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## ***PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – CAROLE NASH***

I'm writing my final President's Column, after four years of having the honor of leading the ASV. I am taking this opportunity to recognize the many people who devote themselves to our organization; my goal is to make the case that this remarkable, volunteer organization, which will celebrate its 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019, is a complete team effort. In January, Forrest



Morgan will take over as our new president with the support of a new Vice President, Dr. Mike Barber. Dr. Stephanie Jacobe is continuing as Secretary, and Carl Fischer will continue as Treasurer. Forrest, Stephanie, Carl, and Past President Elizabeth Moore – the ASV's Executive Board for the past four years – have provided advice, information, insight, and humor, and I offer my deepest gratitude to them. Forrest has been active in the ASV for a number of years, coming from the local government and non-profit sectors, and we are grateful for his willingness take the helm.

## Changing of the Guard

Along with our new officers and my shift to the role of Past President, there are several other changes of note in ASV leadership. Thank you to Bill Bjork, who is rotating off the Board as an elected director. As an educator (he may be a retired principle, but a teacher is never a 'former educator'), Bill brought much common sense and modeled the art of wrangling. We are glad that he will continue on the Kittiewan Committee and remain involved in various and sundry ASV activities. We welcome two new elected directors: Robert Frye and Janice Biller. Thank you to Hayden Mathews, who is completing the last of many terms as president of the Banshee Reeks Chapter and was instrumental in its formation. We welcome Marion Constante as the new president of that chapter. Hayden has shifted his

focus to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter. During the fall, I queried the chapters on their leadership for the coming year, and with the exception of Hayden, all current presidents are serving again in 2019. We are beholden to the chapter officers who are the faces of the ASV in their communities and who donate their time and resources to promote our organization. It has been a humbling experience to work with all of you.

### Membership, Outreach, and Chapter Health

In a time when volunteer organizations are struggling, the ASV is bucking the trend and growing. According to the Annual Meeting report of Membership Secretary Patrick O'Neill, we have seen **a 28% increase in membership in 2018**. Now over 700 memberships strong, the ASV will continue as a leader in the study and protection of archaeological resources. The Annual Meeting has also grown, both in the number of attendees and the number of papers and sessions. Our Student Sponsorship program has seen success in bringing in more student presenters, introducing younger archaeologists to our archaeological community.

There is little doubt that our social media presence, led by David Rotenizer, allows us greater outreach. Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Virginia.ASV/>), which has over 3,000 likes, is updated on an almost daily basis with postings about the ASV and its chapters, as well as compelling information about archaeological research from all over the world. Our Newsletter and Quarterly Bulletin, which are high quality publications overseen by Dr. Randolph Turner and Thane Harpole, respectively, continue to spread the word about our work, and I encourage all of you to share these resources with friends and colleagues. Dr. Elizabeth Moore has led the effort to make ASV publications more widely available through electronic download, and we look forward to seeing the long history of the 'ASV Press' continue. The anchor of our outreach is our web page ([www.virginiaarcheology.org](http://www.virginiaarcheology.org)) that was significantly upgraded by webmaster Terri Aigner, building on the many years of work by Lyle Browning. Because of the efforts of all these people, and because of your interest as members, we are in a strong position to continue our advocacy for Virginia archaeology.

During the past four years, we've seen the formation of three new chapters: Eastern Shore, Maritime Heritage, and Historic Triangle. The creation of each of these was shepherded by ASV members who worked long and hard to establish an ASV foothold, particularly in Eastern Virginia. We appreciate all our members who are affiliated with these new groups and hope that you will not hesitate to ask for assistance from the larger organization. Sadly, at the same time we've seen growth in the eastern part of the state we've also lost two chapters – Highlands and Wolf Hills – in Western Virginia and have seen very modest growth (and in some instances, decline) in membership in some chapters west of the Blue Ridge. Not only is this a blow to our coverage, but it also reflects the long-term challenge of maintaining a presence in the Ridge and Valley where our understanding of the archaeological resources remains limited. We must make it a priority to support these chapters. I want to thank C. Mike Wilke, the mastermind behind the Highlands Chapter, for his efforts in holding together that group for a number of years. We can only begin to thank the members of the Wolf Hills Chapter, centered in Abingdon, for their many years of contributions. In recent decades, Dr. Charles Bartlett, Dan Kegley, and May Tabor were the standard bearers for Wolf Hills. One of our oldest chapters, I hope that we will properly acknowledge its long history at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

