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## Spring Symposium coming up April 16

April is Archeology Month in Maryland with programs, exhibitions and special events slated throughout the state in celebration. A special feature is ASM's 40<sup>th</sup> annual spring symposium, this year being held April 16 in Crownsville.

The focus of the daylong event is "Cyber-Archeology: High-Tech Help for the Past." A slateful of speakers will show how various kinds of devices have helped them in their research.

First off is John Kille, of Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project, who will tell about an interactive computer exhibit that be part of a museum being built at London Town. The exhibit will give visitors a look at what the inside of the Rumney-West tavern might have looked like.

The second speaker, Silas Hurry of Historic St. Mary's City, will report on how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and virtual reality modeling are letting researchers travel through time and space as they seek to uncover the secrets of Maryland's first capital.

The final morning speaker, William J. Chadwick, of John Milner Associates, also will talk about developments in St. Mary's County, but this time dealing with the Ebenezer Cemetery. A ground-penetrating radar survey revealed hundred of anomalies relating to both marked and unmarked graves.

Four sessions are lined up for the afternoon. The first also will deal with cemeteries, this time the Wachtel/Stine Cemetery in Washington County, where remote sensing played a role in locating burials threatened by a landfill. Two speakers will present the report, William Lowthert and Chris Polglase of Goodwin and Associates.

Next, Bill Dickinson of IMPACT Science and Technology will tell how GIS and remote sensing have proven useful in cultural resource management. He will focus on NASA property in Greenbelt, Prince George's County, containing a prehistoric site.

Trying to fit John Smith's 1612 map of the Chesapeake Bay and the Nanticoke River to today's landscape is the topic of the talk by Michael S. Scott. Scott, of the Regional GIS Cooperative of Salisbury University, will show the opportunities and problems that arise in the process.

Underwater remote sensing and GIS is the topic of the day's final speaker, Christian Mears of Washington College. He will discuss the college's equipment and recent projects which made use of the gathered data.

Registration begins at 9, the welcoming remarks at 9:30 and the program at 10. A CAT certificate presentation will be held before the talks start. The cafeteria will be open for lunch. For the complete program and more information on the talks, see the insert in this newsletter. For a listing of Archeology Month events, visit the ASM website, [www.marylandarcheology.org](http://www.marylandarcheology.org).

# Upcoming events

**April 2:** Lecture, "The Archeology of Maryland," by Jim Gibb. Harford Community College, Edgewood Hall 132, 2 p.m. For information, contact Sharon Stowers, 410-836-4000, ext. 7189.

**April 16:** ASM Spring Symposium, Crownsville.

**April 23:** Third Annual Material Culture Symposium for Emerging Scholars. Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, Delaware. Email: [emerging.scholars@gmail.com](mailto:emerging.scholars@gmail.com) Visit the website at <http://materialculture.udel.edu>

**April 30:** Panel discussion on the recently discovered Salisbury ossuary. Salisbury University. See story on Page 6.

**May 8-9:** Primitive Technology Weekend. Oregon Ridge, Baltimore County. [ornc@bcpl.net](mailto:ornc@bcpl.net) or 410-887-1816.

**May 16-20:** National Park Service workshop on archeological prospection techniques, Hopewell National Historical Park in Chillicothe, Ohio. \$475. Application forms at [www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/) For information, contact Steven L. DeVore, 402-437-5392, ext. 141, or [steve\\_de\\_vore@nps.gov](mailto:steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

**May 17 to June 30:** Jefferson Patterson park public archeology. See story on Page 3.

**May 21:** Council for West Virginia Archeology spring workshop, on paleobotanical and faunal remains. Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia.

**May 31 to July 8:** University of Maryland/Archaeology in Annapolis field school. Wye River. 310-405-1429.

**June 18-26:** Barton field school. Barton site. Contact Ed Hanna at [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com)

**September 9-11:** Annual conference, Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, Westminster. Includes Mason-Dixon tour. For information, contact Bob or Jane Sewell at 410-833-2313 or see [www.spoom.org](http://www.spoom.org)

**September 16-25:** ASM field school. Swan Cove, Anne Arundel County.

**October 15:** ASM Annual Meeting, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cumberland. Theme: French and Indian War.

