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## *PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – PATRICK O'NEILL*



The summer is fast upon us! I hope you have found some projects to get involved with! The ASV 2025 Annual Meeting is going to be held in Staunton, Virginia, and you will see more about that in this Newsletter as well as on the website and in emails. Plan to come, as it is always an enriching experience to share stories about Historic Preservation across Virginia.

The next ASV Board Meeting is on July 26, 2025, at Bridgewater, Virginia. The Board will be discussing many items, including budget cuts for historic preservation on a Federal and State level, and the possible forming a Publications Standing Committee.

Please send nominees for ASV Awards, as you have received an email from me with a form. The ASV Awards are a great way to show that professional or avocational archaeologist just how much they mean to the ASV! ☀

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

### ***Thunderbird, TAG, and the Pleistocene History of the Americas***

Virginia archaeology has been celebrating many anniversaries recently including the 2024 50th anniversary of COVA and the 2025 85th anniversary of the ASV. Both organizations have made significant contributions to Virginia archaeology, whether through research, the excavation of important (and often threatened) sites, training, professionalization, public outreach, education, or publication.

In another important anniversary, fifty years ago the Thunderbird Archeological District was listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register; two years later it became a National Historic Landmark. This district contains stratified archaeological remains at three sites – the Thunderbird Site, the Fifty Site, and Fifty Bog – providing a cultural record from ca. 11,500 B.P. to 8,500 B.P. Thunderbird was one of a handful of the first sites widely accepted as providing evidence of very early Indigenous occupation of North America.

The Thunderbird Site became the focus of research by Dr. William Gardner at Catholic University when members of the Northern Shenandoah Chapter of the ASV showed him their collections from the area in 1971. The National Geographic Society and the National Science Foundation provided early support for research at the Thunderbird and Fifty Sites. In 1974, the Thunderbird Museum and Archeological Park was established, a private research institution to provide support for the ongoing research and a venue for public education. Research in the Thunderbird vicinity continues today under the direction of Mike Johnson and a dedicated group of ASV members and volunteers.

I was thinking about Thunderbird and the then revolutionary idea that people have been in North America for as much as 11,000 years last month at the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG) 2025 Conference held at William & Mary. TAG was founded in the UK in 1979 to foster debate and discussion of issues in theoretical archaeology. TAG-North America meets annually in the U.S. and Canada and 2025 was the first meeting in Virginia. The theme for the conference was “Gather, Listen, Engage” and the organizers (mainly students with faculty leadership) provided just those activities.

TAG is not a typical conference with 20-minute papers and an occasional panel of academic experts. Instead, it encourages creative participation that provides space for debate, questions, and challenging widely accepted ideas and approaches to the past. Most of the sessions in May included a diverse array of voices and perspectives. Virginia was well represented with a session on ethical clientage in Virginia archaeology; archaeologists and Tribal representatives discussing the importance of Tribal engagement and consultation at all phases of archaeological research; ethical collections work; and more. You can see the final program here, tag-full-program-.pdf (<http://tag2025wm.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/tag-full-program.pdf>).

What triggered my thoughts about Thunderbird was a presentation by Dr. Paulette Steeves (Cree-Métis) on the history of Indigenous peoples in the Americas. Dr. Steeves has examined numerous sites, collections, and publications and created a database of Pleistocene age sites (First People Americas | Tipdba.ca). Her work incorporates both archaeological data and Indigenous knowledge that speak to over one hundred thousand years of North American human history. Her TAG presentation discussed how Western archaeology’s refusal to accept evidence dating earlier than 11,000 B.P. is an ongoing act of academic colonialization that refuses to accept Indigenous peoples having a deep history that would make their viewpoints and knowledge as valid as that held by Western archaeologists. It deems Indigenous knowledge “non-scientific” and therefore questionable, resulting in a loss of power for Indigenous people to define their own cultures and histories. By critically examining sites throughout North and South America, Dr. Steeves is challenging traditional Western archaeologists to think about not only how long people have been living in the Americas, but to think long and

hard about why they hold on to certain paradigms and interpretations and to be more open-minded when facing data that challenge their long-held theories.

