



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

Our good friend Paul Antsen has passed. Please see the writeup and photos later in this issue.

A save-the-date notice for the upcoming ASV Annual Meeting is also in this issue. The Chapter voting overwhelmingly YES to the purchase of the recording equipment for recording speakers at in-person Chapter meetings. The system will be test run this coming Weds. when Mike Johnson gives his talk! We will send a link to chapter once the talk is recorded.

NOTICE: THE CHAPTER MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT THE THOMAS JEFFERSON LIBRARY, 7415 ARLINGTON BLVD, FALLS CHURCH, VA. 7:30PM



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, June 8, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Jefferson Library
7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church.

Enter through the side door (to the left of the main entrance) and go to Meeting Room 2. Light refreshments are permitted in the meeting room, but all food remains, wrappers, containers, etc. must be removed. Bathrooms are available.

Members are welcome to dine first at nearby Anthony's Restaurant. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. at 3000 Annandale Rd, Falls Church.

Jasper Ridge: The Search for Another Late Ice Age Quarry Basecamp in the Flint Run Complex of Warren County, Virginia

by Mike Johnson, retired Fairfax County Archaeologist

In March 2022 the project at Jasper Ridge kicked off with the placement of approximately 250 flags for STP tests at a 20-foot interval. Since then, several noteworthy artifacts have been discovered from a variety of time periods, in addition to hundreds of flakes. With nearly half of the STPs completed, and lab work progressing on cataloging artifacts, there is much to present on the site. Mike Johnson will discuss the research project, the sites area in relation to nearby sites, and what has been found at Jasper Ridge to date.



A Savannah River point made of ferruginous quartzite.



Jasper Ridge Perc Test 2

A heavily burned, jasper, Early Archaic, Palmer-Kirk-like point fragment.



A concentration of four jasper artifacts were recovered from the contact between the bottom of the plowzone and the “sub-soil.”



Although artifact quality and quantity appears initially not to have changed between the two areas of the site, we (Shan Allen) did recover a second “Swiss army rock.” This one was a Rhyolite multi-scraper, clearly of early age.

CART

COLLEEN BOYLE

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

The CART crew had a blast running a career exploration station at the Park Authority's "Take Your Child To Work Day" event. CART staff used hands-on activities to teach an excited group of budding parks enthusiasts how archaeologists search for and piece together clues to learn about the past.



CART also attended Riverbend Park's annual "Bluebells at the Bend" festival. Staff enjoyed chatting with visitors about our archaeological investigations at Riverbend and beyond. Thank you to all who came out and visited us at the archaeology table!

Over the past few months, CART has worked in partnership with local chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, as well as the Fairfax County

Cemetery Preservation Association to document and restore the Summers Family Cemetery in Lincolnia. The group's restoration efforts culminated in a re-dedication ceremony to unveil the restored and reset Francis Summers headstone and a new park sign.

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



Celebration of Life for Paul R. Antsen – July 9, 2022 10 to noon at Compass Pointe, Leland, NC

With heavy hearts, we regret to inform you that Paul Russell Antsen peacefully passed away at 4pm on June 2, 2022. He was in the company of his loving partner Catherine LeMaster and son Jeff Antsen. He was surrounded by the loving thoughts of Cathy's daughter and son in law Marie and Dave Colangeli, as well as those of her grandchildren Lucia and Vincent, and her son Jim Randolph. Cathy, Jeff, and Paul spent his final hours reflecting on happy memories of good times together and listening to soothing music. Paul's passing was untimely, and we know his absence will be felt by many. As such, we want to let everyone know about arrangements, so that all of those who knew and cared about him can recognize his memory in a way that brings them peace.



In memory of Paul's life and the lives he touched, the family will be holding a memorial on Saturday, July 9th from 10am to 12pm at the Grand Lanai at Compass Pointe in Leland, North Carolina. It is a short drive from Wilmington International Airport (ILM), or a longer drive from Myrtle Beach, SC (MYR) or from Raleigh, NC (RDU).

We would welcome anyone receiving this message to join us for the memorial, and also to stay with us after for a repast and remarks from the family in Paul and Cathy's home. Please reach out to Cathy or Jeff if you would like to join us for this event, and don't forget to pack a bathing suit for the Compass Pointe pool and lazy river! Given the distance, we recognize that many of you may not have the time or ability to join us, and we know that you will be thinking of us that day as we celebrate Paul.

