



THE DATUM POINT

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

Chapter Website – www.nvcasv.org



FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

PATRICK O'NEILL

Happy Summer! Next month is the chapter picnic, and I would like to have it on Saturday, August 13, 2022. We need to discuss where you would like to have it. Please give me some ideas ASAP! There will be no presentation in August because of the chapter picnic.

The ASV Board will have a two-day meeting in a couple of weeks. One day is for the ASV Board itself, and the second day is for Strategic Planning. If you have any items you would like for me or Diane to bring to the ASV Board, let us know.

This month's in-person meeting is me!



Field School Scholarship

The ASV NVC is soliciting applications for the Julian Williams and Eleanor Mullen Memorial Field Study Scholarship to provide limited financial support to individual members of the ASV seeking to enhance their archaeological field skills.

The application form and additional information can be found the NVA Chapter website.

<http://nvcasv.org/about.html>

Welcome back to in person! Join This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Richard Byrd Library
7250 Commerce St
Springfield, VA 22150

Entrance to the conference room is on the outside of the building to the right of the main door.

Spanish Silver Mines and Burned Rock Middens!

By Patrick O'Neill



Early Spanish explorers tried to find mineral wealth on the Texas frontier in the 1600s. In the mid-1700s, missions and presidios were established to exploit

supposed silver along the San Saba River. These stories manifested themselves into the fabric of Texas history, including the Alamo, German immigration, the Transcontinental Railroad, and television (The Lone Ranger). Patrick O’Neill believes the Spanish may have been lured by the archaeological features they saw on the surface of the Texas landscape. His presentation will discuss over 400 years of silver speculation on the Edwards Plateau of Texas.



CART

COLLEEN BOYLE

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

This month the CART field crew was able to complete another region of Riverbend Park! This means there is only one remaining area left to survey at the far north end of Riverbend, which covers about 25% of the total testing area. The northern ridges will be the final section of Riverbend left to survey, there are about 1,200 shovel test pits planned so it will still be quite a while before the field work is completed.

This fiscal year we were awarded a year end grant to purchase new lab and collection supplies. We are eagerly awaiting new shelves and other supplies to update some of the storage spaces within the lab and collections! This will allow us to reorganize some of our active collections spaces and update our artifact type collection.

This month our collections manager, Heather Hembrey, posted a new blog entry to the Fairfax County ArtiFACTs page titled “One Small Rocket From Fairfax

County”. For more information on this post and others please visit the Fairfax County artifact page:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/artifacts>

Please note that we are not currently taking volunteers 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



82ND ANNUAL ASV MEETING

October 20-23, 2022



Dates: October 20-23, 2022

Location: Fort Magruder Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia

Meeting and Banquet Registration Information Coming Soon

Special ASV Room rate: \$109/night –

RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Call the hotel directly at 757-220-2250.

Ask for the room rate for the ASV Annual Meeting.

There is **no on-line room registration** for the ASV special rate.

CUTOFF DATE:

The cutoff date for the ASV rate is September 29, 2022.

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NVC/ASV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Dues:

Individual (\$15) _____

Family (\$17) _____

Student (\$5) _____

Please make check payable to NVC/ASV.

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The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month. *Due to COVID-19 concerns, meetings may take place in-person and/or on Zoom. Details with start time and on-line/in-person information will be provided in the Datum Point newsletter prior to each meeting.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!