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**Newsletter of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.**

## Coming Attractions

Just a small sampling of some of the many events from the Maryland Archeology Month calendar. The complete listing will soon be coming to a mailbox near you.

### **March 24, Sunday**

### **St. Mary's City**

Open House: **MARYLAND DAY**

*Visit Historic St. Mary's City for its annual season opening on Maryland's birthday! Special ceremony and program at 1:00 p.m.*

Sponsor: Historic St. Mary's City

Location: St. Mary's City Time - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fee - Free

Contact: 1-800-SMC-1634 or (240) 895-4990

### **April 5, Friday**

### **St. Leonard**

Tour: **MARYLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSERVATION LABORATORY (MAC Lab)**

*The MAC Lab is a state-of-the-art archeological research, conservation, and collections storage facility. The MAC Lab serves as a clearinghouse for archeological collections recovered from land-based and underwater projects conducted by state and federal agencies throughout Maryland. Tours are held the first Friday of each month.*

Sponsor: Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum,

Location: 10515 Mackall Road Fee: Free, reservations required

Contact: Call (410) 586-8550 for time, reservations, and information

### **April 14, Sunday (Rain Date April 21)**

#### **Eldersburg**

Survey: **PATAPSCO WATERSHED  
ROCKSHELTER SURVEY**

*The public is invited to participate in the Patapsco Watershed Rockshelter Survey. The survey party will hike one of the Liberty Reservoir tributaries in Carroll County, in search of rockshelters to record. The Patapsco Watershed Rockshelter Survey is an on-going Central Chapter project. Participants will have the opportunity to assist in the recording and photographing the sighted rockshelters. This will be a one-day event.*

Sponsor: Central Chapter, Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.

Location: Meet in Eldersburg at intersection of Rts 26 and 32.

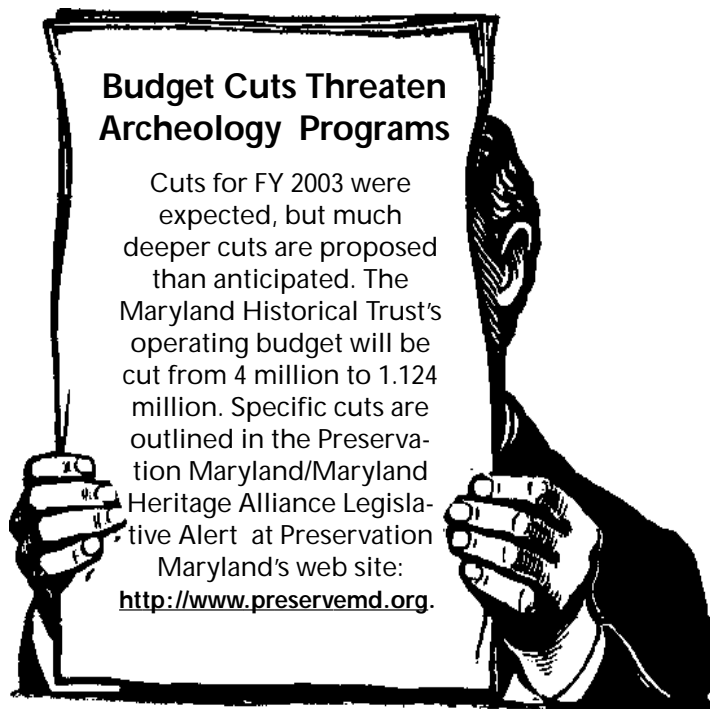
Time: TBA Fee: Free

Contact: Stephen Israel, Evening (410) 945-5514,  
Day (410) 962-0685

## **Budget Cuts Threaten Archeology Programs**

Cuts for FY 2003 were expected, but much deeper cuts are proposed than anticipated. The Maryland Historical Trust's operating budget will be cut from 4 million to 1.124 million. Specific cuts are outlined in the Preservation Maryland/Maryland Heritage Alliance Legislative Alert at Preservation Maryland's web site:

<http://www.preservemd.org>.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Anne Arundel Chapter

Chapter meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the County Heritage Center complex on Riva Road, Annapolis.

\*Please contact Carolyn Gryczkowski at (410) 222-7328, e-mail: shadow@chesapeake.net or watch for a flyer announcing meeting - no flyer, no meeting. Scheduled meetings so far:

**March 20:** James G. Gibb will present new findings at Bel Air Mansion in Bowie, MD home to three Maryland governors.

**April 17:** Kirsti Uunila from JPPM is scheduled to speak.

The Lost Towns of Anne Arundel Project offers many volunteer opportunities. The lab is located at 2666 Riva Road and is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The phone number there is 410-222-7328. The crew also welcomes volunteers in the field. For more information, contact Lisa Plumley at 410-222-7441.

