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## Archeology spared further budget cuts

It took months for the other shoe to drop, but when it did, it missed the already battered Office of Archeology at the Maryland Historical Trust, although the Trust felt the blow elsewhere.

After a legislative session that enacted substantial reductions in the budgets of most state agencies, including the Trust, a further round of budget cutting was instituted on July 30 by the Maryland Board of Public Works, which mandated an additional \$210 million in trims. The Trust's parent department, the Department of Housing and Community Development, was required to reduce its already pared down budget by another \$949,368.

This was done by eliminating 14 vacant job positions. Five of those vacancies came from the Trust and its sister programs in the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs: two positions at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, two at the Banneker-Douglass Museum and one in the Trust's Review and Compliance section. None of the eliminated positions were in the Office of Archeology and the two eliminated positions at Jefferson Patterson were not archeologists.

But all the budgets cut have reduced Maryland's projected two-year \$1.8 billion deficit by only \$800 million, so it appears additional cuts are a strong possibility as early as December, unless the state finds new sources of revenue.

The earlier cuts included a drop in the Non-Capital Grant Program from \$2.5 million in Fiscal Year 2002 to a mere \$233,445 in FY 04,



*From an unknown Internet site*

elimination of the Preservation Incentives for Local Governments program that was to provide funding for counties to establish archeology and preservation programs within local governments, zero funding for surveys of state-owned lands, a drop of \$294,266 in the Trust's Museum Assistance Program funding, and elimination of \$50,000 in grants to support student

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# Upcoming events

**September 6:** Benefit and auction at Jefferson Patterson. \$50. For information, call 410-586-8515.

**September 13:** Second Potomac River Prehistoric Conference. Alexandria, Va. Jack Hranicky, 703-256-1304. or keyword: VAP news page

**September 13 -14:** Nause-Waiwash Native American Festival, Cambridge. 410-376-3889.

**October 18:** ASM annual meeting, JPPM MAC Lab. Any members who would like to give a talk at the meeting please contact Kate Dinnel at katesilas@chesapeake.net, 410-586-8584 (day) 410-586-3375 (evenings).

**October 24 – 26:** Annual meeting, Archeological Society of Virginia, Williamsburg. [www.archeologyvirginia.org](http://www.archeologyvirginia.org)

**November 1 – 2:** The Four Bay Winds First Annual Native American Indian gathering, The Lockhouse, Havre de Grace. Contact Rev. Amy Paul, 410-942-0542.

**November 8:** Special all-day seminar, cosponsored by ASM, on "The Future of Maryland's Past." At the University of Maryland, College Park. Details later.

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

**March 12 – 14, 2004:** Mid-Atlantic Archeological Conference annual meeting, Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. Maryland archeologists will have a leading role in arranging this. If you are interested in giving a paper contact Bernard K. Means, [bkmeans@juno.com](mailto:bkmeans@juno.com), or Steve Bilicki, [bilicki@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:bilicki@dhcd.state.md.us). If you would like to help out at the conference, contact Wayne Clark, [clarkw@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:clarkw@dhcd.state.md.us)

**March 31 – April 4, 2004:** 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Montreal, Quebec. Information at 202-789-8200.

## Volunteer opportunities

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

**ASM field session collection:** Volunteers are needed to work on up-grading collections associated with previous field sessions. We will start with the Nolands Ferry collection. Nolands Ferry is a Late Woodland site excavated by ASM in 1978 under the leadership of Donald Peck. The lab in Crownsville will be open Tuesdays starting September 9th from 9:30 until 4. For additional information contact either Louise Akerson [akerson@comcast.net](mailto:akerson@comcast.net), or Charlie Hall [hall@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:hall@dhcd.state.md.us).

