



# 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 CHAPTER PRESIDENT

**PATRICK O'NEILL**

I am writing this an hour earlier to adjust for Daylight Savings!

Hope everyone remembered the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day on 11-11 at 11am.! I gave a presentation of the establishment of Camp A. A. Humphreys at the Fairfax County History Conference last Saturday. The Ehlkes were there, so you can ask them how I did!

Our own Vice President Yvonne French graduated from the Certification Program at the ASV Annual Meeting in October! Congrats to her and all of her efforts!

All of the NVC Officers have agreed to run for another year. You can also come and nominate someone from the floor, too!

Patrick O'Neill ó President and Datum Point Editor  
Yvonne French ó Vice President  
Barbara Leven ó Treasurer  
Nancy Ehlke ó Recording Secretary  
John Kelsey ó Corresponding Secretary  
Chris Havlicek ó Webmaster  
Ann Wood ó Certification Liaison.

These candidates will be voted on in the December Meeting elections.

**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 November 14, 2018**

## **MOUNT VERNON: AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL UPDATE**

**By Joseph Downer**



Joe Downer is the Archaeological Field Research Manager at George Washington's Mount Vernon. In his position, he coordinates personnel and excavations across 500 acres of George Washington's Mansion House Farm lot to facilitate both research and mitigation-driven projects. Joe holds a B.A. in History from George Mason University and a M.A. in Anthropology from the George Washington University. He lives in Woodbridge, VA with his wife, Lauren, and 2-year-old son, Mark.

## **CART**

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

CART members enjoyed the ASV Annual meeting in Winchester. Great attendance, fun field trips and captive audience members created a grand experience for all! shows the presenters for the *Forty Years of Archaeology in Fairfax County: Looking Back and Moving Forward* session (L-R: Chris S., Megan V., John M., Kayla M., Jean C., Elizabeth C., Jon M., and Alisa P.).



The image (courtesy of FOFA)

Wet weather kept the CART team in the lab for much of the month of October. Hopefully drier weather will arrive soon so that just a few units in the center of the park at Old Colchester Park and Preserve can be completed. The field plans into winter are to excavate around the large stone foundation discovered in 2015 in the northern section of the park.

Lab activities continue for staff and volunteers. Two of our dedicated volunteers will be receiving awards at the annual Elly Doyle at the end of November. Frank L. is recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer of the Year and Stephen B. will receive the Elly Doyle Special Recognition Award for his outstanding service to the Park Authority. Both Frank and Steve are dedicated volunteers who have spent countless hours helping to preserve our history at multiple sites across Fairfax and many hours in the lab at JLC.

Please join us in the field or lab, 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 and recent finds by CART.



Yvonne French receiving her Archaeology Certification

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**Chapter members must join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at [www.virginiaarcheology.org/](http://www.virginiaarcheology.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!!!!**