The Lost Towns Project hosts one-hour workshops on one or two Mondays per month from 1:30–2:30 PM in the Chesapeake Room of Building 2664 of the Heritage Center on Riva Road.

**April 8 - Experimental Archeology: Making Tobacco Pipes** - Tony Lindauer will describe his research stemming from the Swan Cove excavations.

## Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake

Earth Day activities will be conducted at Swan Harbor Farm. The May meeting will be expanded to a Sunday picnic, on May 19th. The chapter is currently involved in field work at five locations, ranging from a small campfire pit associated with HA106 to the 200-acre Garrett Island.

The chapter meets the second Thursday of the month, from September till May, at Harford Glen. Meetings are held at the Harford County Environmental Education Center at Harford Glen, just off MD 24, 2.5 miles north of I-95 exit 77, and start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**March 14** - Donald Shomette will speak about "*Lost Towns of Tidewater Maryland*", with the focus on the upper bay region.

**April 20** - The chapter's Archeological Month activity will be a Saturday "Historic Ceramics Identification" workshop, under the supervision of Jim Gibb.

Please contact Dan Coates at (410) 273-9619, dcoates716@aol.com, or danielcoates@md.ngb.army.mil, for additional information on chapter activities.

## Central Chapter (Metropolitan Baltimore area)

Please contact Stephen Israel at (410) 945-551, in the evening, or e-mail ssisrael@abs.net, emailto:ssisrael@abs.net for field work and volunteer opportunities.

In January 2002, Central Chapter will resume its rockshelter survey of the Patapsco Watershed on two Sundays a month.

## Mid-Potomac Chapter

For information on chapter activities, please contact David Back (301) 530-2920.

## Mid-Shore Chapter

Meetings held the fourth Friday of each month. Please contact President Bill Cep for more information about chapter activities, (410) 822-5027, e-mail: ccep@crosslink.net

## Monocacy Archeological Society

Meetings will be held on the Wednesday closest to the 15th.

Please contact Barry Phelps at (301) 662-0924, or via e-mail at cphelps@fred.net, for information on chapter activities.

### **Southern Chapter**

Please contact Kate Dinnel for information on chapter activities at:  
katesilas@chesapeake.net, or  
dinnel@dhcd.state.md.us

### **Upper Patuxent Archeology Group**

The chapter meets the 2nd Monday from September to June. Please contact Lee Preston at (443)838-1443, or via e-mail at lpreston@mail.howard.k12.md.us, for more information on chapter activities.

**March 11**, Lee Preston, *"5 Million years of Hominid Evolution"* (powerpoint) 8:00 pm, (dinner in EC 6:00 pm)

**April 8**, Kirsti Uunila, *"Reflections on the Sukeek Cabin Excavations"*, 8:00pm (pot luck at Mt. Ida 6:30 pm)

### **Western Maryland Chapter**

On March 22, Dr. Gwen Brewer walks us through the jungles and mountains of South America in her lecture "Indigenous People of Latin America- Past and Present". Gwen is a long time friend of the Chapter and an Associate Professor at Frostburg State University. Her travels have explored the ecology, the people and especially the birds of South America. A keen observer of the indigenous cultures of Latin America, Dr. Brewer also has extensive and authoritative experience in Biology, Ornithology, Ecology and Conservation.

Come to Western Maryland for Archeology Month! Our calendar of events is filling rapidly. The Allegany County Library in LaVale will house a display for the month of April, featuring Braddock's Road- the predecessor to the National Road. In another initiative, the Chapter has established a close working relationship with the new Allegany County Museum. When the museum re-opens on April 1, a new exhibit will show-off the extensive prehistory of Western Maryland. We are thrilled that the story of West-

ern Maryland's archeology and rich prehistory is finally being told.

On April 20, at Canal Place in Cumberland, visit our Archeology Month Exhibition. Activities and displays will include lithics displays, Braddock's Road history, archeology laboratory, simulated excavation display, primitive technology displays and demonstrations.

Our Archeology Month meeting will take us to the Allegany County Museum for a personal, guided tour. Our guide is chapter member Joe Weaver, professor of history at Allegany College of Maryland and one of the founders of the Museum.

All of our meetings are casual, friendly and open to the public. Please come and share the adventure! Visit the Western Maryland Chapter on the web for connections to the rest of the archeological world. The early inhabitants of this land knew nothing of state boundaries. Find out what the neighbors are doing in your aboriginal backyard.