The work at Thunderbird was groundbreaking for the time and played an important role in pushing back accepted dates for Indigenous occupation in Virginia and North America; it set the stage for sites like Cactus Hill and others that continue to push back those dates. Our challenge now is to examine where else we can push back on old ideas to create a new archaeology that examines data from many perspectives and includes more voices in telling the resulting. ☀

### ***ASV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY – Stephanie Jacobs***



ASV Board of Directors meeting at Kittiewan, May 3, 2025. Photo courtesy of Diane Shug-O'Neill.

The ASV Board of Directors met on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Kittiewan. The board has given word that the COVA-ASV-VDHR Certification Program won the Society of American Archaeology's Excellence in Public Archaeology Programming Award at the 2025 SAA Annual Meeting in Denver. Congratulations to Dr. Carole Nash and Bruce Baker who have overseen the success of the program for many years.

The board was informed that we have signed a contract with the Holiday Inn Staunton Conference Center located at 152 Fairway Lane in Staunton. The Annual meeting will be held on October 24, 25, and 26, 2025. Now that we have finalized the location, look for the Call for Paper to be posted in the near future.

At the last board meeting the board was informed about the work of the Northern Virginia Chapter regarding the former ASV President Jack Hranicky's personal collections and library. The ASV applied for and was given a Threatened Sites Grant from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to assist in the processing and analysis of the Hranicky Collection.

During the time allotted for chapter reports, the chapter presidents engaged in a discussion of chapter activities, securing speakers, etc. It was a lively discussion that several chapters participated in.

Finally, at the end of the meeting the board was given a presentation by Dr. Carole Nash about our changing relationship with the Virginia's First People's. We now have 11 State recognized and 7 federally recognized tribes. Recognition formalizes the way we need to work with them. Information about this is available on the Governor's website and the website for the Secretary of the Commonwealth. ☀

### ***HELP THE ASV! - Stephanie Jacobs***

The ASV seeks engaged members to:

#### **Shape the Future of the ASV Annual Meeting!**

Love the Annual Meeting? We need several passionate individuals to assist with planning, execution, registration, program design, and on-site support. Contact Stephanie Jacobs at aureus@usa.net to get involved.



### **Student Paper Competition Coordinator Needed!**

Support student research by coordinating judges for our annual competition. Duties include organizing submissions, coordinating judges, and awarding prizes. Contact Stephanie Jacobe at aureus@usa.net to volunteer.

### **Volunteer Coordinator: Help Grow the ASV!**

Assist in staffing committees and programs by connecting interested members with opportunities. Flexible time commitment. Contact Stephanie Jacobe at aureus@usa.net to join the Administration Committee.

### **Project Lead: Promote ASV Publications!**

Execute an existing action plan within the Outreach Committee to promote ASV books and the *Quarterly Bulletin*. Contact Kurt Fredrickson at kurt.n.fredrickson@hotmail.com for more information and help. ☀

## ***VIRGINIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGIAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM EARNS NATIONAL AWARD***

The Virginia Archaeological Technician Certification Program has earned the Society for American Archaeology's Excellence in Public Archaeology Programming Award with its 25-year commitment to formally training volunteers in archaeology. Recognized at the SAA Annual Meeting in Denver on April 25, 2025, the "Cert Program" is a partnership between the Archeological Society of Virginia, the Council of Virginia Archaeologists, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The training is a citizen science-based archaeology program that reframes archaeological practice for the public. Professional archaeologists from Virginia's universities, agencies, museums, and non-profits provide the required courses and training opportunities in laboratory and field work. The program, which operates on a statewide level, has 92 graduates and a current enrollment of 160. It has successfully increased advocacy for cultural heritage and descendant communities and makes archaeology more visible to the public. It is co-directed by Dr. Carole Nash, James Madison University, and Mr. Bruce Baker, a program graduate and retired firefighter.



**Dr. Christopher Dore, SAA President, presenting Dr. Carole Nash with SAA award honoring the Virginia Archaeological Technician Certification Program.**

[https://virginiaarcheology.org/archeological\\_tech\\_cert\\_program/](https://virginiaarcheology.org/archeological_tech_cert_program/) ☀

### ***THE PARABLE OF THE STICK – Michael B. Barber***

was innocently sitting at my office desk working on a lithic paper when there was a knock at the door. Having no reason to hide on that particular day, I opened the door to find one of my neighbors standing there with a

smile on his face and a broken stick in his hand. Knowing that I was an archaeologist, he excitedly stammered, "Look what I found," holding out the broken stick. Being of semi-sound mind, I asked, "And?"



