

# THE ASV

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

#### ESTABLISHED 1940

#### SEPTEMBER 2022 • NUMBER 246

THE MISSION OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA IS TO PROMOTE THE ARCHEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY OF VIRGINIA AND ADJACENT REGIONS.

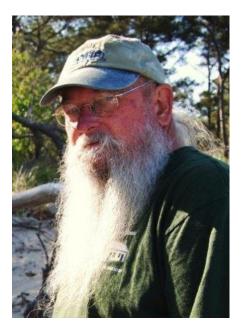


ASV Headquarters at Kittiewan 12106 Weyanoke Rd. Charles City County, VA 23030

#### IN THIS ISSUE:

#### PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – MIKE BARBER

This spring and summer, the ASV has moved forward on many fronts. As those in the Certification Program know, many new opportunities have opened up. Fairfield Foundation staff members have welcomed cert students with their work at King William Courthouse; Germanna Archaeology has offered both field and lab opportunities, and Monticello Archaeology has offered certification days for three weeks. In addition, Mountain Valley Archaeology offered a two-day workshop in June focusing on processing artifacts recovered from the ASV-owned Morris Pottery Kiln and DHR offered a weeklong lab opportunity in Richmond. Thanks to all who made these opportunities available. As reported by Carole Nash and Bruce Baker, Co-Directors of the



program, there are currently 138 individuals enrolled with 27 new students this year alone. Thanks to the work of these two ASV members, the Virginia Certification Program has a national reputation and has been used as a proto-type in several other states.

The Virginia Archaeological Resource Center (VARC) has received the Board's approval to move forward on turning the 20<sup>th</sup> century barn at Kittiewan into a functioning lab and resource center. The rehabilitation of the building will cost in the range of \$90,000 which will be provided from existing funds. Much of the monies will come from the Sandra Speiden Fund which was originally given to support university student education. In contacting Mr. William Speiden concerning the overwhelming success of the grants, he approved the additional goal of creating the VARC. So impressed with the aid to archaeological education, Bill made an additional and very generous donation to the effort. The new lab will be named 'The Sandra and William Speiden Archaeological Laboratory.' The current effort to find funding and implement the new VARC initiative came from Carl Fischer, but we need not forget and how eloquently Mike Madden put it at the July Board Meeting, we need to remember that it was Joey Moldenhauer who originated the idea those many years ago and he deserves credit for keeping the concept alive. Sincere thanks to both.

On Sunday, July 25, the day after the July Board Meeting, a smaller group continued ASV work on the Strategic Plan. Moderated by Tom Karow, the group discussed what remained to be done on the plan. Previous work on the SP had isolated mission, goals, and divided the plan into four sections: Education and Outreach, Research, Preservation, and Collaboration. While a few items needed to be updated, the overall effort focused on timelines for completing tasks. These were isolated to Immediate, Short-Term and Long-Term. After a healthy and productive three hours of discussion, the SP has come to fruition with only minor details to be completed. Thanks to all who contributed over the last 2.5 years to make this happen.

After a two year hiatus due to Covid 19, the Annual ASV Meeting is back on-track for an in-person event. It will be held from Thursday, October 20 to Sunday, October 23, 2022, at the Fort Magruder Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia. Both the Call for Papers and the Call for Student Papers is out. If you are currently doing research in Virginia, please consider making a presentation. Also, Chapter Presidents will be given the opportunity to highlight their recent activities. Our Banquet Speaker will be Mr. Nick Luccketti, Principal Archaeologist of James River Institute for Archaeology, who will be speaking about recent developments in the search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island, the first attempt to place a permanent English settlement in the New World. Details and registration information for the annual meeting can be found on the ASV webpage (https://virginiaarcheology.org). I look forward to seeing all of you there.

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST – Elizabeth Moore

For the past month, DHR staff has been preparing the agency's Strategic Plan for the next two years. In the last newsletter, I gave you an overview of some of DHR's many programs. I know, I know, this isn't as exciting as a field report with photos of neat artifacts and cleanly excavated features, but I realized after several conversations that many people don't realize the scope of our programs and what the staff does from day to day. This month I'm going to focus on just one aspect of what we do, outreach and education. To put that effort in context, I'm going to quote from our Strategic Plan:



#### DHR's MISSION

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) encourages and supports the stewardship and use of Virginia's significant architectural, archaeological, and historic resources as valuable assets for the economic, educational, social, and cultural benefit of citizens and communities.

