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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

PATRICK O'NEILL

The ASV Annual Meeting is in a little over two weeks, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Go here to register!

<https://www.virginiaarcheology.org/2019-asv-annual-meeting/>

REGISTER!!!!!!

Important details for the ASV Annual Meeting hotel registration

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Williamsburg at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center. Several of you have let us know that the hotel registration process has presented some challenges, and we are sending this suggestion:

When you call the hotel, use the local number (757-220-2250) and **ask to speak to a registration assistant THERE (in Williamsburg)** to make a reservation for a conference. Otherwise, you will be connected to the international Wyndham Hotels system, which is problematic.

Chris McDaid also wanted to make sure that you knew that Colonial Williamsburg's archaeology program will host an open house event on the Saturday of the ASV conference from 1:00 to 4:00. They will have the Custis collection out on display. The archaeology staff will be on hand as well to talk with folks, show off the materials and the project, and answer questions.

**NO CHAPTER
MEETING THIS
MONTH!!!!!!**

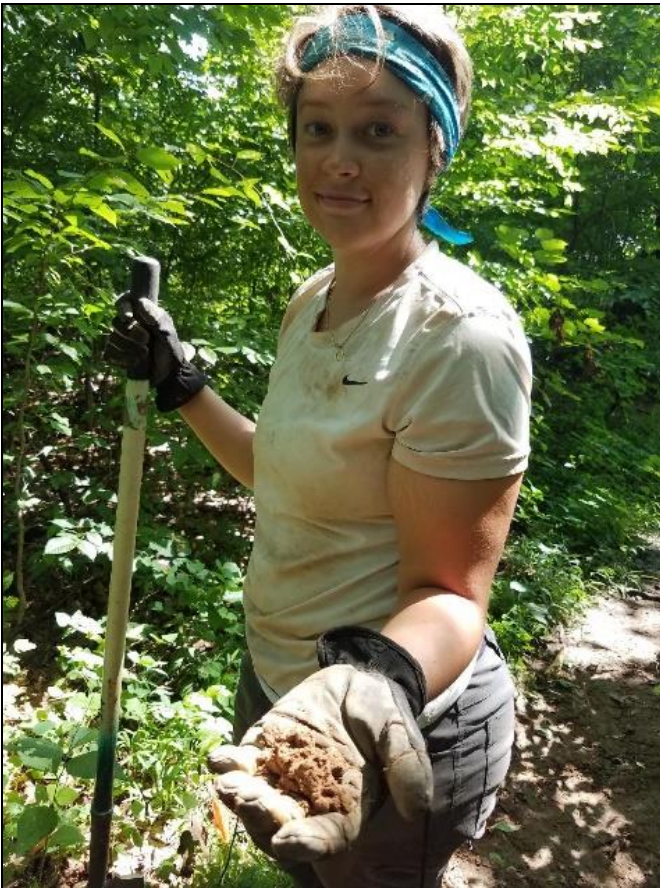
**THERE IS NO CHAPTER
MEETING THIS MONTH
BECAUSE OF THE ASV
ANNUAL MEETING
SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!**

**There will be a work day at
Kittiewan on Thursday,
October 24th, 9am to 4pm so
on your way down to the
ASV Annual Meeting, come
by 12104 Weyanoke Rd,
Charles City, Virginia and
help out! Text me on my cell
if you are coming! 703-244-
6275**

CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

This month CART welcomed a new field technician, Amanda, to the crew! Amanda graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in May 2018 with a B.S. in Anthropology. After graduation she worked with a cultural resources management firm on several projects in the Southeastern United States. We look forward to having Amanda as a new part of our team!



In the field, CART began Test Unit (TU) excavation at the Mount Air Historic Site in Lorton, VA. Using information gathered during prior investigations and a recent Shovel Test Pit survey, CART placed TUs strategically to further investigate soil anomalies and areas with high artifact concentrations. Thus far, TU excavation has yielded a variety of architectural and domestic artifacts including nails, window glass, bottle glass, brick, oyster shell, and small amounts of refined white earthenwares, stonewares, redwares, and even a colonoware sherd.

Additionally, TU excavation confirmed the location of a brick-lined well depicted on a map of the property created by a former researcher. While no diagnostic artifacts have yet to be recovered from within the well, it appears to have been filled and capped with concrete in modern times, perhaps around 1969 when brick-lined wells were outlawed in Fairfax County.

Lab staff and volunteers are currently processing the artifacts excavated from Mt. Air and Riverbend. Please note that New Volunteer Orientations have been temporarily suspended until additional volunteer space is available. Lab Hours for current volunteers have changed to Thursday and Friday, 9 am to 2:45 pm, by appointment.



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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!!!!