#### Program Calendar:

**March 22** – Indigenous People of Latin America-Past and Present – Dr.Gwenda L.Brewer

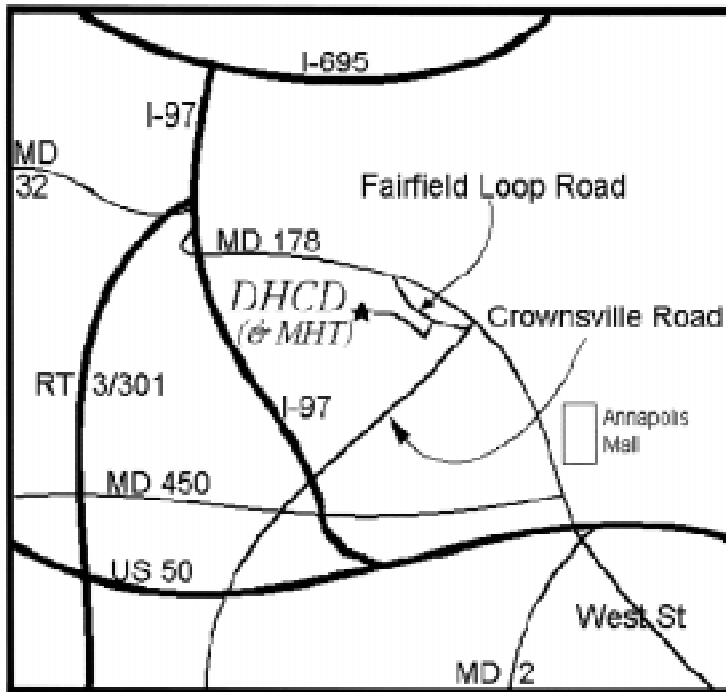
**April 26-** Allegany County Museum Tour – Joe Weaver -\*\*Meeting is at the Museum-Across from Canal Place, Cumberland.

Programs are at 7:30 PM, the fourth Friday of the month at the LaVale Public Library unless otherwise advised. For more information, contact Roy Brown- 301-724-7769  
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Chapter Web site - [www.geocities.com/wmdasm](http://www.geocities.com/wmdasm)

*11th Annual*  
**WORKSHOP IN ARCHEOLOGY**  
**Saturday, March 23, 2002**  
100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland

**ADMISSION FEE** (payable at the door): **\$6.00** General admission; **\$4.00** for ASM members.

## Directions to the Workshop (and the Spring Symposium)



**From Baltimore:** Follow the Beltway (I-695) to Exit 4, I-97 towards Annapolis, 11 miles to Exit 5, Route 178. Two miles, to right on Crownsville Road, then immediately right onto Fairfield Loop Road, and left into the People's Resource Center (bearing right around the Children's Center) toward the DHCD building and parking lot at 100 Community Place.

**From Columbia:** Follow Route 32 east to I-97 south towards Annapolis. Take first exit (Exit 5), Route 178 (towards Crownsville). Two miles, to right on Crownsville Road, then immediately right onto Fairfield Loop Road, and left into the People's Resource Center (bearing right around the Children's Center) toward the DHCD building and parking lot at 100 Community Place.

**From Washington:** Follow the Beltway (I-495/95) to U.S. Route 50 east towards Annapolis (18 miles) to Route 450. Turn right towards Crownsville. Continue straight (becomes Route 178) for 4.5 miles to left on Crownsville Road, then immediately right onto Fairfield Loop Road, and left into the People's Resource Center (bearing right around the Children's Center) toward the DHCD building and parking lot at 100 Community Place.

**From Annapolis:** Follow Rowe Boulevard to Bestgate Road to end. Right on Route 178 for 4 miles to left on Crownsville Road, then immediately right onto Fairfield Loop Road, and left into the People's Resource Center (bearing right around the Children's Center) toward the DHCD building and parking lot at 100 Community Place.

