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PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – MIKE BARBER

We are coming into the time of the year where field work gives way to artifact processing, cataloguing, analyzing, and report writing. To me, this is the culmination of the archaeological process, the dissemination of data to peers, archaeological enthusiasts, descendent communities, fellow ASV members, and the general public. To describe an artifact, an artifact assemblage, an overall site's contents, and/or extinct regional trend is the ultimate respect of the past. We obviously need more of that. And the answer, in large part, rests with the ASV's participation in the process from the warm weather field work season to the winter's lab work. This leads to the final report writing and dissemination of that data. One is always told the tale of the mystery of discovery in the field where an amazing artifact is uncovered. To me, that pales in contrast where a previously unknown pattern of artifacts paint a new picture of a culture through lab analysis. As more professionals recognize the good work of the ASV, more labs will be available for the processing work.



Another trend which I would like to see is the publishing of more avocational articles in the *Quarterly Bulletin*. In talking to ASV members at the annual meeting in October, at Kittiewan over the summer and fall, or just in chance meetings at DHR, it has become apparent to me that a lot of research done and knowledge has been accumulated which would lend itself to article writing. ASV members have a tremendous amount of information on the past of the Commonwealth which would benefit all if presented in written form. This is a perfect opportunity for Certification Program Graduates where the tools are there, it's just the encouragement and perhaps some professional mentoring which are needed. The Certification Committee is working on this.

On a personal note, this will be my last writing of the President's Journal as Patrick O'Neill will be taking over as of January 1, 2023. It has been an honor to service through some, as per the Chinese saying, interesting times. We have been confronted with many challenges and proven what a dedicated and resilient

organization the ASV has become. As proof of this our membership is up and our activities increasing. We survived the pandemic and had the largest in-person annual meeting in recent history. Archaeology is alive and well within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Michael B. Barber, Ph.D., RPA

Soon to be Recent-Past President, ASV ☀

FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST – Elizabeth Moore

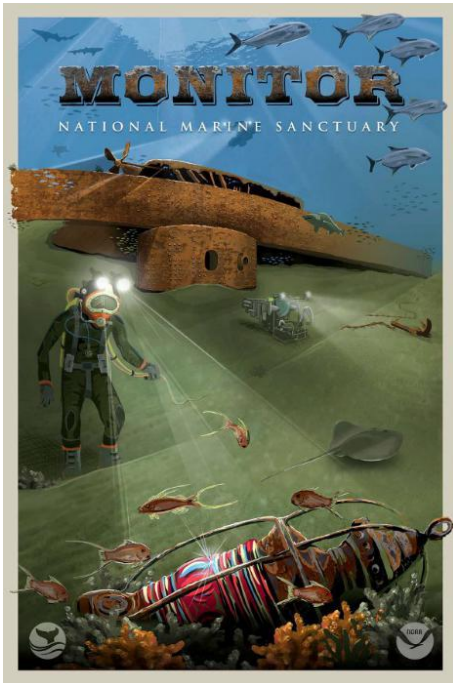
An Anniversary Year – 50 Years of National Marine Sanctuaries

If someone had told me three years ago when I accepted the position of State Archaeologist that I would have spent last night watching video of Special Forces members conducting a service project surveying grasses in the Potomac River near Widewater State Park; learning of unique ecosystems that grow in submerged ship environments; listening to an overview of an exciting new Indigenous History course at the University of Maryland at College Park that is being taught by members of the Piscataway Conoy tribe and how that teaching model is being tested for introduction elsewhere; and having a discussion with an oysterman about this year's harvest (it's a boom year for oysters) and the growth of oyster leases I would have been skeptical. But that is exactly what I was doing as I represented the Commonwealth of Virginia at the winter meeting of the Strategic Advisory Committee for the Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary (NMS).



Mallows Bay-Potomac River was designated a national marine sanctuary on September 3, 2019. The following month, DHR was invited to participate in the newly established Strategic Advisory Council for the sanctuary. Virginia has two members on the committee; our primary member is Paul Anderson, Park Manager at Widewater State Park - located directly across the Potomac from Mallows Bay. My role as the Virginia alternate to the committee is to be an advocate for the maritime cultural landscape and the archaeological resources of the area, including those that represent the long indigenous presence in the Potomac. Most of the members of the committee are from the local communities – local government representatives, tribal members, parks and recreation staff, watermen, youth advisors, educators, and sanctuary visitors. For two years our meetings have been virtual; last night was our first opportunity to meet in-person. The energy in the room was high and everyone left with many ideas on how we can collaborate to educate the public about the sanctuary and the ecology, history, and archaeology of the area.

