



# The Datum Point

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE  
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

December 2004

From the Veep – C.K. Gailey

## HOLIDAY PARTY & ELECTIONS

**The next meeting is at 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Thanks, again, go to Mike Johnson, for his update last month on his predictive model for paleo settlements. It's always great to feel part of the real meat of archeology, the use of the data for meta- and macro-analysis. **Next week, Wed the 8th, is the holiday party for the Chapter: we'll start at 7 PM in the Lab at James Lee Center. Potluck;** bring enough for your party and one more. The Chapter will furnish soft drinks and paper products. Lots of fun so please do not miss it.

The **election of officers for 2005** will be at the December meeting. This is your best chance to have a voice in what goes on; the President, for example, provides the Chapter's voice on the ASV Board. Nominations from the floor will be entertained. **If you cannot make it to the meeting but would like to nominate someone or vote for someone, please contact CK Gailey or Patrick O'Neill prior to the meeting.** At this writing, the nominations are as follows:

**President** - Patrick O'Neill

**Vice-President** - CK Gailey

**Treasurer** - George Monken

**Corresponding Secretary** - Vicki Monken

**Recording Secretary** - possible runoff!! with - Rachael Mangum and Diane Schug-O'Neill

**Editor of the DP** - Karen Schweikart

Four chapter members are trying to see the feasibility of the Northern Virginia Chapter sponsoring the 2006 or 2008 ASV conference. It would be a wonderful opportunity to show the rest of the state who we are and what we have to offer the rest of the state in archaeology, history, and people! We will post the results in the January 2005 issue of the *Datum Point*.

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## County Happenings in Archaeology

**Land Bay A (44FX2723)** - Laboratory work continues on both the shovel test pit and feature results. We have prepared eight carbon samples to send off to BETA Analytic for dating. They should date most of the important features.

**Cultural Resource Inc. (CRI)** processed a charcoal sample from Feature 2 and got a surprising Late Woodland date of AD 1400. They will have to review the artifacts CRI processed from that block to see if they recorded any possible Late Woodland period, diagnostic artifacts. In cataloguing the fire cracked rocks they have noticed charred residues on a large percentage of the rocks, including some apparent burned liquids. If they can analyze and date the residues, this could be a significant discovery for direct evidence for both dating and function of the fire cracked rock features.

**Meadowood Farm** - Paul and Nancy have reported approximately 80 new archeological sites from the reconnaissance portion of the survey and started a more intensive survey for volunteers on Thursdays. The Saturday volunteer crew has encountered a possible complex of historic sites spanning the entire 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Some earlier evidence from the mid- to late 18th century has also been recovered. The Saturday crew also located a possible new cobble stone foundation. Two of the STPs hit parts of the foundation buried about six inches below the surface in the front yard of a modern house.

### **Free Holiday Ornament Decorating Workshop at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum - FREE!**

Families are invited to celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon of historic arts and crafts with the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Decorate take-home ornaments using shapes, colors and patterns based on the Museum's collection of excavated artifacts. Open to the general public. No reservations required. Saturday, December 4, 2004, 1-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union Street, 3rd Floor of Torpedo Factory. Call Alexandria Archaeology for more information, call 703-838-4399.

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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 at the James Lee Center at the above address.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**

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