### Kittiewan

When I tell folks that the ASV owns a 700+ acre farm in Charles City County, I often receive stares of disbelief. How can an all-volunteer organization whose members are spread out across the state manage such a facility? The vision of the Kittiewan Committee, now led by Len Blasiol, is unwavering: the home of the ASV, Kittiewan offers the promise of the future for our organization. A base from which educational programming will thrive, the property, which includes the modern Visitors Center and the 18<sup>th</sup> century manor house, is only beginning to fulfill its promise. The Committee has assiduously worked to stabilize the

property and finances and looks to the ASV membership for assistance and programming ideas. Chapters, please include Kittiewan in your planning of yearly activities – we need your interest and support. If you have not yet visited this exceptional gift, put it on your 2019 list of places to see, and be on the lookout for announcements of Kittiewan programming.

I believe the Archeological Society of Virginia has a very bright future. With our strong connections to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Council of Virginia Archaeologists, and as a founding member of the new Virginia Archaeological Charitable Trust, we are part of a well-respected and vibrant initiative to bring to the public a strong awareness of the archaeological heritage of the Commonwealth. Here's to seeing you in the field and lab, at meetings, and through our virtual presence. Thank you all for the care and support you provide the ASV. ☀

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



I was recording some notes in my handy-dandy orange Teledyne 410 Cross Section Book the other day and noticed it was #11. I started numbering these books soon after I took the job as State Archaeologist in April 2006 (i.e. - 12.5 years ago). In that #11 is only about 20% full, that's about 0.88 books per year. Each book contains ca. 160 pages, so that is 105.6 pages each year. The question in my mind related to what on earth did I have to say that took up 105.6 pages per year. And what might this say about my job.

I found the content interesting. Most of it documented DHR meetings – staff meetings, plenary meetings, section meetings, personnel meetings, all the normal bureaucratic information necessary for a state department to run. In a strange way, I am thankful for these notes. Those of you who know me are aware that I am the worst possible, ever imagined player at bureaucracy. I lose things, ignore things, miss deadlines, fail to share information, and assume that everything is running smoothly. By sporadically reviewing these notes, I can at least recoup some of the misplaced information and, sometimes, actually share information, meet deadlines, and manage a little bit of management.

There was also a fair amount of recording my own analytical data and musings. Mostly related to bone tools and Dutch bricks. The bone tools are easy – modified shape, wear patterns, micro-chippings, temporal markers, common types, visual status/wealth designates, special distribution, etc. - easily noted and recorded. Dutch bricks and Eyreville - not so easy. It's the way archaeology is supposed to work – uncover data, construct hypotheses, test hypotheses, posit new questions. The orange book has it all, a twisted path towards ultimate knowledge but twisted all the same.

I also found a lot of information on people, mostly names and phone numbers. Some of the names I actually recognize, some not. Many are very important to me and locating them is important as well. This is mostly because I not only fail to transfer them to my computer or cell phone but also to my hard-copy address book. Ergo, this cross section book is the only place where they are codified and that makes finding them significant. Significant enough to relocate them in a logical place like an address book? No. But knowing they exist and that, with a little yeoman-like work, I can find them, comforting.

The best part of the book is the notes from archaeological meetings. This is raw percolating data from the best we've got. At meetings, we are being made privy to cutting edge information a year or two before it hits the journals. Hot off the presses before the presses even see it. Information shared at meetings can be mind



boggling which is a good thing. While the data is the main point, one can also learn a lot about the presenter from the paper. Who was their mentor and have they grown beyond that. What is their theoretical approach and are they dedicated to the theory or willing to follow the data. Where are they in their career path? My little orange notebook has a lot of that. Along with the data, comments tell the tale: “Dyed in the wool Gardnarian” “Has potential” “Did Deetz really say that?” “Just plain nuts.” “This guy should be selling fries.” “Wish I’d said that.”

