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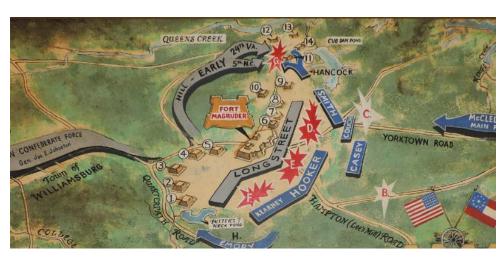
#### PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – FORREST MORGAN

I want to start by thanking my predecessor Carole Nash for the outstanding job she did over the last four years; the organization has grown and prospered

under her guidance. I am delighted to take on the leadership to expand the organization to fulfill the mission of the ASV. Of the several issues we will need to focus on perhaps two of the most important are **raising the profile** of the ASV in the community, among potential donors and potential members, and **increasing the membership**. The membership has been rising in in recent years, and we need to perpetuate that, particularly focusing on young people. Social media apparently is an excellent tool to achieve this goal, and we should continue to take full advantage of that.



One major event coming up this year is the
Annual Meeting which will be held in Williamsburg Virginia at the Fort
Magruder Hotel and Conference Center the weekend of October 25-27. What's
unique about this meeting is that it will be held on an archaeological site. Fort
Magruder Hotel is constructed around Confederate Redoubt Number 3 of the
Williamsburg Line. We expect to have the opportunity to do some archaeological
work at the site before the conference.

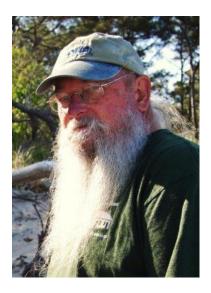


#### FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Friends.

For better or worse, this will be my 44<sup>th</sup> and last "From the Desk of the State Archaeologist" report as I will be turning in my trowel as of April 1, 2019. Retirement was not an easy decision and it is my intention to remain active in Virginia and Middle Atlantic Archaeology. And, should the truth be known, the turning in the trowel thing is figurative, not to be carried out in reality. Retirement, however, is real.

The high point of my tenure as State Archaeologist has always been working with the members of the ASV. ASV and DHR have worked together on many joint projects, building good relations and working together for the greater good of Virginia archaeology. For this, I thank you, one and all. Field schools, lab weeks, the certification program, transferring collections, annual meetings, chapter presentations, processing artifacts, all have been cooperative efforts with positive results for the department and the society. I cannot say enough about your good work.



It is my hope that the ASV supports the next State Archaeologist as they have supported me with professionalism, collaboration, and friendship.

Thanks for all you've done for Virginia Archaeology.

Mike Barber, Ph.D., RPA State Archaeologist, Retired

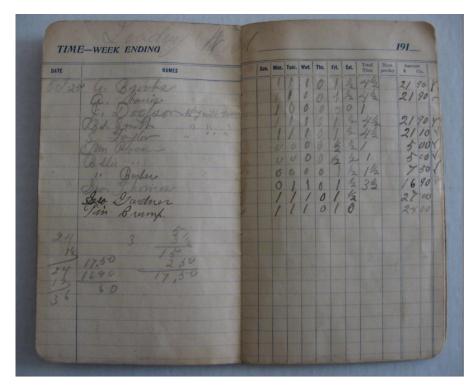
# NEWS FROM THE ASV HEADQUARTERS – Submitted by Martha Williams

First, a (belated) MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE ASV! The newest tenant at Kittiewan, Laura Bobbiesi, illustrates children's books. And she recently put those talents to work to create a special gift for the Society. Her version of "Archaeology at Kittiewan" will have a prominent place when the plantation again opens to visitors in April.

Lumber, Labor and Lighters. One job that has been moving forward (albeit slowly) is the creation of a comprehensive table of the voluminous archival material that the ASV inherited when the Society acquired the property. Kathleen Baker and the late Cindy Dauses started this project; thanks to their efforts, most of those papers have been housed in archivally stable sheet protectors



Laura Bobbiesi's view of "Archaeology at Kittiewan."



Two pages from Clark's time and pay book ca. 1918-1919, listing the workers who helped load wood during the week

and gathered into notebooks. Going through those notebooks has generated many interesting tidbits about the people who lived and worked at Kittiewan. The latest example, gleaned from Loren Clark's business records. reveal that he routinely harvested the farm's timber to produce cord wood, milled lumber, and shingles with paid help from some African-American neighbors who lived nearby on Parrish Hill Road. To get those products to market, Clark relied on a borrowed "lighter," a shallow-drafted boat that transported bulk cargoes out to larger vessels waiting in the James River. What appear to be the remains of a portable sawmill and a possible sunken boat have both been located at Kittiewan.

