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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT – JACK HRANICKY

I had occasion to watch National Geographic's program called Diggers. I was amazed that such a program was still on the air. The professional archaeological community has protested the program, but apparently National Geographic thought differently. With all the great work they have done, it is surprising that the program is still on the air. The "Diggers" call themselves archaeologists which is an insult to the historic community.

Along the same line, recent unauthorized digging was performed at the Flowerdew Hundred Plantation near Williamsburg, Virginia. A large number of artifacts were removed, along with the site's destruction. The General Assembly needs to increase the penalty for this type of trespass. But, nothing has been done. Selling rights to dig (loot) on private sites occurs in Virginia. While we have burial laws, little can be done about the practice on private property. As a result, cultural resources suffer greatly with this type of behavior. Too often, money drives the historic train. We do train police officers to detect trespass with the intent to dig.

Another troubling example is the so-called war zone. People turn to looting and usually target museums. The recent example is, of course, Egypt. Egypt's cultural resources are probably the best known in the world. At least, there is an organization trying to prevent war crimes of artifacts, namely the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield. They are committed to the protection of cultural property worldwide during armed conflicts.

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September 11, 2013 meeting

One Is an Accident;

Two Is a Coincidence;

Three Is a Pattern!

**Predicting "Old Dirt" in
the Nottoway River Valley
of Southeastern Virginia,
USA.**

By Mike Johnson (retired?)



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You can help them with your contributions. They surely need it for the Middle East.

I have often advocated that the U.S. do the same as is common practice in Europe: that is: any buried artifact in the U.S. automatically belongs to the government. Even so, humans are too often motivated by money, not our cultural heritage. All you have to do is log-in to EBay. There does not seem to be a good answer to protecting historical objects for the public realm.

FIELD TRIP TO WESTON!

The Chapter is planning a field trip to Weston Farmstead on Saturday, October 5th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Weston is in a beautiful part of Fauquier County a few miles from Warrenton. The property goes back to a Robert King Carter land grant. The house itself is early 19th Century, with antecedents into the 18th Century. There is an unusually complete set of outbuildings, including one of the very few slave quarters that you can see in this part of the country. The website for more information is: <http://www.historicweston.org/>.



Logistics for the visit are simple: arrive by 11 AM and tour the property with docents from the Warrenton Antiquarian Society. There is no admission fee, although donations would be gratefully received. If you want to bring a picnic lunch, feel free to do so at a pretty spot. Alternatively, there are several good restaurants in Warrenton.

The ladies of the Warrenton Antiquarian Society will be opening the property just for the Chapter. **To be sure that we will have enough people to make it worth their while, please tell John Kelsey**

now if you're planning to make the visit and the number of people in your party. (This is not an iron-bound commitment, but will hopefully give us a good planning figure.) His email is jkelsey@cox.net.

OLD COLCHESTER By the CART Crew

CART has some exciting news! We're proud to welcome our newest members, Peter and Jean, to our crew. They both come to us with years of experience ranging from colonial port towns (a good fit for Colchester Town), to various prehistoric and historic work. They are a wonderful addition to CART and we look forward to continuing our work on Old Colchester Park and Preserve with them.

CART sends a special thanks to the archaeology team of Mount Vernon for allowing us to use their float tank. We were able to finish our float samples taken from our feature fill and will now undergo separating the samples into heavy (rocks and artifacts) and light (seeds, roots, bones, etc.) fractions. Once this process has been completed, CART will send the light fraction samples to a specialist who can identify the species of plants and animals present at the time of Colchester Town.

After just a few weeks, CART completed the survey of the Kite Property. Our crew and volunteers found a great number of artifacts ranging from prehistoric lithics to tin-glaze and stoneware ceramics. The historic artifacts we uncovered were concentrated primarily along the tree line near the Fairfax County Yacht Club. The lithics we found consisted primarily of quartz and quartzite but we did find several argillite flakes and a couple jasper flakes. The last test unit we excavated also had a fractured stem from a quartz point!

CART is now working on expanding into the larger area of the park and testing the northern boundary of the large prehistoric site along the Occoquan River. We have excavated over 20 mini-test units so far and have discovered artifacts ranging from nail fragments to quartz flakes and lithic cores. Jean also uncovered our first point this season just the other

day! We will continue with excavating test units in this area for the next few weeks.



ASV BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES By Dan Kegley

The nominating committee for 2013 ó Dan Kegley, John Kelsey, and De Deroche ó submit the following nominees for ASV board of directors at the October annual meeting. Expiring are the terms of Bruce Baker, David Rotenizer, and Martha Williams. The final number of directors to be elected will be decided by the general membership's vote on a proposed amendment to the bylaws concerning the composition of the board.

