still stands behind a larger tenant house on the property. Wilma Cropper frequently wrote about how Talbot helped to maintain the family's vegetable garden. The elderly Talbot was struck by a car in the late 1960s, and apparently died of his injuries. Bill Cropper handled Talbot's estate, and saved all the letters that his late tenant had kept for over two decades. The notebook of letters will be returned to Talbot's descendants when they visit Kittiewan in the near future.





**C. L. Talbot poses for a photograph at Kittiewan in 1968.**



**C. L. Talbot's tenant house at Kittiewan.**

## **KITTIEWAN PLANTATION'S "PANELED ROOM" – Carl and Lynn Fisher**

Kittiewan plantation has, as many Virginia plantations, undergone changes over the years. The manor house at Kittiewan is no exception, but fortunately it still maintains noteworthy features from the Colonial Period. One such feature is the “Best Room” referred to here as the “Paneled Room”.

This room retains remarkable detailed raised panel pine on all its four walls, accented with dentil cornicing and pilasters. Paint analysis of this room indicated it has only been painted twice, the second time being around the period of the Civil War. The plan of the Kittiewan Committee is to leave the paneled walls as they are, stabilizing the existing paint with a clear coating.



The Committee also decided to interpret the “Paneled Room” as it might have been used in the last quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> through the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. To accomplish this, the Committee asked us to locate appropriate period furnishings and accessories, something that is a longtime favorite activity of the Fischers.

The usual practice during the Colonial Period was to place all the furniture along the walls when the room was not in use, or “at rest”, and to move pieces to the center of the room for use as needed. To recreate a room to be used this way we chose the following pieces: a Piedmont N.C. birch and pine sideboard; a large mahogany Virginia or Maryland drop leaf table; a Queen Ann card table; a tilt top mahogany tea table with star inlay; six matching mahogany chairs with slip seats and a pair of Queen Ann side chairs; and various period and period representative accessories.

For conservation purposes to control light, we have hung wood blinds on the windows such as would have been used during this period.

We had a wonderful experience interpreting this room and, we hope you will visit Kittiewan and enjoy “The Paneled Room”. Also take time to find out about the great plans for the other rooms in this historic house. ☀

## ***VDHR THREATENED SITES – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2017/2018***

The Department of Historic Resources is currently accepting Threatened Sites proposals for the 2017/2018 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. The overall goal of the program is to fund archaeological resources which are under threat of destruction and which have no legal protection. Funds are used primarily for site survey, evaluation, and excavation but also artifact analysis, background research, and report writing (see DHR 2013 Archaeological Month Poster for types of projects funded). Proposals can be submitted by any interested party.

The program is guided by a committee made up of archaeologists from DHR, ASV, and COVA. Proposals are distributed to the

Committee members and evaluated using a quantitative form.

The top proposals are selected for funding and negotiation with consultants begins at that time. The funding level for 2017/2018

is planned at \$50,000. Requests of \$4,999 or less can be single sourced to appropriately registered firms; projects of \$5,000 or more, are competitive and will be put out for bidding. More information and Threatened Sites Proposal Forms are available on the DHR webpage.

**Proposals are accepted at any time but to ensure timely review receipt by April 15, 2017 is helpful.** For further information, please contact: Michael B. Barber, State Archaeologist, at [mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov) or call 540 387-5398. ☀



