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## 61,922 artifacts later

# Winslow 2: On your mark, get set, dig!

By Joe Dent *Principal 2003 Field School Investigator*

The winter's snows are now a memory and it's time to think about archeology again. This year's ASM Field Session, the 32d annual, will be held again at the Winslow site in Montgomery County, between Friday, May 23, and Monday, June 2.

For those of you who weren't able to participate last year, Winslow is a very rich site (see the July, August, and September 2002 ASM Ink newsletters). The site dates to circa AD 1300, and its inhabitants were on the cusp of the agricultural revolution in the Potomac Valley.

It fossilizes the archeological signature of a small circular village of Native Americans beginning the transition away from the traditional hunting-and-gathering lifeway (where peoples were totally dependent on nature) to a new way-of-life centered on domesticated food production.

The setting is magnificent, along the C&O Canal and Potomac River in the McKee Beshers Wildlife Management Area.

Those of you who did take part last summer know what an opportunity Winslow presents. We were successful in discovering traces of the site's palisade and the first known domestic structure for the Middle Potomac Valley. And there were plenty of artifacts to be found.

Winslow is a very rich site, and there is more



*Clad in his formal digging attire, Joe Dent awaits this year's crop of Field School participants. This photo from last year shows him surrounded by signs of a dwelling.*

yet to discover.

To dazzle you with some numbers, last year we recovered 61,922 individual artifacts. This included a little over 10,000 quartz flakes and almost 8,000 sherds of Shepard ceramics. Slightly over 200 triangular projectile points were found along with over one-quarter ton of fire-cracked rock.

Our explorations this summer will focus on

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# Upcoming events

**May 2 - 3:** Preservation Maryland's annual Preservation and Revitalization Conference, Easton. 410-685-2886.

**May 3 - 4:** Primitive technology weekend, Oregon Ridge. [www.oregonridge.org](http://www.oregonridge.org)

**May 23 - June 2:** Annual ASM Field School, the Winslow Site, Montgomery County.

**May 31 - June 8:** Barton 2003 Field Session.

**June 21 - 22:** Shenandoah Valley powwow, Quicksburg, Virginia. 540-477-8616.

**July 14 - 27:** Archeology Society of Virginia Field School. Keyser Farm site near Luray. Contact Mike Barber, 540-265-5211 or [mbarber@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbarber@fs.fed.us)

**August 1 - 3:** Powwow, Charles County Fairground. NOTE DATE CHANGE.

**October 18:** ASM annual meeting, JPPM MAC lab.

**November 13 - 16:** ESAF meeting, Mt. Laurel, N.J. [www.siftings.com/esafmt.html](http://www.siftings.com/esafmt.html)

## Volunteer opportunities

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

**May 13 - July 5:** Public archeology at Smith's St. Leonard. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Tuesdays and Fridays are lab days. Reservations required. Kirsti Uunila. 410-586-8555,

Ongoing: The Northern Chesapeake Chapter is offering lab work, usually on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Sundays between 9 am and 2 pm. Call Bill McIntyre at 410-939-0768 or [williamlmac@comcast.net](mailto:williamlmac@comcast.net).

Lab work on Winslow Site artifacts. Call Katherine Clermont at 202-885-1840.

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

## CAT Corner

**May 17:** CAT program Core Requirement workshop, "Maryland Archeology - Prehistoric and Historic Overview." Frederick Library Community Room, 110 E. Patrick Street, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring bag lunch as there will be only a short break on-site for lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration limited to 30. CAT program members have first priority. To register, contact Ed Hanna, Western Maryland Chapter, 301-777-1380 Email: [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com). Joy Hurst, Monocacy Chapter, 301-663-6707 Email: [hurst\\_joy@hotmail.com](mailto:hurst_joy@hotmail.com)

**August 9:** Lithics workshop by Carol Ebright, JPPM. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Sodas and coffee will be provided. Registration limited to 25. CAT program members have first priority until July 18th. To register call or email (preferred): Kate Dinnel, Southern Chapter [katesilas@chesapeake.net](mailto:katesilas@chesapeake.net) or [dinnel@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:dinnel@dhcd.state.md.us) Phone: 410-586-8584 (day, voice mail), 410-586-3375 (evenings, no answering machine) For directions to the park see <http://jefpat.org/1directions.htm>

# Uncertainty still over Trust budget

In a normal year, by the time the gavel falls to end the General Assembly session the legislature and governor have finalized a budget for the upcoming year and state agencies know how much money they will have to operate their programs over the next 12 months.

