



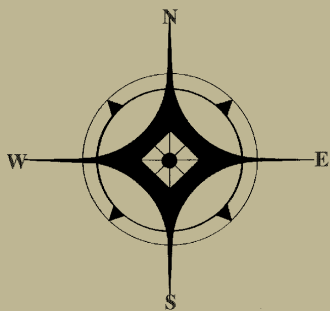
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PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL - CAROLE NASH

Dear ASV members,

As I write this in late March, SJ354, a resolution of great interest to ASV members, has made its way through the Virginia General Assembly. Sponsored by Senator Emmett Hanger and Delegate Steve Landes, SJ354 acknowledges the contributions of the ASV on its 75th Anniversary, which we are celebrating in 2015. I am fortunate enough (and greatly humbled) to begin my presidency as the Archeological Society of Virginia enters its diamond anniversary year. The text of the resolution, included in its entirety below, describes an organization with a strong vision guiding members who have an everyday commitment to the study and conservation of the Commonwealth's archaeological resources.

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Archeological Society of Virginia has raised awareness of the benefits of archeology, inspired generations of young archeologists, and encouraged individuals and communities to take an active role as stewards of the Commonwealth's historical resources; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1940, the Archeological Society of Virginia was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1963; with 600 members in 16 chapters, the society unites citizen scientists and professional archeologists; and

WHEREAS, headquartered at Kittiewan Plantation, a historic 720-acre farm in Charles City County, the Archeological Society of Virginia promotes the study of archeology and anthropology through publications, meetings, lectures, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Archeological Society of Virginia encourages the proper handling, storage, and study of artifacts and conservation of archeological sites; the society collaborates with other entities to preserve artifacts and cultural sites facing damage or destruction due to rising sea levels or other threats; and

WHEREAS, the Archeological Society of Virginia trains citizens in the proper study of and care for archeological resources through the Archeological Technician Certification Program, which has served as a model for other states; students gain valuable experience while expanding the study of prehistoric and historic sites and collections; and

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Michael B. Barber, PhD, State Archaeologist

I have been caught reading a new book by Steven Johnson entitled *How We Got to Now* (Riverhead Books, 2014). It offers an intriguing theoretical approach to history based on material culture, not particularly significant people or events (although there is considerable overlap). The gist is that certain evolutionary events, inventions, and/or discoveries have unintended consequences. Johnson terms this the “Hummingbird Effect.” This is not to be confused with “Chaos Theory” where the consequences of actions occur but cannot be traced directly to an original source. The premise of the hummingbird effect, is the development of flowering plants which need to be pollinated. They in turn trend towards brilliant coloration in order to fool insects into gathering their nectar as food which, in a symbiotic relationship, inadvertently (to the insects) spreads the pollen and fertilizes the plants to deceive yet another generation of uncritical insects. Along the way, birds are attracted to the nectar as well but required a new method of hovering flight to benefit from the plants. The unintended consequence of the development of flowering plants is the hummingbird. Another example traces the invention of the Guttenberg printing press to the practical use of glass for spectacles by a population which has now discovered that it was farsighted but also leads to the development of mirrors which lends themselves to the recognition of the self and, when lens are lined up, to the discovery of the microscope and microbes and disease control – all because of Guttenberg’s invention. You get the idea.

