



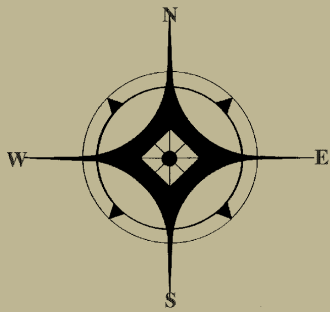
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PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL - ELIZABETH MOORE

Winter is coming with a vengeance this week. I don't know about you but as much as I enjoy the excitement of field work, I always look forward to the camaraderie and fun of lab work in the winter. Washing artifacts may not sound like the most exciting thing to do but it's a great way to see everything that has come in from the field and to get a broader view of a site assemblage. If the lab (and by lab I mean any spare room, kitchen, garage, or basement where there is a table and maybe some running water) where you work in the winter is anything like my lab, a group of volunteers who are washing, labeling, and trying to interpret an artifact assemblage can lead to some pretty creative storytelling. Sorting flotation samples can be tedious but the cheers are pretty loud here every time somebody working on the sorting table finds a trade bead or bit of copper.



Winter is also a great time to learn new "indoor" skills. This winter one of my goals is to complete a web site programming course. I was a computer science major for a few semesters as an undergraduate student until I decided that archaeology was more fun than writing code. I have a couple of projects in mind for online sharing, for both research and educational purposes and I'll be sure to share them if I get them up and running.

This is my last time writing to you as ASV President. I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many of you. This organization is comprised of many people with disparate experiences and viewpoints but with one critical thing in common – a passion for archaeology and the ASV. At least once a month I receive a phone call or an email from someone who has found "something interesting." I often pass that person on to someone in the ASV; someone geographically close to them who can take a look at what they've found, help identify what it is, and perhaps even record a new site or get a new chapter member. Archaeology and the past are a fascinating topic for many people and ASV members serve a critical role in helping these people learn about the past, their artifacts, and how to protect the sites they came from.

Thank you all for an interesting two years.

Elizabeth

Michael B. Barber, PhD, State Archaeologist

Someone recently asked me what my favorite publications concerning Virginia archaeology might be. Not an easy question, my first response was Joe Benthalls' (1969) *Archeological Investigation of the Shannon Site*. First of all, it is the epitome of archaeology of the times, a heavily descriptive monograph replete with important photographs and exquisite drawings (done by Joe). While it is not something we might encourage today because of its lack of theoretical approaches, it is gem in its richness of data to be mined. And I for one am not reluctant to do so in looking at demographics, aggregation models, exchange systems, and clans. It also brings back some memories as it was among my first faunal analyses (Barber and Baroody 1977) upon returning to the Commonwealth in the mid-1970s.

Another of my favorites is an article published by Justine McKnight and Martin Gallivan (2007) in the *Quarterly Bulletin* concerning Virginia's Archeobotanical Database Project. This article marks a cutting edge development in understanding the prehistoric use of plants, both from a methodological standpoint as well as that of data synthesis. The article points to the necessity of using AMS dating techniques directly on corn or nut to avoid the "old wood syndrome," that hardwoods gave way to more transitional growth as Virginia Indians cleared more land for horticulture, that the earliest maize appeared at ca. AD 1100, not AD 900 as thought earlier, and that the pathway to maize introduction in Virginia may have come through hunter-gatherer aggregation sites such as Maycock's Point (44PG0040). This article and others like it set a new direction in both the use of radiocarbon dating and the implications of archeobotanical analysis. No bad for 9 pages in the *QB*.

There are of course many others. The *ASV QB* and its Special Publications are replete with them. Pick up most any volume and there is a good read included. Name an interest – projectile points, prehistoric ceramics, historic buttons, 18th century plantation systems, settlement patterns in the Blue Ridge Mountains, bones and stones, Civil War, European contact sites, C14 dating, 20th century urbanism, bottles, horse hardware, shipwrecks, etc. – and it's all there. One of the stated purposes of the ASV is to "Promote the spread of archaeological knowledge through the media of publications, meetings, lectures, exhibits, etc." And it does it well.