# 37th Annual Spring Symposium on Archeology Translating Archeology for the Public

*presented by the*  
**Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.**  
and the  
**Maryland Historical Trust Office of Archeology**

**Date: Saturday, April 13, 2002**

**Location: People's Resource Center, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland**  
**(Donation requested: \$4.00 ASM members; \$6.00 non-members)**

- 9:00 - 9:30     Registration/ Refreshments/ Book Room
- 9:30 - 9:35     Welcome Remarks: Richard Hughes, Chief, Office of Archeology, Maryland Historical Trust
- 9:35 - 9:40     Welcome Remarks: Nancy Geasey, President, Archeological Society of Maryland
- 9:40 - 9:45     Symposium Introduction: Varna Boyd, Vice-President, Archeological Society of Maryland
- 9:45 - 10:15    **Bringing Archaeology to the Public**  
Susan Langley, State Underwater Archeologist

The popular appeal of Archaeology is clearly evident in the number and diversity of, not just individual shows or series but, entire television networks devoted to the topic, either specifically or tangentially. The issue of whether these programs stimulate public interest or public interest drives the production of these shows could form the nexus of entire conferences and, in fact, it does when marketing studies and heritage tourism planning is considered. Regardless of this chicken or egg argument, the upshot is that a participating public provides a symbiosis for chronically under funded archaeological research. This presentation provides an overview of projects undertaken by the Maryland Historical Trust which have a strong public component. It also examines the pro's and con's of public involvement and discusses future considerations and possibilities.

- 10:15 - 10:45    **Where Would We Be Without Them? Public Participation in Exploring the Archaeology of Western Maryland**  
Robert Wall, Towson University

For the last twenty years public participation in western Maryland archaeological projects has been a major contribution to Maryland archaeology as a whole. Beginning with the Cresaptown site excavations in the 1980s and the subsequent formation of the western Maryland chapter of ASM, avocational archaeologists have provided assistance in many facets of western Maryland archaeology. This presentation traces the development of public archaeology in the region from participation and learning to active promotion of preservation activities.

- 10:45 - 11:00    **Coffee Break**

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*The Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture*

- 11:00 - 11:30    **Presenting The Stories: Archaeological Discovery and the Public**  
Henry Miller, Director of Research, Historic St. Mary's City
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Archaeologists constantly make new discoveries about the past and generate massive volumes of information. But how is this knowledge made available to the public? This presentation will examine some of the ways these findings can be related in both outdoor and indoor settings, consider successful and unsuccessful experiments and make observations about the current status of archaeology and exhibits. New plans for interpreting the 1638 St. John's site at St. Mary's City will also be previewed.

11:30 – 12:00 **Audience Discussion**

12:00 - 1:30 **Lunch:** Local sandwich shops and restaurants will also be open. Don't forget to check out the book room.

1:30 – 2:00 **Working Together: Archaeology and the Oneida Indian Nation of New York**  
Dixie Henry, Administrator, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs

As T.J. Ferguson asserted almost five years ago, archaeologists and American Indians are in the midst of restructuring their relationship with one another in many ways. Both the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and criticism by native people have caused archaeologists to examine different ways in which they could better involve and interact with the native communities who are culturally affiliated with sites that are being investigated. This presentation explores how archaeologists and the Oneida Indian Nation have forged a collaborative relationship and developed an archaeology workshop for Oneida youth — a partnership that has resulted in a valuable exchange of information, an increased level of public outreach, and a growing level of respect between all of the parties involved.

2:00 - 2:30 **Fostering Appreciation of Maryland Through Historical Archaeology:  
Education Programming at Anne Arundel County's *Lost Towns Project***  
Lisa Plumley, Lost Towns Project

Since 1990, *The Lost Towns Project* staff has worked with children, families, interns, and adults to research historical sites around Anne Arundel County. The site diversity within Anne Arundel County, along with an assortment of staff with a wide range of interests and professional backgrounds, allows for a broad variety of educational opportunities. The Project utilizes a fusion of several education techniques, such as hands-on activities and lectures, to establish significance to objects and methods that may otherwise turn into meaningless field trips or menial tasks.

2:30 - 2:45 **Coffee Break**

2:45 - 3:15 **Building Community from Sukeek's Cabin to Smith's St. Leonard:  
Public Archaeology, Public History, Public Policy**  
Kirsti Uunila, Jefferson Patterson Park

What can happen to people who excavate the lives of freed people on a ridgetop in Southern Maryland? Why script a tour called "the Landscape of Segregation" for public school teachers? The Public Archaeology program at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum creates opportunities for people to encounter the past in the context of local and regional social history. The presentation will describe the program and explore the multiple educational, research, and policy goals that are served in the process of engaging diverse publics in archaeology, and discuss some surprising results.

3:15 – 3:45 **Audience Discussion and Closing Remarks**

For additional information or directions contact Varna Boyd at (301) 982-2854 or [vboyd@g-and-o.com](mailto:vboyd@g-and-o.com). This is a 2002 Maryland Archeology Month event. For information on other Archeology Month events, or the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. visit our webpages at [www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net](http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net) and [www.smcm.edu/asm](http://www.smcm.edu/asm).

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