This all led me to think of the connection between the invention of the carved stone bowl and the development of the Powhatan Chiefdom 3500 years or so later. If applying hummingbird theory, an unintended consequence of the steatite bowl is the rise of the Powhatan to the chiefdom level of social organization. Steatite as an isolated and, hence, rare and expensive commodity, gave rise to the mimicking fired clay bowl, more easily produced and at a local level. Used in food preparation, the cooking bowl became better fired, thinner walled, and more adapted for the purpose. At the same time, a new cultigen made its appearance in the Middle Atlantic, corn or maize. At first a minor contributor to the foodways and likely ceremonial only, the rise of good cooking vessels, also gave rise to the more intensive cultivation of corn. As maize is not a crop which can be left to its own devices but needs field preparation, guarding against animal predation, harvesting, and storage, it required constant care. This was achieved through increased sedentism among the now horticulturalists. Sedentism allowed for increased population, in part, due to women’s ability to gain more body fat (and, hence, increased fecundity) as well as eliminating the necessity of carrying only one child at a time (luxuries not allowed as hunters and gatherers require extensive mobility). Population packing demanded more social organization to control the interaction of more people and more formal tribes developed. As population increased, the need for added social control coupled with the ability to produce more maize led to surplus production which could be exploited as tribute and the rise of chiefdoms with true paramount chiefs, with Powhatan being a prime example. Stone bowls to chiefdoms in just 3500 years.

Hummingbird theory is an interesting approach to cultural evolution and of interest to archaeologists with their focus on material culture. Although problems arise with its linear approach and sometimes simplistic causality, connecting the dots is always an intriguing game. ⊕



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WHEREAS, the Archeological Society of Virginia keeps its members connected through an annual statewide meeting and an award-winning quarterly journal on archeology in the Commonwealth; the society maintains strong relationships with the Department of Historic Resources and peer organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Archeological Society of Virginia on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carole Nash, president of the Archeological Society of Virginia, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the society's work to safeguard the Commonwealth's valuable historical resources.

I hope you will read each section of the resolution several times and reach the same conclusion I have: the ASV is a miracle. Almost three generations of volunteers have devoted themselves to the organization and its work, thousands of archaeological sites have been identified by our members, countless communities have been reached with our programming, and we keep at it. As we focus our work and events this year, I ask each of you to reflect on what the organization means to you and contact me with your thoughts and ideas for our future. In the meantime, involve yourselves with our 75th Anniversary activities, which will be rolled out through the year, culminating in the Annual Meeting in Manassas on October. And please spread the word about our miracle. ☺



NORTHERN SHENANDOAH CHAPTER UPDATE

Submitted by Mike Kehoe

The Northern Shenandoah Chapter is staying busy this winter working in our lab cataloguing artifacts from previous excavations.

Last year chapter members participated in several projects assisting archaeologists with surveys at the Cedar Creek Battlefield in Frederick County, the Prince William County Police Station site and Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

The Chapter generally meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7PM at 805 Fairfax St. in Stephens City. More information is available at the Chapter's website – <http://www.nsvcasv.com>.

KITTIEWAN PLANTATION BRIEF

THE KITTIEWAN BRIEF – Martha Williams

2015 promises to be a busy year at Kittiewan. Not only does it mark the Diamond Jubilee of the founding of the ASV, it also represents the tenth anniversary of the Society's acquisition of Kittiewan Plantation as the headquarters of our organization! We've come a long way, baby, in the past decade.

As the Plantation enters its second decade as ASV's headquarters, I thought it appropriate to recall those pioneers who are no longer with us, but whose foresight and dedication procured for the Society this important property. First and foremost, of course, is Bill Cropper, whose generosity made the whole enterprise possible. Howard MacCord saw the potential of the property and what it could do for the Society. Bill Thompson and Russell Darden managed our precarious finances for the first few years, when the principal topic of discussion



▲ Bruce and Kathleen Baker happily washed artifacts at the Jackson site.

at early committee meetings was how the Society could remain afloat and do justice to the hidden jewel that was Kittiewan. Cindy Dauses and Ed Bottoms kept coming back to deal with the endless boxes of postcards, photographs, letters, and other archival materials, and of course, Cindy's generous bequest will allow us to go forward with the critical work of restoring the Manor House—a task that begins in earnest this year. Those of us who volunteer and serve on the Kittiewan Committee are carrying their legacy into the future.