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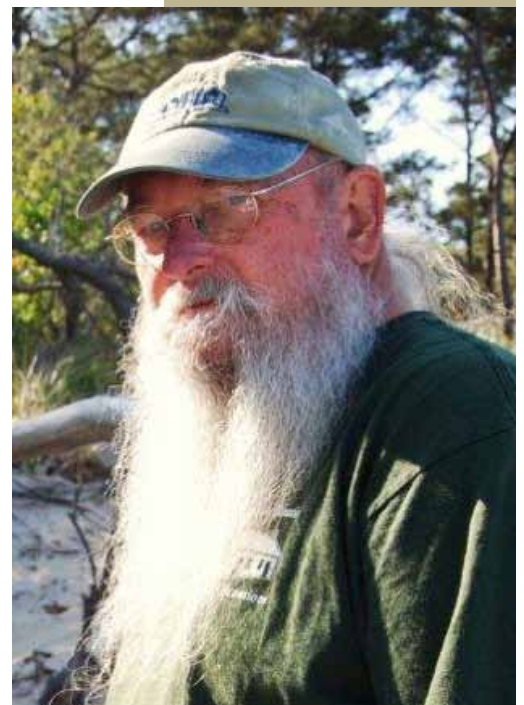
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING AT THE JOHN LOVETT HOUSE, VIRGINIA BEACH

Photo and Text Submitted by Bert Wendell Jr., ASV Nansemond Chapter

ASV Nansemond Chapter members dug 25 STPs at the John Lovett House in Virginia Beach during September 26-28, 2014. The house was built (circa mid 1700s) on a portion of a 1630s land grant. Artifacts are being researched by Dr. Mike Barber and VDHR staff and a report will be made available at a later date. In the photo background are (left to right) Millard Mackall, Wayne Edwards, Elizabeth Mackall, David Saunders, Tommy Saunders, Cynthia Hansen, and James Gwaltney. Martha Williams (center left), the on-site archaeology project supervisor, talks with Sonja Ostrander about the recording of artifacts found.



IN REMEMBRANCE – GLADYS PRESTON CORNELIUS

Submitted by May Tabor

Gladys Preston Cornelius, a life member of the ASV's Wolf Hills Chapter, passed away on November 1, 2014. Born on January 20, 1919, Mrs. Preston was a graduate of King College and taught in the Washington County School System (Mendota and Meadowview Elementary Schools) for 25 years. She was also active in community organizations and was a long-time member of Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Preston was awarded a life membership in the Wolf Hills Chapter for having given the Chapter permission to explore the Native American village site (Cornelius Site) that included her property on the floodplain of South Holston Lake.

KITTIEWAN PLANTATION BRIEF

Martha Williams, Kittiewan Committee

Fall at Kittiewan has been a relatively busy time, as we look towards the end of the year and begin to plan next year's projects. Thanks to the Plantation's enhanced publicity campaign, as well as special events in June and October, both visitation and volunteer hours increased significantly in 2014. Preliminary comparison of visitor numbers for 2013 with those for the same period this year shows that the number of visitors has nearly tripled (and not all of them sign in, either!). Our multi-faceted approach to getting the word out seems to have been working—due in no small part to those who manage our Facebook and website pages, as well as our announcements in print and broadcast media. (Thanks, Dave, Molly, Tanesha, Lyle, Elizabeth and Krystal—you know who you are!!!!)

Kittiewan's cultural resources also received a fair share of attention. Late August saw the completion of a digital inventory of all collections that have been recovered from archeological projects conducted at Kittiewan since 2002—no mean feat. These collections, along with the associated field records, are now stored properly at the Visitors' Center.

Virginia Archaeology Month provided us with the opportunity to once again showcase the Plantation to the public by installing an archeology exhibit in the Manor House and sponsoring a brief (2-day) excavation project. Designed to discover the locations of a smokehouse and a privy that once stood near the Manor House, the project entailed the excavation of five test units. Certification students and volunteers from the Richmond, Nansemond, and Middle Peninsula chapters manned shovels and trowels to move things along while talking to visitors and earning field hours in historic excavation. Excavators digging the two units placed to locate the former smokehouse foundation battled an impenetrable array of roots from a large magnolia tree. Despite their best efforts, they succeeded in finding only a scatter of brick fragments to suggest that a structure had ever stood in that location. Although those assigned to "privy duty" had an easier time in terms of excavating, they had exposed no evidence of a privy shaft by the end of the two-day project. More work on the partially excavated (and temporarily backfilled) privy units will resume in the spring—perhaps as an opening "event" on the first Open House day for 2015.