Signed in 1972, the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act established the marine sanctuary program. Located in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the program now hosts a network of 15 sanctuaries and two marine national monuments with four more sanctuaries currently in the designation process. Virginians are fortunate to have two of these sanctuaries within easy access. The Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was the first national marine sanctuary in the United States, designated in 1975. While the underwater sanctuary itself, located off the North Carolina coast, is not accessible except by qualified technical divers, there is a visitor's center for the Monitor at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News. In the windows of the Batten Conservation Lab at the museum, you can see artifacts that were recovered from the USS *Monitor* being treated and stabilized by a team of conservators. DHR and the Mariners' Museum have



Credit: NOAA.gov.

been partners for years on many programs that involve the study and stewardship of Virginia's maritime resources. DHR has regularly provided management for National Park Service Maritime Heritage Grants awarded to the Mariner's Museum as they improve infrastructure, expand interpretive programming, and care for their collections.

Virginia's first State Underwater Archaeologist, Dr. John Broadwater, is a former Superintendent of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary and was critical to the recovery of portions of the hull and its contents. John's 2012 book, "*USS Monitor: A Historic Ship Completes Its Final Voyage*," is a must read for those interested in the history of ironclads, maritime archaeology, and the establishment of the sanctuary. John is currently completing a book on underwater archaeology for ASV publication, watch for it in the coming year.

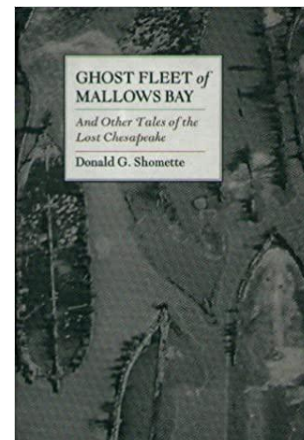
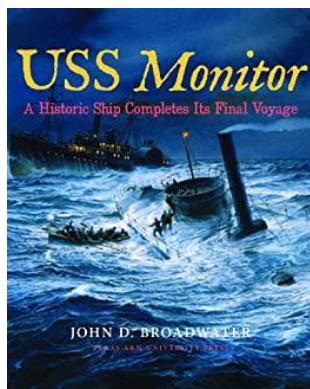
Unlike the submerged site of the *USS Monitor*, the Malloys Bay submerged collection is physically accessible to many. The sanctuary contains the remnants of more than 100 World War I-era wooden steamships. There are walking trails with interpretive signage, kayak rentals, and a 360-video available online for those who cannot visit in

person. When I have visited the sanctuary, I have seen many people kayaking and exploring the ships, fishing, birdwatching, and picnicking as they learn about this unique resource. Trails are wide and flat and there is a boat ramp and a soft launch for kayaks or canoes for those with mobility issues. You can also access the sanctuary by launching at Widewater State Park on the Virginia side of the river. I recommend Don Shomette's book, *Ghost Fleet of Malloys Bay and Other Tales of the Lost Chesapeake* if you want to learn more. It can be ordered at any independent bookstore. Please support your locally owned small bookstores, they are struggling.



Credit: Matt McIntosh/NOAA, <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/malloys-potomac/visit/water.html>.

Virginia has a long and fascinating maritime history. The National Marine Sanctuary program is just one way that that history is being preserved, interpreted, and made accessible to the public. Celebrate this 50th anniversary year of the program and visit a sanctuary near you. ☀





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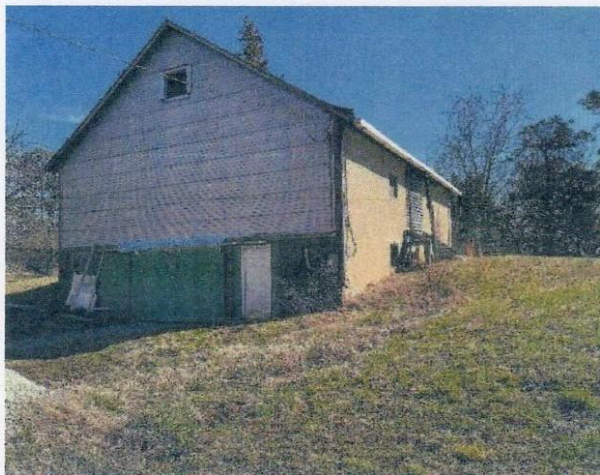
Dear ASV Member:

Exciting changes are happening at Historic Kittiewan, the ASV's home. Over the years, the ASV has been able to accomplish many things due to donations from members and friends. Recently, our Manor House has been repainted, the porches have been repaired, and a new shake roof has been installed. These improvements were possible through the Cindy Dausen bequest.