#### DHR's VISION

We envision a future for Virginia where historic places are recognized and managed as valuable and irreplaceable economic, cultural, and educational assets for the benefit of individual property owners and for the communities in which we live, play, and work--and where people recycle buildings as routinely as they recycle cans and glass. We also envision the Department of Historic Resources as a nationally recognized historic preservation and customer service agency that provides the tools and the leadership to inspire and assist property owners, community members, developers, local governments and public agencies to ensure that Virginia's historic buildings, districts, sites and other historic

properties are appropriately considered in public and private decision-making, effectively preserved and used for the benefit of our communities today and for many generations to come.

DHR's VALUESTransparencyIntegrityCustomer serviceinclusiveness

An important takeaway from those statements is that DHR is a service agency; we do what we do to help others align with our focus on stewardship and preservation. One aspect of this work is providing information to a wide range of audiences. From professional conferences to K-12 programs, we provide information about a variety of topics in ways that are relevant to and written for specific audiences. Like the ASV, we feel strongly that education is critical in helping people learn how important proper site excavation and stewardship is to understanding and preserving history. The Division of State Archaeology staff, the folks that many of you interact with on a regular basis, provide programs, lectures, lessons, workshops, and more as a regular part of their job. Some staff do more of these programs than others; this is partly driven by what else is going on in the division and partly driven by external schedules like academic calendars. For example, Brendan Burke has been giving a lot of presentations about the underwater archaeology program, partly because it is a new program and raising awareness of it across the Commonwealth will help make it more effective.

Here are some of the outreach efforts by DSA staff over the past few months and coming up soon. This is not a complete list, just some of the highlights. I hope to see you soon as we continue our outreach and education offerings:

<u>ASV Lab Week:</u> Held in the first week of August at DHR, the ASV lab week was, by all measures, a resounding success. It was fully booked and all available seats were taken every day. There were lectures that met certification needs and there was lab work with both Precontact and Historic period collections. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success:

Sean Tennant, V-CRISLaura Galke, Historic CeramicsKate Ridgway, MetalsCarole Nash, Native CeramicsMike Barber, LithicsEric Larsen, GlassElizabeth Moore, Zooarchaeology and Archeobotany lecture and lab<br/>work

Leslie Straub and Laura Galke, oversaw and coordinated lab work



Dr. Carole Nash and Loretta Tillan examining lithics.





Dr. Erik Larsen explaining some fine points about glass.

Sorting lithic types from the Pritchard collection.

Recent and Upcoming Presentations by DSA staff:

