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PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – FORREST MORGAN

In late October, an ASV Board member was contacted by a member of the Virginia Indian community regarding the work that an ASV member has undertaken on property owned by Wolf Creek Cherokee, Inc. in Henrico County. There were concerns about the appearance of ASV support for the work.

In early December, the following email from the Executive Board on behalf of the ASV was sent to the Chiefs of Virginia's recognized tribes:

The Archeological Society of Virginia has not sanctioned and does not support archaeological surveys and excavations directed by Harry Jaeger on the Terry Price property (Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe, Inc.), located in Henrico County, Virginia.

Recorded archaeological sites in the vicinity of the Price property demonstrate a long-lived pattern of settlement by Indigenous groups ancestral to peoples of the Coastal Plain (Algonquian speakers) and Piedmont (Siouan speakers). Their ties to the Fall Zone region are well-documented in archaeological, historical, and oral traditions.

The Executive Board ended the communication with the statement that the notice would appear in the ASV Newsletter. They invited the Chiefs to contact the ASV for further discussion.

Mr. Price and Mr. Jaeger were also sent the letter. At the request of Mr. Price, ASV President Forrest Morgan and Vice President Mike Barber met in January with the group at the Wolf Creek Cherokee Museum. At that time, both Mr. Price and Mr. Jaeger confirmed that the archaeological work undertaken on the property was neither an ASV-sanctioned nor ASV-supported project. ☀



FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST – Elizabeth A. Moore with photos by Laura Galke

An adage in archaeology is that for every one day in the field, three days are needed in the lab. That's true if you count lab work as the basic steps of washing, labeling, identifying, cataloging, bagging, and tagging the artifacts. But then there are the additional days for sorting samples; more in-depth artifact analyses, research, and interpretation; specialized studies; photography; and more. Then we move into report writing including reviewing previous research, conducting historical research, examining other sites of similar time period or in the same geographic area for comparison, producing graphics and maps illustrating the field work, and finally, telling the story which we think explains what we have found and what it means.



Recently, Laura Galke (DHR's Chief Curator) and I spent a little over two weeks in Oyster, Virginia on the beautiful Eastern Shore conducting a "lab school" for volunteers, ASV members, and many people from the local community. Because DHR does not have a dedicated archaeology lab where artifacts can be sorted and laid out for days of processing, we moved a large number of boxes of artifacts from the Eyreville Site to a state facility where we could have access to a significant amount of space for an extended period of time (thanks to Mike Clem for driving that truck across the Chesapeake Bay bridge/tunnel for us). This gave us the opportunity to catch up on some of the backlog of



Ethel Eaton, Tom Davidson, and Haley Hoffman.



Fitz Godwin and Mark Shields.



Kary and David Prestemon.

processing from the eight field school sessions that have been held at Eyreville and it gave our participants the opportunity to learn more about archaeological lab work and artifacts.

For some archaeologists, fieldwork is the best part of any project and for others their favorite part is the artifact work. I don't know anyone who would claim their favorite task is writing site reports. No matter our preference, it all has to be done for every project. To everyone who participated in the recent two week lab school, thank you. Your efforts bring us closer to understanding the story of the people who lived, slept, ate, conducted trade, grew crops, raised herds of cattle, married, raised children, died, and left behind the evidence of their lives at this site. Learning about and understanding those lives and the past is the real reason we do archaeology after all. ☀

THE KITTIEWAN BRIEF - Martha Williams

The Kittiewan Committee marked the end of 2019 with several notable events. Of course, committee members, friends, Hunt Club, and tenants alike chowed down (altogether too much!) at our usual mid-December holiday celebration. We bade farewell to two retirees—Patrick O'Neill and Wayne Edwards—but welcomed onto the committee Myron Rolston, who has already spent a great deal of time helping out on the property. Overall, the committee and volunteers like Myron contributed more than 4,619 hours in 2019 to help maintain the Manor House and its 720+ acre property. And finally, thanks to the generosity of Tony Burke, a long-time member of the Col. Howard MacCord Chapter, Kittiewan acquired a reconditioned truck—a must for hauling trash to the landfill, moving equipment, and clearing up debris around the property. (Naming rights are up for grabs! I personally think that “KITTY 1” has just the right ring to it!).



Kittiewan's “new” truck. Photo by Myron Rolston.



