



# THE DATUM POINT

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE  
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING  
WILL BE VIA ZOOM ONLY!  
7-9 PM – APRIL 8TH, 2026**

**[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/862  
94542537](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86294542537)**

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

Let's get going!!!! I am teaching my Field Methods in Recording Archaeological Sites at NOVA this May and June, in case anyone would want to take it! (HINT). Ask me about it sometime!

The next ASV Board Meeting is April 18 at Kittiewan. If you have anything you would like us to address, please let Diane or I know. Also, remember to get your hotel reservations for the Annual Meeting!!!! Registration info is coming soon!

Mike Johnson will continue with Jasper Ridge lab work throughout the summer. You will learn so much about lithic technology if you go and help!!!

I will be going out to Saints Hill and the Peter Cornwell House site this summer in Fauquier County during my class. I will let you know when we are doing field recon so you can join us! On Bull Run Mountain, too!

## **KIELKOPF HOUSE, ODESSA DE By Patrick O'Neill**



Kielkopf House and Blacksmith Shop

Patrick O'Neill is a professional archaeologist and historian, living in Fairfax County for over 29 years. His projects range from the Virginia State Capitol, The Preserve on Bull Run Mountain, George Washington's Union Farm, Arlington House, and Kittiewan.

O'Neill's presentation will be on the archaeology of the Kielkopf House in Odessa Delaware. DelDOT was construction a turn lane which was going to impact the Kielkopf site and Parsons Inc. had the contract to do the archaeological field work, where O'Neill was the PI. At the end of this presentation, he will also shed some light on a new undocumented African American cemetery he is researching.

# The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference 2026 – Gettysburg PA

Sarah Janesko and Kevin Bradley presented a poster at the MAAC which discussed insights from a Data Recovery at the Oakenwold Site in Stafford County, VA. Between 2023-2025, New South conducted a Phase III Data Recovery at the Oakenwold Site as part of the Capitol 95 Logistics project. Results from the data recovery revealed occupation of this site along the Potomac Creek dating from the Paleoindian period through the historic period. Over 170 features from precontact and historic occupations showed settlement patterns and activity areas, radiocarbon dated features as well as diagnostic artifacts support the occupation of the lower terrace from the Early Archaic through the Late Woodland periods, and protein residue analysis of lithic tools dating from the Paleoindian and Archaic periods provide evidence of hunting strategies. This poster summarizes the archaeological findings from this project and the potential for future research using the collection to better understand the rich history of settlement along the Fall Line.

# MAAC Poster Sessions

NSA Archaeologist Julianne Clark presented a poster about two Mid-Atlantic Battlefield Sites: Monocacy National Battlefield and Cedar Mountain Battlefield. NSA has recently completed archaeological surveys of two Civil War Battlefield sites in the Mid-Atlantic: Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick, Maryland and the Trimble Tract at Cedar Mountain Battlefield in Culpeper, Virginia. Survey at both sites consisted of metal detection and shovel testing. The surveys utilized similar methodologies, but their result varied widely, partially due to different management and protection strategies at both sites. The National Park Service (NPS) purchased the six component properties that make up Monocacy between 1981 and 2001, so Monocacy has had federal protection for up to 40 years. However, the Trimble Tract of Cedar Mountain, where NSA’s survey took place, was privately owned until 2020, and the site was relic hunted extensively. The surveys of these two sites highlight how different management and protection levels can impact archaeological results.



## U.S. Indigenous Government Websites Web Archive

The ABA U.S./Anglo (USAN) Division has launched the [United States Indigenous Government Websites Web Archive](#). The archive provides links to information from federally and state-recognized tribal governments across the nation. The collected materials include histories of tribal governments and other significant publications from tribal and intertribal offices. The collection was supported by members of the USAN US Serials and Government Documents (USSGD) Section, including 2025 Junior Fellow Maggie Jones, volunteer Yvette Ramirez, librarian Patrick Brown, and Section Head Giselle M. Aviles. You can learn more about the creation process of the archive via a [March 4, 2026 Signal blog post](#), written in collaboration with the Digital Content Processing Section of the DSD Digital Collections Management & Services Division.

functions as a journal, with information on species and space to note observations. There is a guide to Indigenous stewardship of the land, as well as a guide to composting.

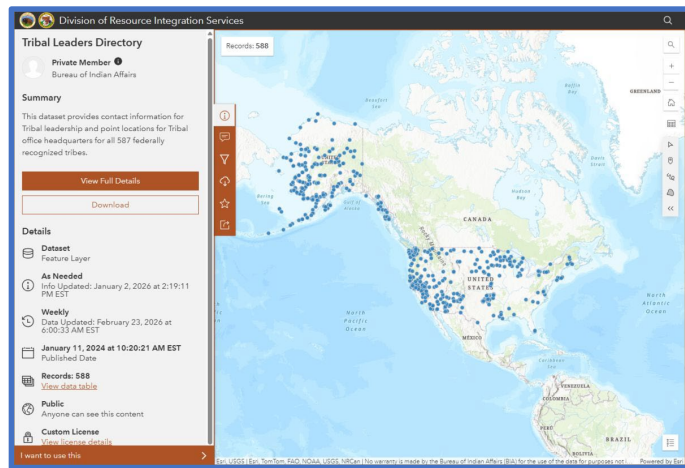
The [Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Website](#) has a section “Wampanoag History” detailing history, folklore, profiles of important people, and the original Wampanoag names for places in Noepe (Martha’s Vineyard). Stories and names hold their own historical record and cultural teachings, so this information is important to preserve. For example, the word “sequinauk” means “early summer land” and is interpreted as a reference to a summer village, giving insight into pre-Colonial habits of the Wampanoag, which may otherwise be at risk of being forgotten without this linguistic record.

## White House (44PA0300)

A few Chapter members helped out Dr. Carole Nash at the White House, South of Luray, VA. The days were beautiful and a bit chilly.



White House



Examples of what you can find within the website: [Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe government](#) has hundreds of pages of ecological information. There is a downloadable field guide that also

## Jasper Ridge (44WR506)

A few Chapter members helped out at Jasper Ridge. Nothing exotic, just resetting the grid flags. It was a beautiful day, with few ticks.

Mike Johnson continues to hold labs on Thursdays and Saturdays. He is not only looking at the Jasper Ridge items, but also cross-referencing with items from the Flint Run Quarry and the Flint Run Complex. Mike's lab work is regularly exposing new information and comparisons. Work in the lab provides hands-on experience in data gathering and analysis via weighing and counting.

If you're interested in assisting with this unique project, contact Mike directly at <mailto:mj44fx1@outlook.com>.



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The Chapter usually meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month. \*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!!!!**