



# THE DATUM POINT

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Newsletter of the  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE  
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

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## FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

**PATRICK O'NEILL**

We had a successful mapping weekend at the Bull Run Preserve on June 15 and 16. Over two days, 14 volunteers helped me map over 200 stones in what are thought to be two separate. Tentatively called the Solomon Jones Farmstead, one cemetery is the Jones family cemetery with a stone found for a child/infant, Zecheri Jones, who died in 1770. The Solomon Jones family owned the land from 1749 to ca. 1805. More research will hopefully determine more about the second cemetery.



Zecheri Jones died 1770

The ASV Board meeting is a two day event this quarter, on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Bridgewater. There will be several presentations, including one on harassment training, will be made to the board.

**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 Meeting 7:30pm  
Weds July 10, 2019**

## SITE X: THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST ROANOKE COLONY

**By Martha Williams**



Excerpt from John White's map

Martha Williams has participated with the First Colony Foundation's archaeological investigations at Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island since 1991. More recently, the focus of those investigations has moved to Site X or Mettaquem, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Native American village in Bertie County--one of several sites that has produced early English artifacts. Williams's talk will summarize the numerous theories about and the on-going efforts to understand early English settlement in northeastern North Carolina.

Martha Williams, the speaker for July's NVC/ASV meeting, is no stranger either to Northern Virginia or to archaeology. During her 26 years of teaching American History at Marshall High School, she and colleague Jack Hiller conducted a summer seminar in historical archaeology for high school students which investigated 15 archeological sites in the county.

Kittiewan Plantation in Virginia and at the Museum of the Albemarle, where she conducted research on and inventoried the 10,000+ artifacts from the River Bridge site.

### SOLOMON JONES FARMSTEAD SURVEY

Photos By Patrick O'Neill



Crew surveying for vertical stones and depressions

In 1988, Ms. Williams began a second career, working first for the National Park Service and then as an archaeological project manager and historian for Goodwin & Associates, a private firm that focuses on historic preservation and historical archeology.



Revealing stones for mapping

Her work on that company's archival and archaeological research projects has involved projects in every state along the eastern seaboard and the Gulf Coast. She is a past president of the Northern Virginia Chapter, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the ASV.

After moving to North Carolina in 2007, Williams continued to volunteer for archaeological projects at



Sunday crew by VOF Preserve sign



Stones with pin flags before mapping



LJ 1857 stone

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**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!!!!**