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Newsletter of the  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE  
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT RICH EILERS

Welcome to the 2017 Northern Virginia Chapter.

A shout out of thanks to Diane for her leadership, hard work and justly deserved recognition at the 2016 state conference. Her presentation on our 2016 activities will be both informative and foundational.

It is on this foundation that your officers are taking a look at who we are as an organization, what energizes our members, how to better communicate to each other, and how can each member actively contribute beyond their membership fee. Two efforts are already underway. We have established the Vice President position as the executive coordinator for our speaker program. In this capacity Chris, assisted by Yvonne French, is coordinating and scheduling the speaker slate for this year. He solicits your input on potential speakers and topics.

Our second quick start change focuses on increasing the Chapter recognition and use of our [nvcasv.org](http://nvcasv.org) web site. Diane's work as webmaster has this portal ready to replace our circa 1990 email based communications. Starting with the February issue, we will transition the Datum Point distribution to website publishing for member access. If you have the skills to assist in website maintenance and design, please contact Diane. Other website upgrades will add area archaeology organization volunteer coordinators contact and opportunities information to the Volunteer page. **Contd page 2**

**Join Chapter members at Anthony's Restaurant at 6 pm before the meeting! Located at 3000 Annandale Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 - (703) 532-0100**

**Weds, January 11, 2017,  
7:30PM**

## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN 2016 BY DIANE SCHUG-O'NEILL**



The NVC's immediate Past President will discuss the many projects and events that chapter members participated in during 2016. Shown above l-r: Karl VanNewkirk (President of the Arlington Historical Society), Diane Schug-O'Neill (then NVC President), Annette Benbow (Chair of the Ball-Sellers House Committee), Patrick O'Neill (Datum Point Editor) at the Ball-Sellers House in Arlington County.

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Regarding member participation, at the January meeting we will provide a signup list for refreshments (2-3 people/meeting). I will continue the practice of providing the drinks. In summary, I look upon 2017 as a year of organization and member introspection leading to innovations and actions to renew and revitalize the Northern Virginia Chapter.

## COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH TEAM (CART)

December was a busy month for all the County Archaeology Research Team (CART) staff. Kayla M. and Megan V. are officially Master Degree holders. Kayla completed the Museum Studies program through University of Oklahoma and Megan received an MA in US History through George Mason University. The Archaeology and Collections Branch is very proud of their achievements!

Several members of the Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB) and CART staff have been preparing for the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. The conference will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia in March 2017. If you are planning on attending keep an eye out for ACB and CART archaeologist's presentations. The presentations will focus on current and past excavations around Fairfax County. For more information on the MAAC conference please follow this link:

<http://maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/conferences.htm>

In the field, CART's current excavations have focused on exposing a large, dark stain that is likely the remains of a cellar from a dwelling that predates a standing structure located elsewhere within the park. Artifacts that have been collected range from the eighteenth through early nineteenth century. The full extent of the stain has yet to be exposed; after it is exposed, we will be sampling the feature. Excavations will likely continue well into the New Year in the park.

The Fairfax County Park Authority recently underwent reaccreditation inspections for the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). We're extremely proud of everyone's hard work in preparation for the reaccreditation process! Our collections and facilities are in significantly better condition and we will be continuing to work to ensure they meet federal and AAM standards.

Erica (shown in the image), CART's assistant lab director, will be moving on to finish her degree in nursing. We would like to thank Erica for all of her hard work over the past couple of years and we wish her luck in her future endeavors!

CART will be holding an orientation for new volunteers at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church, Virginia on Friday January 27, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering please use the links below to register or contact staff with any questions. We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Please email CART staff to volunteer in the field at [cart.volunteers@live.com](mailto:cart.volunteers@live.com) or in the lab at [cartarchlab@live.com](mailto:cartarchlab@live.com).

Keep an eye on our blog: [cartarchaeology.wordpress.com](http://cartarchaeology.wordpress.com) for information on local events and recent finds by CART.



Erica D'Elia at Day of Archaeology 2016

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**Chapter members must join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at [asv-archeology.org](http://asv-archeology.org)**

**The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at the James Lee Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**