



# THE DATUM POINT

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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**

It seems like Climate Change has taken a Great Leap Forward! .90 degrees and Christmas sales have already begun! .someone call Al Gore! In the meantime the lack of rain is benefiting Chapman Mill and the current unit excavations. Germanna is closed to volunteers until late July for their VCU field school.

Yvonne did a great job at Fairfax 275, manning the NVC booth. I have a hard time believing the large number of historical organizations in this area. Next up are our efforts at Colonial Colchester and Gunston Hall in October.

Carol, our ASV president is our scheduled speaker for the July 12th meeting. I have invited her as my guest to join us at Anthony's Restaurant for dinner starting at 6 pm prior to her presentation

Our annual picnic is scheduled on August 19th at Cox Farm. Menu options will be on the July meeting agenda.

Isabella will be moving to Southern Md earlier than anticipated. We will hold a special election for the Treasurer position on the 12th. Barbara Leven has volunteered to step in for Isabel.

As always, I will bring drinks to the meeting. Since no one signed up to provide snacks, any contributions will be appreciated.  
See you next Wednesday night!

**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**

**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 7:30PM**

**VIRGINIA**

**ARCHAEOLOGY**

**BY DR. CAROLE NASH**



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## **CART** **County Archaeological Research Team**

The weather has been amenable for field work, which means there is also a significant amount of artifact processing going on in the lab. The amount of feature fill and artifacts coming into the lab are certainly keeping our lab volunteers busy! They are working hard washing, picking the wet window screen soil (shown in images are beads and straight pins), rebagging after the artifacts are cataloged, and labeling artifacts to prepare them for the final stages of artifact processing and curation.

In June, ASV member Patrick O'Neill brought students from the Field Survey Techniques in Archaeology class at NOVA Loudon Campus to tour the lab and archaeological collections facility to gain a better understanding of the lab and curation processes. Elizabeth gave a tour of our lab space and showed the students how artifacts are processed once they come to the lab. Kayla then took the students on the tour of the library and collections storage area to show the students how artifact and documentation are retained and stored after they have been processed and analyzed. Kayla showed the students how artifacts had been stored in the past and how CART is currently working to ensure artifact storage and documentation are compliant with current professional standards.

The students and Patrick were particularly interested in how CART labels their artifacts. Traditionally, artifacts were labeled with a Rapidograph pen on a solution of B-72. Now, however, more institutions including CART are using the paper labeling method rather than writing directly onto the artifacts. The information is printed, rather than written, onto acid free paper and placed on the artifact using a coat of B-72 solution. CART uses a 3.5 size font in Excel and laser printer for the labels (see image). Our volunteers have done an excellent job using this method to help us label artifacts. For more information on labeling artifacts, please see the resources below.

If you are interested in volunteering with CART, please join us for our next New Volunteer Orientation on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. Please email the CART lab at [cartarchlab@live.com](mailto:cartarchlab@live.com) for

more information on how to sign up for the orientation.

For questions about volunteering in the field, email CART staff in the field at [cart.volunteers@live.com](mailto:cart.volunteers@live.com). Volunteer days in the field are Thursdays through Saturdays. Volunteer days in the lab are Wednesdays through Fridays.

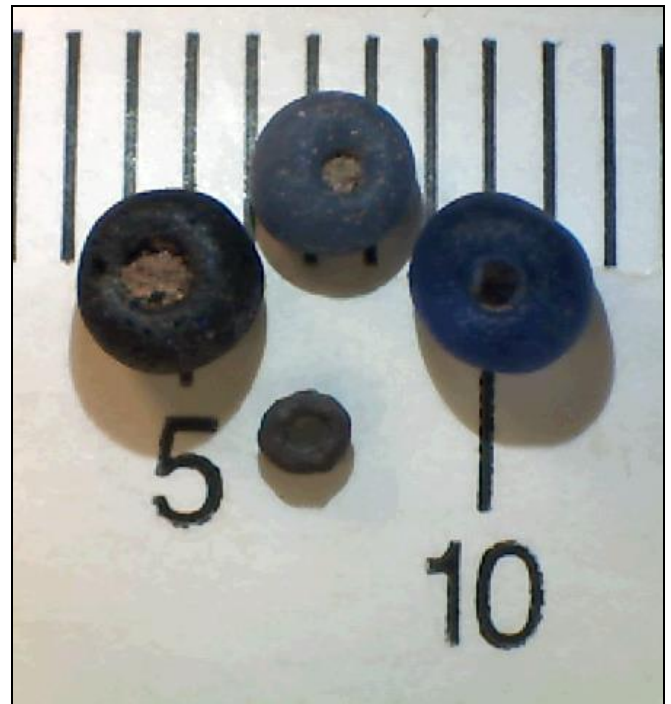
Keep an eye on our blog: [cartarchaeology.wordpress.com](http://cartarchaeology.wordpress.com) for information on local events and recent finds by CART.

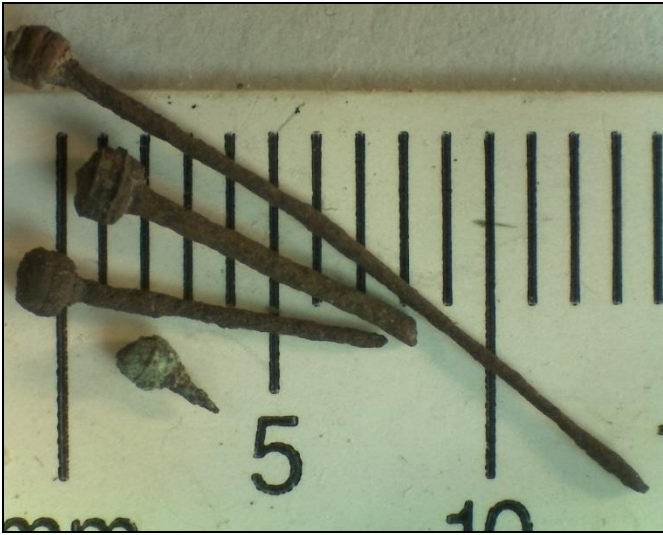
### **Labeling Resources**

<http://www.sustainableheritagenetwork.org/digital-heritage/labeling-objects-laser-printed-paper-labels-tutorial>

<https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/MHII/mh2appj.pdf>

<http://www.mnhs.org/collections/archaeology/reports/MHSReposAppx.pdf>





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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!!!!**