All of our volunteers are important—last year they contributed over 4,500 hours of effort to maintaining and publicizing Kittiewan Plantation. But we should give more than a passing nod to the chair of the Kittiewan Committee, Bruce Baker, who, with wife Kathleen, can be found nearly every Wednesday and/or Saturday attending to one task or another on the property. I am sure that neither Bruce nor Kathleen ever envisioned assuming the responsibility of managing a 700-acre farm when they first became involved with archeology and the ASV. "It was all Kathleen's fault," says Bruce. Kathleen's association with the Chesterfield Historical Society in the early 1990s led to her participation in excavations at



▲ The Society's most generous benefactor, Bill Cropper, whose beloved Kittiewan Plantation became ASV's home.

Magnolia Grange, and later at Osbourne Town on the James. Bruce “just came to visit”--and came away “hooked.” Both completed ASV’s Certification course (Bruce now is a co-chair of the Certification Committee, too), and went on to work at digs all over the state, from Mount Vernon, Poplar Forest, and Williamsburg to the Keyser and Mount Rogers sites. At Kittiewan, Kathleen ran the lab work for several excavations, while Bruce went out to play in the dirt. Then in 2010, Bruce assumed the chairmanship of the Kittiewan Committee—and has had a perpetual headache ever since! (Just kidding, right, Bruce?)

As we move forward in the new year, there will be lots of opportunities for you, our readers, to visit Kittiewan and get involved in helping to maintain YOUR property. First, there’s the small matter of a 40-acre parcel that needs to be surveyed before its timber is harvested this summer. While shovel testing is nobody’s idea of a very exciting archeological project, it is critical for the proper management of Kittiewan’s cultural resources. Currently under discussion is a Birthday Party in June, and the installation of a new exhibit in the Visitor’s Center that will focus on the ASV and its Kittiewan connection. Stay tuned—chapter presidents will have information, as will the Kittiewan and ASV web sites! And of course, you can always volunteer directly by contacting Martha Williams at mwilliamslonomo@aol.com.



▲ Cindy Dauses battles part of the endless Cropper/Kittiewan archival collection.



▲ This grainy photograph from a 2003 newsletter shows past presidents of the Society assembled in front of the Visitor’s Center as ASV’s Library officialoy opened for business. L to R: Bottom: Harry Jaeger, Joey Moldenhauer, Mike Barber, Russell Darden, Ted Reinhart, Jack Hranicky. Top: Lyle Browing, Bill Thompson, Howard McCord, Randy Owens, and Joel Hardison.

Kittiewan’s committee invites you to join in continuing the work of preserving and interpreting this special property. For more information, contact Martha Williams at mwilliamslonomo@aol.com.

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EXCAVATIONS AT EYRE HALL AND SURVEY AT CRADDOCK NECK, EASTERN SHORE, ACCOMACK, AND NORTHHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Background

The Archaeological Society of Virginia, Chesapeake Bay Archaeological Consortium, Department of Historic Resources, and USDA-Forest Service have recognized the impacts of both sea level rise and catastrophic storms on archaeological resources on the Atlantic Coast, Chesapeake Bay, and the tidal sections of tributary rivers. There are also concerns with deeper plowing and sheet erosion to interior sites. Threatened Sites projects, Hurricane Sandy grants, volunteer field schools, and other public archaeological programs have been combined to provide for an Archaeological Marine Resources Initiative. Although sites and information will be lost, it is the goal of this program to recover as much data as possible as the archaeological resources are impacted. The field school program for 2015 will focus on the excavation of an interior site that is under threat as well as an area prone to flooding.



The Eyre Hall site in Northampton County is located on the grounds of the plantation house which was constructed 1760. The extensive farm borders Cherrystone Creek to the west and is easily reached from Route 13. The site to be tested lies to the east of the main house and consists of an isolated prehistoric site dating to the Woodland Period. While a large number of artifacts were not recovered during the initial survey, indications point to a possible household associated with a dispersed community or a special use ceremonial area. There appears to be a high probability of sub-surface features which will aid in determining site function.

