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

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September 2009

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – ANN WOOD

Our archaeology volunteers are gearing up for an interesting and busy fall season of field and lab work, meetings and travel. After a vacation lull, Mike Johnson plans to resume digging at Cardinal Glen on September 5<sup>th</sup>. This project also offers certification candidates excavation hours and the opportunity to excavate a square. Ask Mike if you need this.

Many of us will be attending and helping out at the Archeological Society of Virginia's Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg October 9-11, 2009. ASV President Patrick O'Neill has announced that the banquet speaker will be Kristen McMasters of the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program. We expect to honor several northern Virginia certification graduates at the banquet. **I'll be asking you to help out by taking a shift at the tables or baking cookies for the hospitality suite.**

In the last two weeks of October, more than two dozen of us plan to head to Texas for longer or shorter stays to work at the Gault Site, one of the world's preeminent Paleo sites. This will be the third group Mike Johnson has led to Gault in recent years. The trip will offer field school opportunities to those in our group who are enrolled in the ASV certification program.

Along with our members, we welcome interested visitors to our chapter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events!

## September 2009 Speaker Michael Johnson

### IN A LAND CALLED "MOYOMPS" THE SEARCH FOR SMITH'S TAUXENENT

For the last 28 years, Fairfax County Archeology has sponsored and conducted several systematic surveys and excavations designed to locate and identify the village of *Tauxenent* and to understand the people called *Dogue*. A recent interpretation of later Colonial and geological mapping has turned the traditional focus of that search on its head. The *Tauxenent* symbol appears on Captain John Smith's 1608 map of the Chesapeake near the Colonial tobacco port town of Colchester at the western edge of Mason Neck. This discussion will address some of the problems associated with relating Smith's map to the modern world. The discussion also will address the question, who were the occupants of *Tauxenent* and what might they have called themselves? Traditionally they have been called the *Dogue*. However, recent documentary research by Larry Moore and this author also brings that into question.



## ARCHAEOLOGY SCHEDULE

By Michael Johnson

### ASV/DHR Camden Site (44CE140) Field School

- The Camden site is one of the most important sites ever discovered in Virginia. It is the type site for Camdenware, which is historic ceramics produced by American Indian potters in the 17th century. It offers participants to work on one of the truly rare archeological sites. State Archeologist, Mike Barber will co-direct the field school. The information on the field school and registration, which was provided by Carole Nash, is attached.

**Cardinal Glen (44FX3279)** - We should be working on Square 4, level 3, in order to take it down to the same level as the adjacent squares. That will be our primary aim on Saturday (9/5). We will also try to work in level 4 of one of the adjacent squares. We will continue to work on level 4 in the remaining squares on Saturday (9/19).

***Schedule*** - Saturday (9/5) and Saturday (9/19) at 9 am at the parking area at the end of Rockwell Ct.. We will not be there on Saturday (9/12), due to Granddaughter's Christening.

**Lab** - We have almost completed all of the Clark's Branch artifacts brought in by Paul. The lab crew did a great job over the last two Tuesdays completing the cataloguing of all but four levels.

***Schedule*** - Tuesday (9/8) and Tuesday (9/15)

## **ALEXANDRIA FORUM SEPT 25 & 26: RE-DISCOVERING THE FEDERAL CITY**

The 51st Annual Alexandria Forum, sponsored by the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission and the Office of Historic Alexandria, will focus on the theme of "Re-discovering the Federal City" when it is held on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26.

The Forum begins on Friday, September 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a dinner and lecture at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Noted antiques expert Sumpter Priddy III,

consultant to museums and collectors, will discuss Federal period furniture of Washington, D.C., with an emphasis on the work of Philadelphian Henry Ingle and Marylander William Worthington. His lecture will be followed by a sumptuous dinner where guests may also view the recently restored period rooms.

The Forum continues at 9 a.m., on Saturday, September 26, at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. Colonial Williamsburg curator Suzanne Findlen Hood will lecture on salt-glazed stoneware in Early America, and architect Al Cox will offer a presentation that will "read" the unusual architectural heritage of Alexandria, originally included within the boundaries of Washington, D.C., but retroceded to Virginia in 1847. Finally, Corcoran Gallery of Art curator Sarah Cash will offer a preview of her new exhibition on the marine work of John Singer Sargent, the pre-eminent American expatriate painter of the 19th century, opening at the Corcoran in September.

