



# THE DATUM POINT

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Newsletter of the  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE  
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## FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT PATRICK O'NEILL

We are hoping to reschedule the field trip to Salubria in September, stay tuned.

I am trying to see how the Chapter and the ASV can best support the Claude Moore Farm and try to get the National park Service NOT to close the farm in December. The farm is a vital link to the colonial history of agriculture in the area. A website dedicated to saving the farm can be seen at <http://1771.org/savethefarm/>. The house on the farm is modeled after the Ball-Sellers House in Arlington that we have been doing archaeology and lab work on for the past two years.



The ASV Field School at Kittiewan was a huge success! In the first units they opened, a buried prehistoric midden laden with ceramics, lithics, burned bone and fire cracked rock was discovered!

**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**

## Chapter Talk 7:30pm Weds June 13, 2018

## SAFE HAVEN ON AQUIA CREEK: GEORGE BRENT'S WOODSTOCK (44ST130)

By Martha Williams



Martha Williams is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College (BA, 1960), University of Pennsylvania (M.Ed. 1965), and George Mason University (M.A., 1987). She was a resident of Falls Church from 1962 to 2007 and taught at Marshall HS from 1962 - 1988.

With Jack Hiller, Williams formulated and taught fifteen high school student seminars in archaeology. The six-week summer program was supported by the County Schools. Collectively investigated 15 sites, working (among others) at Belvoir Manor, Sully Plantation, Walney., the Dulin site in Fairview Park, La Grange in Lorton, and Farmington in Chantilly. These programs were conducted in

coordination and cooperation with the Fairfax County Heritage Resources Branch archaeologists Mike Johnson, Ed Chatelain, Sue Henry, and Larry Moore.

She has been an ASV member since the mid-1970s, served as NOVA Chapter president in the mid-1980s, and served on the ASV Board. In honor of her husband Julian (who also was involved with the chapter), Williams established the original Julian Williams/Eleanor Mullen scholarship fund for the NOVA chapter.

Joined Goodwin in 1989, first as historian, then as archaeological project manager. Major projects as manager included the Juvenile Justice Center in Baltimore, the Hoffman site in Alexandria, and the Patent and Trademark Office project in Alexandria. Retired from full-time work in 2007, but she continues to support Goodwin projects as a Research Associate, with particular emphasis on nautical archaeology projects.

Williams moved to NC in 2007. Continue to volunteer her expertise at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, with the First Colony Foundation (excavations at Roanoke Island and "Site X" [Mettaquem] in Bertie County), and of course, at Kittiewan Plantation.

## **CART**

### **Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team**

With summer quickly approaching, CART has been able to spend more time outside at Old Colchester Park and Preserve (OCP). Excavations continue around the large stone chimney base but so far no evidence of the rest of the structure has been found. We are waterscreening through window screen the dirt excavated from the layer immediately above the feature to see if the recovered micro artifacts suggest anything about the structure, or the functions of the yard space.

Warmer weather has also allowed CART to return to Mount Vernon to process samples using their float tank. It is always a great experience to work and interact with other archaeological entities, especially the folks at Mount Vernon!

Speaking of interacting, did you catch us at the Mason Neck Eagle Fest? CART had a great time talking with members of the community about archaeology and historic preservation as well as exhibiting some awesome artifacts!

If you are interested in volunteering with CART at OCPP or in the lab now is the perfect time! We have both field and lab opportunities so there's something for everyone! Our next volunteer orientation is on Thursday, 7 June from 10am to 2pm. Lastly, we are very excited to welcome four new field and lab college interns this summer.



*IMAGE: Fragments of Staffordshire slipware and a grey bodied stoneware with incised lines.*

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, weather permitting. 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, winter weather delays and recent finds by CART.

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**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!!!!**