So the book would seem to define my job as tripartite: bureaucracy, archaeological community, and cultural data. I can buy into that. I am roughly 20% through my handy-dandy orange Teledyne 410 Cross Section Book #11. I wonder if I will get to my handy-dandy orange Teledyne 410 Cross Section Book #12. I have my doubts. ☀

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

At Kittiewan, fall’s cooler weather generally means that things begin to wind down and shutter up for the winter. Dead limbs get cleaned up and defunct vegetation is cleared away; the lawnmowers and ATV are prepared for winter mode—and of course, the ever-present beavers once again begin to construct their winter home (unfortunately, also blocking the drainage culvert beneath the entrance road).

But this year, November turned out quite differently, as up to 18 intrepid souls descended on the property to participate in the last ASV field school of the 2018 season. The diverse group included seasoned veterans (think Cynthia Hansen, for example), recently-graduated archeological technicians like Nancy Rubin, and “newbie” certification students from the Eastern Shore, Col. MacCord, Historic Triangle, and Nansemond chapters. Kittiewan committee members Bill Bjork and Wayne Edwards joined veteran Laura Wedin, whom we welcomed as a special participant, since it was Laura who nearly eight years ago first registered “Wayne’s World” as Site 44-CC-0404-10! Coordinating and choreographing all of these elements—in both field and lab--was none other than the Society’s president, Carole Nash.



**Working away at Wayne's World.**



**Old Hands: Certification Grads--Still At It! Cynthia Hansen, Celia Isbrecht, and Laura Wedin.**



**Certification students Adam Gremaud (Historic Triangle) and Mark Shields (Eastern Shore) record data from EU #7.**



**“Afloat”:** John Broadwater and Wayne Edwards define the submerged feature in Kittiewan Creek.

Members and volunteers with John Broadwater’s Maritime Heritage Chapter also joined their terrestrial brethren to continue surveying and mapping the semi-submerged feature on the shoreline of Kittiewan Creek. The most recent information (leaked to this reporter) is that, in addition to the wooden structure being documented by chapter members, there may also be a small vessel elsewhere in the creek. Stay tuned for more on that story in the next edition of the newsletter!

To round out the weekend’s fun, Thane Harpole brought a group over from Fairfield to test out their latest technological tool—a drone. We haven’t yet seen the video footage from this maiden flight over Kittiewan, but we’re hoping that the results will reveal heretofore un-noticed and suspicious features in various portions of the property.

Those who elected to stay on the sidelines nonetheless also made their own discoveries while combing through Bill Cropper’s seemingly endless supply of curious artifacts. One of those unique objects turned out to be a button representing a local affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT). The IBT was created in 1903 by merging several competing Teamsters’ Unions with the American Federation of Labor. Kittiewan’s button carries on its central logo the inscription “IB of T” and “AF of L,” signifying that it was manufactured some time after the 1903 mergers. The IBT maintained “specialty” sub-unions, each based around the type of cargo its members hauled. The 250-member Hay and Grain Teamsters’ Chicago Local 732 went on strike in 1921, according to the *Price Current – Grain Reporter*, a hay and grain trade publication. How and why this button would turn up in Virginia is just another of Kittiewan’s endless riddles!



**Button:** Chicago post-1903 to Kittiewan 2018: Yet another “treasure” from the Cropper collection!

It’s time to turn the page and wish all of ASV’s members a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year—**and to alert all of you that LAB WORK FOR WAYNE’S WORLD WILL CONTINUE IN EARLY 2019.** Watch for future announcements of lab days on Saturdays—we’ll look forward to seeing you then! ☀

## ***CHESAPEAKE BAY JOURNAL REPORTS ON VIRGINIA COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGY***

Check out the November 19, 2018 issue of the Chesapeake Bay Journal for an article on how archaeologists in Virginia and Maryland are dealing with climate change and shoreline erosion – “Gone With the Waves: Storms, Rising Waters Threaten Pieces of the Past. Archaeologists Scramble to Recover, Study Artifacts Before They Wash Away From Chesapeake Shorelines.” The article can be found at:

[https://www.bayjournal.com/article/gone\\_with\\_the\\_waves\\_storms\\_rising\\_waters\\_threaten\\_pieces\\_of\\_past?](https://www.bayjournal.com/article/gone_with_the_waves_storms_rising_waters_threaten_pieces_of_past?)