**Winslow Site artifacts lab work:** Saturday Sept. 13 from 10-4. Beginning in September there will be regular hours during the week. The washing has to get done before anything else, so they can't promise there will be any cataloguing, but the more people who come in to wash the faster they will get to that. The archeology lab is in the basement of Hurst Hall at American University. For directions or questions, contact Kelsey Woodman at [AUArchLab@hotmail.com](mailto:AUArchLab@hotmail.com)

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

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

Mount Calvert lab work. Call 301-627-1286.

**More volunteers:** Jefferson Patterson Park is looking for volunteers to take part in its War of 1812 Reenactment September 27-28. 410-586-8501 or [jppm@dhcd.state.md.us](mailto:jppm@dhcd.state.md.us)

# Fully intact dog skeleton is the first for Winslow site

By Joe Dent

*Principal Investigator*

It started as a substantial piece of bone protruding from the floor of N122/E100. Soon it became Feature 40. It ended as one of more remarkable discoveries of this year's ASM field school and came to be called "Seneca," the Winslow site dog. Kathy Steuer, one of its excavators, suggested the name.

Seneca was intentionally buried in a shallow pit just northeast of the structure discovered last year. The terrier-sized dog was laid to rest in a curled position, with its four paws gathered together and placed on top of each other. No intentional grave goods were found with it, just the occasional artifact in the burial fill. Its condition, burial near the house and association with other features points to a prehistoric age. Indications are that Seneca roamed the site around AD 1300, when the Winslow village was there.

What is the dog's gender? That probably can be determined, an expert or two down the line.

Seneca is not the first dog to be recovered at Winslow. One of the site's discoverers, Richard Slattery, reported four other prehistoric dog burials from the site. In those cases the dogs were interred with their skeletons completely intact except that all the skulls were missing. Obviously the dogs were not eaten, but explanation of the missing skulls is not so obvious. Maybe the brains had been removed for use in the tanning process, thus destroying the skulls. Perhaps the heads were used in a ritual of some sort. Whatever the case, Seneca is unique among the pack of Winslow dogs.

Dogs were the only domesticated animal known to most Native Americans. Many myths tell of their unique role. Archeologists feel dogs were first



domesticated in the Old World around 30,000 years ago. Most archeologists believe the dog was domesticated from its close cousin the wolf, and indeed DNA from the two species varies by only .2 percent. On this continent, the earliest intentional dog burials are reported from the Koster site in Illinois and date to 8,500 years ago. By 4,000 years ago dog burials are known from the Eastern Woodlands.

This, however, does still not answer how Seneca came to be buried at the Winslow site. We can only speculate.

It appears dogs served a variety of functions. Large dogs were used to haul possessions and all sizes were used in hunting. Woodland groups used small dogs like Seneca to flush and tree turkeys. Dogs also were effective village scavengers, sentinels and sources of food. A degree of affection is evident for the dog. And given Seneca's intact burial near a house we should not discount the possibility that Seneca was a cherished pet. Finally, dogs were often seen as guides to the afterworld. They accompanied and protected souls on their journey to the next world.

What was Seneca? That will probably always remain a mystery, but its location near the house and human burials points to Seneca having been a cherished companion in life and perhaps a friend on the journey to the next world, a true spirit dog.

Do you have ideas about the life of Seneca or its headless cousins at Winslow? Joe would like to hear them - [potomac@american.edu](mailto:potomac@american.edu)

## Profiles in Maryland archeology

# A visit with ... Kirsti Uunila

*One of an occasional series of articles on figures in Maryland archeology. Kirsti Uunila (the name is Finnish) is the public face of Jefferson Patterson Park archeology. She also is an accomplished church organist.*

### **Q. How did you get started in archeology?**

A. Gosh, that's hard to say. Let's start with the most relevant, perhaps. I went back to grad school in 1991 with the goal of coming out a public archeologist. My own personal biography led me there. My initial training was all in anthropology -- cultural anthropology, linguistics specifically. But I wanted a job where I wasn't bound to academe, where I could serve the public, where I could do something to use the past to build community. And with all the compliance legislation that had been accomplished, that had been realized, it seemed like there was a real opportunity there to not only do things that did make me happy but also to get a job and to stay in the region, because I was interested for a variety of reasons in Maryland communities and I wanted to stay in the Chesapeake.



