



THE DATUM POINT

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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT PATRICK O'NEILL

I am sure you all are tired of social distancing, and I do not blame you! Be safe and be healthy! Maybe June we will be able to meet!

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Bill Brickhill last month. Bill was a devoted member of the Northern Virginia Chapter, As Ann Wood said, Bill was a sweet guy with a great sense of humor and a ton of knowledge about everything.

Bill was active in the lab for many years, always asking questions, wanting to learn. He always complimented me on the Datum Point, always supportive of anything you did and was genuinely interested in knowing what you were doing. Below, see Bill, CD Cox and Mike Johnson flint knapping!



L-R Mike Johnson, CD Cox, and Bill Brickhill

NO CHAPTER MEETING IN MAY

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William Lee Brickhill

OCTOBER 13, 1937 6 APRIL 8, 2020

William Lee Brickhill, 82 of Alexandria, VA died April 8th, 2020 Brickhill, William Lee was born on October 13, 1937 in Rahway, New Jersey, United States. Son of the late William Welch and Wilma Eloise (Gay) Mumford.

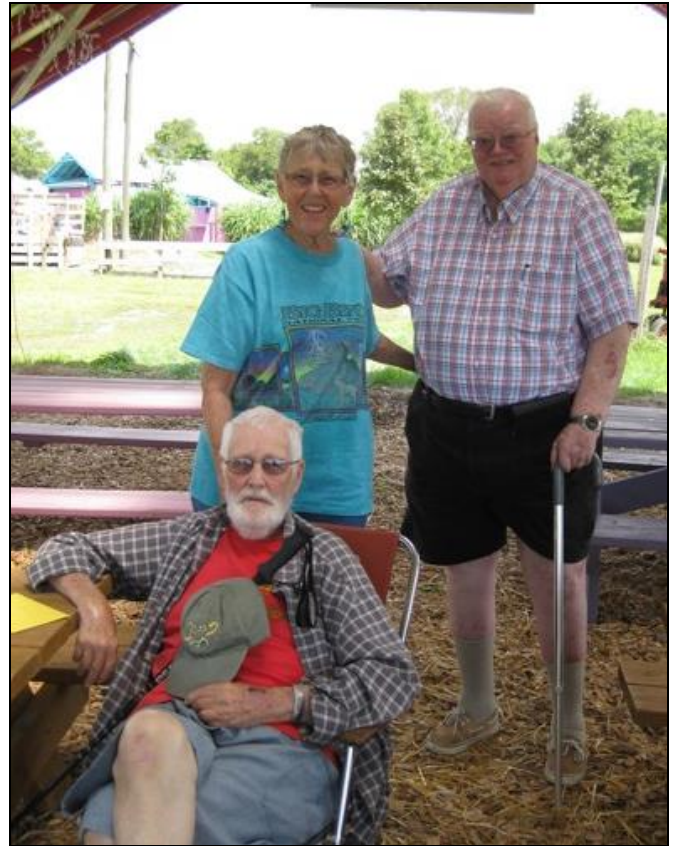
Husband of Joan Marie (Ward) Brickhill. Brother of Linda, Daniel (1998), Steven (2016), and Matthew Mumford, Brother of Susan (Brickhill) Petinga and John Brickhill. Father of William and his wife, Catherine, Barbara, Cynthia, and Robert. Grandfather of three. Great grandfather of two.

Bill was a Student at University Georgia, 1957, Sophia University, Tokyo, 1960 and received his Bachelor of Business Administration, from George Washington University, 1970.

He spent his career as a International specialist, American Security & Trust Company, Washington, 1960-1962; loan officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, 1962-1990; deputy manager contract administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, 1990-1991; deputy vice president contract administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, 1991-1994; retired, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, 1994; consultant international finance, since 1994.

Bill served in the United States Army, 1956-1958, in Germany. He was a Licensed commercial and instrument rated pilot. Volunteer archeology division Fairfax County Park Authority. Member National Capital Bromeliad Society (1st vice president since 1991), National Capital Orchid Society, Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Society (board directors, vice president 1965-1975), Archeological Society of Virginia. Volunteer archeology division Fairfax County Park Authority.

His interests includes Aviation, botany, woodworking, archaeology, flintknapping.



Ann Wood, CD Cox and Bill Brickhill at the chapter picnic

CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

The month of April has been an interesting one for CART archaeologists, due to Covid-19 outbreak the Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB) offices and Lab in the James Lee Community Center (JLC) are closed until further notice. Teleworking capabilities have allowed archaeologists to continue to work with data entry from artifacts cataloged from ongoing projects like Riverbend and Mt. Air. The Field crew has also been aiding with writing up technical reports and management summaries for some of the recently completed projects by the team.

Collaborating from home has been an adjustment for everyone. CART lab staff has been working hard on generating data from our database for reports and research as well as reviewing and updating laboratory procedures, cataloging instructions, and the ACB databases. Our collections team has also been working on updating

our collections management policy as well as researching the best way to store artifacts long-term until CART can access our lab and offices.

Our staff continues to update our blog weekly and have been working on other ways to reach out to the public. Pictured is a projectile point recently recovered by CART archaeologists and featured on the Fairfax County Parks Instagram page. This is a Piscataway type that was likely used by local Native Americans during the Early Woodland cultural period, between 1000 BCE and 500 BCE. It was one of three projectile points found while archaeologists were investigating a late-18th century through early - 19th century site.

Our volunteer program is currently suspended and our offices are closed until further notice. If you would like to be notified when we can again accept volunteer assistance, please email cartarchlab@live.com



THE PRESERVE

Last week, Joe Villari of the Virginia Outdoor Foundation, led us to discovering a new grave marker on The Preserve, a new unrecorded cemetery with only three or four graves. One had markings that, when shown in the shadow of the sun and altered in Photoshop, we can read enough to determine whose grave it possibly marks.



This stone possibly marks the grave of Francis Feagan, the youngest of his family, son of Edward Feagin who patented land to the north of Hopewell, Virginia. Francis Feagan purchased land on Bull Run Mountain in 1753-1754 and his family stayed on it until the 1820s.

Born around 1743, Francis Feagan died on his land on April 14, 1807, that is known from archival records. Even though the inscription on the stone is incomplete, it still tells us that this may be his stone!

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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!!!!