That afternoon the Forum concludes with a tour of two of Washington's finest architectural triumphs of the Federal period, Decatur House and Dumbarton. The tour returns to The Lyceum at 4 p.m.

The registration fee which covers dinner, lunch, tours and lectures is \$175, and single day registration at a reduced rate is also permitted. Advance registration is required. For more information, please call 703.838.4554 or visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org).

## **FAIRFAX CO. CIRCUIT COURT ARCHIVES**

The Library of Virginia (LVA), in partnership with the Fairfax County Circuit Court Archives, is pleased to announce the completion of another digital scanning project. The processing, indexing, and digital reformatting of the Fairfax County chancery causes is now complete. The images have been added to the existing indices on the recently redesigned Chancery Records Index <<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/>> (CRI) which is now located on the Library's home for digital collections, Virginia Memory <<http://www.virginiamemory.com/>>. The Fairfax

County chancery index covers the years 1803 through 1963 (with digital images posted through 1913). This locality joins twenty-four counties and cities whose chancery causes have been digitally reformatted and made available through the Library's innovative Circuit Court Records Preservation Program, which seeks to preserve the historic records of Virginia's Circuit Courts.=20

To date, The Library of Virginia has posted over 2.7 million digital chancery images. Seventeen localities are presently being scanned and will be posted in the coming months. Please see the Chancery Records Index for a listing of the available locality chancery collections.=20

Chancery causes are cases that are decided on the basis of equity and fairness as opposed to the strictly formulated rules of common law cases. Chancery cases are especially useful when researching local history, genealogical information, and land or estate divisions. They are a valuable source of local, state, social, and legal history and serve as a primary source for understanding a locality's history.

Chancery causes often contain correspondence; property lists, including slaves; lists of heirs; and vital statistics, along with many other records. Some of the more common types of chancery causes involve divisions of the estate of a person who died intestate (without a will); divorces; settlements of dissolved business partnerships; and resolutions of land disputes.=20

If you have any comments, questions, or corrections regarding the CRI or scanned images, please contact [chancery@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:chancery@lva.virginia.gov). =20

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## **WRITTEN IN BONE: FORENSIC FILES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY CHESAPEAKE**

Archaeological & Cultural Solutions, Inc. (ACS), of Williamsburg, and The Williamsburg Regional Library invite you to a lecture by Dr. Douglas W. Owsley, forensic anthropologist, Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution on Thursday, September 17th, 2009, at 7:30 pm in the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre. Dr. Owsley will introduce you to the bones of individuals who, whether by choice or by force, came to the Chesapeake beginning in 1607 and made history. James City County area archaeologists have provided many of the populations studied from their local investigations and it has been the role of ACS President Merry A. Outlaw to assemble Virginia artifacts to help tell the story in a new exhibit, entitled Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake, at the Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Natural History (MNH).

For decades, historical archaeologists have recovered human burials from archaeological sites in Virginia and Maryland which pose many questions---Who were they? How old were they? How did they die? Where were they from? Their bones and teeth hold many of the answers.

Since the early 1990s, the Smithsonian Institution's physical anthropologist, Dr. Douglas W. Owsley, has opened forensic files on more than 200 17th-century English and African residents of the Chesapeake. In collaboration with researchers in Virginia and Maryland, and colleagues from the Smithsonian, Dr. Owsley gives us a new, more intimate look at our historic past in the Written in Bone exhibit.

During his lecture, Dr. Owsley will discuss the circumstances of burial discoveries, the investigative techniques used to analyze bone, and what studies of archaeological human remains have revealed about the lives and deaths of early Virginians.