And speaking of archeology, survey/excavation opportunities for certification students will again be available in 2015 as we begin work on a 30-acre tract



▲ Bill Bjork and Wayne Edwards tackle the latest haul of artifacts from Kittiewan.

scheduled to be harvested for timber. The proposed timing for the actual timber cut is the summer of 2015, so shovel testing of the 30-acre tract will start in late February or early March, depending on weather conditions. We'll need lots of volunteers, so certification students, pencil this in on your 2015 calendars now.

In the meantime, keep warm, stay close, and enjoy all the special delights of the coming Holiday Season! See you in the spring!



◀ It's "all hands on your knees" to look for Kittiewan's privy..



▶ Lynn Taylor surveys the tangled magnolia root jungle at the smokehouse site.

Kittiewan's committee invites you to join in continuing the work of preserving and interpreting this special property. For more information, contact Martha Williams at mwilliams@onomo.com.

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ASV AND COVA 2014 ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN RICHMOND

Photographs and Article by Bert Wendell, Jr., ASV Nansemond Chapter

The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) and the Council of Virginia Archaeologist (COVA) held their annual meeting at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Richmond on October 10-12, 2014. The Colonel Howard MacCord Chapter of the ASV and its President Bill Bjork hosted the event and arranged for the ASV/COVA Awards Banquet.

According to Bjork, 140 plus COVA/ASV members and guest attended the three-day annual meeting. 84 of which attended the banquet and awards ceremony.

ASV President Elizabeth Moore opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and stating, "This meeting time isn't just about the presentations and posters, although they are a big part of our time here. This meeting is about the camaraderie and conversations that happens when this group gets together." Julie V. Langan, director of Virginia Department of Historic Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Jack Gary, COVA president, also welcomed the attendees.

Dr. Mike Barber, Virginia State archaeologist and a member of ASV and COVA, prepared a program of 50 plus presentations, and 7 ASV Chapter reports. Due to time constraints, Barber limited the presentation of papers to 20 minutes and chapter reports to 10 minutes. Topics of the different Session presentations included "Public Outreach in Virginia Archaeology"; "Prehistoric Archaeology"; "Historic Archaeology I and II"; "COVA Public Education Forum"; "Civil War Archaeology"; "Conservation, Public Outreach, and Research of Archaeological Collections"; "Curation and Artifacts"; "Field Methods, Excavation and Interpretation"; and "Field Certification Workshops".

A display and book room was set up and featured a VDHR display on Pamplin Pipes; examples of 3D Printed Artifacts produced by the Virtual Curation Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University; tables of books being sold by Mike Madden, Jack Hranicky, ASV Nansemond Chapter, and ASV's Kittiewan Plantation Committee.

At the ASV general membership meeting a slate of officers and board of directors nominees were brought forth and were elected by a unanimous vote. The new leaders of the ASV are:



▲ Ellen Chapman, Ph.D. candidate at the College of William and Mary and co-founder of RVA Archaeology, speaking on the topic "Under the River City: Exploring the History and Promise of Richmond's Archaeology."



▲ Terry Moody (center), a retired archaeologist who worked for the Department of Cultural Affairs in Santa Fe, NM, checks in at the registration desk for the 2014 ASV/COVA Annual Meeting in Richmond during October 10-12, 2014.

President - Dr. Carole Nash;
Vice President - Forrest Morgan;
Secretary - Stephanie Jacobe;
Treasurer - Carl R. Fischer;
Board of Directors (2015) - John Kelsey;
Board of Directors (2015-2017) - Dr. Mike Barber and
Thane Harpole.

Also passed at the meeting were the proposed by-law changes that appeared in the September newsletter.

The guest speaker at the ASV/COVA Awards Banquet was Dr. Al Luckenbach, County Archaeologist for Anne Arundel County, MD and of the Lost Town Project. He spoke on "Pig Point – A Sacred Place Revealed". According to Dr. Luckenbach, Pig Point (18AN50) is located on a bluff overlooking the Patuxent River in Anne Arundel County, MD. The site proved to have up to seven feet of continuously stratified deposits recording 10,000 years of prehistory. The site has also produced evidence of the earliest known structures in Maryland, and nearly a millennia of ritual mortuary activity associated with the Delmarva Adena.