## ***ASV ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Submitted by Carole Nash***

Thank you for making this year's Annual Meeting a great success. The attendance is one way to measure this: ~175 registrations. The program is another: 62 presentations that kept concurrent sessions going almost all weekend (thank you, Dave Brown and Stephanie Jacobe, our program chairs). There are other numbers that we'll see when we meet in January: we're pretty sure we made a little money, overall, when the expenses are compared to the revenue. Also, book room sales were up over 2017 sales (thank you, Cindy Schroer, Nancy Rubin, and Bruce Baker). The venue was perfect, and we were very fortunate to have had Hayden Mathews and Mike Kehoe leading this effort. The Northern Shenandoah Valley and Banshee Reeks Chapters were welcoming hosts. Field trips on Saturday were well-attended, and many of our members had the opportunity to see Clermont for the first time (thank you, Bob Stieg). Put all these elements together and you have a sense of what we accomplished at this important event.

However, the above accounting doesn't begin to capture the magic of this meeting:

- \* The celebration of the breadth of Virginia archaeology, with papers from all corners of the state, and on topics ranging from early prehistory to 20th century communities;
- \* Students presenting papers for the first time, supported by our Sponsorship program;
- \* New members attending their first meeting and old friendships reinforced;
- \* The attendance and presentation by Chief Anne Richardson, Rappahannock Tribe;
- \* The attendance and participation of Julie Langan, Director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources;
- \* The continued annual ASV-COVA connection with the Education Session (great presentations); and
- \* A fantastic banquet presentation on the Alexandria 'ships' by Eleanor Breen.

We have much to be grateful for, and I thank each of you for supporting and promoting our organization. Carole ☀



**Julie Langan, State Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, receives the ASV President's Award from Dr. Carole Nash.**



**Dr. John Broadwater receives the ASV President's Award from Dr. Carole Nash.**



**Out-of-State Professional Archeologist of the Year, Dr. Julia King, with Patrick O'Neill, Awards Committee Chair.**



**Virginia Professional Archaeologist of the Year, Rich Guercin, with Patrick O'Neill, Awards Committee Chair.**



**Virginia Avocational Archaeologist of the Year, Cindy Schroer, with Patrick O'Neill, Awards Committee Chair.**



**Chief Anne Richardson, Rappahannock Tribe, receives the Council of Virginia Archaeologists' Michael Hoffman Award from Dr Eleanor Breen, COVA President.**



**Roger Byrun, Eyreville owner, receives the Council of Virginia Archaeologists' Virginia Sherman Award from Dr. Eleanor Breen, COVA President.**



**ASV Best Student Paper Awards: Sierra Rourke, UNC-Chapel Hill, Williams Award Winner, with Dr. Stephanie Jacobe, Education Committee Chair.**





**ASV Best Student Paper Awards: Emily Parrow and Rebecca Lair, Liberty University, Best Poster, with Stephanie Jacobs, Education Committee Chair.**



**Certification Graduate, Yvonne French, with Dr. Carole Nash, Certification Committee Co-Chair.**



**Certification Graduate, Nancy Rubin, with Dr. Carole Nash,**



### ***OUTDOOR EXPLORATION DAY AT KIPTOPEKE STATE PARK, 29 SEPTEMBER 2018 – Submitted by Dee DeRoche***

DHR and the ASV joined forces to present archaeology to the public at this day-long event, providing opportunities to grind corn and twist cordage. Vintage Archaeology Month posters were distributed, naturally. Mike Makin is pictured (right) describing Virginia Indian culture to one family using artifacts and replicas. Mark Shields and Dee DeRoche also enjoyed interacting with many of the estimated 1,200 attending the event. ☀