Then the story unfolded. Apparently, he had been watching a history channel on the TV and noted some ancient artifacts. His relic, as he referred to it, was exactly the same as one on TV, only his was made of wood instead of bone. It seems that he found it on the surface of his paved driveway and he concluded that it was washed in by some rainstorm which unearthed it from the ground. The stick was linear about a foot in length and a half inch in diameter. As he put it, it was obviously a snake effigy made by some ancient race of Indians. The bark was exfoliating which was carved that way on purpose in order to depict an ancient reptilian deity molting in gaining ever more power. He said it was made by the same people who built stone effigy cairns in the forests of the Blue Ridge.

I explained that the stone piles were either natural geological features, historic field clearings, cattle camp fencing, or built for erosion control after extensive timber harvesting. Undeterred by my explanations, he indicated that he had listened to a lecture on the subject and he was convinced that some ancient tribal group, possibly Egyptians or Hittites, had carved the snake effigy. Apparently, with effigies, cultural analogues know no boundaries. Asps were well represented in Egyptian art and were worshiped. After the Egyptians colonized the New World, their Indian descendants carried out the traditions. Hence, the effigy serpent mounds in the mountains of Virginia and beyond, along with carved effigies which could be carried, were made by Indians. I once again reiterated that the mounds were not of Native American origin and that his 'relic' was just a broken stick.

I had put up with the portable art pseudo-science of water worn rocks and celestial natural geological erosional features which had nothing to do with humankind in the past but this was something completely new. All were more reasonably explained through geological, fluvial, or historic events. I asked my neighbor if the presenter was a professional archaeologist or anthropologist and his answer was no. I further asked if that was a concern and he said, "No." I then followed with questions related to potential work force needs, social organization, construction related encampments, associated artifacts, and cultural continuity with present-day Native Americans. I further asked if there was any REAL data supporting these forest serpents. To my neighbor, none of this mattered. To no avail, I again told him he just had a broken stick.

I then asked if he believed in a corpulent Santa Claus coming down the chimney on Christmas Eve (how did he get back UP the chimney?), the tooth fairy collecting dead teeth (an example of home invasion?), the Easter bunny distributing dyed eggs (does she/he own a chicken farm?), that the world is ca. 6000 years old (thank

you, Bishop Usser), and that dinosaurs and humans roamed the earth together (just a 65 million year error). He said, “Yes.”

So I guess we can add stone effigy snakes and broken sticks to the pseudo-science of Virginia along with shale pre-Paleo tools, giant carved lions, ancient celestial altars, and other fantastic (as in fantasy) and untrue fairy tales.

### ***KITTIEWAN OPEN HOUSE – Diane Shug-O’Neill***

On the May 10th Open House Day, Diane and Patrick O’Neill spent the day at Kittiewan. Diane mowed the grounds, while Patrick readied the Visitor Center and Home. We had six visitors. One couple came down from Falls Church, as he is a new member of the Northern Virginia Chapter. Bob is excited to get his hands dirty at coming projects! Another visitor, came via the request of Kittiewan Board member, Myron Rolston. She hailed from California; but was visiting her children in New Kent - LOL. Our last visitors learned about Kittiewan from another historic spot nearby; they came from Chester, VA.



Photo courtesy of Diane Shug -O’Neill.

On our way in, we enjoyed a feathered mother and her nearly grown chicks being escorted by dad - a nice Mother’s Day treat.

## ***CHAPTER UPDATES***

### ***Maritime Heritage Chapter – Bob Hayes***

The Maritime Heritage Chapter opened 2025 with a meeting at the Watermen’s Museum in Yorktown, Virginia on February 8<sup>th</sup>, with many current and new members in attendance. The following newly elected officers were introduced: Bob Hayes (President), Paul Ewell and Adam Parker (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, respectively), Lisa Jordan (Secretary) and Mary Hayes (Treasurer). Many of our members continue to actively present research findings and historical aspects of Virginia’s rich maritime history at a variety of venues to include ASV chapter meetings, archaeological conferences in Virginia, and at local venues. Of particular interest is our member Bill Waldrop’s side-scan and sector scan survey of the Pamunkey River, locating and attempting to identify many of the vessel remains and features lying along the river bottom. Over a two-year period Bill and his expert team of Josh Daniel (Seafloor Solutions LLC, MHC member and President, Institute for Maritime History) and Brian Abbott (Abbott Underwater Acoustics LLC, Haslett, Michigan), along with several dedicated MHC members identified and scanned 45 sonar targets and 54 magnetic anomalies, to include 26 shipwrecks. Financially, the survey has been supported over the two- year project period through 2024 ASV Chapter Assistance Program (CAP) funds, a DHR Threatened Sites Grant, MHC chapter funds, individual donations from MHC members, and personally by Bill. The extensive field