But, with the legislature's pre-adjournalment rejection of Governor Ehrlich's centerpiece proposal to address a looming budget deficit by legalizing slot machine gambling, this year appears to be anything but normal.

To make up for the loss of projected slots revenue and balance the budget, the General Assembly approved a series of measures including a \$135 million business tax package that Governor Ehrlich promises to veto. If the governor carries out his threat, either the state will need to make \$135 million in program cuts or the governor can call the legislature back into a special session.

Since the governor has until May 27 to issue a veto, it looks like the future of archeology and preservation programs at the Maryland Historical Trust will remain uncertain for some time yet. Additionally, if the veto threat is carried out and no new revenue sources are identified, then required cuts to the state budget could significantly reduce state funding assistance to local governments. This potentially could affect county archeology programs such as those in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

Even if the governor's slots plan had passed, many programs of the Trust appeared likely to suffer substantial budget cuts. Despite continued wrangling between the governor and the General Assembly, it is now clear that many of the potential cuts outlined last month in ASM Ink will become reality.

These include slashing the Trust's Non-Capital Grant Program from \$2.5 million in 2002 to \$233,445 next year; eliminating all funding earmarked for establishing local government-based preservation and archeology programs as well as surveys of state-owned lands, and an almost \$300,000 cut to the previously available \$774,650 fund allocated to help over 300 publicly accessible history museums statewide.

On top of these state cuts, federal budget woes have resulted in the loss of an additional \$300,000 in funds the Trust expected to receive from the federal government for assisting in administering federal historic preservation programs.

Even further cuts of as much as 5 to 10 percent loom if the governor carries out his threat to veto the \$135 million package of business taxes and no alternative source of revenue is identified. This level of cuts would likely result in significant staff layoffs at the Trust.

Within this dark financial cloud there are, however, a few rays of budgetary sunshine for the Trust. First, the legislature approved Governor Ehrlich's request to increase the Trust's Capital (building rehabilitation) Grant Program from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Funding of the Heritage Areas program was allowed to retain its set-aside of \$1 million from the property transfer tax.

Finally, an effort to kill the successful Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program that provides Maryland income tax credits for qualified capital costs expended in the rehabilitation of a "certified heritage structure" was defeated, although some changes to the program were made. Tax credit program changes include reducing the credit from 25 percent to 20 percent, capping available 2004 tax credits for commercial projects at \$15 million and capping the maximum credit for a single project at \$3 million.

# Two quit Bush panel over Iraq looting

*Compiled from Washington Post articles*

Two members of the President's Advisory Committee on Cultural Property, both Marylanders, have sent their resignations to President Bush over the "wanton and preventable destruction" of Iraq's National Museum of Antiquities.

One of the resignations came from the panel's chairman, Martin E. Sullivan, the executive director of Historic St. Mary's City Commission, who has led the White House group for eight years.

"While our military forces have displayed extraordinary precision and restraint in deploying arms - and apparently in securing the Oil Ministry and oil fields - they have been nothing short of impotent in failing to

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attend to the protection of [Iraq's] cultural heritage," he wrote in his resignation letter.

"The tragedy was foreseeable and preventable.... The tragedy was not prevented, due to our nation's inaction."

"From a practical perspective my resignation is simply symbolic," he acknowledged.

The second resignation from the nine-member panel came from Gary Vikan, director of the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. He called his move "similarly symbolic .... I had to do something."

Armies have been marching through the Fertile Crescent for several millennia, and Baghdad has been sacked before. "But it hasn't been this bad for 700 years," Vikan said.

"Officials at UNESCO estimate that about 150,000 items, with a total value in the billions of dollars, [already] have been taken," according to Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Losses include ... 5,000-year-old tablets with some of the world's earliest known writing."

