



# THE DATUM POINT

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

If you want to go to some of the ASV Field School at Kittiewan May 12-20, look inside the DP and find the information and form. **DO IT NOW**, as May 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline! You will enjoy the experience and the project!

There is no monthly meeting in May, as we have a field trip to Salubria!!!! See John Kelsey's information to the right.



May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>, this Thursday and Saturday, I will be conducting some STPs at the old Lazy Susan site just west of Old Colchester to see if we can find artifacts or structural remains of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Peter Wegener (Kings Hill) farm complex. If you want to participate, let me know by email [patrickloneill@verizon.net](mailto:patrickloneill@verizon.net) or text 703-244-6275. I can use some help!



Kings Hill west of Colchester

## NO MONTHLY MEETING!!!

## **SALUBRIA FIELDTRIP** **MAY 19TH**

**By John Kelsey**

The Chapter will conduct a field trip to Salubria on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30am. Historic Salubria is located at **19173 Salubria Lane** (off Route 3/Germanna Highway), **Stevensburg, VA**. The attached email sent out before includes information on the property and its location. ***I need to know two things from prospective tour members:***

- Please confirm that you will attend and let me know how many people will be in your party.
- If you think you may want to bring a picnic lunch and eat on the property after the tour, please let me know that so that we can arrange to have tables and chairs available. (The chapter will not be providing food or drink.)

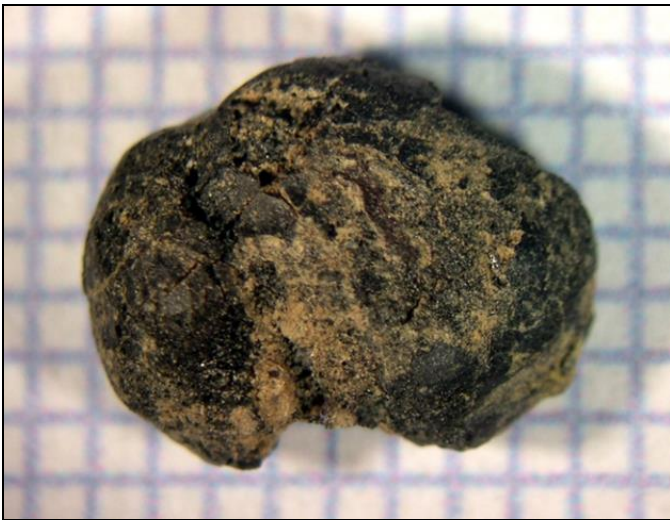
One important item to note: because of the condition of the house and other scheduling, the tour will be cancelled, not postponed, if the weather is inclement. If in doubt on the day of the tour, check your emails. I will consult with Leta Scherquist, the property steward and our guide, and advise attendees by email.

The expense of maintaining a historic property like this is considerable. Your \$10 donations (or more) will be appreciated.

**CART**  
**County Archaeological Research Team**

Rainy spring days keep the CART field team inside the lab. Working with the lab staff, wet waterscreen window screen samples and float samples are being processed. Our volunteers and interns continue to streamline the artifacts recovered from the field, by completing basic artifact counts of small finds in the waterscreen samples, and organizing the larger artifacts within the boxes for future curation processes.

Our float samples are yielding lots of small and delicate artifacts. Artifacts recovered from flotation samples can help CART archaeologists learn more about the diets, seasonal patterns, gardening practices, and environmental conditions of the occupants at the sites we investigate. For example, flotation samples from Old Colchester Park and Preserve contained charred maize and wheat kernels, evidence that these plants were cultivated there in the past (image shows a charred maize kernel).



(Photo courtesy of Justine McKnight)

Initial sorting of artifacts recovered in the pickings reveal small rodent and fish bones, over 100 straight pins, and over 170 glass beads. These glass beads vary in size, color and shape. Interesting ones of note are striped color and cut faceted (image shows a variety of beads measured in millimeters). Thank you to our many volunteers who have devoted countless hours to picking all the waterscreen samples. Only 20 samples from the site on the western side of the county remain! But then onto Datum Point

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the samples from Old Colchester Park and Preserve, as CART has already begun sampling the soils directly over the stone foundation.



On dry weather days, work continues at Old Colchester Park and Preserve along the Occoquan River. CART continues to open units around the large stone hearth exposed last month. This hearth and foundation edge surround a sub-floor pit which was discovered and excavated in 2015. The stone hearth outline is eight feet along the edge, but the exact dimensions of the entire structure have not yet been determined. Shown in the image is the backfilled middle section with black plastic outline of the excavation units from 2015. Artifacts recovered from the soil directly above the stone foundation are from the eighteenth century.



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.