**November 9-13:** ESAF meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia. [www.esaf-archeology.org](http://www.esaf-archeology.org)

## Volunteer opportunities

The following volunteer opportunities are open to CAT program participants and other ASM members:

**Montgomery County** lab and field work. Call 301-840-5848 or contact [james.sorensen@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:james.sorensen@mncppc-mc.org) or [heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org). CAT opportunity.

**ASM field session collection:** Volunteers are needed to work on up-grading collections associated with previous field sessions. The lab in Crownsville is open Tuesdays from 9:30 until 4. For additional information contact Louise Akerson [rakerson@comcast.net](mailto:rakerson@comcast.net) or Charlie Hall [hall@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:hall@dhcd.state.md.us).

**The Lost Towns Project** of Anne Arundel County. 410-222-7441.

**Mount Calvert.** Lab work and field work. 301-627-1286.

**Jefferson Patterson Park** invites volunteers to take part in its various activities, including archeology, historical research and artifact conservation. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 410-586-8501.

The Archaeological Institute of America provides an online listing of fieldwork opportunities **worldwide**. Call up [www.archaeological.org/fieldwork/](http://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork/) to get started. Remember to add the extra A in archaeology.

## Frederick panel advances archeology plan

Efforts to get archeology into the Frederick City development picture have taken a major step. On March 17 the City Planning Commission recommended to the mayor and board of aldermen including archeology in the new Land Management Code.

Backers of the proposal are now hoping for a hearing March 30 followed by a board vote April 7.

The measure, which would appropriate \$10,000, would at least require the city to have a contract archeologist review development applications. A similar program is in place in Annapolis.

Wayne Clark, Jim Gibb and Carol Ebright went to Frederick before the March 17 vote to meet with aldermen and help promote the three-year-long effort, according to promoter Jack Lynch.

"Because such local initiatives are so important, and so rare, it is heartening to see Frederick City considering amendments to its land management code that include consideration of archeological resources," said Maryland's chief terrestrial archeologist, Charles Hall.

"Frederick City is unquestionably an historic preservation jewel. The quality and quantity of important historic resources within the city is impressive and in large part defines the city's character. Among these historic resources are more than 70 known archeological sites, including such diverse and significant properties as the Rosenstock prehistoric village site and the Schiefferstadt historic site."

## JPPM plans series of public programs

The Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum's public archaeology program for 2005 will run from May 17 to June 30. For the third time the program will explore the Smith's St. Leonard Site, the core of a large 18<sup>th</sup> century plantation in Calvert County.

The Smith residence, a slave quarter and a detached kitchen are among the buildings located so far. The focus this year will be on the main house, hoping to discover its shape. Based on historical evidence, it is believed to have been cross-shaped, which was somewhat unusual in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Excavations will be between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. three days a week, usually Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, depending on the weather. Tuesdays and Fridays will be spent in the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab, washing, labeling and cataloging the recovered artifacts.

Participants in the ASM CAT program may find this a good opportunity to work on their certification.

Interested? Contact Ed Chaney at 410-586-8554 or [chaney@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:chaney@dhcd.state.md.us). Also, people wishing to volunteer at the MAC Lab during the rest of the year, assisting on any number of research, artifact conservation and collections management projects, should contact him as well.

JPPM also is offering a series of historic crafts workshops:

- Twining, May 7
- Basketry, May 14
- Weaving and found materials, July 10
- Soapstone carving, July 16,
- Pottery, July 30.
- Felting fest for fun, August 14.
- Pinch pot, September 3.
- Natural dyeing, October 9.
- Cornhusk doll, October 15.

There is a fee for some of the sessions. For more information contact Kelly Mackall at JPPM, 410-586-8502 or [mackall@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:mackall@dhcd.state.md.us)

# Want a roundup of local archeology?

*This story was developed by Dick Brock, Wayne Clark and Stephen Israel.*

A good place for those in the CAT program and others wanting to learn about Maryland archeology and Native Americans is the work of Frank W. Porter III, who sought 20 years ago to bring the elements together. Dr. Porter was director of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs from 1980 through 1982. Unfortunately, he left Maryland before he finished.