Asked April 13 about the looting, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld blamed the chaos that ensues "when you go from a dictatorship" to a new order. "We didn't allow it. It happened," Rumsfeld said on "Meet the Press." "There's a transition period, and no one is in control. There is still fighting in Baghdad. We don't allow bad things to happen. Bad things happen in life, and people do loot."

In the months leading up to the war, U.S. scholars had urged the Defense Department repeatedly to protect Iraq's priceless archeological heritage from looters and warned specifically that the National Museum was the single most important site in the country.

Late in January, a mix of scholars, museum directors, art collectors and antiquities dealers asked for and were granted a meeting at the Pentagon to discuss their misgivings. McGuire Gibson, an Iraq specialist at the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute, said that he went back twice more and he and colleagues peppered Defense Department officials with email reminders in the weeks before the war began.

"I thought I was given assurances that sites and museums would be protected," Gibson said. Instead, even with U.S. forces firmly in control of Baghdad, looters breached the museum, trashed its galleries, burned its records, invaded its vaults and smashed or carried off thousands of artifacts dating from the founding of ancient Sumer around 3,500 B.C. to the end of Islam's Abbasid Caliphate in 1258 A.D.

Although the National Museum may have been the biggest prize, Iraq also has 13 regional museums at risk, including another world-renowned facility in the northern city of Mosul, as well as thousands of archeological sites, ranging from the fabled ancient cities of Ur, Nineveh, Nimrud and Babylon to medieval Muslim villages abandoned in the country's vast western reaches. Looting was reported at other museums too.

"To the extent possible, and as soon as though it were yesterday, someone needs to post border guards to intercept antiquities as they try to leave the country," said archeologist and art historian John Russell, of the Massachusetts College of Art. "There is a smuggling network in Iraq, and there could have been professional thieves among the looters."

In fact, UNESCO has charged that well-organized professional thieves stole most of the priceless artifacts and said they may have had inside help from low-level museum employees. Museum officials in Baghdad said the thefts were probably the work of international gangs who hired Iraqis for the job and who have been active in recent years doing illegal excavations at Iraqi archeological digs.

Scholars first sounded a public alarm about the possible destruction of Iraqi antiquities in January, when a statement from the Archeological Institute of America called on "all governments" to protect cultural sites.

Gibson and others said they were especially concerned because of the example provided by the 1991 Gulf War. Allied forces had scrupulously avoided targeting Iraqi cultural sites during the bombing of Baghdad 12 years ago.

The end of that war kicked off a looting rampage and eventually allowed systemic smuggling to develop. Artifacts from inadequately guarded sites were dug up and hauled away during the 12 years between the wars. "We wanted to make sure this didn't happen again," Gibson said, and Pentagon officials agreed.

Boston University archeologist Paul Zimansky said Iraq's isolation during Saddam Hussein's rule meant that a great deal of material had remained unstudied and uncatalogued for years. An as-yet unresearched Sippar library of cuneiform clay tablets lay in the museum's basement and -- if it survived -- may contain the missing pieces of the Gilgamesh Epic, a heroic tale conceived by the Sumerians and written and rewritten in Mesopotamia for more than 1,000 years.



*Teacher of Year Lee Preston*



*Honored by MAAC, Howard McCord (P.6)*

## Lee Preston named Teacher of the Year

At a ceremony in Annapolis last month, UPAG's Lee Preston was named winner of the 2003 ASM Patricia Seitz Teacher of the Year Award.

"The glowing tributes from his principal, colleagues and students were enhanced by the massive amounts of evidence to his achievements. He is a role model for all archeology students and to those who believe in the discovery of one's past," the selection committee said.

Lee has been teaching social studies in the Howard County school system for 36 years. A few years ago he moved from Atholton High School to the new River Hill but his influence has been felt throughout the system.

He wrote the original anthropology curriculum guide for county schools in 1972 and the new 32-page version in 2002. The anthropology class is a full-year course and includes lessons on the cultural and physical perspective; highlighting prehistoric and historic archeology sites throughout Maryland. He provides students with hands-on learning that includes surface searching, field excavation, laboratory analysis and experimental archeology such as flintknapping, pottery replication, artifact identification and human measurements.