In lieu of flowers, we would also celebrate any friends or family who would like to support one of Paul's most cherished organizations with a donation: Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), and/or The Nature Conservancy.

We of course also very sincerely appreciate any cards or condolences; they can be sent to Cathy or Jeff at the addresses below.

Thank you all for your loving gestures, kind words, and caring thoughts at this difficult time.

--Cathy and Jeff

Cathy LeMaster: 2535 Sugargrove Trail NE, Leland, NC 28451

Jeff Antsen: 927 S. 7th St. Apt. 3, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Paul Antsen – by Patrick O’Neill

As you can see, our dear friend Paul Antsen has passed. Paul was an active member of the NVC for a number of years and participated in several field and lab projects before moving to Wilmington North Carolina. He was involved with archaeology projects at Chapman’s Mill, Kittiewan, NPS Passport in Time, and a host of others. Paul also served on the Friends of Fairfax Archaeology (FOFA) Board for many years. His attention to detail, inquisitive nature, and humor were enjoyed by everyone that was around him. Here are some photos that colleagues have sent for me to post.



John Kelsey, Ann Wood, Paul Antsen, Chris Ramey, Mary Green on the last day at the Chapman’s Mill Lab.



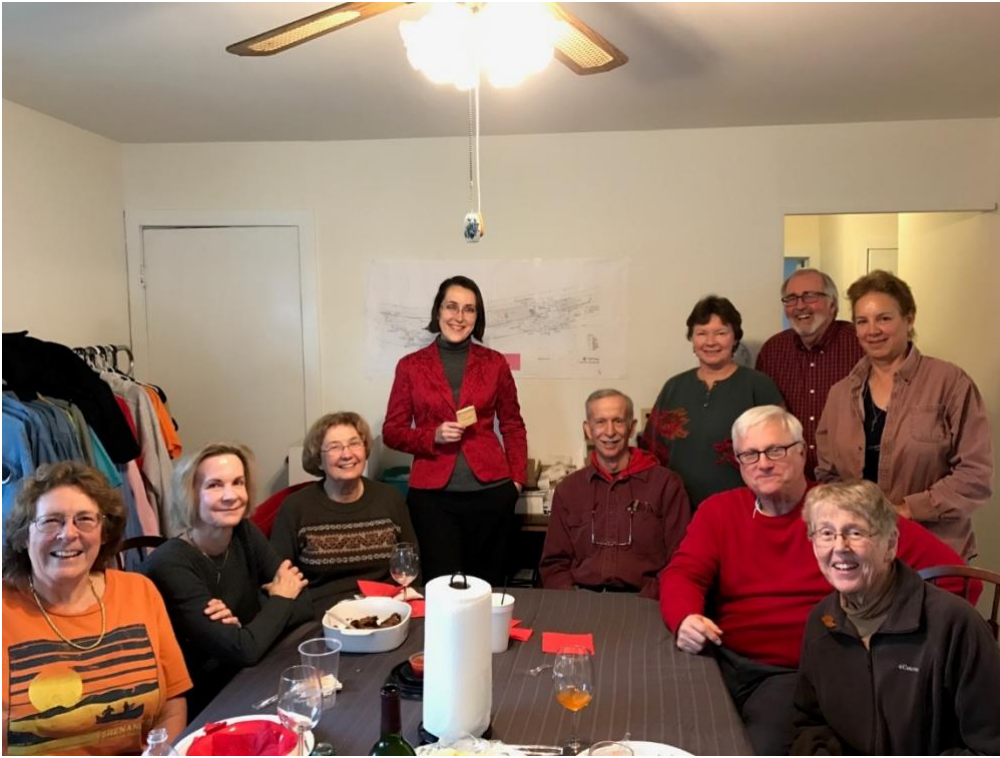
Paul Antsen and John Kelsey



Paul on the left with Chapman's Mill Crew



John Kelsey, CD Cox, and Paul Antsen



Paul back right with Mike Johnson's team at Chapman's Mill



John and Paul hard at work at Kittewan in 2010

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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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!!!!