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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

Chapter Website – www.nvcasv.org



FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

PATRICK O'NEILL

This month's meeting is Zoom, not in person!

ASV Northern Va. Chapter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Northern Virginia Chapter

Time: Aug 14, 2024 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting (copy and paste in browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82310005882>

Mike Johnson is busy with Jasper Ridge, doing both field work and lab, and lets you know his schedule on a week-by-week basis. If you would like to get on his email list, contact him at mj44fx1@verizon.net. Cut and paste that into your email.

We are working at the Everhart Mill in northwest Loudoun County, north of Lovettsville, and I am giving an update on that project on the monthly meeting on Zoom. All are welcome, but please contact me to get dates and location information, plus parking is at a premium! Patrickloneill@verizon.net.

The chapter is in the process of getting a PayPal system in place where you can pay your dues online. We will let you know when that is up and running.

**Chapter Meeting this Month is
a Zoom Meeting 7:30pm**

Everhart Mill

By Patrick O'Neill

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Everhart Mill was established in the 1760s on Dutchman's Creek, 1/3 mile from the south side of the Potomac River. The Everhart family owned and operated the mill until the 1870s. By the 1880s, the mill ceased to operate. The Banshee Reeks and Northern Virginia Chapters of the ASV have been excavating the foundation of the mill since June. This presentation will give an update on what they have found.

Telling the Story of Gloucester's Past: A Video Series



Diane Schug-O'Neill has shared a link for the chapter to see. Each [video in this playlist](#) was created by Collectors Studio, Richmond VA in partnership with Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism and the organizations highlighted. These videos are one out of the three projects that were completed with ARPA funds awarded to the area to support tourism after Covid-19.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epA0SJhVo1Y&list=PLT9ubwC6jBy0PhekIHs--rLWxlHqs9UUm&pp=iAQB>



Availability of Rubis-Fuller Research Fund

By Yvonne French

The purpose of the Rubis-Fuller Research Fund (RRF) is to provide financial support to the scientific research efforts in the Northern Virginia Chapter (NVC) of the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV). This will enhance the level of archaeological knowledge among the Chapter's members through the recommended recipient's sharing the results with the Chapter.

The Rubis-Fuller Research Fund was established through generous donations from the family and friends of Dave Rubis and Patricia Fuller. Dave Rubis, a Chapter volunteer, was committed to the use of scientific methods in archaeology and developed new techniques that greatly enhanced the Chapter's archaeological efforts, particularly at Cactus Hill. Patricia Fuller was a longtime Chapter member who volunteered on many sites and held Chapter offices.

No more than \$300 will be awarded in any calendar year. The Chapter officers retain the right to accept a part of the proposal. Under exceptional circumstances, a higher amount may be recommended where the potential benefits to the Chapter are deemed to justify the higher level of funding.

Completed applications will be received between January 2 and September 15.

A recipient of the award must:

- provide the Chapter Treasurer with an accounting of the research fund expenditures on a form to be provided by the Chapter, with appropriate documentation,
- give the Chapter a copy of the research results, in an appropriate format,
- write an article for the Datum Point within three months of receiving the results of the research testing. This article will describe the item(s) being tested, the methodology of testing, the anticipated results, the actual results, and the way the results will be incorporated into the project's continued research and/or its reporting. This article will be 150-300 words in length, and
- give an oral report at the monthly meeting when the written report is handed to the Chapter.

The following are examples of how the fund award might be used.

- dendrochronology
- phytolith analysis
- carbon analysis
- neutron analysis
- pollen analysis
- analysis of wood or cloth
- ethnobotanical and faunal analysis
- forensics
- Soil analysis
- Carbon-14 (C14) dating

While these are examples, they are not meant to limit applications; all legitimate scientific research efforts will be considered for the Rubis-Fuller Research Fund award. The application is available at <http://www.nvcasv.org/rubisfuller.pdf>.

Once complete, give the application to any chapter officer. All proposed awards will be approved by the Chapter membership. This approval will be sought through the usual voting procedures of the Chapter. A notice in the Datum Point will precede the vote and a period of discussion will follow the call for vote.



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NVC/ASV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

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Dues:

Individual (\$15) _____

Family (\$17) _____

Student (\$5) _____

Please make check payable to NVC/ASV.

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The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month. 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!!!!