work was completed in the fall of 2024, and Bill recently submitted the final Threatened Sites report (a whopping 216 pages) to DHR to complete the grant requirements. The magnitude of the field, logistical, and writing efforts, as well as the commitment of personal time, equipment and money by Bill to make this extensive survey project a success cannot be over-emphasized. This work is a significant contribution to the documentation of Virginia's maritime history....FANTASTIC JOB BILL!

In addition to ASV CAP funds to support the Pamunkey River Sonar Survey, the MHC was the recipient of ASV CAP funds in 2023 to help with the development and publication of new chapter brochures and to fund annual website and ZOOM subscriptions. Being the only statewide chapter, the MHC relies heavily on ZOOM to hold critical chapter executive board and full membership meetings, as well as member research discussions (some with only days' notice) without having to find and pay for meeting venues. The chapter was recently awarded CAP funds for 2025 to support administrative chapter costs, and to also provide funds to offset travel costs for the Mid-Atlantic Logboat Registry team as they develop a log canoe compendium for Virginia.

THANK YOU ASV for your continued endorsement and support for our chapter development, growth, and research interests! The MHC invites all of those interested in Virginia's maritime history to reach out to us, check us out and join! We can be found on Facebook as: Maritime Heritage Chapter of the ASV. Our chapter membership info is on our [MHC website](#). If you are not a member but want to be on our digital mailing list so you will know of our upcoming meetings and other activities, please contact Bob Hayes at ([mhcpresident2526@gmail.com](mailto:mhcpresident2526@gmail.com)). ☀

## ***ASV ANNUAL MEETING SOON APPROACHING!***

### **2025 Annual Meeting**

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of exciting  
presentations, great  
company, delicious  
food, and the  
celebration of 85  
amazing years!**

***85 years of  
discovery.....the tradition  
continues***



October 24th, 25th, and 26th

Holiday Inn Staunton Conference  
Center

152 Fairway Lane, Staunton, VA  
24401



Please call 540-248-6020 and ask to make a reservation under the Group Name: Archeological Society of Virginia

*(Please ask for confirmation number as email confirmation may not be sent)*

Room Options:

Two Queens or One King

\$109.00 per room (room rate available until 9/24)

Breakfast not included in room price, each room comes with mini fridge and microwave

**YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL ONCE THE REGISTRATION LINK IS LIVE ON THE WEBSITE!**

## 2025 ASV AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT

By August 1, 2025, please email your completed ASV Awards ballot to Beth Gunn at [kwtreas@gmail.com](mailto:kwtreas@gmail.com) or mail your completed form to Beth Gunn, 2409 Wanstead Ct, Henrico, VA 23228.

Please supply all requested information. Add pages as needed! Awards are for individuals, not groups.

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Name of submitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
I am a member of: \_\_ASV, \_\_COVA, or \_\_Both

### I nominate the following for ASV Awards:

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AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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OUT OF STATE PROFFESIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD:  
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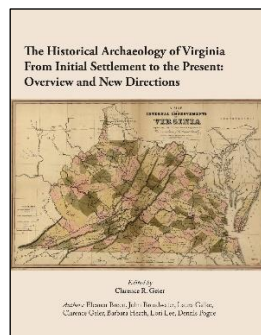
### Past Recipients of the Archeological Society of Virginia Awards