River Hill principal R. Scoot Pfeifer said, "I have known him professionally for 17 years. He has dazzled students with his passion for this subject throughout that time.... Not only students taught by Mr. Preston, but students in six other high schools have benefited from his passion and expertise in this area.

"He creates 'excavation sites' at the school and has students from year to year work with them; he runs trips to some of the premier archeological sites in the country and in the region -- Mesa Verde, Jamestown and others -- and he teaches experimental archeology lessons.... Mr. Preston's classroom is a wonder to behold. It exudes anthropology....

"In my 29 years in education, I have never known an instructor like Mr. Preston whose impact on students spans the age range of 12 to adult.... He is the county 'guru' who assists teachers new to the course to develop skill and expertise in teaching it.... His energies remains boundless and his commitment to students is complete. He is a class act in every way."

In recognition of his other activities, including being the guiding spirit of UPAG, teaching archeology at Howard Community College and holding public archeology sessions at the UPAG site the Patapsco Female Institute, Lee won ASM's William B. Marye award in 1996. He thus becomes the first person to win both of the Society's top honors.

# MAAC honors Howard MacCord

*Excerpts of a speech given March 14, 2003 by Wayne Clark, of JPPM*

Tonight's Mid-Atlantic Archeological Conference Lifetime Achievement Award has been earned and is gratefully given to an individual whose efforts have helped shape the development of archeology in the Middle Atlantic States regions. He is a source of tremendous knowledge about the archeology of the American Indians of the Chesapeake Bay and Mississippi River drainage systems. While known primarily for his work in the Commonwealth of Virginia, he has made lasting contributions to Maryland, North Carolina and West Virginia archeology. His life encompasses the period from 1915 until today. He has changed forever our understanding of this region's past.

Colonel Howard A. MacCord Sr.'s interest in archeology was first stimulated in the 1920's by Howard Carter's discovery of King Tut's tomb as reported in the National Geographic Magazine. Howard grew up in Washington D.C., where he took advantage of easy access to the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution. He mentored under T. Dale Stewart, Waldo Wedel, Neil Judd, Frank Setzier and Ales Hrdlicka. He was to develop a lifetime relationship with the Smithsonian anthropologists.

In 1931, at Port Tobacco in Charles County, he found his first Indian artifacts. From 1932 until he was called to active duty in the army in 1941, Howard began the systematic survey of the rivers of tidewater Maryland in search for Indian sites.

Howard's first participation in a professional archeological dig occurred in May of 1933 when he helped Judge William J. Graham and T. Dale Stewart excavate one of the Potomac Creek phase ossuaries at Port Tobacco. He was only 17 at the time.

In 1935 while exploring around Piscataway Creek he learned of the start of excavations by Alice Ferguson at the Accokeek Creek site. He introduced himself. In the summer of 1936, she hired him for the wonderful sum of \$10 a week along with Carl (Bill) Manson. He learned from her the process of excavating in a grid system of five-foot squares and in mapping all post molds and stains for each square. Artifacts were retained by square.

The period of 1947-1948 found Howard living in Virginia. He was hired by the State Department of Conservation and Economic Development to do a brief archeological survey in the Shenandoah Valley and in south side Virginia. This was the first time the state of Virginia paid for archeological survey for Indian sites in the state.

In February 1948, he rejoined the Army as a major, rising in the Corps of Engineers to be a full colonel by the time of his second retirement in September 1962.

Fortunately for Maryland archeology, Howard was stationed at Fort Meade for the period from 1954 to 1957. While there he joined Thomas Mayr, Richard Stearns and others to restart the Archeological Society of Maryland that had died during the war years.

Upon retiring from the Army in 1962, Howard decided to create a state archeology position for himself in Virginia. He began early in 1963 and worked at that important job until resigning in 1976 when the program was forced to merge with the Virginia Research Center for Archeology. During those 13 years, Howard helped expand the Archeological Society of Virginia from 165 members to over 1,400.