Scaffolding around west chimney. Photo by Martha Williams.

But the real—and very sobering—news concerns the state of the Manor House which, in a nutshell, was in far worse repair than anyone had imagined. In the last newsletter, we told you about the sad condition of the foundation and the lengths to which the very professional masonry restoration crew had to go to stabilize it. With work on the foundation almost complete, the crew next turned its attention to stabilizing the chimneys, setting in place the massive scaffolding required to complete that job safely and properly.

But when the crew began working on the interior hearths, the real surprises—and serious problems--began to emerge. First, the crew found that all of the fireplaces in the building had been altered and “repaired,” in some cases more than once. All of the fireboxes once had been larger, and all once had had an arched, rather than square, opening. Just when these changes were made is difficult to ascertain.

The conditions of the hearths in the paneled room and the north ell bedroom were far more significant. In the paneled room, the crew found that the (seemingly) solid brick floor of the fireplace was supported not by solid masonry, but rather by a steel sheet held up by (hold your breath!) a single iron jack. This makeshift arrangement may have occurred when the Croppers enlarged the downstairs basement, and installed another fireplace at the east end where none had existed before. The firebox in the north ell hearth was in arguably even more serious condition. Removing the surrounding mantel revealed not only the original arch, but also



Underside of the paneled room fireplace, showing the steel sheet and its support. Photo by Virginia Masonry.

the buildup of unmortared or unstable brick that had been used to reduce the size of the firebox itself. Thanks to constant communication between the restoration crew and committee members Myron Rolston, Nancy Rubin, and Tom Dundon, the Kittiewan Committee had sufficient information to approve measures for remediating all of these hazardous conditions, and those remedial efforts now are all but complete.

Finally, on a somewhat lighter note, one present and one former Kittiewan committee member—Martha Williams and Wayne Edwards—had a chance to spread the

ASV's (and Kittiewan's) influence across state lines. For two two-week sessions in December and

January, this intrepid duo spent several days volunteering on a site in northeastern North Carolina (which, after all, was part of Virginia until the 1660s). The cadre of volunteers was able to clear more than 60 2 x 2 m plow zone units, despite often changeable weather conditions (70 degrees one day, followed by a 25-degree wind chill the next!). The data from this project are currently undergoing analysis; results will be announced later this spring. ☀



North ell fireplace, minus the mantle and surround. Photo by Virginia Masonry.



Restored fireplace in the parlor. Photo by Martha Williams.



Wayne Edwards at North Carolina excavation. Photo by Martha Williams.

Martha Williams at North Carolina Excavation. Photo by Alastair Macdonald.



ASV FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Stephanie Jacobe, Secretary

The ASV's Board of Directors met on Saturday February 1, 2020 at Monticello in Charlottesville.

The committee assigned at the Annual Meeting reported to the Board that they were unable to find a location to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg. Though the Northern Virginia Chapter had planned a meeting there several years ago, it is not possible to hold one there now. As it is so late in the process the committee asked that we work again with the Hotel Magruder in Williamsburg to hold the meeting in the same place as last year. The Board approved this alternative plan for the 2020 Annual Meeting. More details will follow about the meeting in the spring.

The Board had further discussion about the Sexual Harassment training. The Board attended a training seminar sponsored by James Madison University at its July 2019 Meeting. The committee charged with this effort was asked to bring alternatives to the Board for making the training available to chapters and all those in the Certification Program.

There was also a detailed discussion about the ASV's recent public advocacy work at the Virginia General Assembly. We had worked to advocate for VDHR's budget and against some other bills that would have affected archaeological resources in the state. Our efforts were very successful. We have several people working long hours on this but the membership also greatly assisted by contacting their legislators. The power of numbers is important in advocacy.

The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday April 25, 2020 at Kittiewan. ☀

IN REMEMBRANCE – DR. JAMES GLANVILLE, Submitted by J. T. Moldenhauer

New River Chapter member James (Jim) Glanville passed on November 22, 2019. Born in London, England in 1941, Jim graduated from the Royal College of Science in Chemistry before he emigrated to the United States in 1962 where he received his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at the University of Maryland. He completed his career in chemistry at Va. Tech in 2004 where he retired as Emeritus Associate Professor as Director of General Chemistry. Along the way he authored 35 professional chemistry publications, a chemistry textbook, and had five patents. After retirement Jim started his second career as an independent scholar of history and archeology focusing on colonial history as well as contact period archeology in the mountains of southwestern Virginia.