- Virginia State Fair: In addition to the DHR booth that provides information on our programs, staff will be providing the following programs to K-12 students:
  - Brendan Burke, Interrogating the Darkness: *Finding Shipwrecks with Sound and Magnetometry*
  - Laura Galke, Discover Archaeology
  - Elizabeth Moore, Foodways in the Past
- Brendan Burke, Presentation to DHR board, Annual Report from Virginia's Underwater Archaeology Program
- Brendan Burke, guest lecture JMU/Dennis Blanton's Historical Archaeology class, *Finding Your Past Underwater; How Maritime Archaeology Works and Why it Matters*
- Brendan Burke, upcoming ASV conference paper, Underway and Making Way: Results from the First Year of DHR's Renewed Underwater Archaeology Program
- Brendan Burke, ASV-Maritime Heritage Chapter/Nautical Archaeology Society, *Wreck Recording Class at Osborne's Landing*
- Brendan Burke, Hampton Roads Naval Museum, Virginia's Submerged Heritage: The State of Underwater Archaeology in the Commonwealth
- Brendan Burke, Estuarium, *Historic Boatbuilding Traditions and Commercial Shrimp Fishing in the Southern Atlantic Seaboard*
- Brendan Burke, Shipwrecks in the Intertidal Zone Conference, Hamburg *The Nansemond Ghost Fleet:* Intertidal Sites as Occasional Museums and Stewards of Community Histories
- Laura Galke, VMHC Teachers' Institute, *The Value of Archaeology to Understanding the Commonwealth's History, Focusing on Indigenous Virginia*
- Laura Galke, The Shepherd's Center of Virginia, Who's the Bomb? George's Mom
- Laura Galke, James Madison University, Dennis Blanton undergraduate class lecture, *Wig Hair Curlers* at Washington's Childhood home in Fredericksburg
- Kate Ridgway, DSA and Conservation Lab tour (Osher Institute)
- Kate Ridgway, Cornerstone Contributions (Arizona State University)
- Kate Ridgway, Cemetery Symbology, Laws, and Preservation with Joanna Green (Osher)
- Kate Ridgway, Cemetery Preservation guest lecture with Joanna (UMW)
- Kate Ridgway, Introduction to Archaeology guest lecture (JMU)
- Kate Ridgway, DSA and Conservation Lab tour (Osher)
- Elizabeth Moore, Scrabble School marker dedication remarks
- Elizabeth Moore, ASV Col. Howard MacCord chapter, *The Kingsmill/Skiffes Creek Conservation and Curation Project*
- Tom Klatka, Old Southwest Inc., Totero Nation 17th-19th Centuries
- Laura Galke, Fredericksburg Architectural Review Board Community Meeting, *Bray Schools and Black Scholarship in Virginia*
- Mike Clem, Hanover County Relic Collectors Club, *Excavations at Eyreville and How our Methodology Allows for Site interpretation*
- Mike Clem, ASV Col. Howard MacCord chapter, Excavations at Westover Plantation
- Mike Clem, Virginia Teachers Institute, Virginia Prehistory for Educators
- Mike Clem, Garden Week at Westover Plantation, *Public archaeology and site interpretation tours for the public*
- Mike Clem, Williamsburg Antique Collectors Guild, Eyreville Excavations and Research
- Mike Clem, Pritchard family and St. Mary's College students, *Excavations at Locust Grove Site in Middlesex County*
- Tom Klatka, ASV Northern Virginia chapter, A Native American Legacy: Domesticated Crops in North America and Virginia
- Tom Klatka, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonel William Preston Chapter, 19th Century German Mortuary Art

- Brendan Burke, Virginia Canal & Navigation Society, DHR's Underwater Archaeology Program
- Brendan Burke, Friends of the Appomattox River, Recent Fieldwork in Virginia's Waterways
- Brendan Burke, Prince Edward County/Farmville Historical Society, *Virginia's Underwater Archaeology and the Appomattox River*
- Brendan Burke, DHR/Botetourt County, Norvel LaFollette Ray Lee marker dedication
- Brendan Burke, SHA Conference, A Flood of Data: Site Resiliency in and Along Virginia's Rivers
- Elizabeth Moore, Preservation Academy Workshop 2 Understanding National and State Historic Registers
- Elizabeth Moore, ASV Northern Virginia Chapter, DHR Programs and Initiatives, an Overview 🔅

#### THE KITTIEWAN BRIEF – Martha Williams

The major heat wave that Virginia has been experiencing this summer has slowed everyone and everything down a lot at Kittiewan, but things have not stopped entirely. For one, we resumed our monthly Open Houses in June, and attendance has been pretty good (given the continuing COVID pandemic--on top of the heat). We averaged between 15 and 20 visitors for June and July, with the August count standing at 18. Kittiewan also hosted at least one meeting of the newly-formed VARC committee, and we all are awaiting decisions from that group on a long-talked-about and clear division of responsibility for maintaining and expanding programs on the property in the future.





Shingles for the Kittiewan Manor House.

One initiative that has already begun is the conversion of the twentieth century barn to serve as an archaeological lab and museum. Upgrades to the Manor House also have continued, one of the most important being that the exterior of the structure has now received a new coat of paint. The photo included with this issue shows just how attractive the Manor House looks now. The Alaskan cedar shingles to replace those now on the roof have been delivered; that work is scheduled to begin the week after Labor Day. Discussions are also proceeding on a schedule for work to replace the decking on the south (front) porch.

