



THE DATUM POINT

October 2026

Newsletter of the
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

Chapter Website – www.nvcasv.org



NEXT MEETING:
OCT 14TH 7:30PM
RICHARD BYRD LIBRARY
7250 COMMERCE ST
SPRINGFIELD VA 22150

FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT
PATRICK O'NEILL

What a wonderful ASV Annual Meeting in Glen Allen in September! Diane has a great report with photos later in the *Datum Point*!

Descendants Day at the VOF Preserve was this past Saturday. This year was special for me. The new Blue Trail opened with signage highlighting my historic research on the Hampton and Robinson families. The family also scattered ashes of Ann Corum Washington, who was pivotal in identifying the homestead site of her great-great-grandfather Alfred Robiunson.



Plantation Maps
of the Pre-Federal City
by Patrick O'Neill



The 10-mile square District of Columbia was superimposed over a landscape comprised of several plantations. The new government would purchase the land or swing deals with the owners to create the fledgling national capitol of the new United States of America. These landholdings had log cabins and mansion, shops, graveyards and wharves that had to be mapped and inventoried during the land discussions. This presentation will discuss the original patents, landowners, and buildings that were affected when implementing the planned city.

Patrick O'Neill is the President of the ASV and of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the ASV. A 43+year professional archaeologist, he has worked in 33 states and for a multitude of county, state, and Federal agencies. Most recently, he has been compiling over 50 archaeological sites on Bull Run Mountain on the VOF's Preserve.

Certification students:

A field opportunity to share for three weekends in October and November. Adam Parker continues directing a project at the Carman-Fahed Site, located in Montpelier, Virginia (NOT James Madison's Montpelier, but Montpelier in Hanover County, northwest of Richmond and off Route 33). The following weekends are planned:

Oct. 24, 25
Oct 31, Nov 1
Nov 7, 8

The site, 44HN0514, holds 18th and 19th century occupations, including a small plantation house and possible quarters for enslaved families. It is located near the Quaker-associated Cedar Creek Meeting House.

The work will count toward excavation credit. Equipment is provided, but as is always the case, bring your hand tools if you have them. Also, bring lunch and water; refills will be provided. Check the forecast!

Registration is required; please let Adam Parker (email: akrisparker@gmail.com) know by **October 18** so the team can prepare. He will share directions with you.

New Certification students who are just getting started: this opportunity is open to you. You'll receive your Blue Books in the mail in the coming week.

We have a new ASV web site:

<https://virginiaarcheology.org/>



Some Photos from the Annual Meeting in Sept: Unless otherwise noted, these photos are courtesy of Bill McGovern – *Much appreciated, Bill!* Once again, we had a good showing at the Annual Meeting. Almost 200 ASV members converged on Richmond to celebrate Virginia Archaeology and each other. A good time was had by all!



Dr. Matt Reeves of Montpelier



Avocational of the Year: Dr. Stephanie Jacobs



General Round of Applause and Appreciation for all the hard work done by Beth Gunn (Pres., Howard MacCord Chapter, Assistant ASV Treasurer, Kittiewan Treasurer)

Presidential Awards



Two new Certification graduates – one was our own Matt Windt *Congrats!*



Dr. Carole Nash



Professional of the Year: Dr. Doug Sanford



Bill Bjork

Presidential Awards (continued)



Dr. Stephanie Jacobe

COVA Meeting on Friday



Katie Kosack (Excellence in CRM)



Carl Fischer

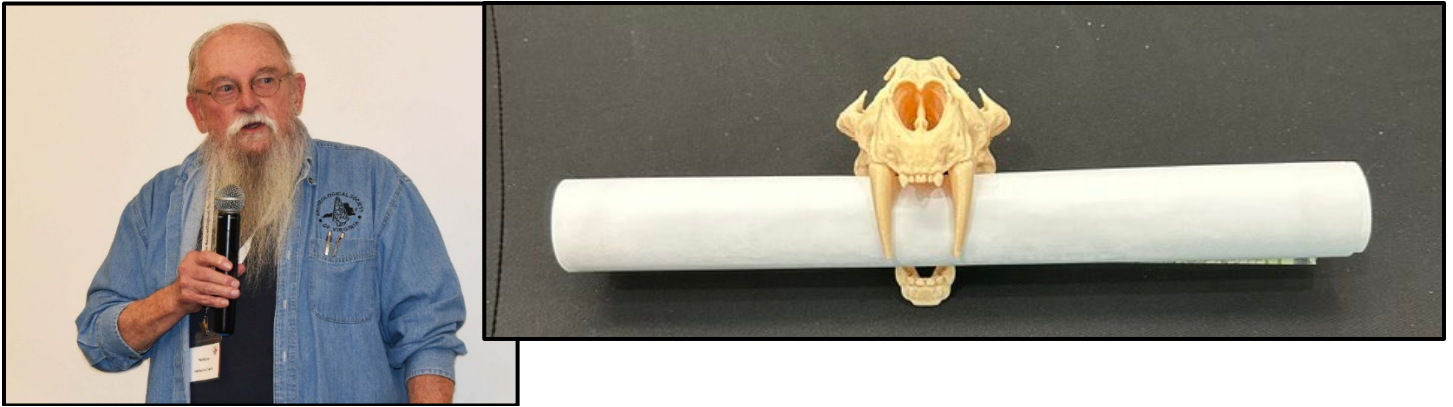


St. George's Episcopal Church (Hoffman Award)



Dr. Mike Barber

Patrick O'Neill was given Barbaric Smilodon Award from Dr. Mike Barber, for Outstanding Service in Challenging Times



ASV Board Members were also given an award by President O'Neill for **Courage and Strength**
Megan Veness, Bill Bjork, Mike Barber, Bob Hayes, Liz Crowell, Cindy Schroer, Laura Wedin,
Stephanie Jacobe, Patrick O'Neill, Carl Fischer, Beth Gunn, Diane Schug-O'Neill, Cindy
Shelton, Kurt Fredrickson



The Northern Virginia Chapter members present at the 2026 Annual Meeting: Matt Windt, Diane Schug-O'Neill, Megan Veness, Kurt Fredrickson, Barbara Leven, Chuck Leven, Mary Green, Liz Crowell, Brian Smith, Sallie Lyons, Sharon Butler, Jackie Cuyler, Paul Hogroian, Giner McGovern, Bill McGovern, Patrick O'Neill (not pictured: Yvonne French, Eric Larsen) (photo courtesy of David Rotenizer)

A new President of ASV was elected:
Dr. Eric Larsen

The Northern Virginia Chapter is proud to have back-to-back Presidents of the Archeological Society of Virginia! We greatly appreciate Patrick O'Neill's hard work and efforts to keep the ASV moving forward. We wish Eric much luck in his coming years and offer our support!



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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!!!!