Previous donations to the Virginia Archeological Resource Center-VARC allowed us to pay expenses associated with acquiring Kittiewan and the establishment of the ASV Library. The recently established VARC Committee is moving forward with many wonderful improvements. There will be a new handicapped ramp and bathroom at the Visitor's Center. The first floor of the existing barn (1,600 square feet) will be renovated to provide a handicapped accessible Archeological Laboratory and Educational Center. This center will be named the Sandra and Bill Speiden Laboratory in recognition of their generous contributions towards this effort.

At the present time, \$80,000 has been budgeted for the VARC Committee's initial improvements. We are hoping to raise an additional \$20,000 to fully complete the project and to provide for operating expenses for the laboratory. It is our hope that you will donate funds to furnish the laboratory, provide new windows, make it handicapped accessible, and fund operating costs.

Donations can be made out to the ASV and mailed to the
Archeological Society of Virginia
c/o Carl Fischer
1685 Sweet Hall Road
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Michael B. Barber
ASV President

Yes! I would like to donate to the VARC project at Kittiewan.

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THE KITTIEWAN BRIEF – Martha Williams

September and October turned out to be very busy months for the Kittiewan Committee. Of course, the site was open for the usual “second Saturday of the month” Open House, but the real “kicker” occurred on September 24th, the day of the 2022 fall “Heritage Tour” sponsored by Westover Episcopal Church. Committee members spent several days in advance making sure that the property looked presentable and offered some new insights—Kevin McCurley and Nancy Rubin installed new landscape signs to replace the old, weathered ones, while yours truly concocted a new exhibit that focused on the role that tobacco played in Virginia over the years, using items from Cropper’s vast Museum of Americana collection.



Nearly 200 people came that day to visit Kittiewan, a site that had not been listed as a tour participant for several years. Among them were some old friends, most notably Dr. Ted Reinhart and his wife (ASV members will remember that Reinhart authored several books about archaeology he’d done in Charles City). Visitors were treated to informational talks about the landscape around the Manor House and the various rooms inside. And we had lots of help. Patrick O’Neill gave talks inside the house, while several Westover volunteers directed visitors to the proper parking areas and controlled the flow of people through the house; we certainly could not have done it without them! Many visitors commented positively on the “undressed” state of the Manor House’s interior.

Two weeks before the Heritage Tour, ASV President Mike Barber, Mike Clem (VDHR), and Chris McDaid (DOD/Fort Eustis) led a group of certification students in a week-long survey of parts of Kittiewan that will be timber-harvested in the near future. Shovel-testing was the order of the week, using a transect system that had been established in advance by KC committee members. It appears that at least one historic site, temporarily designated as the "Tomb-House," was identified during this survey. Washing and temporary inventory of the artifact assemblage has begun; so far, we've noted a generalized mixture of prehistoric and historic artifacts from various shovel tests across the survey area.

The second Saturday in October also proved to be a day of intense activity at Kittiewan. Thanks to Carl Fischer's efforts, a three-person crew from K & R Construction Company in Richmond completed extending the concrete walkway in front of Kittiewan's Visitor Center. This was in preparation for a Disabled Visitors' ramp which was installed about a week later.



At the same time, a group from Virginia Recovery Canines--consisting of Nally and Addie (the canines) and their handlers (Amy, Trish, and Angie)--examined several areas around the property where human remains might have been interred. Watching those dogs was a real eye-opener; canine recovery dogs, we learned, work only in 15 minute "shifts," to keep their attention and skills sharp. While Nally and Addie identified no potential burial areas immediately around the Manor House, they did "zero in" on at least three other possible cemeteries, including an area where Civil War casualties may have been buried in unmarked graves. Virginia

Recovery Canines plans to return to Kittiewan sometime in the future.

And there's more to come!--the Manor House got a new roof last month; work continues on converting the 20th century barn into an archaeological lab and museum; an Open House on October 15 (replacing the one originally scheduled for Oct. 8); a work day tentatively scheduled on November 5; and our last 2022 Open House on November 12 (after which the site closed for the winter).