An area on Craddock Creek in Accomack County will also be surveyed and field tested. The field to be examined forms a narrow peninsula formed by Back Creek on the bay and a tributary of Craddock Creek to the south. Two sites are of interest. The first, 44AC0510, is found to the north of the peninsula along the bay at Sandy Point and is an eroding shell midden where Archaic points have been recovered. This site is only accessible by boat. The second site, 44AC0126, is found at the western end of the peninsula with reports of a Woodland pot being excavated from the site. Tests will isolate the site and determine time period of occupation and site function.



Eastern Shore Field School - May 9 - 21, 20015

The field school meets requirements for the ASV/DHR/COVA Certification Program for excavation. Headquarters for the field school will be Kirwan Hall located ca. 5.5 miles from Eastville on the Chesapeake Bay side. Several motels are found in the environs of nearby Exmore. Campgrounds are also available in the vicinity. In addition, arrangements have been made for camping at Kirwan. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. Lunch will not be provided at the site. Portajohns with washstands will be available at Kirwan and the work sites. The field school timing in early spring will avoid the influx of insects and the hot humid weather. Work will begin at 8:30 am and shut down by 4:30 pm. Excavation and survey may also be prone to the vagaries of the weather. Saturday, May 16, is set aside for an off-site public day of lectures and the first meeting of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia.

The 2015 Field School is sponsored by ASV, DHR, Chesapeake Bay Archaeological Consortium, and USDA-Forest Service Passport in Time in cooperation with James Madison University and Northampton Historic Preservation Society.

Application Due Date: April 20, 2015.



APPLICATION FOR EASTERN SHORE

FIELD SCHOOL

May 9 - 21, 2015

Applicants should be members of the Archeological Society of Virginia and will gain the best experience if enrolled in or graduated from the Certification Program. Children as young as 12 years of age may participate if accompanied by a responsible adult, although they must be 16 years of age to enroll in the Certification Program. Deadline for applications is **April 20, 2015**.

Name of Applicant:

Date(s) of Attendance:

Address:

Email Address:

Chapter Affiliation:

Enrolled in Certification Program ____ yes ____ no

Archaeological Experience:

Special Skills:

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**Eastern Shore Public Archaeology Day:
and
Archeological Society of Virginia Eastern Shore Chapter Organizational Meeting**

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Palace Theatre, Cape Charles

Sponsored by:

Archeological Society of Virginia, Chesapeake Bay Archaeological Consortium,
Department of Historic Resources, USDA-Forest Service Passport in Time,
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests,
James Madison University, Northampton Historic Preservation Society

AGENDA

Michael B. Barber, Moderator

9:00 – 9:10: Welcome (Nan Bennett, North Hampton Historic Preservation Society)

9:10 - 9:30: Human Chronology of the Eastern Shore (Ed Otter, Edward Otter, Inc.)

9:30 – 9:50: Threats to Archaeological Resources (Darrin Lowery, Chesapeake Bay
Archaeological Research)

9:50 – 10:10: Priority Sites and Impacts (Carole Nash, James Madison University)

10:10 – 10:30: The Archaeology of Watermen (Michael J. Madden, USDA – Forest Service)

10:30 – 10:50: Break

10:50 – 11:10: The Cultural Meaning of Projectile Points (Michael B. Barber, Virginia
Department of Historic Resources)

11:10 – 12:00: What is the Archeological Society of Virginia? and Eastern Shore Chapter Organizational
Meeting (Richard Guercin, USDA-Forest Service)

--Lunch Break--

Afternoon: Historic Site Visitation

Barrier Island Museum

Pear Valley

Eyre Hall

Eastville Courthouse

Makemi Memorial

NANSEMOND CHAPTER UPDATE

Text and Photos by Bert Wendell, Jr.

