



THE DATUM POINT

December 2021

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

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ZOOM PRESENTATION

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104274055>

Dec 8, 2021, 7pm

SHOPPING STORIES: USING 18TH-CENTURY LEDGERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

BY MOLLY KERR

Like a midden, ledgers provide a snapshot in time to the people, places, items, and events from a community. For the last 8 years, Molly Kerr has delved into the ledgers from John Glassford & Company stores in Colchester and Alexandria, Virginia, learning more about the communities

through shopper's payments and purchases from 1758-1769. Come learn about some of the unique discoveries found in these store accounts, as well as learn about the newest phase of the *Shopping Stories* project transcribing the Alexandria store ledgers of Robert Townsend Hooe and the personal ledger of John Mills, owner/builder of Shuter's Hill. **MOLLY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!**

Molly Kerr is Founding Director at History Revealed, Inc. With educational interests in cultural anthropology (University of Mary Washington) and archaeology (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville), her professional experience ranges from contract archaeology to teaching teachers how to make history more engaging in the classroom to the creation of a database cataloging the enslaved of George Washington. Most recently,

she has focused on store accounts from the 18th century for what they tell us about the people, places, events, and material culture of the communities residing in Colchester and Alexandria, Va.

FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT
PATRICK O'NEILL

This month's presentation by Molly Kerr will be on Zoom. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104274055>

Sorry, we will not be having an in-person Christmas Party this year. Maybe we can have a spring picnic!! Lets see!

During the December meeting. I will ask for someone to make a motion to change to the chapter bylaws to allow the Treasurer to serve more than the current two 2-year term. The 2-term limit was added in the 1990s. The ASV has no such limits for the Treasurer, and I believe the NVC should also not have such limits. NVC Officers concur.

Elections will also be conducted during the December meeting. The following slate of officers is proposed:

- President - Patrick O'Neill
- Vice-President- Yvonne French
- Treasurer - Barbara Leven
- Recording Sec. - Maggie Johnson
- Corresponding Sec. – John Kelsey
- Datum Point Editor - Kurt Frederickson
- Webmaster - Chris Havlicek
- Certification Liaison – Ann Wood

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Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

This month the field crew is back surveying the Ridges of Riverbend Park and working with park staff to stop the spread of invasive species. When working on park surveys, archaeologists must sometimes go off trail which can potentially help spread invasive plant species by walking through

them. The field crew now carry wire brushes to clean plant seeds off clothes and equipment while working. This should help to alleviate the spread of plants like stilt grass and Wayleaf Basket Grass.

The field crew has almost completed the Central Ridges survey, part of the larger region of the park we know as the Ridges. Riverbend is a huge park with a variety of geographic features. We separate these unique park regions during our survey so that we are better able to analyze the cultural resources found in each. There are three main regions of the park, the ridges, the uplands, and the floodplains. The field crew will be moving to work in both the Northern and Southern ridges in the new year.



The lab crew, with the assistance of field crew members, have been catching up on excavations that occurred pre-Covid, during Covid, as well as maintaining those currently being dug. Washing artifacts, cataloging, and preparing excavations for Collections are all part of the process that keeps the lab bustling. Working together we have been able to exceed our own expectations of being able to catch up after the long absence.

Please note that we are not taking volunteers at this time, and our offices remain closed until further notice. We will post new opportunities on the Volunteer Management website when they become available. Until then, ACB volunteers are encouraged to share their talents with other branches and/or parks where opportunities are now available. For more information, please visit Fairfax County's Volunteer page for more information. If you would like to be notified when we can accept volunteer assistance again, please email cartarchlab@live.com

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Chapter members can join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at www.virginiaarcheology.org/

The Chapter meets at 7:00p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month either in person or on Zoom.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!