



THE DATUM POINT

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT **PATRICK O'NEILL**

Spring is just around the corner, I promise! This month's speaker comes across the river from DC. Dr. Trocolli is the head of the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office (DCHPO), which I affectionately refer to as Da-Chipo! Come and learn about public archaeology in DC.

I am conducting STPs at Kittiewan ahead of a timber cut, and trying to get as many days as I can on that project. If you are interested, email me and let me know at patrickloneill@verizon.net. Some workdays will be on week days, with others on the weekends. Dates to be announced later.

Speaking of Kittiewan, the ASV will hold a field opportunity (field school) there from May 15-21, or close. Dr. Carole Nash, the ASV President, will be the Principal Investigator in charge. The field work will concentrate on the first terrace off Kittiewan Creek where known Native American components have been identified, with probable colonial as well. An announcement will follow in the coming days, which I will email to the chapter.

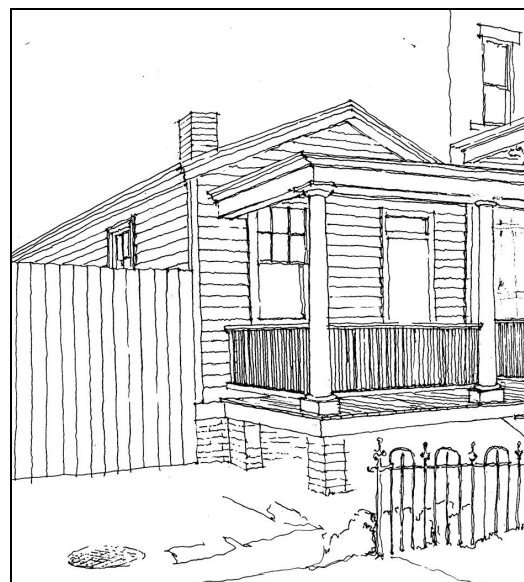
The month of May will have us on a field trip to Salubria in Culpeper County, with no monthly meeting. Please plan to come on this field trip, it will be worth it!



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 March 14, 2018

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY IN
WASHINGTON, DC:
THE SHOTGUN HOUSE PROJECT
By Dr. Ruth Trocolli



Dr. Trocolli will discuss archaeology in DC, but mainly focus on a shotgun house where the DCHPO conducted public archaeology. Dr. Ruth Trocolli is the City Archaeologist for the District of Columbia (DC) in the Historic Preservation Office/ Office of Planning. She ensures DC is in compliance with District and federal laws mandating identification,

documentation, and protection of archaeological resources.. A 2015 winner of the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award, and a 2016 Society for Historical Archaeology Award of Merit, Dr. Troccoli's duties include reviewing federal and local projects, maintaining the archaeological site files and GIS, and public outreach.

She has hosted numerous interns who have gone on to various graduate programs, The veterans Curation Program, museum positions, and CRM companies throughout the region. She received her doctorate from the University of Florida in 2006, and a BA from Douglass College, Rutgers University (NJ). Dr. Troccoli has been employed as a professional archaeologist since she completed her undergraduate degree, and has even worked on Wall Street (NY) twice doing archaeology! She lives in Fairfax County and is married to an archaeologist who happens to be working in the IT field.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!!!!

By Nancy Ehlke and Patrick O'Neill

The NVC Secretary Nancy Ehlke has been diligently preparing a change to the bylaws regarding chapter committees. Currently, our chapter by-laws specify four standing committees in Article IV, Officers and Committees as follows:

There shall be four standing committees, appointed by the President:

- a. Hospitality: Shall arrange for refreshments at meetings and plan special functions of the Chapter.
- b. Program: Shall obtain a roster of speakers for meetings. (Proposed : Chapter Monthly Speakers and Tours Committee. Shall work with the Vice President to coordinate and schedule speakers for monthly chapter meetings and to arrange Chapter Tours.)
- c. Nominations: Shall arrange a slate of officer candidates and present same at the December meeting of the Chapter. (Proposed: Shall arrange a slate of officer

candidates, publish the slate of officers in the November issue of the Datum Point and present same at the December meeting of the Chapter.)

- d. Scholarship: Shall receive and evaluate applications for the annual field study scholarship award and recommend a candidate or candidates for approval by the membership of the Chapter.

Serving on a committee is a way to become more involved in the work of the Chapter. If you would like to serve on one of the committees, or would like more information, please contact President Patrick O'Neill.

The chapter will vote on these bylaws changes at the April meeting, as they need to be advertised in the Datum Point for one month. If you have any questions regarding the proposed bylaws changes, contact President O'Neill or Secretary Ehlke directly, their emails in the last page of the DP.

CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

The wet winter weather continues, so CART field team along with volunteers are working hard in the lab, picking through the waterscreen window screen samples, cataloging artifacts, and editing reports. Shown in the images are a variety of artifacts recently cataloged, including a dark olive green glass fragment which was flaked and sharpened along one edge.

A warm 70 degree day allowed for the final bags of waterscreen samples to be processed outside. The cool water was refreshing on the warm spring day. On one other dry day in February, CART transited in new test units at Site 44FX0704 in the center of the OCPP near the brick foundation which dates to the eighteenth century, though it has been too wet to begin those units. When the final edits on the report for test units at the Enyedi Property at Old Colchester Park and Preserve are complete, CART will return to that section of the Park.



A dry day on 3 March (and hopefully 10 March) a metal detecting survey will be conducted at the current site in western Fairfax County. Though we have finished the large feature excavations, metal detecting in the surrounding area might reveal some other evidence of outbuildings or landscape design at the site.

In the middle of February, the Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA), held their winter meeting at the James Lee Center. This organization was founded in 1975 and is dedicated to the preservation and study of Virginia's archaeological resources (www.cova-inc.org). Some members toured the JLC Archaeology Lab and saw first-hand our interesting collection of artifacts recovered from almost 40 years of archaeological work in Fairfax County. Dr. Bernard Means from the Virtual Curation Lab at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) 3-D scanned some artifacts from our collections which can be found at: <https://sketchfab.com/virtualcurationlab/collections/fairfax-county-park-authority>

For questions about volunteering in the field, email CART staff in the field at 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 for information on local events, winter weather delays and recent finds by CART.



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Chapter members must join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at www.virginiaarcheology.org/

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!