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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
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FROM THE PRESIDENT RICH EILERS

Foamhenge awaits those who attend! August 19th at Cox Farms is the place to be 11:30am and 2pm to share in good fellowship while saying goodbye to Isabel and thank you to CD and the Cox Family for their decades of support. We will welcome Barbara Leven as our new Chapter Treasurer. Pulled pork and smoked chicken lead an all-star line up of homemade sides. Nancy Elke, rce2@cox.net, is collecting attendees numbers and side contributions. Please contact her if you are attending.

The Maritime Heritage Chapter conducted its first formal training class at the Watermen's Museum in Yorktown. The Nautical Archaeology Society's Introductory Course covered many of the equivalent topics we cover in the ASV certification courses. Fifteen divers and avocational archaeologists attend the course taught by members of the Maryland State underwater archaeology team. Many thanks for their time and expertise.

Mike Johnson has received the necessary permits to conduct an extensive survey on the terraces above Beverly Mill. This work started on August 1st and will continue on Tuesdays and Saturdays through the end of the year. See his article in this issue.

Finally everyone is reminded the state conference will be held at The Historic Natural Bridge Hotel from Oct 26 through the 29th. Registration is ongoing. Please review your email to see Patrick's message and the registration. Last year our Chapter response and attendance was awesome!

Remember! No meeting in September. Please check the website, NVCASV.org for details on the field trip and lecture on Roosevelt Island. Have a great August and see you at the picnic.

NO WEDNESDAY MEETING

CHAPTER PICNIC!!!!!!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 19TH
COX FARM

11:30AM TO 2PM
15621 BRADDOCK RD,
CENTREVILLE, VA 20120



Come to the NVC's chapter picnic for fellowship, food, and fun! See the newly relocated FOAM HENGE at Cox Farm just hours (hours I tell you) before the total solar eclipse!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHAPMAN'S MILL AND THOROUGHFARE GAP

By Mike Johnson

We began the shovel test pit (STP) sampling along the N100-foot baseline, completing N100E110 and N99E129 (the latter avoiding a tree) (see photo). We were limited in how many STPs we did by the need to train the crew and in getting a handle on both the equipment and soil changes.

We only were able to excavate the first three strata in STP N100E150, so I plan to return tomorrow to excavate stratum 4. Stratum 3 in the first two STPs was a mottled clay and loam with artifacts. The sub-soil (stratum 4) was uniform clay. In STP N100E150 strata 2 and 3 were completed.

However, in evaluating stratum 4 we encountered water rolled quartz cobbles and other redeposited rocks. That indicates stratum 4 in STP N100E150 may either cover or contain older cultural material. It is in a clayey matrix, which we did not have time to screen, so that will be tomorrow's job.

Ann Wood recovered our first point, a quartz stemmed point fragment (attached) from stratum 3 in STP N100E110. The point is likely Woodland in age or less than 3,000 years old. So far very few prehistoric artifacts have been observed, which is likely due to our starting at the west (upslope) end of the grid as we are working toward the adjacent floodplain.

However, a number of good historic artifacts have been observed. These include Chinese export porcelain, green shell edged white bodied earthenware, redware, stoneware, wrought and cut nails, and oyster shell.



Ann Wood



2017 ASV AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT

By August 15, 2017, please mail your ASV Awards ballot to Patrick O'Neill, 9902 Rand Dr., Burke, Va. 22015 or email completed form to patrickloneill@verizon.net. Please supply all information requested. Add pages as needed, and **be prepared to provide contact information for a person close to each nominee to ensure the winners attend the ASV Banquet where they will be presented!**

Name of submitter: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
I am a member of: ___ASV, ___COVA, or ___Both

I nominate the following for ASV Awards:

AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME _____
Reasons for nomination: _____

PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME _____
Reasons for nomination: _____

OUT OF STATE PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: _____
NAME _____
Reasons for nomination: _____

OUT OF STATE AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: _____
NAME _____
Reasons for nomination: _____

