



THE DATUM POINT

March 2019

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

Chapter Website – www.nvcasv.org



FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

PATRICK O'NEILL

This month we will try the Gault Video again!!! And, I have it in my possession, so it is not lost in the mail!!!!

This Saturday, March 16th, the Archaeology of Slave Life Symposium at Gunston Hall, by FOFA. See a flyer and FOFA Membership Form inside this Datum Point!!!!

I am setting up some field time to map and clean four cemeteries in Prince William County at the Bull Run Nature Conservancy near Chapman's Mill. I will let you know when we are doing that project. It will involve probing to find additional grave markers and two stone foundations.

I will be conducting some probing at the Freeman Store in Historic Vienna in the coming weeks, and will let you know when that will happen.

Pay your chapter dues!!!!

See the last page of this Datum Point for how to renew your chapter membership. Your state ASV membership is also due by the end of January. If you have not received and email from me about state ASV renewal, email me at patrickloneill@verizon.net.

**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 March 13, 2019**

GAULT SITE VIDEO



The Northern Virginia Chapter received a 20 minute video outlining the excavations and research at the Gault Site in Texas, and this video will be shown at this month's meeting. Mike Johnson will provide commentary and discussion. Those NVC members that have visited the site are welcome to provide stories during the discussion.



CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

Members of the Lab and Field Crew are hard at work preparing for the upcoming Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC), keep an eye out on Saturday, March 23rd for presentations by the CART team in a long session dedicated to 40 years of archaeology in Fairfax County!

On February 9th, the Resident Curator Program held an open house at the Enyedi property on the Old Colchester Park and Preserve. The event brought many new visitors to Enyedi. While touring the property visitors were able to stop by and see the stone foundation the field crew has been working on for the past few months and talk to the archaeologists about their work in the park.

It was, however, a bitter sweet moment for CART as it was one of our fearless leader and Field Director, Megan Venessø last field days with us. Megan will be leaving CART to pursue a new position at Colonial Williamsburg. Megan has been a member of CART for over eight years, and her dedication and hard work will be sorely missed by the entire team. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



The CART crew also completed a small project at the Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield, VA this month. A shovel test survey revealed a possibly intact, buried historic stratum. Follow-up excavation of several larger test units yielded a variety of early nineteenth century artifacts, including sponge-decorated whiteware, slip decorated yellowware, and a clay tobacco pipe bowl molded in the shape of a face.

The lab continues to process artifacts from various projects. Processing in the lab includes cleaning, cataloging, sorting, bagging and labeling artifacts. Once they are processed, the artifacts are prepared for collections. At Old Colchester Park and Preserve, we have recently recovered items such as glass stemware fragments, ceramics such as jackfield and pearlware, white ball clay pipe fragments, metal buttons, etc.

Please join us in the field or lab, 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 and recent CART finds.

Exposing a Buried History: The Archaeology of Slave Life

At Gunston Hall, Mason Neck, VA
Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:00 AM -4:00 PM

First Evidence of a Slave Quarter at Gunston Hall

David Shonyo

Five Years Down the Road: Commemorating
the Freedmen's Cemetery in Alexandria, Virginia

Audrey Davis and Eleanor Breen

Virginia Slave Housing:
Issues of Research, Preservation, and Interpretation

Doug Sanford

Deciphering the Social Dynamics of a Slave Society from
Archaeological Evidence: Some Examples from Monticello

Fraser D. Neiman

The Angela Site: An Archaeological Study of Race,
Inequality, and Community in Early Jamestown

Chardé Reid and David Givens

Advance registration is available on the Gunston Hall website (www.gunstonhall.org).
\$55 for the general public.

Act Now! \$45 for members of FOFA and Docents and Friends of Gunston Hall.
To receive the discounted rate, please call 703-550-9220, or email lvilliva@gunstonhall.org



Registration includes a light breakfast, lunch; and a special presentation of
George Mason and His Legacy, a museum theater performance.



FRIENDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

2019 Membership Application Date: _____ New Member ____ Renewing Member ____
Annual Dues: Individual (\$15) ____ Family (\$20) ____

Title (Mr., Ms, etc.) First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address City State Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Evening Telephone Cell Phone Email Address

____ Check here if you prefer that your contact information NOT be published in a future directory of members.

Please indicate skills or background that you would be willing to share with the Friends:

____ IT ____ Fundraising ____ Public Relations ____ Events Planning ____ Graphics ____ Photography
____ Writing ____ Archaeology ____ Preservation ____ Other (please specify) _____

What ideas would you suggest for the enhancement and support of Fairfax County's archaeology and other cultural resources programs?

For Family memberships, please provide information for a second member (spouse, partner, or child):
(To provide information for more than two family members, please use multiple membership forms and attach them together.)

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1. **How did you hear about FOFA ?** _____
2. **Have you visited our website?** <http://fofaweb.org/> (yes / no)
or Facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/FXFOFA/> (yes / no)

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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!!!!