Syntheses of Maryland archeology was actively discussed in the 1980s, but such a work has yet to be produced, other than Richard J. Dent's 1995 "Chesapeake Prehistory: Old Traditions, New Directions," Plenum Press, and Jay F. Custer's three books on Delaware archeology. Christian F. Feest 1978 "Nanticoke and Neighboring Tribes" is in Smithsonian Institution BAE No. 15, the Northeast Volume. It deals with both the Eastern Shore and Western Shore tribes and is still a useful reference to the variety of Algonquian chiefdoms of Maryland. Helen C. Roundtree and Thomas E. Davidson 1997 "Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland," University Press of Virginia, is a good ethno history and summary archeology on the Late Woodland Period for the Shore. The National Park Service-Chesapeake Bay Gateways Program was begun in 2000 to develop a Chesapeake Bay wide historical and archeology synthesis of new data and interpretations of the period of English and Algonquian interactions in 1607-1609. Copies of that report will be made available to NPS Gateway sites this spring with academic press publication planned for 2006.

Here is a listing of publications by Porter:

- 1979 Indians in Maryland and Delaware: A Critical Bibliography, Indiana University Press, Bloomington.
- 1979 Century of Accommodation: The Nanticoke Indians in Colonial Maryland, Maryland Historical Magazine, 74(2):175-192.
- 1980 Behind the Frontier: Indian Survivals in Maryland, Maryland Historical Magazine, 75(1):42-54.
- 1980 An Unusual Nanticoke Interview, Maryland Archeology, 16(1):18-20.
- 1981 Foundations of Archeology in Maryland: A Summary Essay, Man in the Northeast 21:61-73.
- 1982 Salvaging the Past: Excerpt on the Salvaging of the Susquehanna River Petroglyphs, Newsletter of the American Committee to Advance the Study of Petroglyphs and Pictographs 3:12-17.
- 1982 The Odyssey of Maryland's Indians. Slide strip/cassette available from the Enoch Pratt Free Library, A/V Department, Baltimore.
- 1983 Maryland Indians: Yesterday and Today, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.
- 1983 Salvaging the Past: The Roots of Modern Archaeology in Maryland, 1900-1940, Maryland Historical Magazine 78(2):143-157.
- 1984 Indian Communities in Southern Maryland, In: The Accokeek Creek Complex and the Emerging Maryland Colony, pp 83-91, published by the Alice Ferguson Foundation.
- 1986 In Pursuit of the Past: An Anthropological and Bibliographical Guide to Maryland and Delaware, Scarecrow Press, Inc., Metuchen, NJ.
- 1987 The Nanticoke Indians, Chelsea House, New York, Indians of North America Series.

## CAT corner

Two CAT programs are set for this month. On April 9 Chris Davenport will present a session on human osteology at the University of Baltimore. On April 23 he will give a prehistoric/historic overview at the Howard County Library in Columbia.

For updates and for information on other CAT activities check the ASM website or contact your mentor or Chris. He can be reached at 301-845-8092 or [dig4funds@aol.com](mailto:dig4funds@aol.com)

**Special fieldwork opportunity:** Richard Ervin of SHA is working on the Broad Creek Cemetery on Kent Island. On very short notice, it is necessary for him to conduct emergency excavations in preparation for new interments. Contact him at 410-545-2878 (days), 410-643-7128 (evenings) or at [rervin@sha.state.md.us](mailto:rervin@sha.state.md.us)

# ASM acts to protect Braddock Road area

*( ASM has sent the following letter regarding plans for a highway that will pass through the historic Braddock Road. Support by individual ASM members to their legislative representatives would be welcomed. The Western Maryland chapter plans to look at the area April 23 (rain date April 30). If you are interested in participating, contact Ed Hanna at [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com) )*

March 5, 2005

RE: U.S. 219 Project: Meyersdale to I-68 - Little Meadows

The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. has followed the plans for the U.S. 219 construction from Meyersdale, PA to Interstate 68 in Maryland. In light of the significant historical resources that will be impacted along the south, west and north sides of Little Meadows, we urge you to eliminate alignment 'E' as an option.

Little Meadows was a primary camp and defensible stopover for travelers for decades during the youth of this country. The trail known as Braddock's Road, the predecessor to the National Road, runs through Little Meadows. It was a pioneering corridor to the west that was literally carved out of the wilderness in the 1750s. This was the route taken by George Washington during his fateful march that ended at Ft. Necessity following his engagement in the first battle of the French and Indian War, the first true world war. British General Edward Braddock followed in his famously failed attempt to dislodge the French from Fort Duquesne.

