



# The Datum Point

Newsletter of the  
**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE  
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA**

Website – [www.nvcasv.org](http://www.nvcasv.org)

February 2006

## From the President – Patrick O’Neill

What great warm weather!!! Let’s get to digging!!! You will notice that Justin Patton, Prince William County Archaeologist, has been added to the list of area programs on the back page of the Datum Point. The Northern Virginia Chapter is encouraging Prince William County to develop volunteer opportunities in archaeology for public outreach.

You will notice a theme in the meetings this winter and spring. Diane Schug-O’Neill has done a great job in lining up speakers from each of the surrounding counties to talk about the cultural resource programs. We hope this will encourage them to know our chapter and provide more volunteer opportunities!!!

**Chapter Awards** – I established a task force consisting of Diane Schug-O’Neill and C.K. Gailey to look into establishing an awards committee. They will report back to the chapter at this meeting on the feasibility of forming this committee. Those wishing to serve or offer suggestions on the types of awards given, please contact me.

## RESEARCH FUND

The Northern Virginia Chapter is privileged to be the custodian of the Dave Rubis Research Fund. The Fund memorializes Dave Rubis, a Chapter volunteer who was committed to the use of scientific methods in archeology and who developed new techniques that greatly enhanced the Chapter's archeological efforts, especially at Cactus Hill. The Chapter awards amounts from the Fund to support the scientific research efforts of the Chapter. For more details and applications contact the VP (C.K. Gailey).



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## February 2006 Speaker –

**Dr. Elizabeth Crowell - Fairfax County  
Archaeologist**

## **Fairfax County Cultural Resources Work Plan**

Dr. Elizabeth Crowell is Manager of the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Section of the Fairfax County Park Authority. She has a BA in Anthropology from Rhode Island College, an MA in History/Historical Archaeology from the College of William and Mary and an MA and Ph.D. in Historical Archaeology from University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Crowell has been working in archaeology in the Middle Atlantic Region for more than 28 years. From 1981-February 2003, she was employed as a Senior Archaeologist with Parsons (formerly Engineering-Science). She has been Principal Investigator for Phase I, II, and III archaeological studies of both prehistoric and historical sites in Virginia, DC and throughout the region.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Northern Virginia Chapter is honored to be the custodian of the Julian Williams and Eleanor Mullen Memorial Field Study Scholarship. Each year one scholarship is awarded to help defray the cost of attendance at a field school. The scholarship is available to anyone who has been a member of the Chapter for a year or more. Applications will be accepted through April 1st.

The scholarship comes with only one requirement: the awardee must make a presentation to the Chapter about the dig. Contact the VP (C.K. Gailey) for more details and applications. After April 1st, if no appropriate applications have been received from Chapter members, the Scholarship is opened to any one (or more) year member of the ASV, with a deadline for applications of May 15th.

### CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

*Ann Wood, NVC/ASV certification liaison*

The ASV is working on a Spring Certification Workshop that will offer some of the courses needed for certification. Michael Barber, who heads up the program, says the workshop will probably be offered on a Saturday at a somewhat central location in the state.

As soon as more details are available, they will be emailed to certification candidates. Be on the lookout for this information and plan to take advantage of the workshop.

In the Northern Virginia Chapter, we are building our library of readings required for certification. Reading materials are now located in a bin at the rear of the library, and on a labeled shelf in the prehistoric lab. Mike Johnson has made several of his personal books available to certification candidates. Please sign them out as shown and return them promptly so that all can share.

Note that there are two quite different reading lists now: One for candidates who signed up before last October, and one for more recent candidates. If you are not on my certification email list and would like to be, please email me at [annpwood@comcast.net](mailto:annpwood@comcast.net).

## Showcasing 300 Hundred Years of Treasures: The Virginia Room Past, Present and Future

By  
Laura S. Wickstead

The Virginia Room of the Roanoke Public Libraries opens wide its doors! You are invited to see maps, documents, newspapers, books and photographs recording three centuries of Roanoke Valley and Virginia history. Learn what we are doing to preserve and to provide access to materials in our collection and our goals for the future.

Enjoy an in depth tour of the research area and the secure, temperature controlled Special Collections room. Take advantage of this opportunity to see rare items from Special Collections, including a 1682 indenture from England, a 1754 land patent signed by royal governor Lor Botetourt, and the Roanoke Beacon newspaper of 1823. Other items on display will be an 1886 map of Virginia "Mineral Resources and Railway Facilities", George Davis photographs and glass plate negatives and Sanborn Insurance maps from the early 1900's.

Thursday, February 9, 4:00pm-7:00pm.

**Roanoke** Public Libraries  
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Knapper from Primitive Weekend north of Baltimore, May 2005



Mike Johnson sorting things out in the lab  
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Return to:  
NVC/Archeological Society of Virginia  
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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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