Dr. Walter Brown, Ph.D., spoke to the Nansemond Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia on November 18, 2014 in Chesapeake. His topic was the "Evolution of Homo Sapiens" and the peopling of North America approximately 15,000 years ago. He holds a Ph.D. in Science Education from Ohio State University and has had a lifelong interest in all things archaeological. He has traveled the United States, China, Antarctica, India, Peru, and most of western Europe. He has been a member of the ASV Nansemond Chapter for many years and served as its Treasurer.



Judge E. Preston Grissom, a retired Circuit Court Judge, spoke to members of the Nansemond Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia on January 20, 2015 in Chesapeake. His presentation was entitled "18th Century Great Bridge: A Cultural Perspective». His presentation included historic drawings of the town's layout, old road maps of Chesapeake's Great Bridge area, photos of the excavations for the new Great Bridge over the waterway, and artifacts found during that bridge's construction. Judge Grissom has served as a Charter Member and Treasurer of the Norfolk County Historical Society, Trustee and officer of the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation. He has also been involved in the research, design, and planning for the interpretive park and museum in Great Bridge.



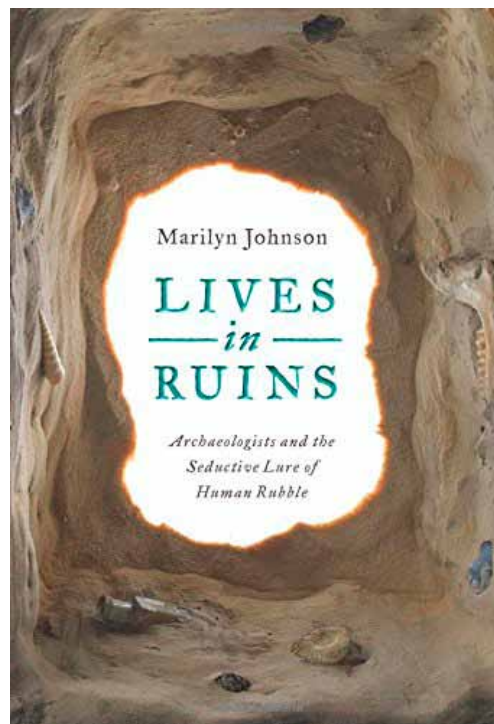
Lives in Ruins: Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble. Marilyn Johnson, Harper Collins Books, New York. 2014.

If any reader thinks that this book will be yet another dusty tome to take up space on his bookshelf, the headings and sub-headings of its Table of Contents-- “Down and Dirty,” “Boot Camp,” “Extreme Beverages,” or “Archaeology in a Dangerous World”-- should quickly dispel such a notion. Johnson’s at times slightly irreverent tome focuses not on sites, stratigraphy, artifacts, or theories (although those are in there too), but rather holds up a mirror that for the members of this organization reflects who we are and what we stand for. Johnson seeks to answer two basic questions: “What does it take to spend your life scratching into the surface of this planet?” and “Why does it matter—and, by the way, how much beer is involved?”

The locales into which the author ventures range from the exotic (the ancient Incan capital of Machu Picchu and the isolated Yerinisos site on Cyprus) to venues closer to home, like the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, an AIA meeting in Philadelphia, and her “baptism by fire” at a field school on the island of St. Eustasius in the Caribbean. En route, we meet some of the astounding folks—many relatively unknown—who populate the discipline we love and who doggedly fight the good fights for archaeology. Take, for example, Kathy Abbass, who founded the Rhode Island Marine Archeology Program (RIMAP) to inventory all of the shipwrecks in that state’s waters; Abbass also tracked down the pedigree of *HM Bark Endeavor*, Captain Cook’s flagship, to prove that it served as a British prison ship in Rhode Island (and is potentially submerged in the waters off Newport). Rose and Michael Fosha fight to examine and recover the dwindling remains of the nineteenth century Chinese community in Deadwood, South Dakota, while in far-off Peru, Ruth Shady Solís discovered Caral, the oldest city in the Americas.