News of the Month. And finally, the 2018 tally showed that Kittiewan's volunteers (including

participants in the 2018 field school at Wayne's World) put in nearly 4,700 hours on site tending to the property and investigating its buried archaeological treasures. But lest you think that the winter cold has forced a retreat to warmer quarters, think again! Volunteer Myron Rolston has doggedly been sorting the pile of discarded and obsolete tools that have resided in Kittiewan's shed for the past several years. When December's snow storms and wind wreaked havoc with many trees on the property, members of Kittiewan's Hunt Club joined ASV volunteers to mitigate the damage. And not to be outdone, the intrepid Bill Bjork has just completed work on an efficient new flotation device that will add considerably to our ability to understand the archaeological resources on the property. The volunteer opportunities are endless; come and join the effort!



Gail and Ken Tuley (Howard MacCord Chapter) tackle an overgrown and damaged privet bush.



Wayne Edwards (Nansemond Chapter) gathers up his fourth load of magnolia branches brought down in December.

#### ASV ASSISTANT TREASURER OPENING

#### Dear ASV Member:

I am writing this letter at the request of Mr. Carl R. Fischer, the current ASV and ASV Kittiewan Treasurer. His term as Treasurer will run through December 31, 2020. He has indicated that he will not seek an additional term as Treasurer.

Carl became treasurer several years ago following the deaths (within a couple of months of each other) of the two treasurers. He and Patrick O'Neill, who was ASV President, spent long hours figuring out the ASV's finances and made numerous trips to banks arranging for name changes on accounts. Carl does not want this process repeated.

Although Carl is in good health, both he and Bruce Baker, who is the current Assistant Treasurer, are getting up there in age. We are seeking an individual who would be willing to serve now as Assistant Treasurer. There would be no day to day responsibilities. If willing, this person could also become ASV Treasurer in 2021.

If you can serve in this capacity or know someone who can please contact Carl at <a href="mailto:flyfischn@gmail.com">flyfischn@gmail.com</a> or telephone him at (804-843-9194)

Sincerely yours, Forrest Morgan President

## ASV JANUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - Stephanie Jacobe, Secretary

The ASV Board of Directors met on Saturday January 26, 2019 at the Jefferson -Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville.

The Board received an update on the Annual Meeting, which is being sponsored by the Historic Triangle Chapter with assistance from the Maritime Chapter and the Middle Peninsula Chapter. The Annual Meeting will be held October 25-27, 2019 at the Fort Macgruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg. Further details are being worked out by the new Annual Meeting Standing Committee. The Call for Papers will go out in the Spring.

We are continuing to improve the website. We have updated the membership pages and are working to remove board members emails so as to solve the spam problem. Board members and Chapter Presidents have been receiving a significant amount of spam. Instead we are going to install contact forms and use general emails for some positions and committees. Terri Aigner has been doing a great job!

The Board also heard a short presentation from David N. Fuerst, President, West Virginia Archeological Society. David came to the board to talk about possible collaboration between the ASV and the WVAS. Specifically, he wanted to co-host an ESAF meeting at Harper's Ferry. The board will continue to be in contact with him and potentially work with him on that.

Finally, the board had a discussion about potentially adding a sexual harassment policy to our Code of Ethics or even formulating a new policy on that topic. The board will go through training on the issue of harassment at its July Board meeting and you will be hearing more about this in the future.

The next board meeting will be held on Saturday April 6, 2019 at Kittiewan.

# EXCAVATIONS AT THE EYREVILLE SITE (44NH0507) EASTERN SHORE (NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA) APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> – MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

The **Eyreville Site** (**44NH0507**) is the location of a plantation that was first settled by 1636. The extensive farm lies on the Chesapeake Bay and is easily reached from Route 13. The site we are testing lies to the west of the main extant house, which dates to about 1799. The landowner, during tree stump removal, recovered numerous artifacts dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century which included rose head nails, bricks, blue and grey stoneware, tin-glazed ware, gin and wine bottle fragments, and numerous tobacco pipe stems. Of note were Dutch yellow bricks and elaborately decorated Dutch pipes in addition to



domestic and English pipes. Documentary research points to the earliest occupation as associated with John Howe and later with Col. William Kendall. During the 2017 and 2018 field schools, numerous features were located including a 17<sup>th</sup> century brick foundation (photo above), a buried hearth, many oyster filled pits, and a yellow Dutch brick feature we still haven't identified, along with many others. The excavations this spring will emphasize a view of diachronic changes in early colonial Virginia in both architecture and material culture.