September looks to be an especially busy month at Kittiewan. There's another Open House on September 10. The ASV's

certification students can look forward to participating in the archaeological survey that will happen during the entire week of September 12. Members of the Kittiewan Committee worked with Randy Turner to begin laying out a basic grid for the survey; Mike Barber will direct the actual field work and Carole Nash will supervise the laboratory work.

The last weekend in September will be a particularly important one for the ASV and Kittiewan. After many years, Westover Episcopal Church has once again included Kittiewan on the list of properties participating in their annual Heritage Tour. (Hopefully) there'll be a new exhibit to show them. This exhibit will focus on tobacco, and will use tobacco-related items from Bill Cropper's extensive collections. Lots of interesting stuff there, including spittoons, cigar and snuff containers, tobacco plug cutters, papers and a device for rolling one's own cigarettes, and even a "hand" of real tobacco!

There's lots to be done to prepare for this event, and any volunteer help (either in readying the property or in staffing the event itself) would be more than appreciated! Tasks needing to be done prior to the event include everything from weeding the beds around the Manor House to tackling the overgrown Rickman Cemetery. On the event day itself, we could use folks to direct parking, greet visitors in the Visitors' Center, and handle tours of the Manor House. If you can lend a hand, contact us at <u>asv.Kittiewan@gmail.com</u> or call us at (804) 829-2272 (leave a message).

We'll let you know how everything went in our next Kittiewan Brief! 🌣

#### THE ASV ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Reserve the dates October 21- 23 for our upcoming annual meeting. We hope to meet in person this year at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg. *The cutoff date for banquet tickets is September 22, while the deadline for the ASV room rate at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center is September 29.* Our featured banquet speaker, Nicholas Lucketti (First Colony Foundation), will present "50 miles into the Main': The Search for Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colonists". Nick, a longtime friend of the ASV, has led research on the Lost Colony for many years, and we are very pleased that he will share the latest with us. For more details on registration and accommodations check out the ASV website at <a href="https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/">https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/ 🌣</a>



## **PROPOSED ASV BY-LAW CHANGES FOR OCTOBER 2022 ANNUAL MEETING** - Submitted by Stepanie Jacobe

Please note that all text changes are italicized and underlined.

#### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

- 4. Duties of the Officers:
  - a. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the collection and distribution of all Society funds and shall maintain records of receipts and distributions of all such funds. The Assistant Treasurer will serve as backup for the Treasurer and may also serve as the Treasurer for Kittiewan.
    - i. The Treasurer shall keep records of all real and personal property owned by the Society and shall administer any investments, endowments, or trusts of the Society as directed by the Board of Directors.
    - ii. Bond for the Treasurer <u>and Assistant Treasurer</u> shall be required and the cost of such bond shall be paid by the Society from the Operating Fund.
    - iii. Chapters of the Society that choose to maintain a treasury through the imposition of dues or through other fund raising methods must account for these funds to the Treasurer of the Society by February 1 as part of the finances of the Society. Such Chapter funds must be disbursed in accordance with the purposes of the Society as defined by these Bylaws.
    - iv. The Treasurer shall each year prepare a budget <u>for the ASV</u> of anticipated income and expense for the following year's operations and shall submit the budget to the Board of Directors for approval and to the membership for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Society. <u>If the Assistant Treasurer serves as the Treasurer for Kittiewan, he or she will also prepare a budget of anticipated income and expense for the following year's operations and shall submit the budget to the Kittiewan Committee and to the Board of Directors. Otherwise the Kittiewan Budget will also be prepared by the Treasurer.</u>
- 5. The President and Vice-President shall serve no more than two successive terms. The Treasurer, *Assistant Treasurer*, and Secretary may serve unlimited terms until a successor is elected.

#### ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 The responsibility for directing the activities of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors that consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, <u>Assistant Treasurer</u>, the immediate past President, the six elected Directors, the chairs of the Standing Committees and the President of each Chapter of the Society or his or her designee as defined in these bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XIII: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

#### **Present Text**

1. The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or a Standing Committee of ASV may participate in a meeting and vote by means of a teleconference other communications equipment that permits all

persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

2. If it is not possible or practical to hold an in-person meeting of the Membership of the Society, a vote may be taken electronically and/or by mail. A notice of such a vote and its contents shall be sent to the Membership at lease thirty days in advance of the vote.

