



THE DATUM POINT

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

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Zoom Meeting this month! Patrick O'Neill will give a presentation on the Virginia State Capitol!

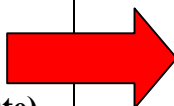
Topic: Northern Virginia Chapter Meeting

Time: June 9, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting (may have to cut and paste)

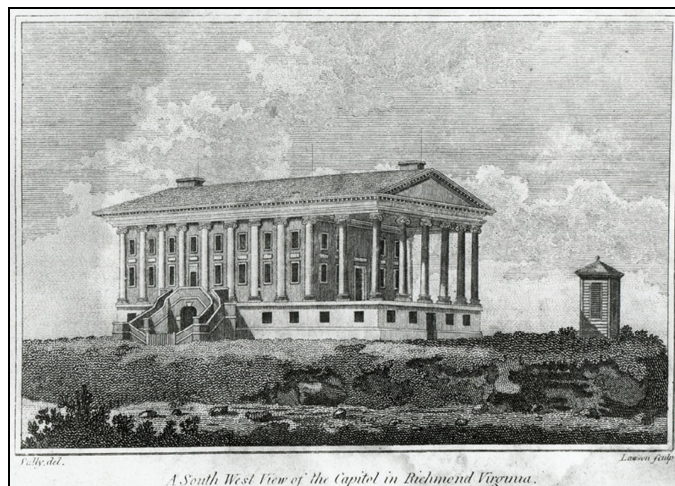
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88179361214>

Presentation and meeting will start at 7:00 pm



THE ORIGINAL FOUNDATION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL FROM 1786ISH

By Patrick O'Neill



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

Last month, we were able to show closed caption on the Zoom meeting!! We are still working on a hybrid presentation when we are allowed to meet in person, that way others can watch through Zoom at home.

The survey crew out at Bull Run Mountain on the Preserve was able to locate and map several stone quarries. Cold and damp day, but very successful in the outcome! Getting pretty hot now, so there may not be many more opportunities until it cools down in the fall. We shall see. There will be no survey out there this coming weekend.



Thomas Jefferson designed the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond after the Maison Carree, while he was minister to France. However, the original foundation was the wrong configuration, much to Jefferson's dismay. He demanded portions of the foundation be removed and built in his configuration and sent a detailed model of the building so his vision could be followed. Prior to the construction of a new underground visitor center at the Capitol, archaeology investigated the story of the removed foundation.

Patrick O'Neill is the President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the ASV as well as the editor of the chapter newsletter, The Datum Point. He is also Vice-President and Membership Secretary of the ASV. He has been a professional archaeologist for over 38 years.

CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

This month some of the CART field crew worked on a small survey in Green Spring Garden Park, the gardens surrounding the project area are in full bloom and the team encountered some of the first cicadas of the season! A few members of the field crew are off on other projects right now so the rest of us are splitting time between working in the lab and continuing our survey of riverbend park, but we will be returning to green springs in the next few weeks.



The survey Riverbend continues, the team is working their way through the ridges of the park and will likely be in this region for the rest of the summer. The field crew is also spending more time working with work with the lab to balance the work for these multiple projects. Since we do not have volunteers right now everyone is working together to process artifacts through washing, cataloging, and data entry. By working with these artifacts at various stages in the lab the team is learning to more effectively identify artifacts, such as lithics, in the field.



We hope everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day and is enjoying all the cicadas!

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

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The Chapter meets at 7:00p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month via ZOOM until the pandemic is over.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!