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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA**

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April 12, 2006 Chapter Meeting

Speaker: Mike Johnson

Fairfax County Park Authority Senior Archeologist; Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) Project Director for Nottoway River Valley Paleo-American Survey; ASV Project Director for the Cactus Hill site excavations (1993-2002).

Topic - The Watlington and Koestline Sites: A Middle Archaic Settlement Pattern Shift between Morrow Mountain II and III.

In an effort to replicate Clovis and Pre-Clovis discoveries at the Cactus Hill site, ASV research on the Clovis and Pre-Clovis questions in the Nottoway River Valley of southeastern Virginia has expanded out to other sites. The presentation will focus on the geology and archeology that led to the conclusion that prehistoric people shifted their settlement pattern from the Watlington to Koestline sites at about 8,000 years ago and why.

New Virginia State Archaeologist

In a Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) news release, Director Kathleen Kilpatrick announced that she has selected Dr. Michael B. Barber for the position of Virginia State Archaeologist. Last session the General Assembly authorized and funded the position of State Archaeologist under a bill patroned by Delegate Marion Van Lanningham, a staunch friend of preservation and archaeology. This critical position represents both the fulfillment of a long-time, highest-order priority goal for VDHR and the professional and avocational community, and it offers a chance to launch a new beginning for Virginia archaeology.

Dr. Barber has extensive experience in Virginia and Middle Atlantic Archaeology. He is known for his work in ethnological and lithic analyses and as a field archaeologist who has implemented survey, testing, and excavations all across the Commonwealth. A graduate of the College of William & Mary, Mike holds a masters degree in anthropology/sociology from Kent State University and a doctoral degree in anthropology from the University of Virginia. He comes to us after retiring from a nearly 30-year career with the United States Forest Service. Mike will assume his duties on April 3.

From the President – Patrick O’Neill

Bristoe Station Cleanup

On March 25th and 26th, seven members of our chapter helped clean the brush from the graves at the 10th Alabama Cemetery at the Bristoe Station Battlefield west of Manassas. Not one to brag (ha!), but our chapter produced the largest number by far for the effort. C.K. Gailey, Maggie and Carolyn Johnson, Diane Schug-O’Neill, myself, and returnee Jackie Vollmer Cuyler were there both days and George Monken was there Saturday. We cleared about 1 to 1 1/2 acres of woods into an open area surrounding 60 to 65 depressions, all thought to be Confederate graves of the 10th Alabama from the fall of 1861. The battlefield is now the property of Prince William County.

Staff Historian David Born was on hand to help and guide the cleanup effort. More clean-up dates will probably be arranged in the future. Good job to all of you. The chapter should be proud!



Bristow Cemetery after cleanup

Archeological Lectures & Events

Four staff members from the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Section presented papers at the Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference (MAAC) in March addressing both prehistoric and historical archaeological topics of interest to Middle Atlantic archaeologists. This year's papers included:

- *"Developing a Cultural Resource Management Plan for Fairfax County, Virginia"* by Liz Crowell. The results of the process of developing the CRM Plan will be an update of the presentation she made to the NVC in February.

- *"Watlington and Koestline Sites: A Middle Archaic Settlement Pattern Shift in the Nottoway River Valley of Southeastern Virginia"* by Mike Johnson. Mike presented his research in Southeastern Virginia.
- *"The Examination of Early Historical Aerial Photography and its Implications"* by John Rutherford. His paper demonstrated the value of the historic aerial photographs in archaeological research. John, CK Gailey, and Scott Sizer of GIS recently geo-referenced these photos and they are now available as a GIS layer.
- *"Constructing Huntley: The Documentation of an Early 19th-Century Dwelling"* by Richard Sacchi. This was a report on the cultural resource studies of Huntley Historic Site, using the findings of numerous archaeological studies, a cultural landscape study, and historic structures report.

2006 Certification Field School and Volunteer Opportunities

A list of field schools and related opportunities suitable for satisfying certification requirements has been developed by Esther White, Mount Vernon archeologist, and forwarded by Michael B. Barber of ASV. This impressive list of opportunities can help you fill your field school requirement, some of your course requirements, and some of your historic or prehistoric field and lab hours. Check with the leaders at the links provided to see which school or schools best fit your needs. I've sent this to people on my NVC list. If you didn't get it and would like a computer version, email me at annpwood@comcast.net.

-- Ann Wood, NVC/ASV Certification Liaison

TIDEWATER DHR PORTSMOUTH REGIONAL OFFICE

Volunteers are accepted for a variety of activities. We are willing to work with certification students. David Hazzard dave.hazzard@thr.virginia.gov 757/396-6711.