#### **Proposed Text**

- 1. <u>All meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, any committee or subcommittee of</u> <u>ASV or it's Chapters can be held by means of a teleconference or through the means of other forms of</u> <u>electronic communication that permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the</u> <u>same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.</u>
- 2. <u>To allow for the participation of all members, voting by the general membership may take place</u> <u>electronically for all elections and bylaws changes. A notice of such a vote and its contents including</u> <u>candidate biographies shall be sent to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the vote.</u> <u>Results of all votes and elections will be announced during the Annual Meeting.</u>

#### ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

#### **Present Text**

1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the general membership present at the meeting.

#### New Text

 These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the general membership present at the meeting <u>or by electronic voting by a 2/3 vote of those who submit</u> <u>a vote</u>.

#### ASV NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 ELECTIONS – Submitted by Lisa Jordan

The following names and biographies are presented for inclusion in the 2022 election at the ASV annual meeting. Each nominee has agreed to run for the offices listed. Members of the Nominating Committee are Lisa Jordan, Chair, Cindy Schroer, Dave Rotenizer, and Paul Kadel.

President - Patrick O'Neill

Patrick O'Neill has been a member of the ASV for almost 24 years. In professional life, he is an archaeologist and historian, and Adjunct Professor at NOVA. Within the Northern Virginia Chapter of the ASV, he is Chapter President and former editor of the Datum Point. Within the State ASV, he is currently Vice-President and Membership Secretary, Awards Chairperson, and serves on several others committees. He is past ASV President (2009-2010), served on the Kittiewan Committee for 13 years, and scanned the past issues of Quarterly Bulletins for the ASV.

#### Vice President - Kevin McCurley

Kevin McCurley is a resolute member of the ASV and is currently serving on the ASV Board, approaching the end of a 2-year run. He is also the current president of the Colonel Howard MacCord Chapter of the ASV, as well as the acting chairman of the Kittiewan Committee. He has been involved in avocational archaeology since the early 1980s, with a running start in the field beginning with urban salvage archaeology and work at St. Mary's City. His recent work has included a 5-year stint as a volunteer at Historic Jamestowne, with roles that included working as a museum docent, archaeology tour guide, and serving as a volunteer archaeologist (working primarily on the First Africans/Angela Project). While at Historic Jamestowne, he was also employed as a part time Education Specialist with Preservation Virginia, working with school groups and students during summer programs. He has done archaeological work over the past several years throughout the region with such groups as the Fairfield Foundation,

VDHR, The Lost Towns Project, and the non-profit "Raising Voices Charles City" (teaching archaeology to students from local Native American and Descendent communities. He is a Certification Program graduate, and some of his specific interests include 17th century Virginia history, ethnobotany, "lost" cemeteries and historic ceramics.

#### Secretary - Stephanie Jacobe

Stephanie Jacobe has served as the ASV Secretary since 2007. She is an avocational archaeologist and spent twelve years working as an Architectural Historian for various CRM firms. Presently she works as an Archivist in the DC area. Stephanie holds a PhD in History from American University in Washington D.C., and a MA in Architectural History from VCU. She worked at the Virginia Historical Society between 2000 and 2005 and the National Trust for Historic Preservation from 2005 to 2006.

#### Treasurer - Lisa Vaughn Jordan

Lisa Vaughan Jordan currently serves as a Professor of History and Political Science at Southside Virginia Community College. Lisa is a certified local government official and archaeological technician, having complete the certification program through ASV. She holds a BA and MA in history and a MT in education from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). In 2018, she earned her Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy through Walden University and a Nonprofit Management Certificate from Duke University. She has served as the Treasurer since elections in 2020.

#### Assistant Treasurer - Carl Fischer

Carl Fischer has been ASV Treasurer for over 10 years, and has served as the Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer for Kittiewan since the 2020 elections. He has served for many years as the Chair of the ASV Administrative Committee. He is a Certification Program Graduate and a member of the Historic Triangle Chapter of the ASV. He also has been a member of the Kittiewan Committee for over 10 years.