A minuscule group of VARC and Kittiewan Committee members staffs ALL of these events on a volunteer basis. Won't you join us? ☀

REPORT ON THE 2022 ASV ANNUAL MEETING – Chris McDaid, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, With All Photos Courtesy of Terri Aigner at AignerGraphics.com

This year's ASV annual meeting was held from 21 to 23 October at the Fort Magruder Inn in Williamsburg, the same venue used for the meeting in 2019. One hundred and forty-nine people pre-registered for the meeting and approximately thirty additional individuals registered on site. Thirty six papers were scheduled, five posters displayed and five chapters reported on their activities.

At the banquet two students, Laura Anderson and Lauren Smith, graduated from the Certification Program. The Council of Virginia Archaeologists presented The Michael A. Hoffman Award to Cultural Heritage Partners and the Virginia Sherman Award to Lenora McQueen. The McCary Award for the best student research paper in Prehistoric Archaeology went to Matt Borden of the College of William and Mary (Winner of the 2022 Sandra Speiden Scholarship) for his paper "Radiocarbon Chronology in the Late Woodland Potomac River Valley." The Virginia Museum of Natural History Award for the best collections-based student research paper winner was Emma Coffey of University of Lynchburg for "Material Memory of the Enslaved: Looking at Material Culture of the Enslaved at Historic Sandusky." The Williams Award for the best student research paper in Historical Archaeology was awarded to Haley Sabolcik of the University of Lynchburg for "Ceramics as Wealth in 19th-Century Central Virginia."

The MacCord lecture was "*50 Miles into the Main*" – *The Search for Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colonists* by Nicholas M. Luccetti, M.A., RPA, Principal Archaeologist & Partner for the James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc.

The Annual Meeting Committee is currently working to determine the location of the 2023 meeting. If your chapter is interested in hosting please let me know. ☀



Certification graduates Lauren Smith (and daughter) and Laura Anderson (and grandson) with Certification Committee Co-chairs Bruce Baker and Carole Nash.



Banquet speaker Nick Luccetti.

MORE ON ASV ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS - Patrick O'Neill, With All Photos Courtesy of Terri Aigner at AignerGraphics.com

Besides those noted above, several additional awards were presented by the ASV during the banquet ceremonies. Four awards were presented from the ASV President Mike Barber. An award from the President

was given to each of Kevin McCurley, Carl Fischer, and Dr. Carole Nash, for their excellent service and support of the ASV in 2022. An Award from the President was also given to the entire Executive Board for their excellent service in support of the ASV in 2022.



Executive Board Members present at the banquet, l-r: Carl Fischer, Kevin McCurley, Carole Nash, Stephanie Jacobs, Patrick O'Neill, Mike Barber, and Chris McDaid.

ASV Professional Archeologist of the Year 2022
Nicholas M. Luccketti

The ASV Professional Archeologist of the Year 2022 Award went to Nicholas Luccketti, M.A. Mr. Luccketti is a specialist in early colonial archaeology in the Chesapeake area. He was the lead archaeologist at Colonial Williamsburg as well as the Jamestown Rediscovery team. He is also President of the James River Institute for Archaeology, and Vice President of Research with the First Colony Foundation. Luccketti was also the speaker at the Banquet at the ASV Annual Meeting Banquet this year!



ASV Avocational Archeologist of the Year 2022
Janice Biller



The ASV Avocational Archeologist of the Year 2022 Award went to Janice Biller, from the Massanutten Chapter. Janice Biller, a founding member of the Massanutten Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia (and officer many times over), has had a life-long interest in archaeology. Growing up in rural Rockingham County, Virginia, Janice was highly aware of archaeological sites in her area and the people who collected artifacts from them. In the mid-1970s, she became a member of the now-defunct Central Shenandoah Valley Chapter, and when it was clear that this group would not survive, she helped organize the Massanutten Chapter in 1979. Her mother, Goldie, was also a founding member of the chapter. Since that time, Janice, a Life

Member of the ASV, has brought two more generations of Billers to the organization, with grandson Matthew also a lifetime member. A current elected ASV Board member who has served several terms through the years, Janice embodies the strong commitment at the local and state level that is crucial to the health of our organization.

Her knowledge of archaeological sites of all kinds in the North Fork of the Shenandoah River Valley led to her working with archaeologists from James Madison University, where the Virginia Archaeological Research Center (now VDHR) established a Regional Preservation Office. Through Janice's connections and work, the RPO archaeologists documented over 100 sites. When the 1985 Flood hit the area, Janice was the first to monitor the impacted sites. She was instrumental in bringing the ASV to the Morris Pottery Kiln, for which she has spent countless hours in the field and lab. Recognizing her field acumen and laboratory skills, JMU Archaeology hired Janice as a crew member, and she would go on to work for John Milner Associates and Thunderbird Archaeological Associates.