## ***EYREVILLE (44NH0507) BRICK FOUNDATION EXCAVATIONS – Submitted by Michael Clem and Michael Barber***

In the spring of 2017 DHR archaeologists and ASV volunteers began working at Eyreville in Northampton County on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Work was concentrated at the time around the area of a hole created when a tree stump was removed. In that hole the landowner found ceramics, pipe bowls and stems, coins, and other artifacts indicating an early colonial home, including a number of yellow “Dutch” bricks. It appeared that a feature revealed by the hole was an early 17<sup>th</sup> century cellar. The artifacts from within dated to the second and third quarter of that century while those at the surface appear to be no earlier than mid-century.

Also at the time we began random probing using a tile probe in areas where brick fragments had been found. This probing led to the discovery some 100 feet north of the tree hole of an intact red brick foundation. We first utilized the probe to identify the corners by following the probe “hits” until they ended and by doing so were able to find the four corners of the structure. We then opened a small 2.5-foot unit at each corner. We returned in the fall of 2017 and again in the spring and fall of 2018. We placed a grid over the foundation area and divided it into 5-foot squares. Each of these was taken down to a level that exposed the foundation, the exterior subsoil, and what turned out to be a rubble-filled cellar.



**Four corners of the probable 1682 foundation.**

As excavations were underway one of the members of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the ASV, Jenean Hall, was conducting extensive research related to the property. Her findings were amazingly detailed. The courthouse records in Northampton extend back to the 1620s and are relatively complete. What she was able to discover was that the first owner of the property settled there around 1636. After two short years he passed away and a second owner acquired the property. He also died within two years but his family held the property until it was sold to William Kendall. Kendall had come to the colony as an indentured servant but, by a strong intellect, hard work, and possibly some good fortune, he became a wealthy merchant and purchased the property in 1657. Kendall’s descendants held the property and lived there until 1799 when it was sold to the Eyre family.



**The uncovered foundation. Bulkhead is where the buckets are. The cellar floor is visible in the center.**

What we were able to learn about the property from the records is that the first owner built a house there in about 1636. That house was likely a “Virginia” house. Meaning it was probably a post-in-ground structure built as a temporary home that would provide shelter

while the owner worked the land and made his fortune. By the time of Kendall’s purchase of



the property that house would have likely been in poor condition and not fit for a man of his wealth. We suspect, although we have no documentation, that Kendall replaced it in short order following his purchase. This suspicion is that the cellar found at the tree hole may be the earliest structure, which appears to have been backfilled about the time Kendall purchased the property. We have no documentation of the mid-century house on the property but we do have a document from the court records indicating that Kendall built a house in 1682, four years before his death.

We believe the brick foundation we uncovered may be the 1682 house. The backfill over it has yielded artifacts dating to the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> and start of the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. This would have been about the time the Eyres built a new house and likely demolished the Kendall house. The Eyre house is still standing some 150 feet to the east of the foundation.

One clue as to the possibility of a mid-17<sup>th</sup> century house is an inventory of Kendall's property following his death. The inventory, for various reasons, was not made until about 13 years after his death. It refers to a kitchen, a store house, an

**Cellar floor.**

“old house”, and a “new house”. It seems reasonable that the “new” house was the 1682 house. The “old” house, we believe, is not likely to be the 1636 house. It would have been 63 years old by the time of the inventory and given the conditions at the site it seems that a post-in-ground structure would not have survived that long. The inventory gives a good description of the house interior as well and what is described appears to be more substantial than a simple “starter” home. Both houses were quite full, with an extensive amount of furniture, cloth, weapons, paintings, and other items that indicate not only a great deal of wealth but also trade goods and merchandise.