Bruce Baker was raised in Hopewell, Virginia, served four years in the navy, and retired as a federal fire chief in 1995. He is past board member of the Chesterfield Historical Society and is a past president, vice president, and treasurer of the Col. Howard MacCord Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia. A life member of the ASV, Bruce has been involved in archaeology for about 23 years and has worked on sites all over the state. He is a current member and has been a member of the Archaeological Society of Virginia board of directors for nine years. Bruce is a graduate of the certification and training program for

archaeological technicians and was named Amateur Archaeologist of the Year in 2006. He is co-chair of the certification program committee, chair of the Kittewan Committee and property manager of Kittewan. Bruce also is responsible for publication and merchandise sales and shipment of orders.

David Rotenizer has been a member of the ASV since 1979. He organized the Blue Ridge Plateau and New River Valley Area chapters. From 1985-1987 he led the site survey recording program with identification of more than 500 new archaeological site locations. David has organized two ASV annual meetings, published in the newsletter and journal, as well as participation in several ASV field schools and has served on various committees including marketing, site survey and excavation and coordinated Southwest Virginia Archaeology Month activities 1997-2003. He also is one of few people who can claim to have been an employee of the ASV ó during a period when the society undertook contract field projects. David has been employed full-time in archaeology and historic preservation since 1988 and currently serves on the ASV board of directors and is chairman of recently established Social Media Subcommittee.

Martha Williams holds a B.A. from Lebanon Valley College (PA), an M.Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. in Applied History from George Mason University. She taught for 28 years in Pennsylvania and in Fairfax County, primarily history and social studies. She attended field school in historical archaeology in Colonial Williamsburg in 1972 under Noel Hume; thereafter, with a teaching colleague, she organized and led fifteen field schools for high school students in Fairfax, working with the County's professional archaeologists. Martha retired from teaching in 1988, and became a museum technician with National Park Service for a year. In 1989, she joined Goodwin & Associates, Inc., where she held positions as archaeologist and project manager through retirement in 2007. Martha still consults as an historian and researcher for this company. Currently, she also volunteers her archeological skills for the First Colony Foundation and the Museum of the Albemarle (both in North Carolina). Martha joined the ASV in the mid-1970s, served as President of Northern Virginia Chapter in the 1980s

and was Society Vice-President in early 1990s. She has been a board member since the late 1980s. She authored the original draft of the Society's Code of Ethics. Currently she sits on the Kittiewan Committee (since about 2008) and is actively involved in managing and working on the property. Martha received in 2001 a Society for Historical Archaeology citation for work in archaeological education, and in 2010 she received City of Alexandria Ben Brenman Award for Outstanding Professional Archaeologist. In 1996 she was the ASV as Professional Archaeologist of the Year.

Patrick L. O'Neill, an archaeologist and historian, is a member of the ASV's Northern Virginia Chapter. He has conducted research in over 30 states, including the Virginia and Washington, D.C. region, with projects including an overseer's house at George Washington's Union Farm near Mount Vernon, a well in the basement of the Arlington House, the truncated 1785 foundation of Virginia's State Capitol, Kittiewan Plantation in Charles City County, and Confederate graves at Bristow Station. Publications by him include two books in the Images of America series, one on *Mount Vernon* and another on *Virginia's Presidential Homes*. Patrick is a past president of the ASV (2009-2010) and currently serves as the ASV's membership secretary and member of the Kittiewan Committee.

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

ASV members will be asked to vote on proposed changes to the ASV Constitution and By-Laws at the Annual Business Meeting at the 2013 ASV Board Meeting. The objective of the proposed changes is to make ASV more responsive to changes that would otherwise require a year's wait for voting and are basically in-line with ASV practices since our beginning.

Please look over the existing By-Laws and compare them with the proposed changes prior to the meeting. The existing By-Laws can be seen on the Constitution and By-Laws page on the ASV's website at asv-archeology.org/News/News.html.

Proposed ASV Bylaw Changes

Based upon discussions at the last Annual meeting and subsequent Board meetings the ASV Board presents the following bylaw changes for your consideration:

Article VI 1. The responsibility for directing the activities of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors that consists of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, the six elected directors, the chairs of the Standing Committees and the President of each Chapter of the Society as defined in these bylaws.

(proposed change) change six directors to nine and insert after "the President of each Chapter" the words "or his/her designate"

(reason) It is hoped that both of these changes may improve Board attendance.

Article VI 2. The Quarterly Bulletin editor, the Newsletter editor, and the Website administrator shall be elected to the Board of Directors to serve for two year terms and may serve unlimited terms until a successor is elected.

(proposed change) Delete all present wording so it reads "The Quarterly Bulletin editor, the Newsletter editor and the Website administrator shall be **appointed by the President of the Society with the approval the Board of Directors to serve at its pleasure until a successor is appointed**".

(reason) These are not officers, require special skills and should be filled immediately when vacant)

Article VI 3. There shall be six elected Directors, two of whom shall be elected each year to serve on the Board of Directors for three year terms or until their successor is elected.

(proposed change). Change six to nine and two to three of whom.