After three knee replacement surgeries, Janice decided to focus on laboratory work, where she excels at waterscreen sorting and research on small finds. Pre-COVID, she traveled to Kansas to work with collections from the Etzana excavations. She is recognized as highly knowledgeable about buttons, creating a large study collection and giving presentations on this artifact type. Ever curious, she is currently studying gastroliths from turkeys to determine their presence in heavy fractions as an indicator of wild turkey consumption at archaeological sites that have no preserved faunal remains.

Janice brings new members to the Massanutten Chapter and the ASV almost every year – some from her extended family and some from her community. On a regular basis, folks from her area call on her to learn about something they've found, creating a very long list of sites to be documented. While working with them, she talks about the ASV—the organization she loves and wants everyone to join. ☀

CHAPTER UPDATES

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

The Nansemond Chapter held a "Community Outreach Program" in conjunction with the 30th Annual



The Nansemond Chapter members manning the history booth (l to r) were Wayne Edwards, Teresa Preston, Linda Broome, Bill Broome and Bert Wendell, Jr. Also assisting, but absent from the photo were friends of the ASV, Dan Hohman and Woody Wendell.

Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Corn Harvest Pow Wow and School Day on November 4, 2022 at Cattashowrock Town in Courtland. 600 plus students and teachers from Greenville County surrounding area elementary schools and home schooled students were divided into groups. Each group was given a guided tour of Cattashowrock Town, a 17th Century Replica Palisade Iroquoian Village, and the opportunity to visit the ASV History Booth where legally obtained Indian artifacts were on display. Each group was provided with information about Virginia's Native Peoples during the prehistoric

and historic periods. They were shown how projectile points, knives, axes, drills and other tools were made from local and imported lithic (stone) materials. They were made aware of



Teresa Preston talks to Greenville County students and teachers.

how pottery was made from local clay and tempered with various materials such as pieces of shell, sand and other materials. They were told about how tree bark baskets were made and how the furs of animals were used by Native Peoples. Also available on the display tables were ASV posters, membership forms, books, teaching aids and hand-outs on Kittiewan Plantation, headquarters of the ASV, in Charles City County.

Patrick O'Neill, President-elect of the ASV, spoke to members of the Nansemond Chapter



on November 15, 2022 in Chesapeake. The topic of his presentation was "Palafitte (Pile Dwelling) at Lago di Ledro and Fiave in Trento, Italy". O'Neill



A modern recreation of what a prehistoric Palafitte (Pile Dwelling) might look like.

and his wife Diane Shug-O'Neill, professional and avocational archaeologist, toured these sites in 2007 and 2010. They compiled a large amount of information and photographs that was the basis for his presentation. According to O'Neill, it was told to him that these pile dwellings were built over water as a defensive measure. He further stated that archaeological excavations and detailed research of these two sites, along with that of 109 other sites in and around the Alps Mountains,

encompass the remains of prehistoric pile dwelling settlements built around 5000 to 500 B.C. on the edges of lakes, rivers, or wetlands. UNESCO (World Heritage Convention) has so far

listed 937 of these pile dwelling sites in six countries around the Alpine and sub-alpine regions of Europe. With a vast amount of these pile dwellings being built over water, researchers are using dendrochronology to date the water logged wooden architectural elements of the prehistoric settlements. Under-water archaeology has yielded artifacts that includes flint tools, shells, gold, amber, pottery, metal pots, dugout canoes, wooden wheels, and much more. O'Neill summed up his presentation by saying that research over decades has provided insight into the domestic lives and settlements of some thirty different cultural groups in these Alpine areas that allowed the pile dwellings to flourish. ☀

Northern Virginia Chapter – Submission and Photo by Diane Shug O'Neill

Northern Virginia Chapter had its end of year celebration and elections at a local restaurant. Good fun and good eats. Officers 2023 were elected and a few pieces of business were also settled. NVC will be donating \$200 to VARC. ☀



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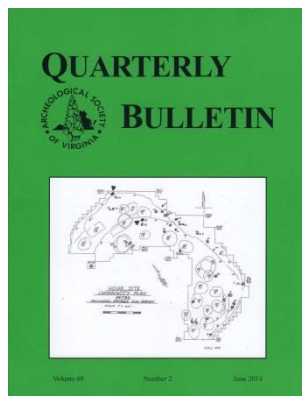
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January 28

ASV Board Meeting, Charlottesville.

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