We opened up the entirety of the brick foundation as well as a bulkhead cellar entrance in the southwest corner and a test hole in the center of the structure. The foundation was originally 16 feet by 24 feet and was oriented with a good view out Cherrystone Creek to the Bay. The north end of the foundation has an 8 foot addition that we believe, based on court documents, was built about 1723. The north addition was further divided into two parts. The east portion of the addition has a small root cellar some 2 feet deep. It yielded a variety of artifacts including multiple wine bottles. The west part of the addition sat on bare subsoil. A small brick dividing wall separated the two halves. The bulkhead entrance is in



**Bulkhead entrance showing stone floor and yellow brick base of the foundation.**



generally good condition although the steps have not all survived. Its brick side walls extend down to the cellar floor. An interesting feature here is that the red brick foundation sits on a base course of yellow brick. The test hole we placed in the center of the structure was excavated through about 3-feet of brick and mortar rubble. At the bottom we came down on a floor made of large, 3-foot square, stone tiles that are laid in a solid bed of mortar. This floor extends across the entire floor of the cellar and is visible at the bulkhead entrance. Also evident is a well finished cellar wall that was plastered and whitewashed.

In summary, we have so far found at least two possible houses at Eyreville. One from the earliest occupation there and one from the later part of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We have also found other portions of structures in the vicinity of both of these initial features but have not examined them in detail. We have high hopes of uncovering many more features in the coming excavations and, as always, could not have come this far without the hard work of ASV volunteers. Thank you all! ☀

### ***THE ASV SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT AT YEAR'S END: 2018 – Submitted by David Rotenizer***

The year ending has been one of increased activity and growth for social media. Our core platform remains the Facebook page. Any volunteers eager to help us expand our range of social media outlets? The current ASV Facebook page is more of a general focus with respect to archaeology news and content. We need to someone heed a calling to help us establish and launch a Facebook group page focused on strictly ASV membership matters.

If you step back and look at 2018 archaeological news and current events around the world, one common topic that really broke the waves and took sail was nautical archaeology. Either buried or submerged, matters of a nautical nature garnered considerable interest.

With October being Virginia Archaeology Month, the ASV Facebook page took the challenge to actively post *The 31 Days of Virginia Archaeology*. The objective was to target and spotlight anything and everything Virginia archaeology. If you followed us during this time, you'd agree Virginia has a robust and dynamic archaeological community with cool things happening.

One highlight during the month was a travel blog post by the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the state tourism agency. Many may not realize it, but archaeology in many instances is a segment of the heritage tourism sector. There are a substantial number of archaeological field programs, historic sites and museums which rely upon visitors to pay admission fees and donations to help with operational costs. Besides, this is a fantastic means to engage, educate and inspire the public about archaeology. The blog post is but a sampling of the archaeological opportunities in Virginia that mesh well in the tourism industry.

<https://blog.virginia.org/2018/10/archaeology-month-in-virginia/>

#### **By the Numbers:**

ASV Facebook Page launched 13 August 2012.

From February until the beginning of December 2018, the number of Page Likes increased from 2,984 to 3,814 = 830 (27.2% increase).

The number of Page Followers, during the same period increased from 2,942 to 3,794 = 852 gain (29% increase).

# Generational Cohort Distribution of Likes to Page during 2018

Age Range	Dec	May	Feb
13-17	0.1575%	0.162%	0.184%
18-24	5%	5%	5%
25-34	19%	19%	19%
34-44	20%	20%	20%
45-54	23%	22%	22%
55-64	19%	20%	20%
64+	13%	12%	12%

## **Social Media Engagement by Chapters:**

Number of Chapters with Facebook presence has increased; at present we have six chapters:

Banshee Reeks Chapter; COL Howard MacCord Chapter; Eastern Shore Chapter; Maritime Heritage Chapter; Middle Peninsula Chapter; Roanoke Area Chapter.

## **Reminder:**

Please continue to Like, Share, and Comment on the ASV Facebook: [\*@Virginia.ASV\*](#)

## ***CHAPTER UPDATES***

### ***Historic Triangle Chapter – Submission and Photos by Randolph Turner***

The recently revived Historic Triangle Chapter met twice this fall, with attendance nearing 20 persons for both meetings. In September our guest speaker was Thane Harpole, with the Fairfield Foundation, who talked on “Writing a New History: Public Archaeology at New Quarter Park, York County.” As part of his presentation, Harpole encouraged chapter members to participate in future archaeological investigations at New Quarter Park. In October Nick Lucchetti, with the James River Institute for Archaeology and the First Colony Foundation, was our guest speaker, providing a presentation on “In Search of Sir Walter Raleigh’s Lost Colonists” which gave chapter members an excellent summary of recent archaeological investigations in North Carolina at Roanoke Island and Site X to the west. Chapter officers also met in December to begin planning for upcoming chapter meetings and activities in 2019. ☀



Thane Harpole addressing the Historic Triangle Chapter.