### **Q. Have you been with Jeff Pat since then?**

A. Actually for my first job I was still in grad school. I was a teaching assistant the first year which was great because it gave me an opportunity to have a refresher. I had come out of a four-field school [cultural anthropology, human biology, linguistics and archeology] -- my undergrad was in Arizona -- but I hadn't studied any archeology since then. I had gone to grad school at Hopkins where I certainly had no archeology. But I got a refresher. I did the first year of grad school and the second year I went to work for the State Highway Administration, the archeology group. I worked there for about a year and a half and had just renewed my contract when I applied for and got the job down here. I will have been here 10 years next month [September].

### **Q. And what are you doing for Jeff Pat?**

A. I run the public archeology program and do a lot of work with the education department, coordinating between research and education. The way that that work manifests is cooperative efforts in doing work with school groups, either hands on or sometimes just touring sites. But also we've just completed two courses, weeklong courses in the summer institute for public school teachers. This has been accredited through College of Notre Dame. George Logan, our education administrator, ran a course in prehistory and I did one on historical investigations, concentrating on the content area of African-American experience after the Civil War. The majority of my job is done in conjunction with Calvert County, where I am the de facto county archeologist and ... serve as kind of the ombudsman for history, basically, for the county.

### **Q. How are the various budget crises affecting you, your work?**

A. I think probably for anybody in the public employ in the state of Maryland, really in any state, right now, it's created an atmosphere that's difficult. While there might not be any manifest changes in the daily practice of what we do, there's the angst about what might be over the hill and what might not be over the hill. We're concerned about budgets, we are more constrained in terms of things we can do. With the current change of administration in Maryland it's really kind of influenced the culture of what we do. We're being encouraged, we have a mandate really, to look for ways that we can charge money for what we do or bring money in. Revenue generation is a watchword that nobody much talked about when I first started this job, if at all. This was a service that we offered the public gratis, but it's being seen differently, so that of course changes the way we approach what we do, the way we think about it and probably will affect the way we plan it and execute it.



**Q. What interesting projects have you worked on?**

A. Oh, gosh, they are all interesting, they're all interesting. There are three that stand out as projects that will never end. Sukeek's Cabin, working with the Gross family.... It's working with an extended family that traces its lineage into three generations of enslavement at what's now Patterson Park. That project has included oral history, documentary research, standard historical investigation and also archeology. And it's ongoing. It started in '96 and like I say it will never end.... The project that we're working on right now is fascinating, that's the 18<sup>th</sup> century home plantation complex of Richard Smith Junior and there are a lot of interesting things about it, but particularly following upon two years of excavation at Sukeek's Cabin site it enables us to look a little bit further back in time and explore the relationships, interracial relationships on the landscape, a little bit earlier -- actually, a lot earlier -- because the relationships between landowner and laborer, between slave owner and enslaved, do manifest themselves on the landscape. And where stuff is out on the site changes through time and we can explore that through the archeology out there, plus the site's just incredibly rich. There's just so much stuff that it's made it good to use as a public archeology site. Nobody is ever disappointed because nobody never finds nothing. Everybody who goes out there is finding tons of stuff.

Third is the Log Cabin Site at Indian Rest. It's a mid-to-late 19th century African-American site located near Battle Creek in Calvert County. The log cabin from which the site takes its name is still standing. We -- volunteers from the Southern Chapter and the JPPM public archeology program and myself -- have done a fair amount of investigation .... In the unit next to the door, we found evidence of voodoo practices -- at least two instances of someone burying objects, presumably to protect the dwelling and its inhabitants.

**Q. Did you have any idea it would be this rewarding when you got involved in Sukeek's Cabin?**

A. I suspected, but I had no idea how long it would continue. I think that I was still under the illusion that projects have ends, but it is transformed at least three times.