Presentations of awards were made by Dr. Elizabeth Moore, out-going ASV president; Dr. Carol Nash, ASV president-elect; Patrick O'Neill, chairman of ASV's Awards Committee; and Jack Gary, COVA president. Recipients of the 2014 ASV/COVA Awards are:

COVA's "The Virginia Sherman Award" was presented to Hanna Brooks Burruss for her "Significant Contributions to Historic Preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia". The Archaeological Conservancy, which was represented by Andy Stout, Eastern Region director, nominated Burruss for the award.

COVA's "The Michael Allen Hoffman Award" was presented to Central Virginia History Researchers for their "Significant Contributions to Historic Preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia". Accepting the award was Bob Vernon.

ASV's "Out-of-State Professional Archaeologist of the Year" was presented to Dr. Darrin Lowery, Ph.D., executive director of the Chesapeake Watershed Archaeological Research and a research associate at the Smithsonian Institution. Lowery provided extensive insight into site formation processes and settlement patterns in Delmarva and on Virginia's Eastern Shore. He also works closely with DHR's Threatened Sites Program.

ASV's "Virginia Professional Archaeologist of the Year" was presented to Michael J. Madden, USDA Forest Service archaeologist for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. He is responsible for protecting the resources on 1.2 million acres in Virginia. He is also a moving force in the ASV/DHR/USFS partnership which offers the volunteer field school involving Passport in Time. Madden has been an ASV Board member at-large and has supported volunteer efforts of the ASV for more than twenty years.

ASV's "Virginia Avocational Archaeologist of the Year" was presented to Kay Veith, a long time member of the ASV, Massanutten Chapter's secretary, and a graduate of the ASV Certification Program. As a Certification student, Veith spent many hours in field and laboratory opportunities across the state and was very important to the Shenandoah National Park Archaeological Survey Program of the early 2000s where she was part of the



▲ COVA's President Jack Gary (right) presented "The Virginia Sherman Award" to Hanna Brooks Burruss (center) for her "Significant Contributions to Historic Preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia". The Archaeological Conservancy, which was represented by Andy Stout (left), Eastern Region director, nominated Burruss for the award.

survey crew. She has mentored new Certification students and continues to work with the program, attending field schools in the Shenandoah Valley.

ASV's "The Virginia Museum of Natural History Award" was awarded to Erin Schwartz, College of William and Mary, for the best collection-based student research paper presented at the 2014 ASV Annual Meeting. Her presentation was on "Fraction Extraction: Machine-Assisted Flotation Analysis of Washington and Lee's Graham Hall Site."

ASV's "Certificate of Achievement" was presented to Lisa Jordan, Cynthia C. Shoaf, and Mike Shoaf for completing the ASV's Field Certification Program.

ASV "President's Awards" was presented to: Nancy Rubin for her outstanding organizational skills with the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Union Army's James River crossing at Kittiewan Plantation; Krystal Davis for her skill, efficiency, and assistance with marketing the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Union Army's James River Crossing at Kittiewan Plantation and Kittiewan Plantation Open House Events; Bruce Baker for his continued leadership as Chairman of the Kittiewan Plantation Committee; Stephanie Jacobs for her continued work as Secretary of the Archeological Society of Virginia and Chairman of the Education Committee; Dr. Michael B. Barber for his continued leadership and unflinching devotion to the field of archaeology as Chairman of the Research Committee.

ASV Nansemond Chapter President Wayne Edwards presented a plaque in the memory of Edward Emmett "Ed" Bottoms to Bruce Baker, Chairman of the Kittiewan Plantation Committee. The plaque will be hung in Kittiewan's Visitor Center.

And Drs. Elizabeth Moore and Carole Nash presented the one-time only "Sasquatch (Bigfoot) Award/Statue" to Dr. Mike Barber for his continual tramping through the woods to find stuff.

On the final day, workshops were conducted on the new V-CRIS System by Jolene Smith, DHR Archaeology Inventory Manager and Dr. Mike Barber who spoke on Certification Ethnozoology.