**Volunteers at Great Neck site, a Threatened Sites project in Virginia Beach.**

## ***IN REMEMBRANCE OF BETSY MACCORD – Submitted by Martha Williams***

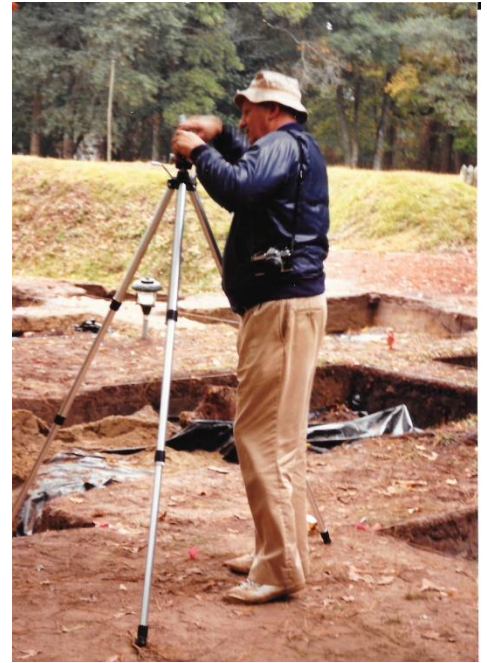
The Archeological Society of Virginia lost a long-time friend and supporter on December 14, 2016, when Betsy MacCord, widow of the late Colonel Harold MacCord, passed away in Richmond. Born in Brookneal, Virginia, in 1935, Betsy graduated *summa cum laude* from Flora MacDonald College in North Carolina. She applied her skills as an archivist first, for the State of North Carolina and later at the State Library of Virginia, where she met Colonel MacCord, then Virginia’s State Archeologist. Their marriage launched a 35-year partnership of archeological exploration and travel both within the United States and abroad. Long-time members of the ASV will remember with fondness Betsy’s consistent attendance at Annual Meetings of the Society and her participation in archeological projects across the state. She will be sorely missed. ☀





## ***IVOR NOEL HUME: A PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE – Submitted by Martha Williams***

In June of 1972, as Hurricane Agnes dumped several days of rain on the Mid-Atlantic, I was one of 25 Virginia history teachers who first met Ivor Noel Hume, then the Director of Archaeological Research for Colonial Williamsburg. We were participants in Noel Hume's effort to bring the field of historical archaeology to a broader public audience—in this case, secondary school students. The three weeks we spent at that field school, helping Noel to uncover the remains of the first public mental hospital in British North America, eventually detoured my career onto an entirely unforeseen and exciting path. In the years that followed, Noel Hume not only provided professional support and guidance, but also invited me to join the team that in 1991 re-opened the search for the Lost Colony on Roanoke Island—a quest that team continues to pursue today.



**Noel Hume adjusts a transit on site at Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island (1991).**



**Noel Hume discusses Lost Colony archaeology with J. C. (Pinky) Harrington on Roanoke Island (1991).**

But Noel Hume was far more than a consummate scholar, eloquent writer, and leading advocate for the field of historical archaeology—he also epitomized the concept of *joie de vivre*. That aspect of the man emerged on many occasions, both large and small. I well remember sitting with Julian in Noel's Williamsburg office one August afternoon as he delightedly unwrapped and demonstrated the latest addition to his collection of antique treasures—a three-holed, spring-loaded mouse trap! One year, he treated the attendees at his 75th birthday party to a demonstration of a potato gun. Then there were the Guy Fawkes Day fireworks displays

over the Chickahominy River that he and some friends staged for several



**Celebrants tow an effigy of Guy Fawkes in a riotous procession in Lewes, United Kingdom (2003).**

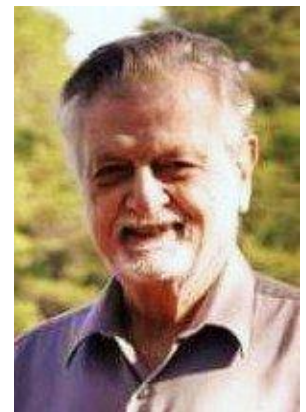
years running. The finale of those Guy Fawkes Day celebrations was a trip that Noel and Carole arranged for a group of us to attend the real thing in the Borough of Lewes, on the English Channel! For years, he met monthly with his circle of local friends in what came to be known as the “Pub Crawl” —and the conversation and repartee was never, ever dull!

