



# THE DATUM POINT

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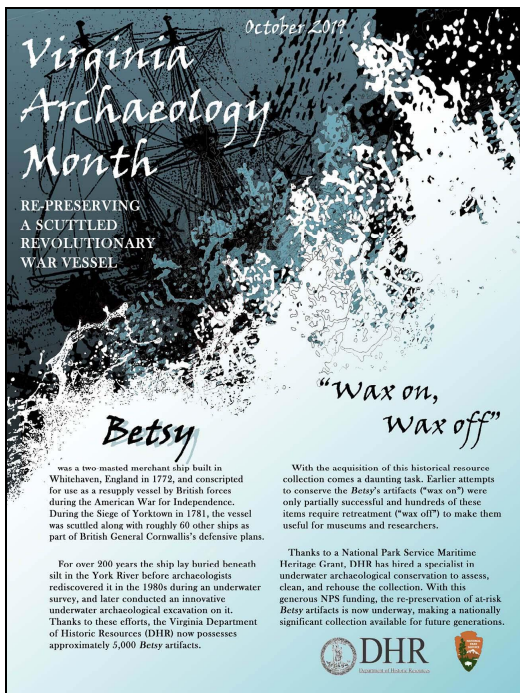


## FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT PATRICK O'NEILL

What a difference a few weeks makes in our personal, professional, and national lives. I hope everyone is healthy and safe, and practicing social distancing. There will be no April 2020 chapter meeting, and more than likely no May meeting/field trip. We will have to take it one month at a time.

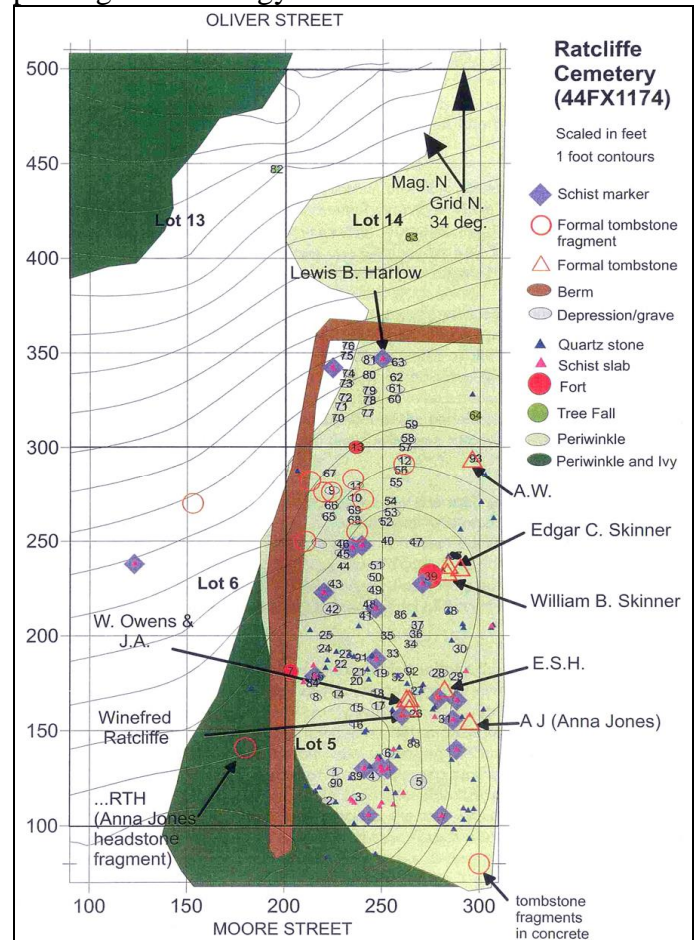
As a result of social distancing, I will once again have to postpone my probing at the Freeman Store in Vienna and the Vienna African American Cemetery, until at least late May, if not longer.

All ASV projects have been postponed until a later date, as well. You should have received the March 2020 ASV Newsletter #236 just a few days ago and an email for SAA members to vote for the DHR poster.



## NO CHAPTER MEETING IN APRIL NO CHAPTER MEETING/FIELD TRIP IN MAY!

In lieu of a speaker this month, I have attached to the email a site report of mine for the Ratcliffe Cemetery in Fairfax City, I did many years ago. It was a great project and we found so many graves. This project is where I started my 6-inch spaced probing methodology to find markers/stones.



## CART

### Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

This wet wintery weather has kept our CART field team inside for a big part of February. They miss working in the field, but this time allows them the opportunity to help the lab and collections crew clean and stay organized after last year's busy field season. While in the lab, each of the field crew has a specific project they work on. These projects include cleaning/organizing the wet and dry lab to make for a more effective working space for both crew and volunteers, cataloging artifacts from previous projects, and photographing unique or representative artifacts from past excavations for digital preservation.

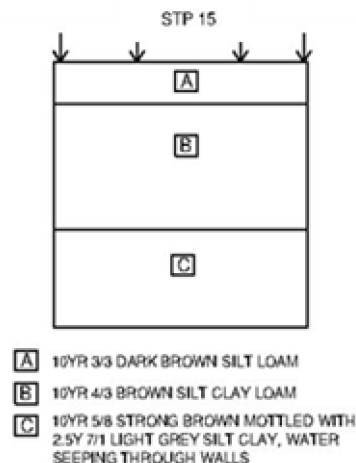


CART field crew making progress on a shovel test survey

Our two-woman collections crew, Heather and Melissa have been working diligently on several projects to make the collections space more productive for Archaeology and Collections Branch research.

While our field techs have been helping in the lab, Crew Chief Colleen has been writing a report for a small two-day shovel test survey project that was recently completed. Writing a report for an archaeological project involves detailed descriptions

on the site and its history, the field work that was done by the crew, and the use of digital mapping programs. She has been using a software called AutoCAD to make digitized site profiles.



Digital representation of stratigraphic profile made in AutoCAD

The upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC) has been unfortunately postponed. Some of the crew was planning to present their research on various archaeological projects in a session entitled "More than Meets the Eye: Archaeological Research in the Northern Virginia Region." We hope that they will get to present their projects to old friends and new ones soon, but until then everyone's safety is top priority!

Our volunteer program is currently suspended and our offices for the most part closed. If you would like to be notified when we can again accept volunteer assistance, please email [cartarchlab@live.com](mailto:cartarchlab@live.com)

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**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!!!!**