Jim joined the ASV in 2005 because of his interest in prehistory, specifically artifact collections he had seen while doing chemistry projects around the Olin Mill salt works at Saltville and areas along the Holston River to the south. He was particularly fascinated with the art and iconography of the shell gorgets he saw in these collections, photographing and documenting dozens of those found in Virginia. For Jim, in these artifacts he saw much of the "Mississippian" cultural influence spilling over into Virginia from the southwest into an area he defined as "Holstonia." He described this as being a narrow area of land straddling the Virginia – Tennessee border and extending from Saltville south to Damascus and west to Bristol. It would have been in the southern heart of what Howard MacCord called the "Intermontane" cultural region.

The second area of Jim's archeological research involved the Contact period and possible early Spanish expeditions into Virginia. His research into this subject focused on a DeSoto expedition that came out of Havana, Cuba in 1541 with some evidence that some of his men reached Lee County, Virginia. Also, the recently discovered Spanish Fort San Juan (Berry Site) near Morganton, North Carolina adds more clues. Capt. Hernando Moyano and his soldiers left the fort in 1567 and journeyed north into the mountains looking for gold, silver, salt and minerals. They stayed at an Indian town called "Maniatique" which is thought to have been Saltville which lies seventy miles (3 days journey) due north from Fort San Juan. Jim believed the first Euro-American born in Virginia was in the Chilhowie-Saltville area and of Spanish decent.

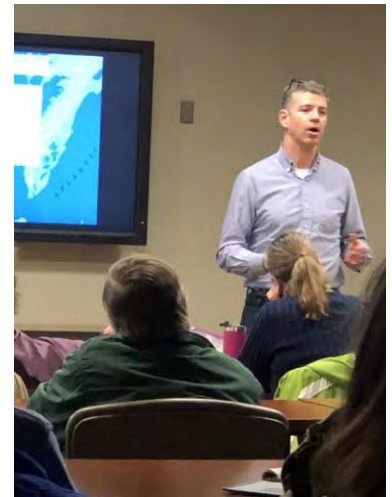
All of Jim's research documentation can be viewed at his website, holstonia.net. For the New River Chapter to possibly help Jim in his research, I traveled to Havana, Cuba in 2018 and visited the office of Eusebio Leal Spengler, Historian for the City of Havana to try and establish some dialogue between their Spanish archives and Jim's research. There was no response. A letter to him in February 2019, in Spanish and English has received no response. With the current administration, it's not clear if these requests are getting through. However, the New River Chapter will continue Jim Glanville's effort to document the early contact history of southwestern Virginia. Jim leaves behind his wife Deena Flinchum in Blacksburg and two children by a previous marriage. We thank Jim for his contributions and for becoming a productive American citizen on July 4, 1972 in Roanoke, Virginia. ☀

CHAPTER UPDATES

Historic Triangle Chapter – Submitted by Randolph Turner

The Historic Triangle Chapter started out 2020 with our President Chris McDaid devoting our January meeting to the COVA/ASV/VDHR certification program, providing chapter members with an introduction to the program as well as providing a detailed overview on historic archaeology in Virginia. Then in February Dr. Martin Gallivan, a professor of anthropology at the College of William and Mary talked to the chapter about his ongoing archaeological research at the Native American settlement of Kiskiack located on the Naval Weapons Station along the York River. ☀

Martin Gallivan.



Middle Peninsula Chapter – Submitted by Thane Harpole

On January 31 members of both the Middle Peninsula and Historic Triangle chapters conducted a shovel test survey at New Quarter Park on a small site above Queen's Creek. The site was identified during an initial survey of the property in the 1970s. That survey provided very little information about the site, so our goal was to learn more about the site's boundaries and chronology. With a good group of volunteers and Fairfield staff, we were able to complete 33 shovel test pits, dug at 25' intervals. Of these, 29 had artifacts, showing that the site extended across the entirety of the small knoll that we were surveying. Artifacts ranged from several prehistoric ceramics and stone flakes, to early 19th-century ceramics. The more intense occupation of the site likely spans the early 18th through mid-19th century. This opportunity was organized by the Fairfield Foundation in concert with New Quarter Park as part of an effort to better understand and interpret the archaeological resources on the park. For more information on how to participate in upcoming archaeology days at the park, you can email thane@fairfieldfoundation.org. ☀