With the passing of the ASV Helmet and Gavel at the ASV Executive Board meeting, Dr. Carole Nash relieved Dr. Elizabeth Moore as ASV President for the next two years.

Next year the 75th Annual Meeting of the Archeological Society of Virginia, along with its partner COVA, will be held in Manassas, VA and sponsored by the ASV's Northern Virginia Chapter.



▲ "Certificates of Achievement" were presented to Lisa Jordan, Cynthia C. Shoaf, and Mike Shoaf for completing the ASV's Field Certification Program. In the photo (left to right) were Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Dr. Carole Nash, Lisa Jordan, Mike Shoaf, Cynthia C. Shoaf, and Bruce Baker.



▲ ASV Nansemond Chapter President Wayne Edwards (center) presented a plaque in the memory of Edward Emmett "Ed" Bottoms to Bruce Baker (left), chairman of the Kittiewan Plantation Committee, as Dr. Elizabeth Moore (right) looks on. The plaque will be hung in the ASV Library at Kittiewan.



◀ “The Michael Allen Hoffman Award” was presented to Virginia History Researchers for their “Significant Contributions to Historic Preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia”. Accepting the award is Bob Vernon (left) from Jack Gary (right), president of COVA.



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EXCAVATIONS AT NASSAWADOX CREEK #1 (44NH0431): A THREATENED SITE ON VIRGINIA'S EASTERN SHORE

Article and Photos by Bert Wendell, Jr., ASV Nansemond Chapter

The 2014 Archaeological Field School, sponsored by the Virginia Department Historic Resources (DHR); USDA Forestry Service's Passport-in-Time Program (PIT); and the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) in cooperation with James Madison University (JMU) and Northampton County, was held on May 14-19th at Site 44NH0431 on the Chesapeake Bay side of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Located on Church Neck, the site is comprised of a wooded area and an adjacent prehistoric shell midden. The shell midden, a threatened site, is continually being eroded by both sea level rise and coastal storms.

The site, named "Nassawadox Creek #1 by Darrin Lowery (2001) during his 2000 archaeological survey of the Virginia's Bayside Eastern Shore, is owned by Mr. John Wescoat who lives on the property in Hungars Glebe, an historic 17th/18th century glebe house.

According to Dr. Mike Barber, Virginia State Archaeologist, the artifacts found in the initial survey included fire-cracked rock, various shell species, a steatite bowl fragment, bifaces, and prehistoric ceramics associated with five different wares spanning the Woodland period.

Dr. Barber stated, "only a limited number of shell deposits have been excavated on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Both cultural and environment data can be gathered from these resources." Barber continued that he needs to have the following research questions answered: (1) What are the time periods of occupation?; (2) Is the midden stratified or parts located as to time periods of occupation?; (3) What was the site function through time and did it evolve diachronically for different purposes?; (4) What species of marine invertebrates were harvested over time and in what proportions?; What part did vertebrate animal populations, both marine and terrestrial, play in the diet?; What exchange systems may have come into play? Is there any evidence of Adena influences?; Are there ancillary sites associated with 44NH0431? Or is 44NH0431 an ancillary site to others?; What comparisons can be made with other excavated sites on the Eastern Shore, particularly Savage Neck (44NH0434)? How does these sites fit into a regional pattern?

The 2014 Field School, which meets requirements for the ASV/VDHR/COVA Certification Program for excavation, utilized the excavation methodology as outlined by Barber (2001). In the wooded area, the certification students, college students, and other volunteers worked to excavate units that consisted of a series of 2.5' squares down to the subsoil. Units were designed by excavation unit numbers as per the overall grid system.

One of several artifacts found in the wooded area was a ceramic pottery sherd. The sherd is of the type on pottery used during the Woodland Period. It was recovered on May 14th, from Level 4 of unit E640 N502.5, by Richard Hebron of Kresgeville, PA. Hebron is a member of the ASV Massanutten Chapter and is



▲ Holding a Woodland period pottery sherd is Richard Hebron of Kresgeville, PA. He retrieved the sherd from an excavation unit during the DHR/PIT/ASV Archaeological Field School held May 14-19, 2014 at the Nassawadox Creek #1 Site (44NH0431). This threatened site, which includes a shell midden, is located in Northampton County on a bluff along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Hebron is a member of the ASV Massanutten Chapter and is an ASV Certification Student.