In 1974 he convinced the Virginia legislature to allocate \$123,000 to advance the archeology program in the state. I was hired with those funds as his first permanent assistant state archeologist. He has published over 150 reports to date and is still working on research projects.

Howard Mac Cord has made a lasting contribution to the archeology of the Middle Atlantic States that will stand the test of time. He has been a passionate professional, a salesman, a scholar, an agitator and an advocate. Neither world depression, world war nor academic/government battles have kept him from his lifelong mission to advance our knowledge of the past. He is an example to me on how to work with elected officials and the general public. He exemplifies the difference one individual can make in saving and sharing the past of our Middle Atlantic Region.

**Call for papers: ESAF, Nov. 13 - 16, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Send abstracts to program chair Roger Moeller, PO Box 386, Bethlehem, CT. 06751-0386 or [alchemy@snet.net](mailto:alchemy@snet.net)**



# Winslow 2: On your mark, get set, dig!

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the western part of the site. We hope to isolate another edge of the palisade there, expose at least one more structure and investigate the yard area of that house. We are also interested in finding a subterranean pit or two to gain a better understanding of site subsistence practices.

The field laboratory will be working, and we are trying to expand the range of experiences in that area beyond just washing to the sorting and preliminary identification of some of the artifacts.

Once again overnight housing will be provided at Rockwood Manor for those who don't wish to commute. The charge is \$5 a night. Restaurants are nearby.

As a prelude to the excavations, I will offer two field practicums on surveying for the archeologist -- hands-on experience in transit work (distance, vectors, and elevations) and gridding (datum, baselines and units). One will be held Saturday, May 10, and the other Sunday, May 18. I will bring out optical transits, an automatic level and the laser transit for your use.

These practicums are for experienced excavators and interested parties should contact me beforehand (potomac@american.edu or 301-864-4157) to reserve a spot in one or the other. Priority will be given to CAT Program participants. Some reading (provided) beforehand will be required.

Come join us this year for what promises to be another exciting field session at the Winslow site.

The application forms for the field school and lodging are inside this newsletter. To qualify for the ASM member rate, the registration must be received by May 9.

## List of Winslow speakers

This year's field session will feature an evening speech, three lunchtime talks around the hay bales and lunchtime clinics by staff members for most other days.

Evening lecture:

**Wednesday, May 28, 7 pm at Rockwood Manor:** Dr. Stephen Potter will give a public lecture on "Power and Politics in Ancient Washington." "Potomac fever is an ancient affliction," Potter says. "By 1607, most of the folk in the Chesapeake Bay region were organized in politically complex groups that were not only embroiled in their own alliances and squabbles but were inextricably linked with other peoples through a web of intergroup alliances and warfare that stretched far beyond Chesapeake Bay. Using data from recent archeological investigations in Washington, D.C., this presentation begins with an examination of some factors that may have given rise to political complexity below the Great Falls of the Potomac River and ends with an overview of the tumultuous native political landscape on the eve of Jamestown."

Likely schedule of lunchtime haybale sessions and clinics:

**Saturday, May 24:** Richard Slattery will discuss his work at Winslow, 1940-1941 and 1959-1961 - and will also put Winslow in the context of other sites he and Hugh Stabler worked on in the area (Fisher Site 44LD4, 1938-1939; Kerns Site 44CK3, 1940; Shepard Site 18MO3, 1936 - 1937; etc.).

**Monday, May 26:** Clinic on excavation techniques.

**Tuesday, May 27:** Tyler Bastian will discuss his early 1970s work at the Biggs Ford Site, 18FR14.

**Wednesday, May 28:** Clinic on piece plotting and profile drawing.

**Thursday, May 29:** Clinic on transit basics.

**Friday, May 30:** Howard Wellman, chief conservator at JPPM, will talk on field conservation of fragile and perishable items.

**Saturday, May 31:** Clinic of excavation techniques.

# Where are the finds of yesteryear?

By Louise Akerson

As we look forward to another field session with excitement, let us take a moment to think about past field sessions and what has happened to the carefully collected artifacts and information.