Nick Lucchetti at Roanoke Island.



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

Emily Swain, a Maryland-based archaeologist, gave a presentation to members of the Nansemond Chapter at their September meeting in Chesapeake. Swain, who works for STANTEC, talked about the history of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and artifacts found during Phase III Archaeological Investigations of the Power House Site on St. Elizabeth Campus in Washington, D.C.



**Emily Swain.**



**Amanda Wells.**

At the October meeting, Amanda Wells, Curatorial Assistant for the Virginia Beach

History Museums, give a presentation on "Witch Bottles: Countermagical Devices in Early America." According to Wells, during the 17th century in England, 200 Witch Bottles were documented. In the New World, Wells stated, that eight have been discovered. One is on display at the Virginia Beach History Museum. Though they have almost faded into obscurity, Witch Bottles were, at one time, the leading folk magic devices to handle a vengeful witch or enemy.

"October was Archaeology Month in Virginia". Two members of the Archeological Society of Virginia's Nansemond Chapter, Bert Wendell, Jr. and Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown, III, gave a presentation to members of the King's

Grant Presbyterian Church's "Guys and Gals" Adult Fellowship on October 17, 2018 in Virginia Beach. Wendell spoke on "Virginia Indians and Their Stone Tool Technology" and Chief Brown gave an informative talk on the ethno-history of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton Co., VA. The overall theme of the presentations were to show how archaeology brings the past to life. Hosting the event was Lorraine Jordana and John Morison.



**Lorraine Jordana, Chief Walt Brown, Bert Wendell, and John Morison.**

During the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe's Corn Harvest Pow Wow which was held November 2-4, 2018 in Courtland. The Nansemond Chapter conducted artifact identification, displayed artifacts recovered from southeastern Virginia and provided information about the ASV. On November 2nd, 600 plus students from Southampton County schools were told about the life ways of the Cheroenhaka people, the Iroquoian language, the making of stone tools, and given a tour of Cattashowrock Town, a reconstructed palisaded village. The ASV Nansemond Chapter Booth was manned by Teresa Preston, Wayne Edwards, Bert Wendell, Jr. and they were assisted by Dan Holman. ☀



Wayne Edwards (center), president of the Nansemond Chapter, explains to visitors the use of stone tools by Native Peoples as Dan Holman (right) looks on.



Teresa Preston (left), a Nansemond Chapter member, instructs students from Southampton County Schools about the life ways of Native Peoples during the "School Day" activities.

### ***FROM THE ASV ARCHIVES: NEW DOCUMENTATION ON THE HIGGINBOTHAM BURIAL CAVE IN TAZEWELL COUNTY – Submitted by Randolph Turner***

Back in 1978-79 I was fortunate to serve as a regional archaeologist for southwestern Virginia with the former Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (now the Virginia Department of Historic Resources). Stationed at Emory and Henry College in Washington County I was both amazed at the archaeological significance of the region and saddened by how much of this rich heritage had been vandalized and looted over the decades before my arrival.

This was particularly the case for Native American Late Woodland burials, resulting in a serious data bias that likely could never be fully countered through future archaeological field investigations. That prompted me to write in 1981 in the proceedings of the first Upland Archaeology in the East Conference that if we were ever to more fully understand Native American Late Woodland lifeways in the area around Washington and adjacent counties, we needed better documentation on the prior vandalism and looting that had occurred.

Since 2011 I have been involved in making the remarkable ASV research library at Kittiewan more accessible to members by conducting a comprehensive inventory of the more than 10,000 items that comprise the library. With that now somewhat under control, I've shifted efforts to setting up an actual archives for the ASV documenting not merely paper records but also memorabilia, photographs, and videos associated with the history of the ASV since its founding in 1940 and related activities over the nearly 80 years since then.

