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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

PATRICK O'NEILL

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2, so I guess we are to have six more weeks of winter. Hahahahaha! Going to have to get much colder than that!

This month's talk is on Zoom only, so join in and watch this live on Weds. at 730pm!!! Have you watched any of the Zoom talks we have sent out? Let me know, and let me know how you liked them!

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On March 4, 2023, Gunston Hall is hosting an event on cemeteries, sponsored by Gunston Hall, FOFA, and the Archaeology and Collections Branch of Fairfax County. Presentations will include an overview of the ongoing cemetery inventory in Fairfax County, a presentation on Shockoe by Dan Mouer, the work at the African American Cemetery in Williamsburg by Jack Gary, work being conducted by Bernard Means, cemetery probing by Patrick O'Neill, and Kurt Fredrickson's photographic methods. Dave Shonyo will also be conducting a tour of their cemetery during lunch.

Mike Johnson is continuing lab work on Jasper Ridge artifacts. I hope to get back into the field and finish mapping and recording the sites on Bull Run Mountain.

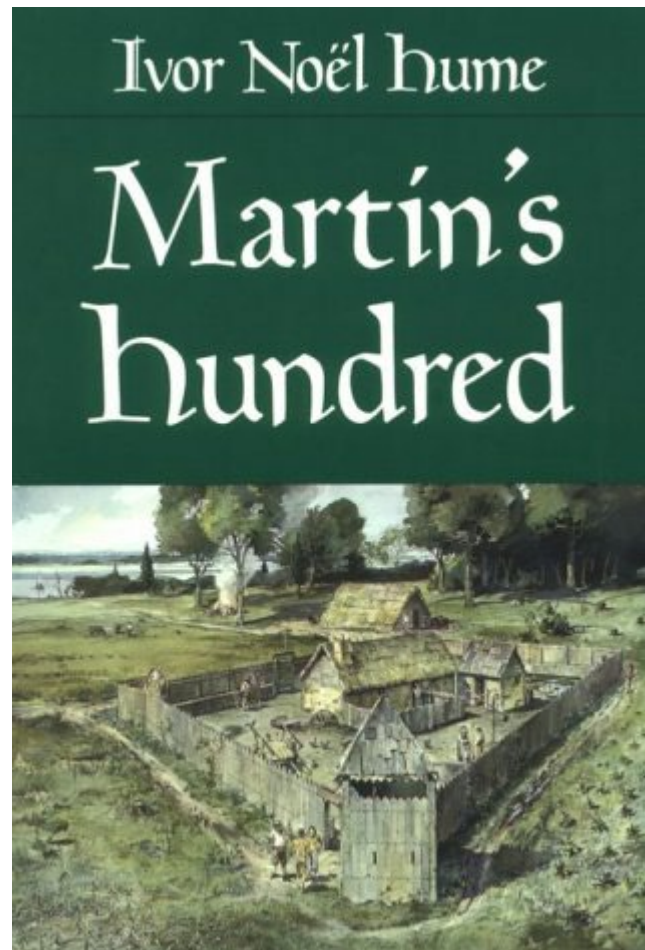
Zoom Meeting This Month

Wednesday, February 8. 7:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83487268380>

This month's presentation

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Senior Curator of Archaeological Collections Sean Devlin will discuss a re-curation project associated with Martin's Hundred, a 1619 colonial settlement excavated by Ivor Noël Hume in the 1970s.



Devlin, who has been at Williamsburg for one year and ten months, formerly served as Curator of Archaeological Collections at Mount Vernon for almost five years. He is to receive his Ph.D. in Anthropology from University of Minnesota this year, having earned his MA in Anthropology in 2008 from William and Mary following a B.A. in 2004 in European History from Washington and Lee University, where he later served for almost four years as Staff Archaeologist and Instructor of Archaeology. He also was a Graduate Teaching Assistant for almost four years at University of Minnesota.

Said Devlin: "I think the re-curation of Martin's Hundred might be a fun introduction not only to the seventeenth century site, but also to the importance of continuing to work with legacy collections."

The site is located in James City County. Hume's treatise on it is called *Martin's Hundred*. It was published in 1991 by the University of Virginia Press. If you do not already have a copy, it can be obtained at deeply discounted prices online in case you want to know more about the site before or after the talk.

Devlin's presentation will be held via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83487268380>.

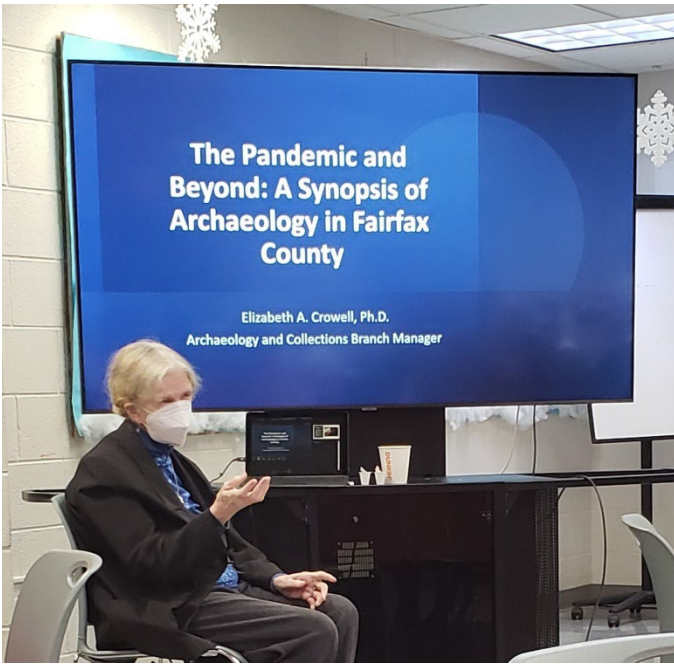


CART
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Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

CART will be participating in some local public outreaching events to start off the new year. The first two are:

- *36th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting Exhibit Area* on Saturday, February 11, 2023 located at Mount Vernon High School ([8515 Old Mt Vernon Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309](https://www.mvhs.org/)). Events begin at 7:45 am.
- *The Bluebells at the Bend Festival* at Riverbend Park

CART Branch Manager, **Elizabeth Crowell** Ph.D., presented her lecture *The Pandemic and Beyond: A Synopsis of Archaeology in Fairfax County* during the [Friends of Fairfax Archaeology \(FOFA\)](#) annual membership meeting January 7th 2023. Crowell's presentation focused on the achievements of the Archaeology and Collections Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority both during the pandemic and after. It focused upon our archaeological work done for the Park Authority and Countywide, our stewardship of archaeological and museum collections, and our efforts to promote archaeology to the public through a variety of means.



The presentation emphasized our collaborative efforts with the Park Authority and County, Boards and Commissions, federal, regional, state, and local historical and archaeological organizations and jurisdictions. The presentation also highlighted our cemetery initiative, our upcoming AAM reaccreditation, and the future Collections Facility.

To see more from **CART**, check out our latest artiFACTS blog posts at

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/artifacts>



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The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month. *Due to COVID-19 concerns, meetings may take place in-person and/or on Zoom. Details with start time and on-line/in-person information will be provided in the Datum Point newsletter prior to each meeting.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!