**Q. How has archeology changed over the years that you have been in it?**

A. I think one thing that has really changed was occasioned by the vision of those who included the public component in compliance archeology. For data recovery there has to be some public component. Those people had a vision, but that has really taken on a life of its own so there is almost a recognizable subfield called public archeology. I think the practitioners of that are still trying to figure out exactly what that means and they don't all agree about it, but I think that's been one of the biggest changes: that interface with the public and the active, unapologetic, unabashed views of investigation into the past as a tool for shaping the present.

**Q. What advice do you have for people who are interested in getting involved in archeology?**

A. If you love it, do it. And be creative about it. There are ways to do it. I think a good education and I would strongly urge people interested in archeology to not forget that its part of anthropology and to go for a strong four-field training. That's my own bias, but I think it's really, really important. Archeology is at base truly interdisciplinary if it works well and anthropological training and training at a four-field school just builds that into your brain, and your synopsis doesn't have any trouble embracing the necessity of reaching out to people in other fields to get the kinds of information that you need and the assistance you need. None of us ever does archeology on his or her own. It's always in concert with an information built from a variety of other sources and often times from people in specialized fields that you don't think might have anything to do with what we are doing.

**Q. The rumor is that when you want to take a break from archeology and go on vacation you end up doing archeology.**

A. Well, of course. You are referring, I think, to the Strawbridge Project. Although I have plans to go do archeologies that are very different from what I do - that's in the future though. The Strawbridge Project was an opportunity to investigate religious history in Maryland, which is a personal interest of mine, and also to help out an organization that didn't have the money to hire an archeologist... I ran for a couple of years a project where volunteers could come in, get experience and direction and help to uncover the truth about the Robert Strawbridge house to help the association that's charged with its interpretation and its stewardship, to help them ascertain what role it really played in Robert Strawbridge's life - Robert Strawbridge being of course among the very first professors of Methodism in the New World and one of the first preachers. He arrived here from Ireland circa 1760. And so we continued to investigate the property up there in Carroll County. I'm talking a year's hiatus but we will be back on that on my vacation, I plan in 2004.

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assistantships/internships in archeology and preservation.

There was a smidgeon of bright news in the approval of \$900,000 for the Heritage Areas program and an increase in available Capital Grant funds (used for "bricks and mortar" historic building rehabilitation that can include archeology) from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

The earlier cuts included money coming, or not coming, from the federal government. Reductions in federal Historic Preservation Fund money going to the states to support federally mandated but state-operated State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) functions had resulted in a shortfall of \$300,000 at the Trust. This federal funding reduction is reflected in cuts made to Trust grant and other programs as well as in a decision to delay the expenditure of approximately \$180,000 in currently available funds to cover possible shortfalls should federal funding reductions continue next year.

As Congress now considers next year's budget, proposals before it include increasing federal funding for SHPO programs. If this is approved, all or part of the \$180,000 would be allocated, primarily for Maryland Historical Trust grant programs.

For ASM, the cuts have already had an effect. Trust Non-Capital Grant Program support for the Annual Field Session and Archeology Month was cut from \$20,000 in 2002, which already represented a large drop from \$49,800 in 2001, to \$12,000 this year. Other unfunded archeology grant applications of interest to ASM members include a condition survey of the very important Baltimore City artifact collection formerly held by the now-defunct Baltimore Center for Urban Archeology and a proposal by the Maryland Humanities Council to produce a series of synthesis essays on Maryland archeology. Trust grant money for joint publications such as the "Montgomery Focus" and the "Benjamin Banneker" archeology report also is no longer available.

Overall, cuts in programs most affecting archeology have been substantial and the future funding picture looks bleak, with a possible exception on the federal level.

## Early Americas link in Asia called too recent

**By Guy Gugliotta**

*From the Washington Post, July 28, 2003*

Scientists say new research shows that a famous Ice Age Siberian site believed to be an important way station in the long journey of humans from Asia to North America is too recent to have played a pivotal role in the migration.