Professionally and personally, I will sorely miss the friend whose influence completely changed my life. God speed. ☀

## ***IN REMEMBRANCE – DR. WALT BROWN, PAST TREASURER OF THE ASV NANSEMOND CHAPTER***

(Editor's Note: The below obituary original was published in the January 14, 2017 edition of the Virginian Pilot.)

Walter Reed Brown was born in Oklahoma City in 1929 and died January 6, 2017 in Virginia Beach. He was a proud alumni of Classen High School and earned his B.S. and Ed.M. degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He received a Ph.D. degree from the Ohio State University in 1964. Dr. Brown taught science in public schools in Missouri, Oklahoma and Virginia. He additionally taught in the Demonstration School at Florida State University, served as Director of Youth Activities for the National Science Teachers Association (1962-1964), served 2 years in India with the USAID Education Team, and was Supervisor of Science for Public Schools in Charlottesville, VA and Albemarle County, VA. He was the author or co-author of 15 books for children on various science topics, including a textbook series for Junior High Schools. Dr. Brown retired from education in 1981 and served as an Investor and Sales Manager of Century 21 Executive Real Estate. He fully retired in 1996 and spent much of his time traveling throughout the world, visiting 6 of the 7 continents.



Walt served as a member of the Curriculum Committee and Treasurer for the ODU Institute for Learning in Retirement, Treasurer of the Nansemond Chapter of the Virginia Archeological Society, Program Chair for the Tidewater Scottish Society, and a member of the Virginia Beach Audubon Society, the St. Andrews Society, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and life member of the National Science Teachers Association. He was an avid genealogist.

Walt is survived by his wife of 43 years: Jane Ramsey Bernick Brown; three daughters: Susan Kresmer-Harris of Louisa County, VA; Elizabeth Pouncey of El Paso, TX; and Cynthia Croxton of Kerrville, TX; and two stepsons: Clayton Bernick of Virginia Beach; and Craig Bernick of Palmyra, VA. His children, their spouses, 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren gave him the greatest pleasures of his life. ☀

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

The ASV's Board of Directors met on Saturday January 28, 2017 at the Virginia Foundation of the Humanities in Charlottesville. The board heard a proposal submitted by the Outreach Committee to upgrade the ASV webpage. Our webpage is also several years old and technology has changed so the Outreach committee has been working diligently to get various bids for a full upgrade. The board approved the proposal brought by the Outreach Committee so look for more updates in the coming months.

In addition, the board reviewed a new draft Code of Ethics. The code was originally adopted by the ASV in the 1980s. With the alteration of the by-laws several years ago, the ASV determined that it also would review its Code of Ethics. The board reviewed the draft and offered comments to the committee. The board will review another draft at its July meeting and hope to submit it to the membership in October.

The board received an update on the plans for the annual meeting, which will be held at Natural Bridge on October 26-29, 2017. Natural Bridge is now a state park and the hotel is under new management. A further

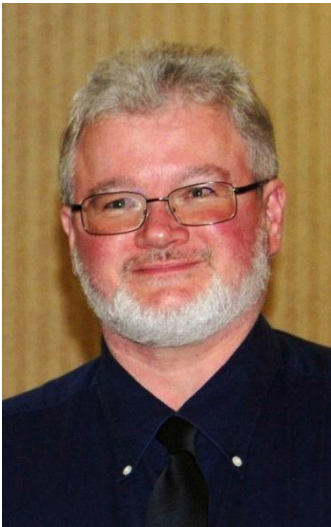
update will be given at the July Board Meeting. We continue to get very good comments about our annual meetings, and the recent one in Williamsburg was a great success.

The board also heard an update on the new Virginia Archaeology Charitable Trust. The previous name, the Virginia Archaeology Trust, was altered at the request of the State Corporation Commission. The VACT needs a further \$850 to secure its tax-exempt status. They are looking for donors and it was suggested that Chapters could assist in this effort. More information can be found on the COVA website.