Year	Amateur	Professional	Out of State Avocational	Out of State Professional	Hall of Fame
1980	Ben McCary (Dec.)	Ivor Noel Hume	N/A	Emory Jones	N/A
1981	Floyd Painter (Dec.)	Howard MacCord	N/A	None	N/A
1982	Dale Kerby (Dec.)	Paul Hudson (Dec.)	N/A	None	N/A
1983	Horace Hood (Dec.)	C. G. Holland	N/A	None	N/A
1984	Richard Gravely (Dec.)	Leverette Gregory	N/A	None	N/A
1985	Vivianne Mitchell	William Kelso	N/A	None	Thomas Jefferson
1986	Joey Moldenhauer	Pam Cressey	N/A	John Cotter	N/A
1987	Charles S. Bartlett, Jr.	Michael B. Barber	N/A	None	N/A
1988	C. Lanier Rodgers	Carl F. Miller (Dec.)	N/A	Joseph Benthall	N/A
1989	Wm Jack Hranicky	Theodore R. Reinhart	N/A	None	N/A
1990	William A. Thompson, Jr.	Michael F. Johnson	N/A	None	David I. Bushnell
1991	Malcolm Richardson	None	N/A	None	N/A
1992	Russell E. Darden	Keith T. Egloff	N/A	None	N/A
1993	None	None	N/A	None	N/A
1994	Eleanor Parslow	Mary Ellen Hodges	N/A	Joffre L. Coe	N/A
1995	Harry A. Jaeger	L. Daniel Mouer	N/A	Paul Y. Inashima	Carl F. Miller
1996	Charles S. Herndon	Martha R. Williams	N/A	None	N/A
1997	Joyce Pearsall	Dennis J. Pogue	N/A	None	N/A
1998	Daniel E. Vogt	C. Clifford Boyd	N/A	None	N/A
1999	Dale Collins	Stephen Shephard	N/A	None	N/A
2000	Edward Bottoms	David K. Hazzard	N/A	Edward F. Heite	William H. Holmes
2001	George Ramsey	Carole Nash	N/A	Joan Walker	N/A
2002	David Rotenizer	Randolph Turner	N/A	None	N/A
2003	Albert J. Pfeffer III	Ester C. White	Peter Bonn	None	N/A
2004	Graham H. Simmerman	Lysbeth B. Acuff	None	None	N/A
2005	William Trout	Lyle Browning	None	Wayne Clark	Ben C. McCary
2006	Bruce Baker	Barbara Heath	None	Joel Hardison	N/A
2007	Shirley Jaeger	Martin Gallivan	None	Stephen Israel	N/A
2008	Steve Fox	Stephen Potter	Maxine Grabill	Martha Williams	N/A
2009	Cynthia Hansen	None	None	None	N/A
2010	Marcus Lemasters	David Brown	Belinda Urquiza	Charles Hall	COL Howard MacCord
2011	Charles Manson	Thane Harpole	None	Craig Lukesic	N/A
2012	Teresa Preston	Laura Galke	Dan Hamilton	None	N/A
2013	Stan Slivinski	Lori Lee	Kara Jorud	Edward Otter	N/A
2014	Kay Veith	Michael Madden	none	Darrin Lowery	N/A
2015	Bertrum Wendell Jr.	Elizabeth Moore	none	none	N/A
2016	Diane Schug-O'Neill	John Mullin	none	none	N/A
2017	William Bjork	Patrick O'Neill	none	Dr. Maureen Meyers	Ivor Noel Hume
2018	Cynthia Schroer	Rich Guercin	none	Dr. Julia King	N/A
2019	Bev Barker	John Broadwater	none	Jill Showell	N/A
2020	Wayne Edwards	Eleanor Breen	David Thompson	Justine McKnight	N/A

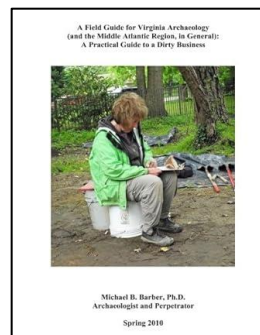
2021	Carl Fischer	Mike Clem	none	none	N/A
2022	Janice Biller	Nicholas M Luccketti	none	none	N/A
2023	William Waldrop III	Christopher Egghart	none	none	N/A
2024	H Robert Hayes	Thomas Klatka	none	none	N/A

## ***ASV SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE – Clarence R. Geier***

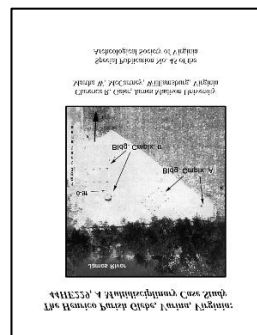
Along with the *Quarterly Bulletin* and Newsletter, the Archeological Society of Virginia supports the publication of a *special report* series. While in the past these have been published directly through the ASV, cost of such printings has become excessive. None-the-less the importance of these in-depth, focused publications for informing the public on issues and topics dealing with the Native American and European occupations of the Commonwealth remains a primary concern. To that end, new venues are being explored to provide this service to members of the ASV and the public at large in a cost-effective way. Following extensive review to ensure the quality and accuracy of content, hard copies of most reports will be made available through Amazon publications.