The field school meets requirements for the ASV/DHR/COVA Certification Program for excavation. Several motels are found in the environs of nearby Exmore and Cape Charles. Campgrounds are also available in the vicinity including Kiptopeke State Park and Cherrystone Campground. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. Lunch will not be provided at the site. Portajohns with washstands will be available at the work site. 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, 27th, is set aside for a public open house and Wednesday May 1st for an evening presentation at the UVA Research Center in Oyster.

The 2018 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, 2019.** 

# APPLICATION FOR EASTERN SHORE FIELD SCHOOL April 22- May 3, 2019

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, 2018**. <u>Due to a large response in 2018 we may need to limit the number of participants per day. Early applicants will have priority in scheduling.</u>

| Name of Applicant:                    | Date(s) of Attendance: |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Address:                              |                        |
| Email Address:                        |                        |
| ASV Chapter Affiliation:              |                        |
| Enrolled in Certification Program yes | no                     |
| Archaeological Experience:            |                        |
| Special Skills:                       |                        |



#### EASTERN SHORE FIELD SCHOOL CONTACTS

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# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES HIRES AN UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGIST

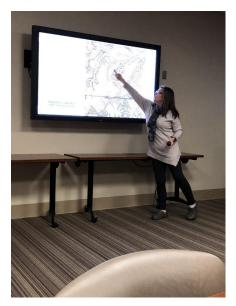


The Department of Historic Resources announced on February 15 that John Broadwater, president of the ASV Maritime Heritage Chapter, has been hired as the Acting State Underwater Archaeologist. This is a temporary, part time position, but it provides DHR with the capability to address issues directly related to Virginia's submerged cultural resources.

During 1978-1989, John was DHR's Senior Underwater Archaeologist and director of the Yorktown Shipwreck Archaeological Project. Virginia's underwater archaeology program was abolished in 1989 by then-governor Doug Wilder. John has a master's degree in American Studies from the College of William and Mary and a Ph.D. in Maritime Studies from the University of St. Andrews. John is interested in receiving comments and suggestions from ASV members regarding priorities for underwater archaeology in Virginia. He can be reached at: john.broadwater@dhr.virginia.gov

#### CHAPTER UPDATES

## Historic Triangle Chapter - Submitted by Randolph Turner



The January meeting of the Historic Triangle Chapter was devoted to a presentation by Sara Lewis on the chapter's first opportunity to assist in an archaeological survey project at New Quarter Park in York County. Lewis talked about prior investigations at the park and the site (an African American homestead) at which chapter members later in February were to assist in a field survey. The field work was a success, receiving good publicity in a local paper, the *Virginia Gazette* (see below, page 10).

At the February chapter meeting our speaker was Chris Shepard, an archaeologist with the William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research. Chris's talk was on "Repurposing the Fort: Archaeological Investigations of

Redoubt 9, a Confederate Fort Turned Union Encampment on the Williamsburg Line." Remains of the redoubt were located in the I-64 median and were investigated by the William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research recently in advance of its destruction due to I-64 construction.



# Maritime Heritage Chapter - Submitted by John Broadwater

The Maritime Heritage Chapter held its spring meeting during Saturday-Sunday, February 23-24, in the Collections Study Room at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond. On Saturday twenty-five attendees heard presentations on previous and current chapter projects and discussed preferences and goals for 2019 projects. It was announced that the chapter's "Mid-Atlantic Logboat Registry" has been approved as an ASV project. In the afternoon, chapter member Dave Thompson conducted a training session on mapping sites using the direct survey measurement (DSM) system, and entering the data into Site Recorder 4, a specialized software developed for underwater archaeology. On Sunday, member Jim Tuite conducted a comprehensive Basic Life Support course, certifying seven members in time for the summer field season.

Maritime Heritage Chapter Project Receives Grant. The Maritime Heritage Chapter's "Mid-Atlantic Logboat Registry" project has received a \$5000 grant from the Institute for Nautical Archaeology to support the documentation and analysis of dugout canoes throughout Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. Project leads Bob and Mary Hayes have already visited the Virginia and



Direct Survey Measurement training at the February 23 meeting of the Maritime Heritage Chapter. (1-r) Instructor Dave Thompson, Jeff Welch, and Bob Balcom. Photo by Lisa Jordan.

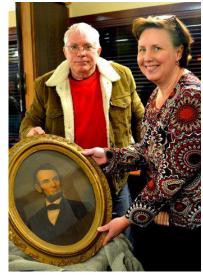


Maryland State Historic Preservation Offices to record canoe data in their site files. Plans call for including North Carolina's many canoes in this study. Project advisors John Broadwater and Bruce Terrell are excited about the progress to date and the project team hopes to develop a preliminary logboat typology that will help identify and classify future finds. The logboat project was recently approved as an ASV project.