(reason) To increase member participation on the Board of Directors.

Article X 4. Membership Voting and Rights: Each member shall be entitled to one vote. No proxy or absentee voting will be permitted.

(proposed change) After "Each Member" insert "over **sixteen** years of age".

(reason) To define voting age.

ANNOUNCING

Archeological Society of Virginia ANNUAL MEETING

October 25 – 27, 2013

Cavalier Hotel
4201 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451
757-425-8555
www.cavalierhotel.com

Preliminary Overview:

- Friday, October 25 Afternoon, Fall Meeting
Evening COVA Education Committee Symposium and COVA Reception
- Saturday, October 26 ASV Business Meeting and Chapter Reports (morning)
Papers (concurrent sessions)
Noon: Field Trip to Fort Monroe and Casemate Museum
ASV Reception, banquet and keynote speaker and presentations
- Sunday, October 27 Papers, (concurrent sessions)
Certification Workshops
ASV Executive Board Meeting

- **Book Room open throughout the weekend.**
- Morning refreshments Saturday and Sunday.
- Hotel is located on the ocean front at the North end of Virginia Beach. It has a full service restaurant and lounge, pool, health club, guest rooms and is within walking distance to shops and restaurants (see www.cavalierhotel.com for amenities and directions).
- **Banquet Meal:** Buffet style which includes: Soup of the Day; Tossed Salad with Dressing; Pasta; Roasted Potatoes; Seasonal Fresh Vegetable; Sliced Roast Strip Loin with Cabernet Mushroom Sauce; Grilled Mahi Mahi with Pineapple Pepper Relish; Rolls and Butter; Assorted Desserts; Coffee and Tea.
- **Box Lunch:** Pickup your box lunch prior to boarding the tour bus. The box lunch will contain your choice of either a Turkey and Swiss Cheese or Ham and Swiss Cheese on a Kaiser Roll with Lettuce and Tomato. Other items in the box will be: a bag of chips; an apple; and a condiment packet (mustard/mayonnaise). You can choose from an assortment of soft drinks when picking up your box lunch.
- **Field Trip:** Group will travel on CST Tour Bus from Cavalier Hotel to Fort Monroe and Casemate Museum in Hampton, Virginia and return. **There is no entrance fee to the museum, however, it is suggested by museum staff that each person taking the tour donate \$3.00 at the door.**

REGISTRATION FORM

ANNUAL MEETING

Archeological Society of Virginia

October 25-27, 2013

at

Cavalier Hotel, 4201 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA

www.cavalierhotel.com

Hotel reservations: Phone the Cavalier Hotel at 1-757-425-8555. Mention Archeological Society of Virginia Annual Meeting to receive the meeting rate of \$99.00 single/double occupancy plus tax per room, per night. For online registration use the following link:

https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=1032633&hotelID=17761

Deadline is **September 21, 2013** for the special room rate.

Registration fee: \$35.00 **Student fee:** \$20.00 **Banquet:** \$40.00 per person

NAME:			
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EMAIL ADDRESS:		PHONE:	
ASV CHAPTER OR PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION:			\$ SUB TOTAL
Registration Fee:	Number attending	x \$35.00 (\$40.00 at door)	
Student Registration Fee:	Number attending	x \$20.00 (\$25.00 at door)	
Banquet: Buffet Style Meal	Number attending	x \$40.00	
Field Trip: Fort Monroe and Casemate Museum	Number attending	x \$9.00	
Box Lunch: Kaiser Roll Sandwich	Number	x \$15.00 Choose: Ham and Swiss Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey and Swiss Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please mail registration form and check to: Carl R. Fischer, Treasurer 1685 Sweet Hall Road West Point, VA 23181	Contact Information: Bert Wendell, Jr. stonemanbc@cox.net		TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ Make checks payable to ASV 2013

CALL FOR PAPERS



ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

73RD ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 25 - 27, 2013

Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia

The Archeological Society of Virginia is calling for archaeological/historic papers for their 2013 Annual Meeting. Members of the ASV, COVA, and others are encouraged to participate. A field trip has been arranged for a visit to Fort Monroe and its Casemate Museum. Fort Monroe was built after and in response to the War of 1812 and is famous for the 1609 Fort Algernourne, for its role in the Civil War including the Contraband, the presence of both Edgar Allen Poe and Jefferson Davis, and was declared a National Monument in 2011 by President Barak Obama. There are some costs for the bus and a \$3.00 fee for the Casemate but it will be well worth the entrance fee.

- Formal presentations - 20 minutes.
- Student papers - 20 minutes
- Chapter presentations - 10 minutes.
- Poster sessions.
- Book Room
- Handouts are encouraged.

Deadline for abstract submission is September 15, 2013. Please complete the form below and submit as Word document.

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PAPER TITLE _____ Molinology In VA, An Update

E-mail lebrowning@att.net ASV Member _____ y _____ COVA member _____

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

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