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

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March 2006

March 8, 2006 Chapter Meeting

Speaker:
Heidi Siebentritt, Loudoun County Government.

Topic: Loudoun County Government Cultural Resources Program

From the President – Patrick O’Neill

The speakers this quarter have focused on explaining the cultural resource programs of the local governments. This month presents Loudoun County. Come and learn; these groups may provide the next volunteer opportunities! See the notice in this issue on volunteering at Bristoe Station Battlefield! The chapter finance books have been audited thanks to Troy Baxley. Enjoy the spring!

Below: Possible bone tool from Kansas - Anyone with a suggestion as to function or validity contact Patrick O’Neill.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

March 25, 2006, 8am to 4pm (or so)
Bristoe Station Battlefield.
Directions: West of Manassas off Route 28 and Bristow Road.

Prince William County is providing dumpsters to allow volunteers to clean up the trash, brush (not much), and dead wood (lots) from the Alabama Cemetery next to the battlefield. Over 60 depressions have been mapped and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans have asked, including our chapter, for help cleaning the site. Chapter members were instrumental in providing an independent archaeological survey of the cemetery in 2003. This provides the chapter with an opportunity to show we care about what we do, and will help finish what we start! Contact Patrick O’Neill (703-244-6275) for directions and exact meeting location.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Williams-Mullen Memorial Field Scholarship is available to anyone with one or more years chapter membership. Applications will be accepted through April 1st. Contact chapter Vice President C.K. Gailey for details and applications. After April 1st, if there are no appropriate chapter member applications, the scholarship is open to any one or more year ASV member with a May 15 application deadline.

Web Links For Map Research

Submitted by Dennis Knepper

Internet Map Servers:

mapserver.maptech.com/homepage/index.cfm

virtualearth.msn.com/

earth.google.com/ (World)

plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/
(World)

geoengine.nga.mil/geospatial/SW_TOOLS/NIM_AMUSE/webinter/rast_roam.html (World)

topozone.com/ (US only)

teraserver.homeadvisor.msn.com/ (US only)

nationalatlas.gov/index.html (US only)

geographynetwork.com/

esri.com/software/arcexplorer/about/arcexplorer-web.html

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/doc114?OpenForm> (World)

Meta-resources:

memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html

ndu.edu/library/ReferenceTools/maps.html

<http://www.colorado.edu/geography/virtdept/resources/data/data.htm> (Lists other Internet Map Servers)

see also:

<http://www.colorado.edu/geography/virtdept/resources/contents.htm>

opensourcegis.org/ (Open source GIS applications)

mcwetboy.net/maproom/

List of National Mapping Agencies - many have Internet Map Servers that are open for public access. Don't expect them to be in English.

<http://whc.unesco.org/map-agencies.htm>

FANTASTIC BOOK –

Mapping Hacks: (First site is a fantastic Meta-resource)

mappinghacks.com/

oreilly.com/catalog/mappinghks/index.html

Paperback: 568 pages

Publisher: O'Reilly; 1 edition (June 9, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN: 0596007035

Product Dimensions: 9.0 x 6.1 x 1.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.4 pounds.

The above book is based on being a user of open source mapping applications and services, if you want to program / develop your own applications, this text gets into that: Web Mapping Illustrated:

<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/webmapping/index.html>

Paperback: 368 pages

Publisher: O'Reilly; 1 edition (June 17, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN: 0596008651

Product Dimensions: 9.2 x 7.1 x 0.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.7 pounds.

ARCHEOLOGICAL LECTURES & EVENTS

BEFORE YOU CAN COOK: ACQUIRING FOODSTUFFS AND KITCHENWARE IN EARLY AMERICA

March 24, 2006

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Advance Registration Required by March 15th:

Cost: \$65

Email: susan.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov

Phone: Historic Collections (703) 631-1429

A Symposium on American Social History and Material Culture sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority & George Mason University History Department

Before You Can Cook explores the great variety of foods available in Early American homes and the many different methods of acquiring them. Presentations examine kitchen utensils and cooking technology, heritage and wild plants and animals, their processing, and purchased provisions.

Presenters: Gary Brumfield, Frank Clark, Carrie MacDougall Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Martha Katz-Hyman, Independent Consultant; Steve Miller, Landis Valley Museum; Justin Sarafin and Gaye Wilson, Monticello; Joyce White, Anne Arundel Community College

***2006 LIBERTY LECTURE SERIES:
FAITH OF THE FATHERS***

Sunday afternoons in March at 3 p.m.
George Mason's Gunston Hall Plantation
Ann Mason Room Visitors Center
Additional information, 703.550.9220

In an increasingly pluralistic society, how have the religious beliefs of the Founders and leaders of the nation shaped political action and theory? In the ninth annual Liberty Lecture Series, scholars will consider the influence of religion on public policy from the establishment of a new independent nation up to the present day.

March 5 - "Religion & American Doctrine: The Colonial Period to the Early 19th Century" James H. Hutson, Library of Congress

March 12 - "How the English Bible Defined American Public Culture" Daniel L. Dreisbach, American University

March 19 - "Religion, Politics, & Social Change" Frank T. Lambert, Purdue University "Remarks by George Mason" Don McAndrews, Gunston Hall

Lecture participants invited to tour George Mason's home prior to or following the program. Free

admission & open to general public. Registration recommended, not required. Teacher recertification available. Students welcome. Light refreshments.

***DIGGING UP DIRT ON JAMESTOWN:
TEN YEARS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL
REDISCOVERY***

March 25, 2:00 p.m.
Bull Run Regional Library,
8051 Ashton Avenue,
Manassas, VA 20109.

Beverly (Bly) Straube, Senior Curator of the Jamestown Rediscovery Project will tell about the exciting discoveries made in Jamestown over the past decade. To register for this free program, contact RELIC at (703) 792-4540 or TTY: (703) 792-4524 or at relic2@pwcgov.org.



The photograph is of a mechanical screen used at Fort Union, North Dakota by the National Park Service. It was basically a modified grain cleaner, with 1/4 inch mesh on the sides, tiled up so the dirt would sift out and the artifacts and gravels come out into a bucket or wheel barrow on the far end. It worked great in the sandy and gravelly soils, but not so good in clays or hard silts. Artifact recovery was also good, and the artifacts did not appear to be that damaged from the process.

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EMAIL: _____

Individual (\$15) _____

Student (\$5) _____

Family (\$17) _____

New _____

Renewal _____

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Falls Church, VA 22042

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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