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

Dr. Nancy Phaup, an adjunct professor at VCU, spoke to ASV Nansemond Chapter members during the January 21, 2020 monthly meeting in Chesapeake. Her presentation was on "Creating Exhibits at Berkley Plantation". The Berkley Plantation, a (c. 1726) Georgian mansion, is located on about 1,000 acres on the banks of the James River at 12602 Harrison Landing Road, Charles City. The plantation was originally named the "Berkeley Hundred" after the Berkeley Company of England. Dr. Phaup discussed her recent experiences in creating exhibits in the plantation's museum. She said, "creating new exhibits or reworking old ones can sometimes be overwhelming". She further stated, that some of the questions that needed to be answered were: Which artifacts should be selected?; How are the artifacts to be displayed?; What interpretive themes are used?; and What is involved in the interpretive process? The artifacts that she had to work with included prehistoric and historic Indian stone tools, colonial period metal tools and ceramics, and Civil War items. Most of these artifacts were recovered from Berkeley Plantation. The biggest problem she had to face in the museum was controlling the moisture and humidity.



On January 21, 2020 the Chief of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia Walt "Red Hawk" Brown, awarded three members of the Nansemond Chapter with certificates of



appreciation for their outstanding support of the annual Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe's Pow Wows and School Day events. The Nansemond Chapter began their partnership with the Tribe in 2005 as a "Public Outreach & Educational Project". Receiving certificates of appreciation for their years of service were: in the photo (l to r) Chief Brown, Teresa Preston (15 years), Wayne Edwards (14 years) and Bert Wendell, Jr. (14 years). The Nansmond Chapter members will be available to talk about prehistoric and historic

artifacts at the next Pow Wow which will be held on July 4, 2020, 10:00AM to 5:00PM, on Tribal land located at 27345 Aquia Path, Courtland. ☀

2019 ASV PRESIDENT'S AWARD

We thank an ASV member for pointing out that while in our last newsletter we noted that James Gloor and Carol Reynolds received COVA's Virginia Sherman award, we omitted that they also received an ASV President's Award for their dedication to the research and preservation of archaeology in Virginia. Our congratulations to both of them! ☀

NEW ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Below are two recent online publications providing comparative data from the Upper Delaware Valley for those of us working in Virginia. They can be downloaded free of charge at https://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/1identify/arkeo_upp_del_val.htm.

A Radiocarbon Foundation for Archaeological Research in the Upper Delaware Valley: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York (Stewart 2018); 331 pages, 70 figures, 30 tables, and extensive bibliography.

This compilation of 401 dates serves as the basis for extensive discussions of a variety of topics and recommendations for future research relevant both to the project area and broader Middle Atlantic Region.

Predictive Modeling of Native American Site Locations: Upper Delaware Valley Practices in Regional Perspective (Stewart 2019); 174 pages, 13 figures, 50 tables, extensive bibliography.

This endeavor reviews, summarizes, and critiques the variety of approaches that have been used in predictive modeling, highlighting what appear to be best practices, and providing recommendations for how future models might be more effectively constructed and employed. ☀

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE 2020 ASV ANNUAL MEETING!

This year's annual meeting will be held in Williamsburg at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center on October 29 through November 1. Hotel rooms are available at the conference rate of \$109/night plus taxes. Please go to the ASV Annual Meeting web page (<https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/2020-asv-annual-meeting/>) to find the reservation link and other information. ☀

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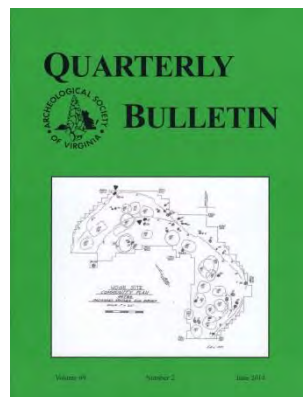
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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19-22	Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, Ocean City, MD.
April 11	Kittiewan Open House.
April 25	ASV Board Meeting, Kittiewan.
May 9	Kittiewan Open House.
June 13	Kittiewan Open House.

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