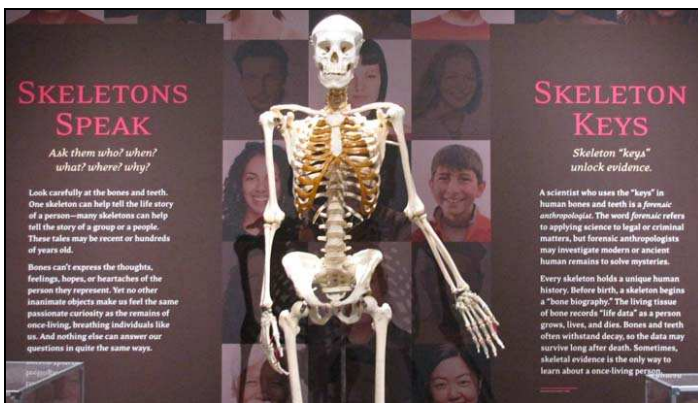
ADDRESS:  
Williamsburg Regional Library  
515 Scotland Street  
Williamsburg, VA 23185



Diane and I visited the Museum of Natural History last weekend with the family and found the Written In Bone a great exhibit. Following are several photographs to peak your interest in going to see the display! Take at least 2 hours for it, if not more! Patrick O'Neill



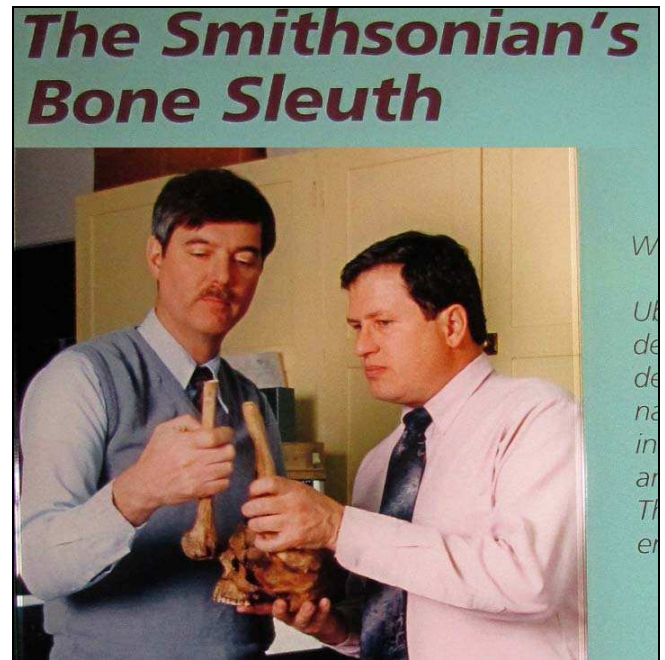
Femur was broken and healed like this! Ouch!



Very good visuals to engage children



It's not what you think! (or is it?)



Of course, plenty of Dr. Doug Owsley images!



Three lead coffins from St. Mary's City, Md.



Yes, even hand molded bricks!!!!

## REGISTER NOW

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### Archeological Society of Virginia Annual Meeting: October 9-11, 2009

Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA

**Hotel reservations:** On-line at: <http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?groupID=295328&hotelID=15003>  
Phone 800-682-1049 or 540-786-8321 and mention the Archeological Society of Virginia Annual Meeting to receive the rate of **\$85.00** per night plus tax. Rate good 3 days before and 3 days after event.

**Deadline** is **September 9, 2009** for the Society hotel room rate.

**Meeting Registration fee:** \$30.00

Preliminary Agenda: Friday, October 9 – COVA Fall Meeting and Presentations

Saturday, October 10 – ASV Business Meeting, Chapter Reports, Papers, Banquet

Sunday, October 11 – Papers, Certification Workshops, Executive Board Meeting

**Banquet:** \$36.00 per person

Saturday night reception and banquet with invited speaker and awards presentations.

Buffet dinner: Garden salad, cole slaw, baskets of fresh rolls and cornbread, pulled pork BBQ with a homestyle southern recipe, slow-cooked roast beef, BBQ chicken, southern style green beans, roasted red potatoes, cobblers and pies, coffee, and iced tea.

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Registration fee: Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet: Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$36.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **ASV 2009**.