Instead of being 17,000 years old, as originally reported, new radiocarbon dating shows that the encampments at Ushki Lake, on Siberia's Kamchatka Peninsula, are at most only 13,000 years old and therefore contemporaneous with the oldest undisputed Native American settlement at Clovis, N.M. Ushki is thus unlikely to be a precursor to Clovis.

Ted Goebel of the University of Nevada at Reno led a team that excavated and re-examined Ushki. He was accompanied by Margarita Dikova, widow of the Soviet archeologist who did the original excavations that began in the 1970s. Results of their research appear in the journal *Science*.

The new research offers fresh insights in the contentious debate over the origin of the first Americans. For decades the prevailing view has held that Siberians crossed a land bridge over the Bering Strait and drifted southward to New Mexico. Finding the Siberian settlements that preceded Clovis, however, has proved difficult and the new study appears to eliminate Ushki as a candidate.

Instead, the new findings are likely to embolden a growing number of archeologists who argue that settlement of the Americas occurred long before Clovis and may have involved multiple entry points. Traditionalists scoffed at these theories for years, but excavation in areas as diverse as Pennsylvania and Chile suggests that settlers may have been in place in the Americas 15,000 years ago or even earlier.

## Who's your choice for this year's Marye Award?

ASM presents the William B. Marye Award each year to someone who has made exceptional contributions to Maryland archeology. Winners are recognized for their work in Maryland archeology or in any field of endeavor that has made a substantial contribution to Maryland archeology.

Awardees may be professionals or nonprofessionals and they need not be a member of ASM or a resident of Maryland. An inscribed plaque is present to the winner during the ASM Annual Meeting, this year being held at JPPM on October 18. The deadline for submitting nominations is September 20.

This is your opportunity to recognize someone special. The nomination form included with this newsletter lists previous winners. Think broadly for eligible candidates and provide specific detail and justification for your selection to help the Marye Award Committee to reach a decision. If you have a candidate in mind and know that person is deserving, but can't think of specific accomplishments, write down the name of someone who can supply the needed details.

## Big meeting on Potomac prehistory set

Interested in the prehistory of this area? There's a conference coming up that has you in mind, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Potomac River Prehistoric Conference, to be held Saturday, Sept. 13 in Alexandria, Va.

Can't remember the 1<sup>st</sup> conference? Maybe that's because it was held in 1965.

This one is under the direction of Wm. Jack Hranicky and Joe Dent and will look into first immigrants to the valley, gatherers/hunters in the valley, the start of valley horticulturalists, settling of villagers in the valley and contact with the non-Indian world.

"It is time to bring together again professional archeologists who have worked and studied this area," the hosts say. "This conference will provide archeological updates, new interpretations, new approaches and methods and, most importantly, new directions for further archeological work."

The meeting will take place at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington and cost \$25,

## Archeology by Braille

**An interview of MHT underwater archeologist Susan Langley by Patricia E. Dempsey**

*From the Washington Post, June 2, 2003*

I remember seeing a National Geographic cover, a diver coming out of a sinkhole off the Yucatan. The diver was holding an intact urn, the sediment curling off his wrist, off the urn. It was just bewitching. I was about 9. I was always hooked on the discovery. You find something neat, you're touching the past. You have a sense of a place in the world. You think, "Hey, I'm the first person to touch this in 300 years." There's a sense of wonder.

There's a great advantage to underwater archeology. There's a lot more organic preservation than you can see on the land. You find fabric, clothing, human tissue, wooden buttons, basketry, food remains. It's like playing detective. I look at the evidence, try to understand it, what may have occurred. Sometimes there is a time capsule, a little Pompeii. At one site, a coffin floated up and in the man's pocket there was an 1869 coin. We think he may have died of smallpox. But you don't have to find the human remains for the people to be there. When we were excavating a whaling galleon from 1565, I remember holding a leather shoe with leather laces and a wooden heel and wondering, Who wore these? A cabin boy? Would I have liked this person? Would I have wanted to have a beer with them? You can humanize it.

