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## **FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT** **PATRICK O'NEILL**

By now, I hope you all have renewed your Chapter dues, as well as the State ASV dues! If not, please contact Barbara Leven at [levenbarbara2@gmail.com](mailto:levenbarbara2@gmail.com) for the Chapter dues and/or fill out the form on the last page of the newsletter and mail a check to Barbara. Contact me at [patrickoneill@verizon.net](mailto:patrickoneill@verizon.net) for the State dues, or go online at <https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/join-asv/>. It is important to do this now, so the chapter and the state can communicate archaeology events and locations to you!!!

Bob Jolley of the Northern Regional Preservation Office (NRPO) of the DHR will give this month's presentation to the chapter. I have included the entire of the bibliography from that office to illustrate the work that office had done in not just archaeology, but in publication. It is not just a matter of digging, the projects need to be written so we all can learn.

In the spirit of learning, Mike Johnson is continuing lab work on Smith Mountain Lake and Chapman's Mill. They are finding out new things about the artifacts each week!

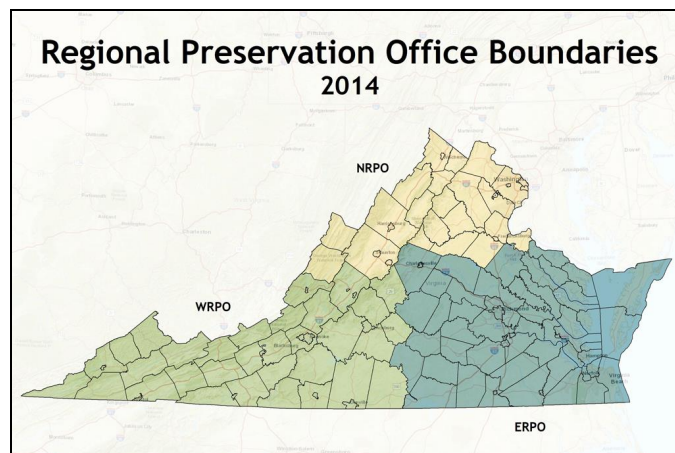
Finally, please become involved with chapter as well as state wide ASV events! Virginia has so much archaeology and history to offer the public, and you can help be the conduit! GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

**Join Chapter members at Anthony's Restaurant at 6 pm before the meeting! Located at 3000 Annandale Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 - (703) 532-0100**

**Chapter Talk 7:30pm  
Weds February 14, 2018**

**NORTHERN REGIONAL  
PRESERVATION OFFICE  
OF DHR**

**By Robert Jolley, MA**



The Northern Regional Preservation Office (NRPO) of the DHR, established in 1995 and serving the northern area of Virginia (22 counties), has one archaeologist assigned to it, Robert Jolley. This presentation will discuss the activities and accomplishments of the office over the past 22 years.

The presentation will provide a historic context for the office and briefly discuss the variety of projects completed through three different programs (Threatened Sites, Survey and Planning and Certified Local Government), in-house excavation projects conducted with the support of the ASV and survey projects conducted primarily by the NRPO

archaeologist. Thus far, there have been over 40 projects and over 500 archaeological inventory forms completed. The projects include those supported by local governments, historical/preservation organizations, the ASV and include sites dating from the Paleo Indian period through the historic period involving survey, excavation, assessments and preservation planning.

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## **CART**

### **Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team**

Cold and wet January days keeps the CART field staff inside the lab to assist with processing of artifacts, report writing, and picking waterscreen window screen samples. One lab day was a deep cleaning of the lab for volunteers and staff. Processing all the waterscreen samples creates a lot of dust throughout the lab, which gets on top of shelves and in between tables. The work by many hands finished the task quickly. Thank you to everyone who helped.





keep an eye out on our blog for more info in the coming weeks.

For questions about volunteering in the field, email CART staff in the field at [cart.volunteers@live.com](mailto:cart.volunteers@live.com). Volunteer days in the field are Thursdays through Saturdays, weather permitting. Volunteer days in the lab are Wednesdays through Fridays. Keep an eye on our blog: [cartarchaeology.wordpress.com](http://cartarchaeology.wordpress.com) for information on local events, winter weather delays and recent finds by CART.

CART lab staff continued cataloging artifacts from Feature 5, including hundreds of ceramic sherds. Ceramic types recovered from Feature 5 include a variety of refined earthenwares and stonewares that were exported from Europe as well as coarse earthenwares and stonewares that may have been produced locally. Many of the refined earthenware sherds were hand painted with floral or chinoiserie motifs, such as the pearlware sherds in the image below (not to scale). Large pieces of stoneware jugs, bottles, and storage vessels were also present.



Jean C. will be leaving FCPA in February for another archaeology position in Virginia. She has been a valued CART member since 2013 and will be missed.

CART will be returning to Old Colchester Park and Preserve this month. Further excavation of eighteenth century sites on the park will assist in new interpretation. Probably in early March (weather permitting on 3 March), CART will begin a metal detecting survey at the site in the western side of the county. CART will welcome volunteers with experience in metal detecting survey. Please

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

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**