Please mail registration information and check to:

Patrick O'Neill, ASV President  
9902 Rand Drive  
Burke, V 22015



## WETA will air DANGER BETWEEN THE LINES

Sunday, September 6 @ 3 PM

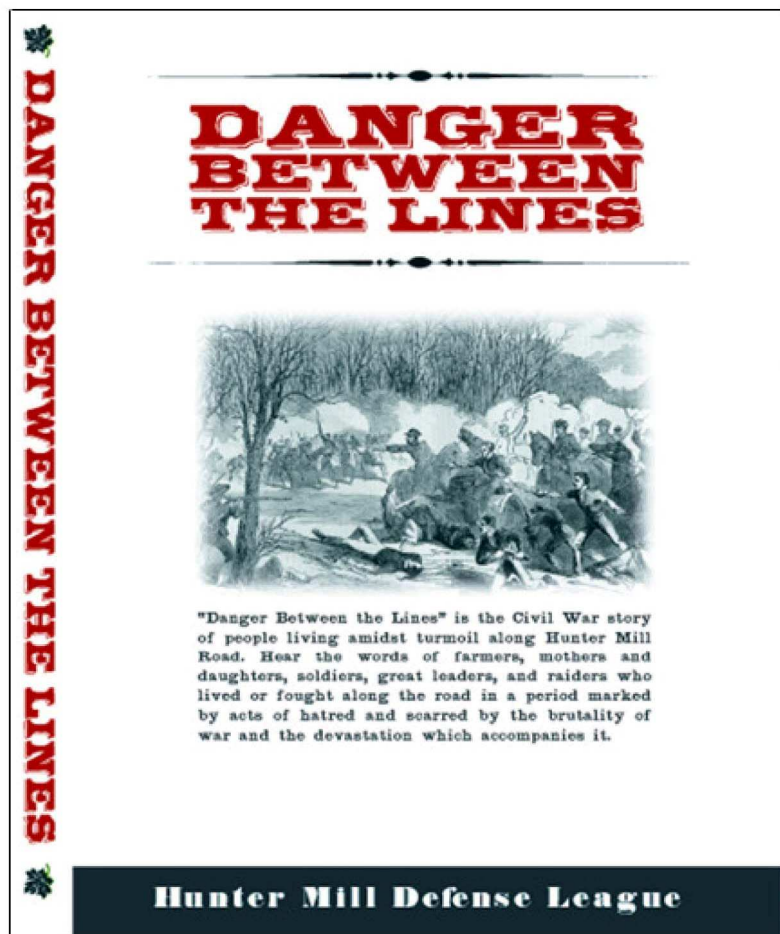
Channel 26

The Hunter Mill Defense League (HMDL) is very pleased to announce that WETA has chosen to air our DVD "Danger Between the Lines." This represents a portion of our commitment to educate the public about our valuable local history.

The DVD was produced by HMDL just over two years ago and has been very well received in all the venues we have presented it in. It is a documentary, which tells the story of the Hunter Mill corridor and its residents during the Civil War. This community had split loyalties, which often came to head in aggressive and antagonistic ways. The area changed hands many times, which created great angst, loss of property and anxiety among residents.

**Other service providers and their channels include:** Cox 726, Comcast 220, FIOS 526, Direct TV 26, RCN 613.

We would like to thank everyone for his or her continued support. Please sit back, and enjoy some of the fruits from your support.



## **Certification Folks,**

VDHR's third field school of 2009, the Camden Site (44CE140), will take place from September 14-25 near Port Royal, Caroline County. The work will be directed by Dr. Mike Barber and Dr. Joanna Wilson. The information on this site is included in the previous e-mails re: VDHR field schools for this year. This site likely represents a household associated with a 17th century Native American dispersed village.

The project will meet the general requirement for excavation hours, as well as the 24 hours for an approved field school. You need to pre-register. We are attaching the form to send back to Mike Barber -- please confirm your dates of attendance.

Following are local hotels that are relatively close to the site (20-30 minute drive):

Ramada Inn Spotsylvania Mall 866-582-3258  
Fairfield Inn Fredericksburg 866-711-3751  
Howard Johnson's Fredericksburg 866-925-0548  
Econolodge Ruther Glen 866-538-0157  
Days Inn Carmel Church 866-538-0315  
Quality Inn Ruther Glen 866-538-2362

The landowner has given the OK to camping on site; you may bring a tent or small camper trailer. THERE IS NO POTABLE WATER ON SITE. Mr. Pratt and his family have to bring in bottled water due to the sulphur content of the well water. We will find a way to get drinking water on site for you. Sonja Ostrander also found a couple of campgrounds near Port Royal (Big Timber Campground, 51045 Big Timber Rd., King George, VA 22485, phone 540-775-9630.