▲ Excavating unit E640 N502.5 at the Nassawadox Creek #1 Site (44NH0431) is PIT Volunteers Jim (left) and Rose (right) Kellerman of Lake Wells, FL.

Randy Moen, Madison, WI, that the .8 feet of soil taken is made of fine windblown sand. Nash also instructed JMU students Lindy West, Helen White, and Kevin Van Deusen on how to take GPS readings and the proper method for laying out an excavation unit. Dr. Nash is also an ASV member and co-chairperson for the ASV Certification Program.



▲ Dr. Carole Nash (right), archaeologist and professor at James Madison University, instructs PIT volunteers Randy Moen (left), from Madison, WI, and Rebecca Natal (center), from Newport News, VA on the use of a split-tip auger in taking a soil sample of fine windblown sand.

an ASV Certification Student. Others working with Hebron were PIT volunteers Jim and Rose Kellerman of Lake Wells, FL.

Clearing soil from the next unit, E660 N500, was Chris Liang a first time PIT volunteer from New York, NY and Wayne Edwards, president of the ASV Nansemond Chapter and an ASV Certification Student, from Franklin, VA. The soil taken from Liang's and Edwards' unit was taken to a screening location where Jim Paciorek, PIT Volunteer from Westfield, MA, sifted through the sandy soil for artifacts larger than ¼" in size.

Dr. Carole L. Nash, archaeologist and assistant professor in the Department of Integrated Science and Technology at James Madison University, held a demonstration on the proper use of the split-tip auger for taking soil samples. Dr. Nash explained to PIT volunteers Rebecca Natal, Newport News, VA and

Moving from the wooded area to the beach, during low tide, Dr. Barber and a group of volunteers also investigated this part of the shell midden. Bill Bork, an ASV and Kittiewan Committee member, made his way through an area of fallen shell midden to place a menu board, which showed the site title, number and date, for a documentary photograph; Traci Johnson, Clerk of Northampton County Circuit Court at Eastville, VA and a PIT volunteer, held the stadia rod; and Richard Guercin, archaeologist with the U.S. Forestry Service, took an overall photograph of the shell midden while standing knee deep in the water. Also digitally documenting the field school activities was Dan Hamilton, ASV Certification Student, with his Sony Digital Video Camera.

When asked about how the shell midden would be excavated, Dr. Barber said, "Beach profiles indicated that the shell midden was never plowed and the duff level will be carefully removed by the volunteers utilizing the trowel". He continued by saying, that this level will be designated as L-1. After mapping, the shell midden level will be excavated in 0.20' levels unless culturally identified levels are encountered. The first below-duff level will be designated L-2.0. If there are changes in color, texture, or shell density this will be considered as a change in level designation. The second level will be designated L-2.1 and so on until the lighter-colored subsoil is encountered (L-3). Barber also stated, that all removed soil will be screened through ¼" mesh hardware cloth and artifacts bagged by provenience.

In the wooded area and at the shell midden, paper bags were



▲ Screening for small artifacts that may be in the sandy soil taken from excavation units at the Nassawadox Creek Site #1(44NH0431) is Joe Paciorek, a PIT volunteer from Westfield, MA.

being used to house field recovered artifacts. Double bagging was being done if the soils were wet. Those volunteers, who recorded artifacts found, used Sharpies to annotate the bags with the site number, excavation unit, excavation level, date, and excavator's initial.

The field school went on for six days despite one rainy day, ticks and poison ivy. At the conclusion of the field school, Dr. Barber offered a summary of results by saying, "Field work has been completed; analysis has yet to begin. However, some initial observations can be isolated. The shell midden is stratified with at least 2 levels: the surficial AO horizon with copious amounts of shell and an underlying B horizon which is tan in color and also is shell filled. Artifact content is low in both levels but ceramics point to site utilization from Early Woodland through late Woodland. The wooded area behind the site was tested using 2.5' units

from near the bluff to the top of the flanking hillock. Cultural material was recovered, primarily on the hill crest but frequency was again low. While the site was occupied, the stay at any one time was ephemeral. Its role in the overall settlement pattern through time was one of fairly quick exploitation of oysters and clams and then moving on to another area. If we understand the settlement system, 44NH0431 acted as a secondary or tertiary exploitation camp of short duration likely during late winter or early spring when terrestrial biomass is low."