Much of the emphasis in this book is, rightly so, about the struggle to preserve archeological sites and curate archeological collections. Johnson cites the efforts of archeologists like Sonny Trimble, who worked for years to curate and manage collections for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Bill Sandy, who mobilized the community of Fishkill, New York, to safeguard the massive (84 identified soldiers) Revolutionary War cemetery at the Fishkill Supply Depot. Most relevant are the initiatives taken by the Department of Defense to identify cultural sites in Libya, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and to develop strategies to protect them from collateral damage. On that point, archeologist Laurie Rush, CRM manager at the Army’s Fort Drum, developed an entire training program for troops bound for the Middle East. Perhaps its most unique component are the decks of Iraq and Afghan Heritage playing cards that carry messages and images of cultural resources to the troops in the field. Their reaction? “Where were these years ago?”

One criticism of this volume is that very little space is devoted to the contributions of non-professional organizations like the ASV and its certification program. Nonetheless, ASV members will find Johnson’s book to be a lively and engaging examination of the field of archeology from a slightly different perspective. I, for one, could not put it down! ⊕



ANNOUNCING FORMATION OF NEW ASV CHAPTER:

Eastern Shore Chapter

Due to renewed interest by the residents of the Virginia's Eastern Shore as well as statewide archaeologists recognizing the negative effects of sea level rise and catastrophic storm surge, we are proud to announce the formation of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia. The ESC will be dedicated to the recordation, preservation, and study of archaeological resources on Virginia's Eastern Shore, particularly those threatened with destruction. The ESC will follow the bylaws and ethics of the society and will work with the professional archaeological community to further common archaeological goals.

The proposal to form the chapter was approved by the ASV Executive Board at their January board meeting. It is asked that should you have an interest in Eastern Shore archaeology and working with the chapter in body or spirit, please indicate your willingness to join the chapter on the attached statewide membership form. There is no residential requirement and no bylaw barring membership to multiple chapters.

The initial membership meeting will be Saturday, May 16, 2015, in Cape Charles at the palace Theatre in conjunction with the ASV/DHR/PIT/CBAC/JMU Field School's Spring Lecture Series. The lecture series and chapter meeting will run 9:00 through 12:00.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are valid during the calendar year in which paid. Annual dues pay for the period from January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Thank you for joining the ASV!

All applicants are requested to promote the Archeological Society's objectives and by signing this application, will acknowledge your support of these high ideals. The Objectives of the Archeological Society of Virginia are to study Virginia archeology, to locate and conserve archeological sites, to encourage the use of scientific methods, to develop better techniques and to share archeological knowledge.

Applicants Signature _____

Date of Application: _____

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Chapter Preference: _____

I would like to be green and receive the ASV Newsletter by email YES _____ NO _____

Membership Categories

Active [Regular Membership]	\$25.00
Senior (65 and older)	\$20.00
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Life	\$350.00
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Sustaining (Active membership plus donation).....	\$50.00
Each additional family member(s) (give names) _____	\$2.00

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ASV MEMBER RECEIVES FAIRFAX HERITAGE AWARD – From City of Fairfax News Release for 2015 Fairfax County History Conference

Congratulations to Patrick O’Neill, ASV Northern Virginia Chapter, for receiving the 2015 Fairfax Heritage Award! Presented by the Fairfax County History Commission, Patrick was recognized for his efforts in preserving, promoting, and protecting the history and heritage of Fairfax County, most recently his 13 years in the writing of “To Annoy or Destroy the Enemy – The Battle of the White House and the Burning of Washington.” With nearly 300 pages and over 900 footnotes of almost exclusively primary source information, the book sheds new insights into the connection between what happened in Fairfax County and the writing of the “Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key.



ASV is 75 years young!

A special ASV logo was created to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Archeological Society of Virginia!