Past Recipients of the Archeological Society of Virginia Awards

Year	Amateur	Professional	Out of State Avocational	Out of State Professional	Hall of Fame
1980	Ben McCary (Dec.)	Ivor Noel Hume	N/A	Emory Jones (Dec.)	N/A
1981	Floyd Painter (Dec.)	Howard MacCord	N/A	None	N/A
1982	Dale Kerby (Dec.)	Paul Hudson (Dec.)	N/A	None	N/A
1983	Horace Hood (Dec.)	C. G. Holland	N/A	None	N/A
1984	Richard Gravely (Dec.)	Leverette Gregory	N/A	None	N/A
1985	Vivianne Mitchell	William Kelso	N/A	None	Thomas Jefferson (Dec.)
1986	Joey Moldenhauer	Pam Cressey	N/A	John Cotter (Dec.)	N/A
1987	Charles S. Bartlett, Jr.	Michael B. Barber	N/A	None	N/A
1988	C. Lanier Rodgers	Carl F. Miller (Dec.)	N/A	Joseph Benthall	N/A
1989	Wm Jack Hranicky	Theodore R. Reinhart	N/A	None	N/A
1990	William A. Thompson, Jr.	Michael F. Johnson	N/A	None	David I. Bushnell (Dec.)
1991	Malcolm Richardson	None	N/A	None	N/A
1992	Russell E. Darden	Keith T. Egloff	N/A	None	N/A
1993	None	None	N/A	None	N/A
1994	Eleanor Parslow	Mary Ellen Hodges	N/A	Joffre L. Coe (Dec.)	N/A
1995	Harry A. Jaeger	L. Daniel Mouer	N/A	Paul Y. Inashima	Carl F. Miller (Dec.)
1996	Charles S. Herndon	Martha R. Williams	N/A	None	N/A
1997	Joyce Pearsall	Dennis J. Pogue	N/A	None	N/A
1998	Daniel E. Vogt	C. Clifford Boyd	N/A	None	N/A
1999	Dale Collins	Stephen Shephard	N/A	None	N/A
2000	Edward Bottoms	David K. Hazzard	N/A	Edward F. Heite (Dec.)	William H. Holmes (Dec.)
2001	George Ramsey	Carole Nash	N/A	Joan Walker	N/A
2002	David Rotenizer	Randolph Turner	N/A	None	N/A
2003	Albert J. Pfeffer III	Ester C. White	Peter Bonn	None	N/A
2004	Graham H. Simmerman	Lysbeth B. Acuff	None	None	N/A
2005	William Trout	Lyle Browning	None	Wayne Clark	Ben C. McCary (Dec.)
2006	Bruce Baker	Barbara Heath	None	Joel Hardison	N/A
2007	Shirley Jaeger	Martin Gallivan	None	Stephen Israel	N/A
2008	Steve Fox	Stephen Potter	Maxine Grabill	Martha Williams	N/A
2009	Cynthia Hansen	None	None	None	N/A
2010	Marcus Lemasters	David Brown	Belinda Urquiza	Charles Hall	COL Howard MacCord (Dec)
2011	Charles Manson	Thane Harpole	None	Craig Lukesic	N/A
2012	Teresa Preston	Laura Galke	Dan Hamilton	None	N/A
2013	Stan Slivinski	Lori Lee	Kara Jorud	Edward Otter	N/A
2014	Kay Veith	Michael Madden	none	Darrin Lowery	N/A
2015	Bertrum Wendell Jr.	Elizabeth Moore	none	none	N/A
2016	Diane Schug-O'Neill	John Mullin	none	none	N/A



ASV Annual Meeting Mail-In Registration
Join us in Natural Bridge, October 26-29, 2017!
Deadline for pre-registration, hotel rooms and banquet tickets:
September 25, 2017

The 2017 ASV Annual Meeting will be held at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center (15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge, VA). <http://www.naturalbridgeva.com/>

To contact the hotel, call 1-800-533-1410. There is no code to book rooms, but you need to mention "ASV Annual Meeting" to get the conference rate of **\$99/night plus taxes**. Breakfast is not included.

The meeting registration fee is **\$25/person**.

Tickets for the Annual Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, October 28, are **\$30/person**.

Field trips are in the planning stages. In addition to Natural Bridge itself, the property includes the Monacan Indian Living History Exhibit (<http://www.naturalbridgeva.com/education/monacan-indian-living-history/>). Other field trip possibilities include Peaks of Otter on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The ASV is offering sponsorships of **\$55 each** for students (undergraduate or graduate) who present papers at the meeting. This fee covers the cost of registration and banquet. We hope that you will consider sponsoring a student as you are registering for the meeting. Your name will appear in the program, if you so choose.

Registration (please complete):

Conference Attendee (\$25/each) Enter Number _____ Total Amount _____

Name _____

Chapter or Organizational Affiliation _____

Name to Appear on Badge _____

Mailing Address _____

Banquet Tickets (\$30/each) Enter Number _____ Total Amount _____

Student Sponsorship (\$55/each) Enter Number _____ Total Amount _____

(As a sponsor, I would like my name to appear in the program ___ Yes ___ No)

Grand Total _____

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The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month at the James Lee Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!