#### **Board Members**

*Bruce Baker* is a Life Member of the ASV and have been involved for 30 years. I served on the Board of Directors for several years. I have been President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Howard MacCord Chapter. I have worked on archaeological sites all across the state. I am a graduate of the Certification Program and have been co-chair of the Certification Committee since 2006. I have also been awarded Avocational Archaeologist of the Year. I also manage the mailing of ASV publications. I was the committee chair of the Kittiewan Committee for about five years.

*Yvonne French* came to archaeology late in life through Primitive Technology weekends at Cromwell Valley Park in Maryland. She has been a member of ASV since 2016, when she downsized her personal library only to find an unexpected number of books about early hominid species. She Googled archaeology groups, found the Northern Virginia Chapter, and currently serves as vice president. In 2020 she helped the chapter move to digital meetings, and in 2022 she helped introduce an improved sound system. She also has been instrumental in making meetings more accessible. She was certified as an archaeological technician by ASV, VDHR, and COVA in 2018. She retired in March 2022 from the Library of Congress, and currently is enrolled in a Geographic Information Systems (digital mapping) program at Northern Virginia Community College. She has won local and national mapping poster contests, the latter with classmate Patricia Murer in 2020. Yvonne has helped with excavations from the Dismal Swamp to Old Rag Mountain, doing field and lab work at Kittiewan, Eyreville, Smith Mountain Gap, Thoroughfare Gap, and Jasper Ridge (part of the Flint Run Complex), as well as in her home county of Fairfax, where she serves as the ASV liaison to Friends of Fairfax Archaeology. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 1985 with a B.A. in English.

Laura Wedin has been a member with the ASV since 2002 when she joined the ASV Certification Program. She has been a volunteer at Historic Smithfield in Blacksburg, VA since 1999 and has done extensive research about Smithfield and the Preston family including an archaeological study of the Preston Cemetery in 2003 with Dr. Cliff Boyd and several articles published in the Smithfield Review journal. A 2010 graduate of the Certification Program, she has worked at Keiser Farm site, Camp Misery in Stafford Co., Shenandoah National Park, Eastern Shore, White House (Page Co) site, Kittiewan, and volunteered at various other sites including Poplar Forest and Monticello. She was a member of the NRV and Roanoke ASV Chapters and served for five years as the ASV newsletter co-editor from 2011 to 2015. In February 2023, Laura will close out a 28-year career working with students in Alumni Relations/Advancement at her alma mater, Virginia Tech. She looks forward to spending more time with Smithfield and archaeology. Her biggest archaeological surprise was discovering that the small prehistoric hearth site 44CC404-010 with just a handful of diagnostic artifacts that she recorded at Kittiewan in 2010 as a certification requirement turned out to be a much larger, significant site when she returned to work there in 2018.

#### **CHAPTER UPDATES**



Nansemond Chapter – Submission and Photo byBert Wendell, Jr.

ASV Nansemond Chapter members toured the Great Bridge Battlefield Museum and Park in Chesapeake, VA. on June 4, 2022. In the photo (left to right) are Wayne Edwards, Mary Edwards, Donnie Sadler, Tabitha Parker, Dan Holman, Teresa Preston, Preston Cross, Jean Carmean, Bryon Carmean, Rebecca Winslow, Patsy Griffin. and Bert Wendell. Jr.

**ASV** Nansemond Chapter Members toured the Great Bridge Battlefield Museum and Waterways Park in Chesapeake, VA on June 4, 2022. The tour group was divided into two groups by Park Docents Lou Mosier and Richard Fisher. Mosier's group visited the museum while Fisher's group walked the park trails and later the groups switched. All had the opportunity to look at Revolutionary War period and Dismal Swamp displays and see the actual location where the Battle of Great Bridge took place on December 9, 1775. Both groups also had the opportunity to hear Period

Musician Bob Clark play the Hammered Dulcimer. Clark's family ancestry can be traced back to 1670 in Virginia.

According to Docent Fisher, the Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775, played a critical role in the Revolutionary War and the subsequent creation of our great nation. It was this patriot victory that forced Lord Dunmore, British Royal Governor of Virginia, and his soldiers to evacuate the hastily built Fort Murray and ultimately leave Virginia. As a direct result of this victory, four days after this crucial battle, The Virginia Convention adopted the first public declaration expressing a spirit of independence. How different our country might be, had it not been for the Battle of Great Bridge and the significant contributions of our waterways.