Direct Survey Measurement training at the February 23 meeting of the Maritime Heritage Chapter. (l-r, at table) Bruce Terrell, Bill Waldrop, and Mike Nusbaum; (l-r, behind) John Broadwater and Jim Tuite. Photo by Lisa Jordan.

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

Tarcey Neikrik (right), curator of the Isle of Wight County Museum in Smithfield, VA, gave a presentation titled "New Archaeology in Isle of Wight County including Windsor Castle and the Lawne's Creek Potter" to members and guests of the ASV Nansemond Chapter on January 15, 2019 in Chesapeake. After her presentation, Gene Cooper (left), a perspective member of the ASV, ask Neikrik to assist in identifying and providing additional information on the vintage portrait of President Abraham Lincoln, which was passed down through his wife's family. With the aid of a printer's stamp on the back of the portrait, it was determined that it was produced by E.C. Middleton, circa 1864, in Cincinnati, OH. Middleton utilized a printing process called "Chromolithograph", where only warranted oil colors were used.





Martha Williams, a retired archaeologist, gave a dynamic power point presentation on her recent visit to the Iberian Peninsula to members and guests of the ASV Nansemond Chapter on February 19, 2019 in Chesapeake. Williams titled her presentation "The Iberian Peninsula: an Archaeological Odyssey". During her two weeks trip to Portugal and Spain, she visited archaeological museums in the cities of Lisbon, Seville, Toledo, Madrid and many other smaller locations She had the opportunity to see and photograph sites and structures that ranged from the prehistoric and Roman eras through the period of the Muslim occupation of Spain.

# ASV-COVA-VDHR ARCHAEOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION (CERT) PROGRAM UPDATE –Submitted By by Carole Nash and Bruce Baker, Co-Chairs

While February may be the shortest month, it has been good to the Cert Program. Three new students joined this month, bringing our current enrollment to 88 students. 20 students joined in 2018, the largest number since the early years of the program. Graduates are stepping up to serve as mentors, and their help is making a huge difference for the current students..

The winter season has seen work take a turn indoors. The following opportunities have been offered since the first of the year:

- \*Dee DeRoche, Virginia Department of Historic Resources: on-going lab activities;
- \*Fairfield Foundation (led by David Brown and Thane Harpole): variety of field and lab activities;
- \*Mike Johnson: on-going lab work on the Betty Veatch Collection;
- \*Elizabeth Moore, Virginia Museum of Natural History: on-going lab activities;
- \*Carole Nash, James Madison University: on-going lab activities;
- \*Ed Otter: on-going lab activities

At the 2018 ASV Annual Meeting, the Certification Program sponsored a session: "Extending Archaeological Research through Professional-Avocational Partnerships." The presentations focused on the research role that the public, and particularly avocational partners, play in lab and field settings. Archaeologists from VDHR, USFS, JMU, Mount Vernon, Montpelier, DATA Investigations/Fairfield Foundation, Colonial Williamsburg, and Monticello joined for an inspiring session that reinforced our belief in the importance of the collaborative work we do. To extend this theme in 2019, we hope to highlight specific projects in this newsletter. Stay tuned! 🌣

## **VIRGINIA GAZETTE ARTICLE ON** HISTORIC TRIANGLE CHAPTER **SURVEY**



HTC-ASV, archaeologists survey historic site

On Feb. 15, members of the Historic Triangle Chapter of the Archeology Society of Virginia now a county park. Morris was a free black tenant who paid rent to Nathaniel Burwell. During the archaeological survey, the area of interest was marked at 25-foot intervals creating a grid over the site. Above, from left, HTC-ASV member Bob Jaffe shovels dirt for screening by Chris McDaid, archaeologist and HTC-ASV president.

worked with archaeologists from the Fairfield Foundation to survey a historic site noted on 18th and 19th century maps. A structure, perhaps a dwelling or barn, was indicated on a map drawn in 1781 by a French engineer who was recording shelters where French troops could be housed after the Seige of Yorktown. Another map from 1818 included the name George Morris on the York County property,

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 21-24 Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Ocean

City, MD

April 6 ASV Board Meeting, Kittiewan.

April 13 Open House, Kittiewan.

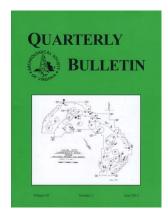
May 11 Open House, Kittiewan.

June 8 Open House, Kittiewan.

October 25-27 ASV Annual Meeting, Williamsburg.

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