Here on the Chesapeake, it's archeology by Braille. There's a German U-boat in the Potomac. (After it was surrendered, it was towed down the Eastern seaboard it was deliberately sunk to test new high explosives.) When I dive, I don't see it until I plow into it. I push my mask right against it. The currents are strong, so we hang onto lines and dive at slack tide, otherwise we'd be swept away. Then you grope, pull yourself along. I reach out and feel an antenna, the periscopes. We're down about 65 to 90 feet. It's very, very black.

The goal is to be a scientist rather than a dilettante, to focus on the information, piecing the puzzle together. I'm looking for the ah-ha factor, a fortuitous discovery, the one thing that makes it all fall into place.

## **ASM Annual Meeting Minutes, 19 October, 2002**

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. was hosted by the Upper Patuxent Archeology Group, a Chapter of ASM on Saturday 19 October, 2002 at the George Howard Building, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Lee Preston, president of UPAG, gave welcoming remarks.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by ASM President Nancy Geasey, who noted that regrets had been received from John Seidel, Jim Sorensen, Varna Boyd and Kate Dinnel. Nancy welcomed everyone, asking those who had not yet voted to pass their ballot to the nominating committee.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to accept the minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting as read was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** written and oral report given by Sean Sweeney, who reported on the current status of the treasury: General Operating Fund - \$6,160.64; Publication Fund - \$24,380.83; Field Session Fund - \$33,418.25 (of which \$25,997.25 are reserved grant funds); Dawson Bequest CD - \$16,888.20; CAT Program Fund - \$1,194.08; Net - \$56,044.75.

**Membership Report:** written report submitted by Phyllis Sachs. The Society has 348 members, with the mailing list standing at 444.

**President's Report:** written and oral report from Nancy Geasey, thanking the UPAG for hosting the meeting and noting that the past year had been another successful one for ASM -- ably supported by some active chapters. Anne Arundel provided the support at the 11th Annual Workshop in Archeology while Northern Chesapeake provided the support for the Spring Symposium -- as well as handling all publication sales for the Society. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tyler Bastian Field Session was held at the Winslow Site and the Society is indebted to all who helped that occur at such short notice -- the Field Session Committee, chaired by Marilyn Thompson and John Fiveash; Lenore Holt, registration; Dan Coates and John Newton, tents and water, and the MHT staff, especially Charlie Hall and Dennis Curry. Special thanks to Dr. Joe Dent for his supervision and the wonderful articles in the newsletter on the results, and for agreeing to return with ASM to the site in 2003.

ASM members were saddened to hear of the death of Iris McGillivray, a founding member and strong supporter of archeology in Maryland; serving as membership secretary for many years which also included getting the newsletter printed and mailed, handling registration at the field sessions and organizing many of the Spring Symposiums. The Society will be naming a lecture at future symposia in her honor. Iris left ASM \$1,000 which will be applied to a future issue of the Journal. Bill Lynch and Tyler Bastian are working on an "In Memoriam" article and would appreciate any reminiscences of Iris.

Nancy thanked the retiring members of the ASM Board, Varna Boyd (still providing CAT candidate workshops), Paul Inashima (working on putting ASM's past Journals onto CD-ROM), and Toni Ahrens (help with publication sales and PR). Thanks to Lois Nutwell and Paul Thibault the ASM newsletter is now available on the ASM web page, and thanks also to Myron Beckenstein for taking on the editorship of the newsletter. Louise Akerson continues to handle grant contracts for ASM, though the financial support for ASM has been reduced for 2003 due to MHT budget cuts. Thanks also to Sean Sweeney, Treasurer; Phyllis Sachs, Membership, and Alison Pooley, Secretary, for their contributions to ASM.