ASM has been sponsoring field sessions since 1971 under a long-term partnership with the state's Office of Archeology. Our partnership ensures a high level of professionalism and the employment of standard methods during all phases of work from preliminary research, to field and laboratory work, to analysis and report writing. That is the good news.

It is also good news that the discipline of archeology is ever open to new and improved methods. But that is also the bad news, and is especially true when it comes to preserving artifacts and field records.

During the Eastern States Archeological Federation Conference held at Solomons Island in 2000, Rebecca Morehouse gave a paper called "Pandora's Box: Challenges Faced When Upgrading Old Archeological Collections." I found myself thinking about collections associated with ASM's field sessions and asking myself, what is their condition? I also had heard that some field session reports were not written because artifacts were not processed or catalogued. So I thought there must be a way to find out the condition of these old collections and move toward breaking the report writing barrier.

I offered to write a new grant application to survey collections associated with ASM's field sessions. The Board approved and in 2002 the Society received a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust to conduct a condition survey of collections associated with field sessions between 1971 and 1996.

The goal was to locate and assess the condition of each collection and to determine what needed to be done to bring them up to current state standards. The survey was conducted by Dana Kollmann a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at the American University who is well known for her work in forensics and archeology. Thanks to her excellent report we now know where each collection is located, what its condition is and what needs to be done to bring it up to state standards.

A committee has been formed to take Dana's recommendations to the next level - implementation. The committee includes ASM members Tyler Bastian, Susan Buonocore and myself, Office of Archeology staff member Charles Hall and Maryland Archeology and Conservation Lab Director Julia King.

We are in the process of determining which collection should be upgraded first and which ones should come next. We are taking into account each site's potential research value as well as condition. We must determine how to accomplish, and who will accomplish, the work that needs to be done.

We think there will be opportunities for student interns, volunteers and CAT candidates. We hope that some of you will be interested in getting involved. If you have suggestions, or would like additional information, please call me at 410-995-0259 or email me at [rakerson@comcast.net](mailto:rakerson@comcast.net).





# Chapter notes

## Anne Arundel

The chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9 in the Chesapeake Room, Heritage Center, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis. Contact Karen Ackermann at karenlta@juno.com

**May 21:** Get Psyched for the Field Session! Share your experiences, photos and artifacts from a past field session or some other dig. The meeting will be topped off with a pot-luck dessert spread.

## Central

Phone Stephen Israel at 410- 945-5514 evening, 410-962-0685 day, or [ssisrael@abs.net](mailto:ssisrael@abs.net), for information.

## Mid-Potomac

**May 3:** (Raindate May 10) Dowden's Ordinary site in Clarksburg. Includes lecture on the French and Indian War site at Dowden's Ordinary. Fee \$5, free for ASM members. Contact Jim Sorensen or Heather Bouslog at 301-840-5848.

## Monocacy

Monocacy Archaeological Society meets the Wednesday closest to the 15th of each month at the Walkersville Middle School. Contact Joy Hurst at 301-663-6706 or email [hurst\\_joy@hotmail.com](mailto:hurst_joy@hotmail.com).

## Northern Chesapeake

Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, usually at Harford Glen, but not always. Check the date for actual location. Meetings start at 7 with the program beginning around 7:40.

**June 22:** ASCN annual summer picnic, Jerusalem Mill, Kingsville. NOTE NEW DATE.

## Southern

Meetings the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the MAC Lab meeting room. Call 410-586-8584 or [katesilas@chesapeake.net](mailto:katesilas@chesapeake.net) for information.

**May 9:** Kirsti Uunila of JPPM speaking on "2002 Public Archeology Excavations at the Smith's St. Leonard."

## Upper Patuxent

Programs are the second Monday of each month at Mt. Ida, near the court house in Ellicott City. For information contact Lee Preston at 443-745-1202 or [lpreston@mail.howard.k12.md.us](mailto:lpreston@mail.howard.k12.md.us)

**May 12:** Chris Davenport on Faunal Analysis.

**June 9:** Pot Luck End of Year Get Together.

## Western Maryland

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

**May 23.** Barton Update / 2003 Field Session Briefing by Robert Wall.

**May 31-June 8.** Barton 2003 Field Session.

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