▲ Dr. Mike Barber (left), Virginia State Archaeologist, directs Bill Bork (center), a member of the ASV and its Kittiewan Committee, on where to place the Menu Board which list the site number, name, and date. This was done to accomplish site identification and aid in documenting the area photographically.



◀ Dan Hamilton (right), an ASV member and Certification Student, prepares to digitally document activities at the Nassawadox Creek #1 Site (44NH0431) shell midden. Hamilton is accompanied on the beach area by (left to right) Traci Johnson, Clerk of Northampton County Circuit Court in Eastville, VA and PIT volunteer; Stuart MacIntyre from Chester, VA and an ASV Howard MacCord Chapter member; and Bill Bork, ASV and Kittiewan Committee Member.

▶ A group of volunteers takes GPS readings while others discussed their approach on excavating a unit at the Nassawadox Creek #1 Site (44NH0431. In the photo (left to right) is Lindy West, a JMU student; Kevin Van Deusen, a JMU student; Lisa Johnson (kneeling) a ASV Howard McCord Chapter member from South Hill, VA; Chandra McPherson from Hopewell, VA and a ASV Howard McCord Chapter member; Dr. Carole Nash, archaeologist and professor at JMU; and Joe Beatty from Cape Charles, VA and a ASV Certification Student.



◀ After working for two days clearing sandy soil from excavation unit E640 N502.5 , Rose Kellerman from Lake Wells, FL, a PIT volunteer, gets deeply involved in her work taking accurate measurements while sitting in the excavated unit.

OCTOBER 2014 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stephanie Jacobs, Secretary

The State Executive Board met on Sunday October 12, 2014 at the end of the Annual Meeting, which was held in Richmond at the Hilton Hotel. Because the meeting was held at the end of the Annual Meeting it was much shorter than usual.

The board received a report on the annual meeting from Bill Bjork, the President of the Col. Howard MacCord Chapter, which arranged the meeting. The board was very appreciative of Bill and his Chapter's efforts, and everyone agreed that it went well. The board also received a report on the 2015 Annual Meeting, which will be held next year in Manassas on October 16-18. It is being sponsored by the Northern Virginia chapter, and planning is well under way. Finally, the board received a proposal from the Middle Peninsula Chapter to host the 2016 Annual Meeting.

The board heard from the Outreach Committee on a proposal to send the Quarterly Bulletin to those members that request it electronically. There are no plans to send it to all members this way, but several have asked if it was possible so the committee looked into it and will move forward with it in 2015.

Finally, the board approved some fall fieldwork at Kittiewan the weekend of October 25-26. The work will coincide with the regular open house as well as archaeology month.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015 in Charlottesville.

► Elizabeth Moore presiding over her first ASV board meeting in February 2013. We thank Elizabeth for her two years of leadership as president to the ASV! We thank all of our board members and volunteers for their time and service to the ASV.





UPCOMING EVENTS



January 16 Wolf Hills Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM, Washington County Public Library "TVA Lake Archeology of Upper Tennessee--Watauga, South Holston, Boone, and Ft. Patrick Henry lakes" by S.D.Dean.

January 17 ASV Board Meeting, Charlottesville, VA

March 12-15 Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Ocean City, MD

As we head into 2015, if you would like your ASV chapter meetings publicized in the newsletter, please forward to Randy Turner, erturner48@cox.net, the chapter meeting dates along with 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 - <http://asv-archeology.org>.

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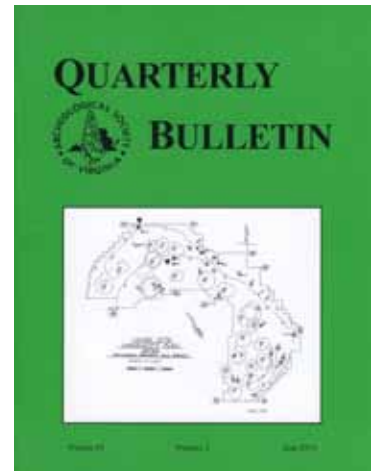
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