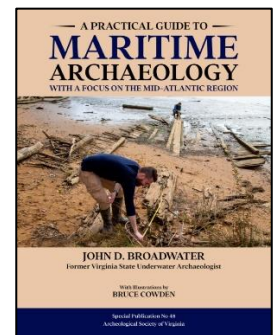
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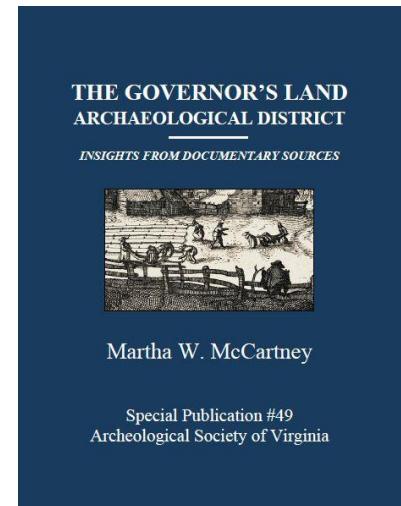
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- 1. The Historical Archaeology of Virginia from Initial Settlement to the Present: Overview and New Directions.** Clarence Geier, editor (2017). A series of articles presented by historical archaeologists with long histories of field research in Virginia review key studies that address everything from initial settlement, through the Civil War into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Topics needing more research are noted. Available in hard copy from Amazon, and as a free, digital download at Virginia Department of Historic Resources.  
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-Historical-Archaeology-of-Virginia-From-Initial-Settlement-to-the-Present.pdf>
- 2. A Field Guide for Virginia Archaeology (and the Middle Atlantic Region in General): a Practical Guide to a Dirty Business.** Dr. Michael B. Barber (Special Publication 43. 2010). This book provides guidelines and instructions on conducting archaeological fieldwork. Written with humor, the author tells not only how to do the work of archaeology but also why the work needs to be done a certain way. Includes forms that can be reproduced for your own use and a list of recommended readings. Hard copy only, available through Amazon.
- 3. The Henrico Glebe, Varina, Virginia: 44HE229, a Multidisciplinary Case Study.** Clarence R. Geier and Martha W. McCartney (Special Publication 45, 2017). Excavations carried out at the Henrico Glebe Site, a significant Colonial Period habitation on the James River located within Henrico Parish Glebe lands at Varina, opens the door to a discussion of the role of the Church of England in the Virginia Colony and the types of housing parish leaders were obliged to provide to the clergy. With evidence of two building periods dating from as early as 1680 through the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, the glebe served as the home of Rev. James Blair, the first recognized head, or Commissary, of the Church of England in Virginia, and the first president of the College of William and Mary. While developing a

