

The Datum Point



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

August 2003

From the Veep – C.K. Gailey

One piece of business we will have to take care of at the picnic - we have the application from Paul Inashima requesting \$595 from the Dave Rubis Fund pay for carbon dating of samples from the David Site. The options are: 1) no support, 2) \$300 support, or 3) \$595 support. Members attending have the vote.

Although it's not official yet, we will probably have the Hunter House at Nottaway Park for our September meeting. Next month's Datum Point will have the final word on that.

Moorefield: the Friday and Saturday historical crews have been excavating in the west yard of the house, which has now lost its 1875 wing. The "cellar" may not be one, since the brick wall (now 11 bricks below level) doesn't seem to close on itself to the west. We found what might be a vent pipe for a privy or septic system, but that's only a guess right now. It's only 30 feet from the back door! On the other hand, we did find a beautiful stone ax in the fill.

Anyone wanting to volunteer on a pedestrian survey and thermal imaging project west of Manassas in the next few weeks, call Patrick O'Neill at 703-249-9593.

CALL FOR PAPERS - ASV ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 24-26, 2003, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

This year's ASV meeting will be held October 24-26, 2003 in Williamsburg, Va. The major portion will be devoted to presentations on current archeological activities in Va., both from avocational and professional archaeologists as well as students. Presentations focusing on ASV chapter activities are especially welcome. Papers should address issues in Va, Middle Atlantic, or Southeastern archaeology and are limited to 20 minutes in length. Subsequent submission of presentations in written form for possible publication in the ASV's Quarterly Bulletin also is encouraged.

One must be a member of the ASV (excepting students) to present a paper at the ASV's annual meeting. Paper title and abstract (one paragraph in length) should be submitted no later than August 15, 2003.

Student Session - ASV Meeting

Undergraduate and recently graduated students are invited by the ASV to participate in a session of the Annual Meeting devoted to student research. The purpose of this session is to encourage student participation in Va archaeology. Student papers will be read prior to the meeting by professional archaeologists who specialize in the student's research area and who will provide guidance and feed-back. Several awards will be given for the best papers, including the Ben McCary Award - \$100 and a year's membership in the Archeological Society of Virginia (includes subscription to the Quarterly Bulletin) for the best paper in prehistoric archaeology; the Julian and Martha Williams Award: \$100 for the best paper in historical archaeology; the Virginia Museum of Natural History Award: \$50 and a one-year membership in the VMNH for the best paper in collections-based research.

To qualify, you must be an undergraduate student or recently completed a Bachelor's degree. Papers should address issues in Va, Middle Atlantic, or Southeastern archaeology and are limited to 20 minutes in length. Subsequent submission of presentations in written form for possible publication in the Quarterly Bulletin is also encouraged.

Paper title and abstract (one paragraph in length) should be submitted no later than August 15, 2003. A final copy of the paper must be submitted by September 8, 2003 so it can be distributed to the appropriate reader. She/he will respond to you with comments by September 30, 2003, and you will give your revised paper at the session.

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August 16th Meeting - Summer Picnic!!!!!!!
The chapter picnic will be Saturday, Aug 16, starting at 1 PM, at the grounds of the lab, down the road from Frying Pan Park. The chapter will buy the meat and sodas; everything else is potluck, so bring enough for your group and one other. Rain date is Sunday, Aug 17. See you there!

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Chapter members are encouraged to join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia.

The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

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