Street address of the Camden Site property: 7298 Camden Road, Port Royal, VA 22535.

FROM I-95: take Exit 104 (Bowling Green) and turn right onto Route 207. This will become Route 301 and take you through Fort A.P. Hill. Turn right onto Route 17 South. After about two miles look for a street sign on the right that says "Camden Road" - directly across from the sign there is a short left-hand turn lane that will allow you to cross the median and enter the property. Follow the entry road through the cornfields and past the brick house on your right. The road will become an unpaved, tree-lined avenue. A dirt farm road leads off to the right -- follow this road and it will bring you to the site. We will have signs or flagging tape or something up to mark the way. If you get to the "big house" you've gone too far.

From Fredericksburg, take Route 17 (Tidewater Trail) south, past its intersection with Rt. 301 (AP Hill Blvd) at Port Royal Crossroads. Turn left onto Camden Road.

From Ruther Glen, take Rt. 652 north, and turn right onto Rt. 207 (Rogers Clark Blvd). Stay on 207 through Bowling Green, at which point it becomes Rt. 301 (AP Hill Blvd). Follow 301 to Port Royal Crossroads and turn right onto Route 17, then left onto Camden Road.

From Carmel Church, take Rt. 207 (Rogers Clark Blvd) north through Bowling Green, at which point it becomes Rt. 301 (AP Hill Blvd). Follow 301 to Port Royal Crossroads, turn right onto Rt. 17, then left onto Camden Road.

Hope to see you there! Carole and Bruce

Carole Nash

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# **VDHR FIELD SCHOOL APPLICATION**

**2009**

Applicants are encouraged to become members of the Archeological Society of Virginia and will gain the best experience if enrolled in or graduated from the Certification Program. Children as young as 12 years of age may participate if accompanied by a responsible adult, although they must be 16 years of age to enroll in the Certification Program.

**Field School of Interest:**

**Name of Applicant:**

**Date(s) of Attendance:**

**Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Chapter Affiliation:**

**Enrolled in Certification Program** \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**Archaeological Experience:**

**Special Skills:**

**Submit Applications to**

Mike Barber (540 857-6341)  
Department of Historic Resources  
2801 Kensington Ave., Richmond 23221.  
[mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov)



# **2009 COVA Grants**

## **for**

### **Preservation, Public Education, and Research**

For a second consecutive year we are soliciting members to submit proposals for projects to be considered for funding under the COVA grant program. Project topics must fall within one of the three main categories that traditionally have made up the core of COVA's mandate: Preservation, Public Education, and Research. Projects that have as broad a reach as possible (ie. are aimed more at state-wide issues rather than focusing on site-specific activities) are strongly encouraged. The membership has authorized the expenditure of up to \$1000 total in 2009, with a limit of up to \$500 per award. The review process is competitive, and COVA reserves the right to award less than the allotted amount.

To apply, submit a 2-3 page prospectus, to include the names and specific qualifications of the project participants, a complete budget, proposed work schedule, and detailed portrayal of the final product and its value to Virginia archaeology. To qualify, the project must be led by a COVA member in good standing at the time the application is submitted. COVA grant monies need not be the sole source of funding for projects.

The deadline for receiving proposals is September 15, 2009. The successful applicant(s) will be announced at the COVA meeting in Fredericksburg, in October 2009.

Attach the proposal to an e-mail addressed to:

Dennis J. Pogue, Chair  
COVA Budget Committee  
[dpogue@mountvernon.org](mailto:dpogue@mountvernon.org)

**REMINDER:**  
**The deadline for applications is September, 15, 2009**

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Alexandria Museum	Pam Cressey	<a href="mailto:pamela.cressey@alexandriava.gov">pamela.cressey@alexandriava.gov</a> 703-838-4399 (information)

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Student (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_

Family (\$17) \_\_\_\_\_

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Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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*Chapter members should join our parent organization,  
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[asv-archeology.org](http://asv-archeology.org)*

**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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