



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

Happy New Year!!!!

I am proud to serve as Chapter President for another year! But, really, what are you thinking??!! Wink!

This month the speaker will be a video on the Gault Site in Texas, with discussion from and with the audience!

The chapter will vote this meeting on whether to contribute to matching funds for the Fairfield Foundation, which has a matching fund of \$100,000 if they meet that goal.

Pay your chapter dues!!!!

See the last page of this Datum Point for how to renew your chapter membership. Your state ASV membership is also due by the end of January. If you have not received and email from me about state ASV renewal, email me at patrickloneill@verizon.net.

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 January 9, 2019**

GAULT SITE VIDEO



The Northern Virginia Chapter received a 20 minute video outlining the excavations and research at the Gault Site in Texas, and this video will be shown at this month's meeting. Mike Johnson will provide commentary and discussion. Those NVC members that have visited the site are welcome to provide stories during the discussion.



CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

Work continues in the field to expose the western wall of the stone foundation first exposed in 2015 at the Old Colchester Park and Preserve. Shown in the image is a cut slate wall and an area of brick and stone fill recently revealed in 2018 unit excavations.

More excavation is needed to determine if the bricks are from a chimney or addition to the structure and the exact location of the southern and northern walls of the structure. Within quarter inch screening of the soil a few historic 1700-1800s artifacts have been recovered along with modern soda and beer bottle fragments.



In the lab, all of the picking, labeling and cataloging of the quarter inch from the site in the western county is complete. For now, the CART Lab has moved onto processing and cataloging artifacts from quarter inch screen from Old Colchester Park and Preserve's recent excavations from the site in the center of the park.

The artifacts are fragments of items, but very often those fragments are identifiable types that indicate date of occupation as well as a variety of other information. The artifacts vary and include salt glazed stoneware, Rhenish blue and gray stoneware, North American stoneware, creamware, pearlware,

tin-glazed earthenware, porcelain, ball clay pipe, olive green bottle glass, stemware, wrought nails, buttons, and pewter eating utensils.

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. 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 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!!!!