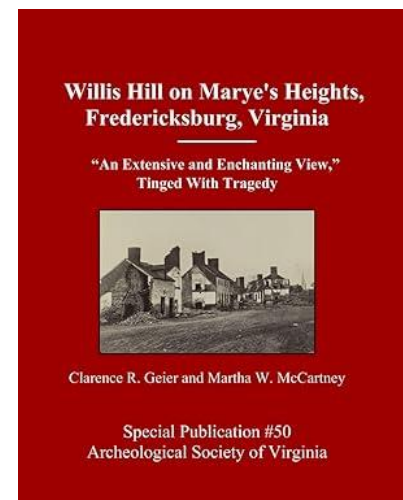
4. history of the glebe of Henrico Parish, which included the Richmond area by 1741, the town of Varina, east of the study area, is introduced. That community, though short-lived, served as Henrico County's seat and was an important early inland port. Hard copy only, available through Amazon.
5. **A Practical Guide to Maritime Archaeology: with a Focus on the Mid-Atlantic Region.** Dr. John B. Broadwater, available through Amazon. (Special Publication 48, 2023). This book introduces readers to the terminology, tools, and techniques used by maritime archaeologists in their quest for new sites that may add important details to the ever-expanding story of human interaction with the seas, bays, and tributaries of Virginia and that link almost all the people of Earth. While the book has broad application, it focuses on maritime remains within the Mid-Atlantic Region and in particular the critical role of such sites to the history of the Commonwealth. The guide is essentially a textbook on maritime and underwater archaeology for nonprofessionals. Hard copy only.
6. **The Governor's Land Archaeological District; insights From Documentary Sources.** Martha W. McCartney, available through Amazon (Special Publication #49), 130 pages, Black and White, \$12.00. The Governor's Land, a 3,000-acre tract, is situated just west of Jamestown Island, in James City County. The Virginia Company of London set the parcel aside in 1618 to provide support to the colony's incumbent governor. With reference to a 1683 map of this historic landscape, prepared by skillful surveyor, John Sloane, the reader is introduced to this historically and archaeologically important piece of property. The thoroughly researched volume draws upon the historic record and archaeological research when discussing the nature of early settlement and the political ramifications that affected how it was parceled out. There is a detailed discussions of the Governor's Land's first residents and their affiliations and occupations. This book discusses the impact of Colonial era political intrigues and developments, the succession of parcel occupations, periods of consolidation and dissolution, and ultimately the privatization of the land following the American War for Independence. Since first noted by J. C. Harrington in the 1940s the importance of the land and its archaeological contents culminated in the establishment of the Governor's Land Archaeological District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Register. Despite this recognition, this text is the first to provide comprehensive research that heightens our understanding of this important piece of historically significant land. It also contains a few surprises.



### *Just Out!*

#### **"An Extensive and Enchanting View," Tinged with Tragedy: Willis Hill on Marye's Heights, Fredericksburg, Virginia.**

Prepared by Martha W. McCartney and Clarence R. Geier (Special Publication #50) this publication builds on a multi-year historical archaeological project conducted on a 33-acre parcel of land at the south end of Marye's Heights named Willis Hill after the initial family that settled and developed the land in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. Funded by the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park, the primary goal of the project was to gather information needed to interpret the landscape as part of the Battle of Fredericksburg fought in December 1861 and to restore a key battlefield feature known as the Sunken Road. Research documented the initial exploration and settlement of the upper Rappahannock River and the establishment and development of the inland seaport of Fredericksburg. The family of Henry Willis, one of seven individuals chosen to oversee the development of the town, is introduced. Project archaeology included documenting the remains of a plantation residential complex established by Henry's son Lewis, and which was shown to have burned in 1812. Cultural features on the hill at the time of the Civil War, an 1860 era slave quarter, and a line of Confederate rifle trenches and artillery emplacements belonging to the





Washington Artillery of New Orleans, were identified and are discussed. The place held by the Willis Hill landform in the military actions of the Battle of Fredericksburg and subsequent Battle of Chancellorsville is considered; both actions contributing to severe destruction to the town of Fredericksburg which lay to its front. The

volume is heavily illustrated with historic and project related maps and photographs. Publication format to be determined. Available from Amazon; 258 pages with black and white and color images, \$24.00.

### ***Coming in 2025***

The following reports are in preparation and should be available within the next several months.

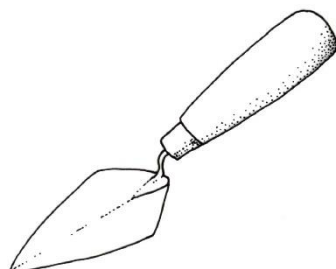
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The ASV newsletter is for its membership and thrives only with ASV members participating in providing submissions for each of its four yearly issues. As a result, we will work with all members in completing a successful submission. However, one can greatly assist the editor by following a few simple and basic guidelines which are listed below.

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A newsletter is only as good as its submissions, and we have been very fortunate to have an active membership with numerous submissions for each issue. As editor, if I can be of any help or answer any questions related to the newsletter and submissions, never hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [erturner48@cox.net](mailto:erturner48@cox.net). ☀



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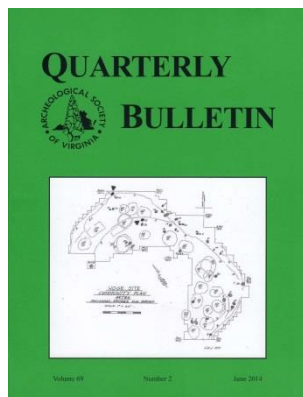
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