During each of those marches, and many trips before and after along Braddock's Road, troops, pioneers and adventuresome settlers planned their trips to stop for rest and recuperation on this hallowed ground known as Little Meadows. It was then, and remains, a serene place in the rugged mountains.

The historic footprints on Little Meadows are many. This is a landmark that helped our nation grow and was witness to heroes and heroic efforts. George Washington constructed a log fortress there for protection from attacks. This was the camp for several thousand colonial and British troops. An 18<sup>th</sup> century cemetery is located at Little Meadows. This was also home to the Tomlinson's who are known to have been in that area since the 1760's, where they maintained the Red House Inn and later Tomlinson's Inn, which still stands on Little Meadows. A log 'corduroy road' was constructed for Braddock's Road across Little Meadows Run and independent archeological tests will begin there this spring.

It is distressing to learn that a National Historic Register property and its historic environs, which have been host to such significant national and international history, would be done so much irreparable harm after 250 years. Little Meadows and Braddock's Road are treasures, not only to Maryland and Pennsylvania, but also to the nation.

While we stand firmly against alignment 'E', this project must recognize the landscape in which it is privileged to exist, regardless of the course it eventually follows. Serious archeological study should be made of any area near Braddock's Road and Little Meadows. Finally, meaningful interpretive and educational displays, signs and markers should be erected, as a part of this highway project, around the site and along the new highway alignment to attempt to mitigate the damage to this historical treasure.

We stand committed to preserve our valuable national heritage and welcome your questions or requests for further information. You may direct your inquiries to our Western Maryland Chapter, c/o Ed Hanna, 12509 Bedford Rd., Cumberland, Maryland 21502, or email: [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com)

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan, Vice President  
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## George Washington letter to Governor Robert Dinwiddie of Virginia

*Little Meadows, May 9, 1754*

Honble Sir: I acquainted your Honour by Mr. Ward with the determination, which we prosecuted 4 Days after his Departure, as soon as Waggon's arrived to Convey our Provisions...However, in the mean time, I detach'd a party of 60 Men to make and amend the Road, which party since the 25<sup>th</sup> of Ap'l and the main body since the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst't, have been laboriously employ'd, and have got no further than these Meadows, ab't 20 Miles from the new Store, where we have been two Days making a Bridge across, and not done yet.



## Mixed panel to review Salisbury ossuary

A panel of Native Americans and archeologists will offer varying insights April 30 at Salisbury University about the discovery of an ossuary last year and the cooperation the discovery seems to have produced between the two groups.

The communal burial was uncovered in February 2004 during a Salisbury construction project. The discovery launched a series of contacts between archeologists, Indians, the property owner, judicial officials including the police and county state's attorney, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Maryland Historical Trust, Salisbury University and other local individuals and organizations.

The discussions led to the Indian community agreeing to let the archeologists proceed and for the remains to be examined by a physical anthropologist. They would then be reburied.

While the interactions were not without controversy, a controversy that is likely to resurface at the seminar, Maryland Indians and archeologists see them as an example of successful cooperation and a sign of the increasingly productive dialogue between the two groups, said Beth Ragan, a Salisbury professor involved in both the find and the seminar.

Ed Otter, who directed the recovery, and Dana Kollmann, who examined the remains, will be the other archeologists on the program, along with Virginia Busby, an expert on the contact period on the shore. A panel of Indians will offer their viewpoints.

The seminar takes place at Henson Science Building 103 from 10 am to 2 pm.

## Chapter notes

### Anne Arundel

The chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room, Heritage Center, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis. Contact Jim Gibb at 410-263-1102 or [jamesggibb@comcast.net](mailto:jamesggibb@comcast.net)

### Central

Central Chapter does not have monthly meetings, but tries to stay active with field projects. Currently it plans to explore rockshelters reported in the North Branch of the Patapsco River. The chapter will continue to survey and identify potential archeological sites for future exploration and will begin finalizing the 10-year Big Gunpowder Rockshelter Survey Project. Contact Stephen Israel at 410-945-5514 or [ssisrael@abs.net](mailto:ssisrael@abs.net)

### Mid-Potomac

Contact [james.sorensen@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:james.sorensen@mncppc-mc.org) or [heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org), or call 301-840-5848. Chapter website: [www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org](http://www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org)

**May 14:** French and Indian War Public Dig Day at Dowden's Ordinary in Clarksburg; 10 am - 3 pm. \$8 individual/\$15 family/\$5 for ASM members.