## **Kittiewan Archaeological Field School**

**May 15-20, 2018**

**12104 Weyanoke Road, Charles City, VA 23030**



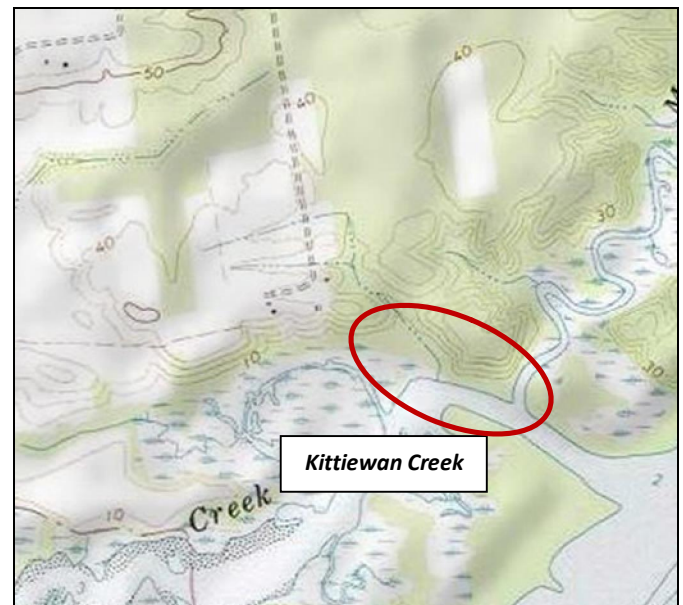
### **Introduction**

Kittiewan, the ASV's 700+ acre farm in Charles City County, is a learning laboratory for archaeology, history, architectural history, and human-environment interaction. The property falls within the inner coastal plain of a dynamic setting for the study of the tidal creeks, marshes, and dissected uplands that continue to provide a rich variety of food resources and habitat. The dedicated ASV volunteers who have devoted countless hours to the Kittiewan property are continually reminded of the long history of human

settlement here, as their projects have uncovered evidence of Native American, European American, and African American occupations that are part of the larger story of the Virginia coastal plain. While we are most familiar with the manor house and curtilage associated with the 18th and 19th centuries, the 2018 field school will focus on a different part of the property: the floodplain and low terrace adjoining Kittiewan Creek on the southern edge of the farm.

### **Archaeological Resources and Research Questions**

In 2010, the Kittiewan Committee members identified a small number of artifacts eroding out of the shoreline of Kittiewan Creek, not far from its confluence with Mapsico Creek. This is an area of marshes and tidal flats that back up against low terraces, all within .3 miles of the confluence of Kittiewan Creek and the James River. A Contact Period village associated with the Weyanoke Indians has been identified at Weyanoke Point, upstream of the Kittiewan State Wildlife Refuge.



The discovery of heat-altered rock, a Native American pottery sherd, a cast iron kettle fragment, and a few flakes along Kittiewan Creek led to the site being recorded as a camp with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources as 44CC0404-10. The components were identified as belonging to the Woodland and Historic periods. Since that time,

Kittiewan Committee members have kept their eyes on the shoreline and continued to find small number of artifacts, including Native American ceramics, and quartzite and jasper flakes and cores.

## **2018 Archaeological Field School**

### Field

The goals of the 2018 archaeological field school are to identify the boundaries of the site through additional shoreline survey and subsurface excavation, in addition to determining the stratigraphic integrity of the components. A grid of 25ø cells will be established on the low terrace for horizontal control. Artifacts have been found in discrete locations along a 750ø stretch of shoreline, and work will begin in these areas in 2.5ø-square units and expand outward.

The field school will count toward the excavation requirement for the Certification Program. Students will receive training in the skills-oriented requirements of site organization, excavation techniques, stratigraphy and soils, and use of grid and total station for site excavation.

### Lab

Students will have the opportunity to complete hours toward the laboratory requirement. An on-site lab will be set up for processing excavated artifacts, and there will be additional work with waterscreening soils from the 2016 Great Neck Site excavations.

### Lectures

We will offer Certification Program lectures in the evenings, including Lithics, Native American Ceramics, Archaeological Laws and Ethics, Archaeology as Anthropology, and others.

### Welcome Home to Kittiewan

A major goal of this effort is introducing ASV members to Kittiewan. Activities led by Kittiewan Committee members will include tours of the manor house and collections, discussions of the archaeological work that has been carried out around the manor house, and the history of the property.

## **Logistics**

Work will begin at 8:00 am and end at 4:00 p.m., weather permitting. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. A portajohn will be available near the site. Camping is available at no cost on the Kittiewan property, and there is a well-appointed bunk room in the Vistorsø Center that will hold three (first come, first served). Showers, refrigerator, microwave, camp stoves, and fire ring are available. If there is interest, we can prepare meals together. Those who are interested in camping need to let us know ó see application form.

What to bring: work gloves, lunch and snacks, drinking water, insect repellent, sun screen, and hat. If you have a field kit, please bring it; otherwise, tools are provided. If you plan to help with shoreline survey, don't forget your waders or muck boots.

**Deadline for submitting application: Tuesday, May 8, 2018.**

**Kittiewan Plantation Archeological Field School: 44CC0404-10**  
**May 15-20, 2018**  
**Registration Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Certification student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please check the appropriate boxes for your work days and camping nights:

|         | May 15 | May 16 | May 17 | May 18 | May 19 | May 20 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Work    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Camping |        |        |        |        |        |        |

Describe your archaeological experience and interests.

Directions: From Richmond and west: Take I-64 east to Route 155 exit (Providence Forge). Go south on Route 155 to Charles City (intersection of VA Route 5). Turn left on Route 5, go about 2 miles to Route 619 (four historical markers and an old school at this intersection). Turn right on Route 619 and follow to sign at Kittiewan entrance. Proceed down entry road approximately one mile to Visitors' Center.

From Williamsburg and east: Take I-64 west to Route 155 exit. Proceed as above, or take Route 5 west from Williamsburg and turn left onto Route 619.

**Please complete this form and return to Carole Nash no later than May 8, 2018: [nashcl@jmu.edu](mailto:nashcl@jmu.edu)**

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### NVC/ASV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual (\$15)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Return to:**

**Barbara Leven, Treasurer, NVC/ASV**

**9518 Liberty Tree Lane**

**Vienna VA 22182**

**Chapter members must join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at [www.virginiaarcheology.org/](http://www.virginiaarcheology.org/)**

**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!!!!**