After the tour was completed, members enjoyed a picnic along the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal and watched an opening of the Chesapeake Bridge which allowed boats to continue their transit of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

#### Historic Triangle Chapter – Submitted by Chris McDaid

The Historic Triangle Chapter held its first post COVID meeting at the Williamsburg Regional Library on 25 May. The goal was to discuss the future direction of the chapter. The meeting was not well attended. On June the Colonial Williamsburg Department of Archaeological Research gave chapter members a tour of the CWF

lab. The tour emphasized the importance of laboratory work in the process of archaeology. Many of our chapter members do not have much experience in the practice of archaeology so stressing the importance of laboratory work is important. We are currently planning our July meeting and hope to have a site visit. The chapter has two new certification students and is working to get them mentors.

Sean Devlin, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, explains the importance of lab work to chapter members.



Volunteer Opportunity at Annual Meeting - The ASV's annual meeting will be in Williamsburg this year 21 through 23 October. We are putting the finishing touches on what will be a great event. Your participation can only make it better. If you are interested in volunteering at the meeting please contact Chris McDaid at mcdaidva@gmail.com.

#### Massanutten Chapter – Submitted by Cindy Schroer

Where did the summer go? Members have visited the Elkton pottery kilns and work sites, attributed to the Coffman family, and located by a community member with an interest in the Valley pottery industry. The most recent reports of pottery found is marked "William Rickets," an early potter (18<sup>th</sup> century). Dr. Carole Nash, presented "*The Valleys feed numerous herds of Deer and Elks larger then Oxen*": The Pre-colonial

Interior-Coastal Deerskin Trade. We assisted at the Lambert Town Road Cemetery, Rockingham Co, Va; Cadaver dogs survey with MCASV member and Search and Rescue trainer, Kathleen Connor. This is an African American cemetery associated with Briery Branch families; it was followed by GPS mapping with JMU students; and then the start of a Ground penetrating radar survey (which should be finished in the fall). Dr. Scott Suter gave a talk on his ancestor, Emanuel Suter, whose pottery business flourished in the Central Valley in the late 19th/early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The chapter helped with the ASV Certification lab school, "The Shenandoah Valley Pottery Tradition", held by Dr. Carole Nash at Mountain Valley Archeology. Twenty-two students in attendance, 200 hours volunteered. Students visited the Morris Pottery Kiln and gained experience in washing and cataloguing pottery artifacts. We visited the Dutch Hollow Cemetery in Augusta County, Va., late 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century German Lutheran families; approximately 70 stones uncovered by descendant Glenn Hanger, who is researching and documenting this large, recently rediscovered, local cemetery. Visit included cadaver dog survey by Kathleen Connor and planning for mapping and ground penetrating radar survey in the fall.

Our July meeting was "Learning from Artifact Collections: Stories from Artifacts." The chapter looked at collections from the South River/Shenandoah South Fork to better understand the cultures of the First Peoples who made them. Discussion focused on identifying rock types as indicators of the origin of the artifacts, spearpoint/arrowhead styles as indicators of the age of the artifacts, and cultural connections between Valley communities of the past. The collection, owned by a chapter member, is one of the best documented for this stretch of the river. The owner is interested in having the collection inventoried and cataloged prior to donation to a repository. On July 23-24, the chapter hosted the ASV Board Meeting in Bridgewater, VA; and the

following weekend, held their Annual Chapter Picnic at Mountain Valley Archeology in Mt.



Chapter workday.

Crawford, VA. In the meantime, the chapter has initiated cataloguing of the artifacts from the Morris Pottery Kiln. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting in October.  $\updownarrow$ 

#### ASV-COVA-VDHR CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE - Submitted by Carole Nash and Bruce Baker

As of August 7, 2022, the Certification Program has 141 students enrolled and 4 applications pending. <u>This is an increase of 119 students since April and 30 students since January.</u>

In-person activities are picking up. Fairfield Foundation staff members have an on-going project involving Certification Students at King William Courthouse. Germanna Archaeology has opened both field and lab opportunities through the fall, and Monticello Archaeology is holding Certification student days for three weeks in August.

