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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT **PATRICK O'NEILL**

There will be no August 2020 in person chapter meeting, but we are working on getting a live stream meeting set up, but we are still working on the logistics. I want everybody to have access to any meeting whether it is in person or on line!

The ASV Board met last month through ZOOM, an online chat program. This was successful. You should have received an email or will be getting a letter from the ASV in regards to a Bylaws change that will allow the ASV Board, Chapters, and the General membership to conduct virtual meetings. If this Bylaws change is approved by the membership, then the Chapter can hold online meetings and presentations. Stay tune!

Bridget O'Neill graduates!

What kind of parents would Diane and I be, if we didn't gloat on our wonderful daughter Bridget, who during this pandemic graduated and is attending Kansas State University this fall?!!!!



NO CHAPTER MEETING IN AUGUST!

We may try and set up a Zoom meeting for September, and we will let you know when we get that organized!



Bridget hard at work with CK in the wet lab!



Did you know that Bridget was born with a trowel in her hand? This is a Tom Wrightifact Trowelö in Bridget's hand less than a day old, still in the hospital!



Digging on her own!



In the newspaper at Ball Sellers House!



Digging with Mom and Chris!



Helping Dad!

Karen and Jackie, and so many others have played a big part in Bridget's life with the Chapter and the ASV. Thank you for all the digs, road trips, Saturday Beer Thirty's, and all the other things you all did with and for Bridget!

CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

Fairfax County entered Phase Three of the Covid-19 reopening plan as of 1 July 2020. CART archaeologists continue to implement and adapt the safety procedures we developed over the past few months. With social distancing and sanitizing procedures CART field crew returned to work at Old Colchester Park and Preserve (OCP). Most of the team continues to work from home as much as possible while refine the most productive and safest means to continue processing artifacts as they come in from the field.

The lab remains closed; so, our Lab Director and Assistant Lab Director developed a way to work from home through setting up mini-labs with all the tools needed to sort, catalog, and photograph artifacts. The lab team created detailed cataloging guides and manuals to be implemented when we return to the lab. Other members of the Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB) continue to work on numerous activities remotely

including report writing, deed research, writing scopes of work, and working with the artifact database.



Work at OCPP began a few weeks ago. The field crew is working in a few locations within OCPP to further investigate previously discovered artifact concentrations and a newly found rock formation in another area of the park. The rock feature has been thoroughly mapped and the field crew placed a few test units around the perimeter to determine if the rocks represent a historic cultural feature, to uncover any evidence of human activity like artifacts or structural remains, and to establish to what period the feature dates. They will continue work at the artifact concentrations over the next few weeks.

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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!!!!