APVA / JAMESTOWN REDISCOVERY / NATIONAL PARK SERVICE / UVA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Six-week field school at Jamestown, June 5 – July 14. Excavation at site of James Fort and survey methods. Tuition \$1,434 Virginia residents, \$2244 non-residents; six graduate credits, non-credit participation may be available. Volunteers are needed year-round to help interpret the site. Ann Berry, APVA, 1365 Colonial Parkway, Jamestown, VA 23081, 757/229-0412. aberry@apva.org <http://www.apva.org/fldschl.html>

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG / WILLIAM & MARY

Two sessions of field school, May 30 – June 30 and July 3 – August 4. Participants must register for the program through William and Mary www.wm.edu. Marley Brown, mbrown2@cwf.org, Andrew Edwards, aedwards@cwf.org, or Meredith Poole, mpoole@cwf.org, Department of Archaeological Research, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box C, Williamsburg, VA 23187, 757/220-7330 research.history.org/Archaeological_Research/Programs/Field_School_l.cfm

WILLIAM & MARY

Martin Gallivan, 757/ 221-3622, mdgall@wm.edu <http://web.wm.edu/anthropology/wero>

AIRFIELD FOUNDATION, GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Volunteers and certification students are welcome year-round to assist in the excavation of Fairfield Plantation, the 17th- and 18th-century plantation of the Burwell family in Gloucester County. Volunteers are also needed year-round to complete lab work and historical research. Some survey opportunities possible. Contact Thane Harpole or David Brown, Fairfield Foundation, P.O. Box 157, White Marsh, VA 23183. (804) 694-4775. fairfield@inna.net <http://www.fairfieldfoundation.org>

COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Certification students and volunteers are needed for ongoing field and lab research at Green Spring and Jamestown Island. Contact Andrew Veech, (757) 564-0068, andrew_veech@nps.gov

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

MOUNT VERNON

Very willing to work with certification students. Volunteers accepted year-round for both lab and field projects. This summer excavations will be in the Flower Garden. Eleanor Breen, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, Mount Vernon, VA 22121, 703/799-6314. ebreen@mountvernon.org www.mountvernon.org

FCPA ARCHAEOLOGY

Volunteers are accepted for both field and lab projects. Both prehistoric and historical archaeology opportunities are available. Ongoing lab work occurs Tuesday evening (Cactus Hill). Cold weather lab days for both historical and prehistoric artifacts are Tues., Fri., and Sat. A systematic archaeological evaluation of Lexington Plantation, built by George Mason IV in the late 1700s for his son, will be done this year. Robert Wharton, robert.wharton@fairfaxcounty.gov or Mike Johnson Michael.johnson@fairfaxcounty.gov (703) 787 – 3778.

DHR WINCHESTER REGIONAL OFFICE

Volunteers are accepted for a variety of activities. We are willing to work with certification students. Robert Jolley 540/722-3442. bob.jolley@thr.virginia.gov

ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGY

Field school in Alexandria at the Shuter's Hill Site, a 19th century domestic complex, May 23 – June 3. Participants must enroll through George Washington University. Call Summer and Experimental Programs office 202/994-1977 sumprogs@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu , <http://oha.ci.alexandria.va.us/archaeology/ar-programs-fieldschool.html> . Volunteers always welcome in a variety of activities both in the lab and in the field. Excavations continue on Shuter's Hill on Saturdays in the fall (mandatory orientation June 10). Alexandria Archaeology, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703/838-4399. www.alexandriaarchaeology.org archaeology@alexandria.gov

FREDERICKSBURG / RICHMOND AREA FERRY FARM / KENMORE / UNIVERSITY SOUTH FLORIDA

Volunteers and certification students are welcome for both excavations at the Washington Family plantation and lab work year-round with survey opportunities available. There is no charge for non-credit participation during the field school May 30 – July 7. Dave Muraca 540/372-6918, 1201 Washington Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. muraca2@gwffoundation.org <http://www.kenmore.org/archnewfieldschool.html>

DEPT. OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, RICHMOND

Volunteers are accepted for a variety of activities. Willing to work with certification students. Dee DeRoche 804/367-2323 x. 134 dee.deroche@dhr.virginia.gov

DHR CAPITAL REGIONAL OFFICE (Richmond)

