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 8th 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 10th and May 12th, 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 18th century Peter Wegener (Kings Hill) farm complex. If you want to participate, let me know by email patrickloneill@verizon.net or text 703-244-6275. I can use some help!

Kings Hill west of Colchester

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NO MONTHLY MEETING!!!

SALUBRIA FIELDTRIP

**MAY 19TH**

By John Kelsey

The Chapter will conduct a field trip to Salubria on Saturday, May 19th, 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 windowscreen 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).

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.

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 May 2018

For questions about volunteering in the field, email CART staff in the field at 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 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 — 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 25 cells will be established on the low terrace for horizontal control. Artifacts have been found in discrete locations along a 750’ stretch of shoreline, and work will begin in these areas in 2.5’ 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.

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

**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 Visitors’ 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 i 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.**

**Datum Point**

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

NAME________________________________________________________

ADDRESS____________________________________________________

PHONE: Mobile___________________________________ Home__________________________

EMAIL________________________________________________________

Certification student?  ____ Yes  ____ No

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

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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
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NVC/ASV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Individual ($15)________
Student ($5)     ________
Family ($17)    ________

Return to:
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Chapter members must join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at www.virginiaarcheology.org/

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!!!!