Last year the ASV archives received an important donation from the family of Dr. C. G. Holland consisting of ASV-related correspondence by and to him in the late 1940s, early 1950s, and early 1960s. These materials supplement other items already on file in the archives of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and Smithsonian Institution. When reviewing the recently donated correspondence that the ASV received, I was surprised to notice materials that I never before had seen related to the Late Woodland Higginbotham burial cave (44TZ0005) in Tazewell County and adjacent to the well-known Crab Orchard site. Included were correspondence to Holland from Jeff Higginbotham, then owner of the cave, a drawing and description of deposits in the cave, and two previously unpublished photographs of a pipe that was from the cave.

Before these items surfaced, all we knew about this severely looted cave came from a few paragraphs in an article by Joseph R. Caldwell published in a 1951 issue of the ASV's Quarterly Bulletin, one paragraph in Holland's 1970 *An Archaeological Survey of Southwest Virginia*, and one 1940s photograph of the cave

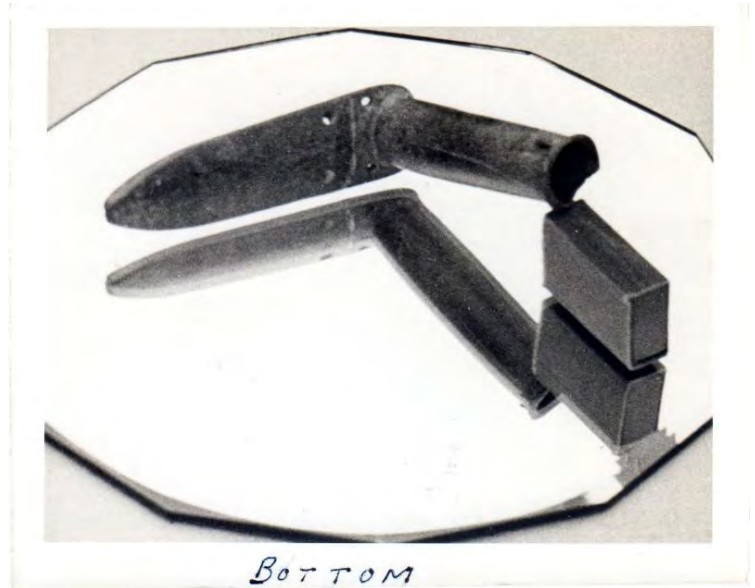


being “explored” that appeared in *First People: The Early Indians of Virginia* by Keith Egloff and Deborah Woodward. While by themselves, the Holland materials result in only a small addition to our knowledge of looted burial caves in southwest Virginia, knowledge is cumulative with hopefully more discoveries like this to occur in the future.

These recent additions to the ASV archives are a graphic reminder of the importance of donations. They easily could have been lost had the Holland family decided to toss them in the trash after Dr. Holland’s death instead of contacting us years later and offering them to our archives. Regardless of how minor you may feel they might be, if you have items related to the history and activities of the ASV, please consider donating them to the ASV and its archives. ☀



Drawing of deposits in Higginbotham burial cave by Jeff Higginbotham. This illustration was included in a May 1, 1950 letter from Jeff Higginbotham to Dr. C. G. Holland in which he provided additional information on the cave.



Ca. 1950 photograph of a Native American pipe from the Higginbotham burial cave. The pipe is on a mirror with the end of the bowl elevated by a box of matches. A drawing of this pipe appeared in a 1951 issue of the ASV’s Quarterly Bulletin (vol. 5, no. 3). This is the first time an actual photograph of the pipe has been published.

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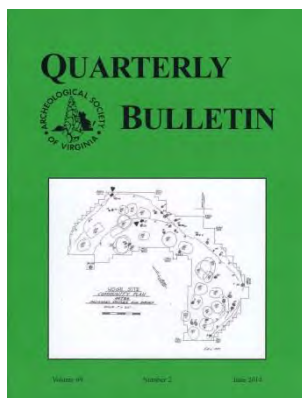
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