First Call for Papers

Manassas, Virginia

The Archeological Society of Virginia is calling for archaeological papers for their 2015 Annual Meeting. Members of the ASV, COVA, colleges and universities, and others are encouraged to participate. Chapters are encouraged to present updates of their activities.

- Formal presentations - 20 minutes.
- Student papers - 20 minutes
- Chapter presentations - 10 minutes.
- Presenters must be members of ASV and registered for the meeting.
- Poster sessions welcome.
- Book Room.
- Handouts are encouraged.

Deadline for abstract submission is August 15, 2015.

Please complete the form below and submit abstract as Word document.

NAME _____

COMPANY/AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PAPER TITLE _____

E-mail _____ ASV Member _____ COVA member _____

Audio-Visual needs: slide projector _____ computer projector _____ overhead projector _____

Please email abstracts in word to: mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov

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JANUARY 2015 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stephanie Jacobe, Secretary

The State Executive Board met on Saturday January 17, 2015 at the office of the Virginia Foundation of the Humanities in Charlottesville. First the board approved the chairs of the standing committees and later appointed the Newsletter editors, Webmaster, and QB Editor.

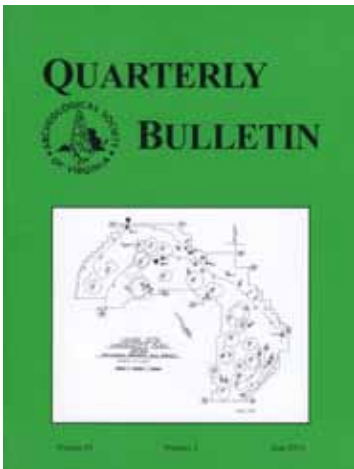
The board also heard a report about the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled October 16 through 18, 2015 in Manassas Virginia. Planning is also beginning for the 2016 Annual Meeting, which is being undertaken by the Middle Peninsula Chapter.

The Board was presented with a request to approve a new chapter on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. A number of field schools have taken place on the eastern shore in the last few years and the field schools have revived interest in an ASV Chapter. The founding members of the chapter are already working with other local cultural organization to increase interest in archaeology and to gain more members. The Board unanimously approved the new Eastern Shore chapter of the ASV.

The board received a request from the Virginia Canal and Navigation Society to transfer ownership of the artifacts from the Great Basin dig to them. They now have a home in Madison Heights, Virginia. They have plans to set up space to interpret the history of Virginia's canals and waterways and would like to have the artifacts there. The VCNS stored the artifacts from the Great Basin dig for many years. As they have plans for a museum space and funds to bring this fruition the board approved transferring ownership of the artifacts to them.

The board also approved to have the ASV sponsor two students giving papers at Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference in March 2015.

The next meeting of the State Executive Board will be Saturday May 2, 2015 at Kittiewan.



ASV QUARTERLY BULLETIN AVAILABLE DIGITALLY

The ASV's Quarterly Bulletin is now available digitally, beginning in 2015. If you would prefer to receive it as a PDF instead of a paper copy, contact Patrick O'Neill at patrickloneill@verizon.net. This follows the ASV's newsletter which has been offered digitally for several years now.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



- April 11** Kittiewan Open House
- May 2** ASV Board Meeting, Kittiewan
- May 9** Kittiewan Open House
- June 13** Kittiewan Open House
- July 11-12** ASV Board Meeting, Location TBD
- July 18** Kittiewan Open House
- August 8** Kittiewan Open House
- September 12** Kittiewan Open House
- October 10** Kittiewan Open House
- October 15-18** ASV Annual Meeting, Manassas
- November 14** Kittiewan Open House
- December 12** Kittiewan Open House

If you would like your ASV chapter meetings publicized in the newsletter, please forward to Randy Turner, erturner48@cox.net, the chapter meeting dates along with names of guest speakers and topics they will be discussing.

For ASV chapter meetings and presentations noted above, check the ASV website for additional information on location, time, and local contacts - <http://asv-archeology.org>.



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