The theme for Archeology Month 2003 is "Maryland Archeology - Priceless." Chapters are encouraged to get events planned early. ASM is in need of a volunteer to run the student scholarship program -- inviting high school students to write an essay on archeology with ASM offering a free day at the field session, a T-shirt and a years free membership in ASM to several winners.

Finally, Nancy noted that the Field Session 2002 certificates were available and thanked everyone who has contributed to the continued success of ASM and its programs and supported her so generously with their time and effort.

### **Chapter Reports:**

- **Anne Arundel.** It was noted that Karen Ackermann is the new chapter president.

- **Central.** Written and oral report from Steve Israel. Steve is the chapter chairperson, with Eleanor Wilcox vice-chair, Bill Lynch secretary and Dolores Soul treasurer. The rock shelter survey continues, including a hike along the Patapsco River during Maryland Archeology Month where participants enjoyed the varied wildlife



while identifying and recording 14 rock shelters. At the first Loch Raven Historic Appreciation Day on 13 April, Steve Israel set up an informational display on ASM and the chapter. Members also continue to help with field and lab work at the Morris Meadows site.

- Monocacy. Nancy Geasey reported that Joy Hurst is the new president of the chapter, which co-hosted with the Western Maryland Chapter a ceramics workshop for CAT candidates and also an upcoming lithics workshop. Members continue helping with fieldwork at the Monocacy Battlefield site run by the National Park Service.

- Northern Chesapeake. Dan Coates reported the chapter continues to be very active. Thanks to Norma B-Wagner a newsletter keeps members up-to-date on activities. Bill McIntyre ran an archeological workshop for the Junior Rangers Program at Susquehanna State Park. Phase II archeology continues at Garrett Island on about three days a month. The chapter outreach programs include a presentation to the local 4H camp, attending a primitive technology workshop, working with schools on their archeology programs and continuing to work closely with the Pennsylvania Archeology Society.

- Southern Maryland. Written report from Kate Dinnel noting the chapter will meet next on 6 December to try to increase membership. The chapter is co-sponsoring a symposium on 18<sup>th</sup> century archeology to be held at the MAC Lab on 23 November.

- UPAG. Marilyn Thompson reported the group meets regularly at Mt. Ida mansion in Ellicott City and will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003. Members participate in lab and fieldwork with frequent trips to JPPM to work with Kirsti Uunila.

- Western Maryland. Written report from Ed Hanna noting the chapter has 75 family memberships and meets regularly from September to May, usually with 35-50 at each meeting. Members are still volunteering with Bob Wall at the Barton Site, and are there today. The purchase of this site by the Archeological Conservancy is now finalized. Together with the Monocacy Chapter members co-sponsored two CAT candidate classes, on ceramics and lithics. Bob Bantz has completed GPS plots of the Braddock Trail in Western Maryland, site numbers have been assigned by the MHT to portions of the trail.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Field Session. John Fiveash noted ASM will return to the Winslow Site in 2003, the committee is meeting during lunch today -- let them know if you can help.

- Journal. The March 2002 issue of Maryland Archeology is ready for mailing with the November newsletter. Chapters are urged to contribute articles on sites in their areas, e.g. Barton Site, Garrett Island, sites in Montgomery County. Nancy noted that congratulations are owed Dennis Curry for his stellar work in getting the issues back on schedule.

- Election Results. President - Carol Ebright; Vice-President - Dr. Elizabeth Ragan; Membership - Phyllis Sachs; Secretary - Alison Pooley; Treasurer - Sean Sweeney; At-Large - Louise Akerson, Susan Buonocore, John Newton, John Seidel, James Sorensen and Paul Thibault.

Nancy turned the gavel and the meeting over to Carol Ebright.

#### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

William B. Marye Award. Norma Baumgartner-Wagner was presented with this award to honor her contributions for a period of over 20 years to Maryland Archeology in general and to ASM in particular. Norma served twice as president of the Society and was treasurer for four years. Norma was also the moving force responsible for all updates and revisions of the Society Bylaws, no small feat, and is still the "go-to" person for advice on constitutional matters. She has also served as the leader of two chapters, Central and Northern Chesapeake, and all Society activities have benefited from her involvement.

Chairman Tyler Bastian thanked fellow committee members Myron Beckenstein, Roy Brown, Alice McNamara and Jim Sorensen for their able assistance in reviewing submissions for the award.

Pat Seitz Memorial Teacher of the Year Award - The 2002 award was presented to Wesley Cooper, a world history teacher at Westmar High School, Allegheny Co., who has also worked at archeological sites in Ireland, Cyprus and Great Britain. Nancy noted his colorful, charismatic teaching style served to excite his students, who traveled the world in his classes -- from Native American sites to Stonehenge -- bringing an appreciation of the importance of archeology.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Alison J. Pooley, Secretary, A.S.M., Inc.



### Annual Meeting coming soon

If the MAC Lab seems like a mysterious place to you, make sure you come to ASM's annual meeting at Jefferson Patterson Park on October 18 to uncover its secrets. In addition to a slate full of speakers, the meeting will offer a tour of this advanced conservation lab. See insert with this newsletter for details and registration.

### CAT corner

No programs are immediately on tap for CAT participants, but check the Volunteer Box on Page 2 for general opportunities. Meanwhile, Jim Gibb has stepped down as head of the program and turned over the duties to Chris Davenport. Gibb, one of the prime movers behind the program, has directed it since its launch two years ago. He will maintain his other associations with CAT. Davenport, who grew up in Howard County, was one of the presenters at the May 17 CAT overview session in Frederick. He can be reached at 301-845-8092 or online at [dig4funds@aol.com](mailto:dig4funds@aol.com)

## Chapter notes

### Anne Arundel

The chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00 in the Chesapeake Room, Heritage Center, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis. Contact Karen Ackermann at [karenlta@juno.com](mailto:karenlta@juno.com)

**September 17:** Don Creveling will present an overview of several projects in Prince George's County.

**October 15:** Elizabeth Ragan will present *Over the Sea to Argyll: Seeking the First Scots*.

**November 19:** Richard Hughes will present *Benjamin Banneker and the MHT*.

**December:** No meeting.

**January 21:** TBA.

**February 18:** Susan Langley will speak on historical textiles.

**March 17:** Elizabeth Ragan will return to present *Celtic: More Than Just a Basketball Game*.

### Central

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

### Mid-Potomac

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## Monocacy

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). Website: [www.digfrederick.org](http://www.digfrederick.org)

## Northern Chesapeake

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

## 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.

## Upper Patuxent

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

**September 8:** Pot Luck Supper at Mt. Ida 6:30 p.m followed by the 6th Annual Vaughan Brown Memorial Lecture 8 p.m. "The Time Warp: A Brief Compendium of Spinning and Weaving Techniques on Both Sides of the Puddle" by Laura Wilson Gentry and Janet Medina.

**October 13:** Dinner in Ellicott City at the Tiber River Cafe at 6. Business Meeting at 7:30 at Mt. Ida followed by "In Search of the Aegean" by Jacob Yates.

**November 10:** Dinner at 6 at the Tiber River Café. Business Meeting at 7:30 at Mt Ida, followed by "12,000 Sites in Maryland" by Charlie Hall, state terrestrial archeologist.

## Western Maryland

Programs are the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm 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)

**September 26:** Monongahela Culture of southwest Pennsylvania: Report on the Wyle#3 site by Dick and Donna George.

**October 24:** Cresaptown Site Revisited, latest findings and interpretations, by Dana Kollmann.

**November 28:** Braddock Road Update, by Bob Bantz. Bonus: Hands-on program: Cordage Making the Aboriginal Way.

**December:** Holiday Break - No Meeting

**January 23:** Annual Social and 'Show and Tell'--*You* are the program.

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