The next board meeting will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Kittiewan. ☀

### ***RECENT NANSEMOND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES – Text and Photo by Bert Wendell, Jr.***

Archaeologist Patrick L. O'Neill, past president of the Archeological Society of Virginia, spoke to members of the ASV's Nansemond Chapter at their monthly meeting on January 17, 2017 in Chesapeake. His topic was "Preserve or Move a Historic Cemetery: What is the Role (or can be the role) of an Archaeologist". His PowerPoint presentation included the history of the Robert Ball Family Cemetery in Arlington, and his speedy archival research to help save this historical cemetery from being removed and destroyed by future construction.



The Ball Cemetery dates back to the early 1800s and is located in the center of today's Arlington. That area is commonly known as Central Ballston. The Ball Family were relatives of President George Washington. The cemetery occupies about 100 square feet on property owned by the Central United Methodist Church at 3427 Washington Blvd. If the construction of a new church and affordable housing complex is built, O'Neill believes that the cemetery can be saved by building around the area.

O'Neill has started an online petition to help save the cemetery. If you desire to help, go to Google and enter "Say No To The Removal of the Robert Ball Family Cemetery - Change.Org". and add your name to the petition. ☀

### ***ASV'S MARITIME HERITAGE CHAPTER MEETS IN RICHMOND – Article and Photography by Bert Wendell, Jr., ASV Nansemond Chapter***

The first general meeting of the Archeological Society of Virginia's (ASV) Maritime Heritage Chapter was held on February 11, 2017 at the Virginia Department of Historical Resources (VDHR) in Richmond, VA.

The Maritime Heritage Chapter was created in 2016 to provide opportunities for diving and non-diving volunteers of all skill levels to participate in a statewide effort to protect and study underwater archaeological sites in Virginia's waters.

Chapter President John Broadwater welcomed the 40 plus attendees from Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. He followed up by giving an overview of Underwater Archaeology. Also during the meeting,



presentations were given on past and future maritime (underwater) archaeology, the importance of historic context both on land and underwater, and Virginia's Code 10.1-2214 which addresses underwater historic property, penalties and permits.



**Greg LaBudde, Clyde Smith, John Broadwater, and Mike Barber.**

Those presenting were Virginia State Archaeologist Mike Barber; John Broadwater; Sprintsail Enterprises; Clyde Smith, VDHR Historic Resources Board Chairman; and Greg LaBudde, an archaeologist in the VDHR's Review and Compliance Office.

During the question and answer session there were concerns about obtaining permits to retrieve

underwater artifacts; storage and preservation of artifacts; and training for divers, top-side boat

personnel, and volunteers ashore. Broadwater said that the concerns will be addressed in future quarterly meetings, on the Chapter's website and by electronic communications.

Membership in the chapter is open to all ASV members both advocational and professional archaeologists. A membership application can be obtained on-line at the ASV's website ([archeologyva.org](http://archeologyva.org)) or on ASV Maritime Heritage Chapter's website ([maritimeheritageva.org](http://maritimeheritageva.org)). ☀



**Clyde Smith giving a presentation on the CSS Hundley, the first submarine to sink a ship in the Civil War.**



**Members of the ASV's newly formed Maritime Chapter.**

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Kittiewan Open House, Charles City County.

April 22, 2017

ASV Board Meeting, Kittiewan, Charles City County.

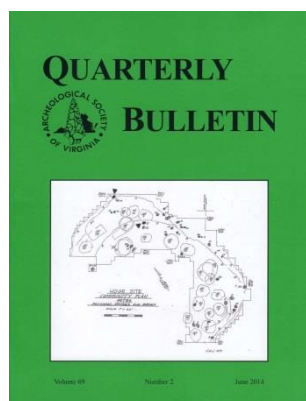
May 13, 2017

Kittiewan Open House, Charles City County.

If you would like your ASV chapter meetings publicized in the newsletter, please forward to the newsletter editor the chapter meeting dates along with the names of guest speakers and topics they will be discussing.

For ASV chapter meetings and presentations noted above, check the ASV website for additional information on location, time, and local contacts –

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