Volunteers are accepted year-round for a variety of activities that include artifact processing, identification, and analysis. Long term interns or volunteers are encouraged to apply for assistance with collections management and analytical projects in the conservation lab. Chris Stevenson 804/367-2323 x. 132, chris.stevenson@dhr.virginia.gov

MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE

Doug Sanford, Mary Washington College, Department of Historic Preservation, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. 540/654-1314, dsanford@umw.edu

CENTRAL POPLAR FOREST

Field school at Poplar Forest June 4 - July 7. \$400. for non-credit participation. Additional fee for housing. One-week field school for teachers July 31 - August 4. Interested teachers should contact UVA School of Continuing and Professional Studies 434/243-5319. Volunteers are accepted year-round except during the field schools. Field work this season will focus on an early 19th-century site containing architectural and landscape elements and a high density of domestic artifacts located adjacent to Jefferson's ornamental grounds. Barbara Heath, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, P.O. Box 419, Forest, VA 24551. 434/534-8101. barbara@poplarforest.org
<http://www.poplarforest.org>
<http://www.poplarforest.org/archfldschool.htm>

MONTICELLO

Field school focused on understanding the greater Monticello plantation complex, June 5 - July 14. Free for ASV certification students willing to participate in the complete program. Volunteers needed year-round for various projects. Frasier Neiman, Monticello Archaeology, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 316, Charlottesville, VA 22902. 434/984-9812. fneiman@monticello.org
<http://www.monticello.org/archaeology/fieldschool/index.html>

LONGWOOD COLLEGE

*Volunteers are needed all year. Brian Bates, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Longwood College, 201 High St., Farmville, VA 23909. 434/354-2875. batesbd@longwood.edu
<http://www.lwc.edu/archaeology/fieldschool.htm>*

MONTPELIER / JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY / SUNY POTSDAM

Field school, May 15 - June 15 with James Madison University, and July 3 - 28 with SUNY Potsdam. Non-credit participation is free for those willing to enroll for at least three days. Volunteers are welcome at Montpelier year round for both field and lab work. Contact Matthew Reeves, Montpelier, P.O. Box 67, Montpelier Station, VA 22957. (540) 672-2728 x. 160. mreeves@montpelier.org www.montpelier.org
http://www.jmu.edu/sociology/archaeology_at_james_madison_uni.htm

WINTERGREEN NATURE FOUNDATION / JMU

Volunteers are needed at Wintergreen for survey and testing, lab and primary document research on both prehistoric and historic sites in the Blue Ridge, May 8 - 26 (weekdays). Housing may be available and transportation to the site is provided daily. Carole Nash, Dept. Geographic Science Program, JMU nashcl@jmu.edu (540)568-6805

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

Very willing to work with certification students. There are several opportunities in the laboratory to aid in artifact processing, working with our historic- or prehistoric-type collection, and working with exhibits in our museum. Possibility of archaeological survey opportunities in nearby Alleghany County during the months of April and May. Laura Galke 540-458-8574; Galkel@wlu.edu.

SOUTHWEST DHR ROANOKE REGIONAL OFFICE

Volunteers are accepted for a variety of projects. Will work with certification participants. Tom Klatka 540/857-6047 tom.klatka@dhr.virginia.gov

JEFFERSON-WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST / DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

ASV, PIT, DHR co-sponsored field school to conduct Phase II testing at the Keyser Farm Site in Page County. ASV participants receive certification credit. July 10 - 30. For additional information contact Michael J. Madden, mjmadden@fs.fed.us or George A. Tolley, gtolley@fs.fed.us, (540) 265-5212, U.S. Forest Service, George Washington/Jefferson National Forests, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, VA 24019,

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Cliff Boyd, Dept. Sociology and Anthropology, Radford, VA 24142. 540/831-5948 clboyd@radford.edu
<http://www.radford.edu/~soc-anth/>

IN THE WORKS

Planning is currently in the mill to have a field school during the first week of Archaeology Month (tentatively Tuesday October 3 - Monday October 9. It is in the early planning stage but I think it will happen. Michael B. Barber, Ph.D., RPA

Scholarship Opportunity

The Williams-Mullen Memorial Field Scholarship is available to anyone with one or more year's 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.

Publications available in the Cultural Resources Office

ASmInk; Newsletter of the Arch. Society of Maryland, Inc.
CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship. Nat. Park Service

The Doorway: Quarterly newsletter of the Alexandria Library, Local History/Special Collections

The Fare Facs Gazette: The Newsletter of Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

Heritage News: National Park Service

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Individual (\$15) _____

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Family (\$17) _____

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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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