The Annual DHR Lab Week, held at DHR Headquarters in Richmond, ran from August 1-5 and was fully subscribed. Seven lectures were given over the course of the week, with lab work in the afternoons. We are very grateful to DHR Curator of Archaeology Laura Galke for working with us to organize the event and



King William Courthouse investigation. Photo courtesy of Fairfield Foundation.

speakers. The following classes were offered: Basic Laboratory Procedures (L. Galke); Metals Analysis (K. Ridgway); Intro to V-CRIS (S. Tennant); Ethnozoological/Ethnobotanical Analysis (E. Moore): Historic Ceramics Analysis (L. Galke); Historic Glass Analysis (E. Larsen); Lithic Analysis (M. Barber); Native American Ceramics (C. Nash).

Laura Galke continues to welcome Certification students in the DHR lab at Headquarters and provide rich experiences with the backlog collections.

A two-day lab opportunity held at Mountain Valley Archaeology on June 17-18 was attended by 18 students. The basic laboratory procedures and program overview classes were taught by Carole

Nash. The Morris Pottery Kiln (44RM0430) assemblage was the focus of lab work, which also included a trip to the kiln site.

A six-day field school at Kittiewan will be held from September 12-17, with a two-day lab school running on September 17 and 18. The fieldwork is being undertaken in advance of a timber sale near the headwaters of Mapsico Creek, while the labwork will focus on artifacts excavated from the Waynes World Site (44CC0404-10), a Middle and Late Woodland midden along Kittiewan Creek.

At least one course will be given at the Annual Meeting.

Two students have confirmed program completion for 2022, and several others are close to finishing. We look forward to the graduation ceremony at the Annual Meeting.

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Submitted by Diane Schug- O'Neill

The Library of Congress is looking for volunteers for transcribing documents as part of a program entitled "By the People. If you are interested, check out the following link: By the People Welcome Guide (loc.gov)  $\diamondsuit$ 

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 ASV ANNUAL MEETING! Deadline for banquet tickets is September 22, and the deadline for the ASV room rate at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center is September 29. For more details on registration and accommodations check out the ASV website at https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/



#### ASV OFFICERS AND SUPPORT

PRESIDENT

Mike Barber

archaeova@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Patrick O'Neill

patrickloneill@verizon.net

SECRETARY

Stephanie Jacobe

aureus@usa.net

TREASURER

Lisa Jordan

lisa.jordan@southside.edu

QUARTERLY BULLETIN EDITOR

Thane Harpole

thane@fairfieldfoundation.org

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Randolph Turner

erturner48@cox.net

WEBMASTER

Terri Aigner

aignerad@cox.net

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Carole Nash

nashcl@jmu.edu

Bruce Baker

bakerbw@tds.net

ASV WEBSITE

www.virginiaarcheology.org

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 21-23

ASV Annual Meeting, Williamsburg.

Check out the ASV website at:

https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/



ASV QUARTERLY BULLETIN AVAILABLE DIGITALLY – The ASV's Quarterly Bulletin is now available digitally. If you would prefer to receive it as a PDF instead of a paper copy, contact Patrick O'Neill at <u>patrickloneill@verizon.net</u>. This follows the ASV's newsletter which has been offered digitally for several years now.



Find us on Facebook! Virginia.ASV

#### SAVE THE ASV MONEY AND GET YOUR QUARTERLY BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY!

For every Newsletter and Quarterly Bulletin you receive though email, you save the ASV \$7.99 in printing and mailing costs. Over the course of a year, that adds up to \$31.96 that can go directly toward ASV programming. Go green and fill the ASV coffers with green!

Check our website when renewing your dues if you would like to go digital.

The ASV recently established an account with AmazonSmile through which Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. The purchases must be made through smile.amazon.com with Archeological Society of Virginia chosen as the applicable charity.



Archeological Society of Virginia 12106 Weyanoke Road Charles City County, VA 23030 Non-Profit Org. U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** Richmond, VA Permit #1630

### IN THIS ISSUE:



- President's Report
- State Archaeologist's Desk
- From ASV HQ Kittiewan
- Annual Meeting
- Chapter Updates
- Certification Update



virginiaarcheology.org