

# The Datum Point

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

August 2005

### From the President – Patrick O'Neill

No formal meeting this month, but we are having the chapter picnic at the O'Neill house in Burke, Virginia on Saturday, August 20th. Meats, bread, and sodas will be provided. Bring a dish to share and an appetite! Beer and wine is fine, too! We may also have a few people doing some flint knapping for demonstration! <u>All</u> are welcome!

We are also ordering the hats and fanny packs (see the article below for more info).

#### **Chapter Picnic**

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm Diane and Pat O'Neill's 9902 Rand Drive, Burke, Virginia 703-244-6275 White picket fence in the rear, with a pond and walking trail!

#### Directions:

From Fairfax County Parkway (7100), take **Burke Lake Road** (not Burke Center Parkway) north about 1 mile to Wilmington. Left on Wilmington, and the next left is Rand. We are on the corner (right) after you turn on Rand.

From Braddock Road, take Burke Lake Road south for 3.5 miles across the railroad tracks and across Lee Chapel and Burke Center Parkway (they are at the same intersection). Go to Wilmington, turn right, and the next left is Rand. We are on the corner (right) after you turn on Rand.

#### Announcements

There will be a one-day symposium given by the Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D.C entitled "The Living Dead: Burials, Rituals, and the Perpetuation of Pre-Columbian Culture". Time and Place: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM- 6 PM U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. Nonmembers \$85. Reception at 6 pm at Teaism \$30. For more info, contact Scott Wilson at

703-765-4471 or <a href="mailto:scott.m.wilson@verizon.net">scott.m.wilson@verizon.net</a>

#### County Happenings in Archaeology Mike Johnson

Meadowood Survey - The Thursday crew has pushed the Trice site back into the 19th century as they expose and investigate the house foundation. The Saturday crew, which is back working on the Haislip site, has exposed part of what could be a builder's trench on the east side of the cobble foundation. Artifacts there still support a 19th and possibly late 18th century occupation. Once the three-foot wide trench is completed on the cobble part of the foundation, we will test the other sides. This Saturday should expose the cobble foundation and help determine its relationship to the soil feature. Work on the Trice site will continue for the next three Thursdays (8/4, 8/11 and 8/18). Work on the Haislip site will continue for the next three Saturdays (8/6, 8/13 and 8/20). Meadowood labs with Nancy will continue on Tuesdays (8/9 and 8/16). The regular Tuesday prehistoric lab will not meet on 8/9 but will meet next on 8/16.

#### Hats and fanny packs

Pre-orders for hats and fanny packs will be accepted during August and September. The hats will have the chapter logo stitched on them (see the upper-left hand corner of this page for an example of the logo). Hats are available in khaki-burgundy, khaki-forest, putty-navy, and putty-red.

The pre-order prices are: Hat - \$9 Fanny pack with water bottle - \$10 Combo (hat/fanny pack) - \$17

After September 30, the prices will be: Hat - \$15 Fanny pack with water bottle - \$13 Combo (hat/fanny pack) - \$25

To order, contact Diane Schug-O'Neill at 703-919-8216 (<u>schugoneill@erols.com</u>) or George Monken at 703-393-6775 (<u>gmonken@braemarnet.com</u>).

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_	Wednesday of each month at the James Lee Center at the above address.			
info)	EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!			

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