**August 22-26:** Mini-field school, working on a rockshelter in Montgomery County. On August 23, primitive technologist Tim Thoman will be giving a workshop on prehistoric methods of fire-making and flintknapping.

### Mid Shore

The Mid Shore Group meets at 7:30 on the fourth Friday of the month at the SunTrust Bank on Goldsboro Street in Easton, from January through September. However, the April meeting is held at the Talbot County Historical Society Auditorium. Contact Bill Cep at 410-822-5027 or email [ccep@crosslink.net](mailto:ccep@crosslink.net)

## Monocacy

The chapter meets the Wednesday closest to the 15th of each month at the Walkersville Middle School. Contact Joy Hurst at 301-663-6706 or [hurst\\_joy@hotmail.com](mailto:hurst_joy@hotmail.com). Chapter website: [www.digfrederick.bravehost.com](http://www.digfrederick.bravehost.com)

## Northern Chesapeake

Meetings are the second Thursday of the month. Contact Dan Coates at [dancoates@comcast.net](mailto:dancoates@comcast.net)

**April 23:** Garrett Island Clean-up Project.

**May:** Annual picnic. Rock Run Mill. Details TBA.

## Southern

Contact Kate Dinnel for information at [katesilas@chesapeake.net](mailto:katesilas@chesapeake.net) or 410-586-8538.

**April 7:** James Gibb will talk about an early 18<sup>th</sup> Century site in Prince Frederick. 7 p.m. at the Prince Frederick Library, in Prince Frederick, Calvert County,

## Upper Patuxent

Programs are the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Ida, near the court house in Ellicott City. Most are preceded by dinner at 6 at the Tiber River Café in Ellicott City. Contact Lee Preston at 443-745-1202 or [roseannlee@earthlink.com](mailto:roseannlee@earthlink.com)

**April 11:** Myron Beckenstein on "The Popham Site." **NOTE PROGRAM CHANGES FOR APRIL AND MAY.**

**May 9:** Pot luck supper at 6:30. Charlie Hall will analyze Howard County sites.

## Western Maryland

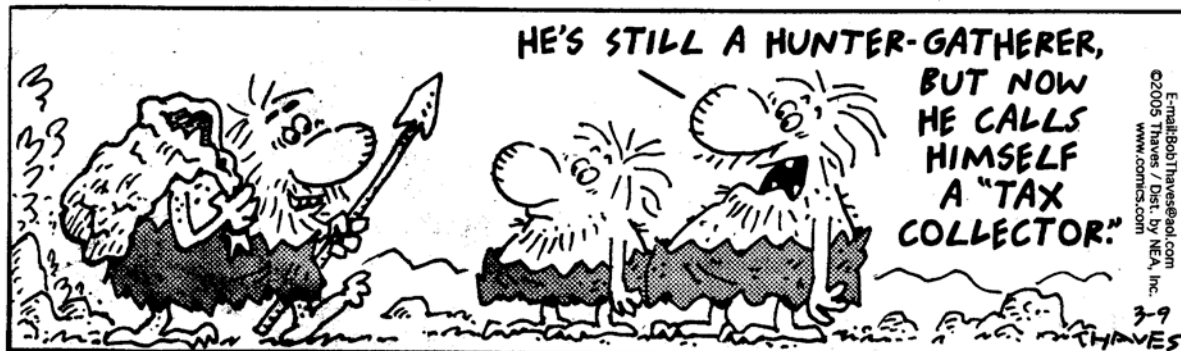
Programs are the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in the LaVale Library, unless noted. Contact Ed Hanna, 301-777-1380. Chapter email: [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com) Website: [www.geocities.com/wmdasm](http://www.geocities.com/wmdasm).

**April 22:** Susan Langley, underwater archeology off Assateague Island.

**May 27:** Bob Wall, Barton site overview and field session plans.

**June 18-26:** Barton field session.

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