



The Datum Point

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

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From the President – Patrick O’Neill

My fellow archaeology enthusiasts,

I am flattered to have been elected your new President, and will do my best to provide you with an active year in the field and in the meetings. Vice-President Gailey did a great job for the past two years and deserves recognition! We have a great year in store for the Chapter as you will see as the year unfolds. With the new lab all finished, wintertime for us is a little better in the new furnishings! Enjoy 2005, and Happy New Year!!!!

Elections

Patrick O’Neill was elected President, the first in two years for the chapter. Charles “C.K.” Gailey was reelected Vice-President, a post he has held for two years! George Monken and Vicki Monken were reelected to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary positions, which they, too have held for two years! Diane Schug-O’Neill was elected as the Recording Secretary and Karen Schweikart was elected as the editor for the Datum Point! Make sure you give these people a hearty thank you for supporting the chapter!

The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday January 12, 2005

Show & Tell! In lieu of a speaker this month, we’d like to have a Show & Tell session. Bring any artifacts or items from home that you’d like to show off and share with the Chapter. This can also extend to articles or items that you have read about. This has been done at other chapters with good success in getting the members to know more about each other’s interests. Come and join in the fun!

Directions : Go east on Rt. 50 from the Beltway, or west on Rt. 50 from Seven Corners. Turn north on Annandale Road. The James Lee Center (2855 Annandale Rd.) will be on your right at the first light (~ 1/4 mile). Use the main entrance on the east side of the building.

ASV Meeting 2008

The Chapter will be hosting the 2008 ASV Meeting. A committee has been formed to investigate various possibilities in Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, and Stafford Counties for area hotels, plantations, and other destinations suitable for the meeting tours. The committee members are: Rachael Mangum (chair), Ann Wood, Eleanor Breen, and Diane Schug-O’Neill. The committee welcomes participation from others willing to help. We’re communicating mostly by email and confer at Chapter meetings.

County Happenings in Archaeology

Meadowood Farm - Paul reports that they have found 101 new sites since the survey began in September. With little previous survey work of this degree of intensity and quality having been done in the Coastal Plain uplands, Paul and Nancy are building an excellent database on historic and prehistoric use of that environment. The cultural patterns that will come out of those data can be used to direct future surveys in threatened contexts.

Fieldwork (generally Thursdays and Saturdays) will be announced the day before by e-mail. Tuesday labs will be held as per the regular schedule. If there is no fieldwork on Saturday the lab will be open for work on Land Bay A.

Land Bay A - cataloguing has begun on material from Cultural Resources Inc. It includes the first two block excavations where it was initially thought the core of the site was located. This assessment was based on artifact quantities, which were higher there. The second block also was where the first sherds of sandstone tempered, cordmarked, Culpeper ware pottery were found.

Oak Hill – Fieldwork at Oak Hill will be on Fridays until further notice, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, there will be lab on Fridays and Saturdays. Contact Bob Wharton for details.

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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 Wednesday of each month at the James Lee Center at the above address.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

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