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## Bald Friar petroglyphs on the move

By Charlie Hall

*State Terrestrial Archeologist*

The Maryland Historical Trust's Office of Archeology and Maryland Archeological Conservation Lab have been busy working on some 30 petroglyph stones from the Bald Friar group that have been stored for 62 years in Baltimore's Druid Hill Park.

Unprotected, unavailable to the public and uninterpreted, these unique stones with evocative symbolic prehistoric carvings have been a lingering source of significant concern for Maryland's archeological community -- and particularly for the Archeological Society of Maryland and the Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake.

While two successful efforts were mounted to recover some of the stones in the 1960s and 1970s for exhibit in the lower Susquehanna area -- the place of their origin -- the majority of the material languished under a tangle of poison ivy.

In the weeks to come, Howard Wellman, Maryland's lead conservator, and I will complete our effort to move the remaining stones to the MAC lab in Calvert County. This preservation effort began in the 1920s with the

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# Upcoming events

**June 23-July 3:** Annual ASM field school, Hughes Site, Montgomery County.

**September 9:** ASM board meeting, Crownsville. 10 a.m. All members are welcome to attend.

**October 14:** ASM Annual Meeting. Oregon Ridge in Baltimore County. The theme will be: The First European Settlements in Maryland - As Seen Through Archeological Research

## Volunteer opportunities

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

**Montgomery County** lab, field work Wednesdays, 9:30 to 2:30. 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. Currently, the collection from the Rosenstock Site, a key Late Woodland Montgomery Complex area, is being upgraded. 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@mdp.state.md.us](mailto:hall@mdp.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. This year's public archeology program runs until July 8, with digging on Fridays and Saturdays and lab work Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Ed Chaney at 410-586-8554 or [echaney@mdp.state.md.us](mailto:echaney@mdp.state.md.us)

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 archaeological.

## CAT corner

For updates and information on other CAT activities check the ASM website.

**Special fieldwork opportunity:** Richard Ervin of SHA is working on the Broad Creek Cemetery, a 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> Century cemetery on Kent Island. On occasion and 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 by email at [rervin@sha.state.md.us](mailto:rervin@sha.state.md.us)

# Big artifact probe planned in Virginia

*Condensed from the Bay Journal, May 2006*

Archeologists are expected to begin searching thousands of acres on Virginia's Middle Peninsula this summer for Indian artifacts, marking one of the biggest investigations of its kind in Virginia history.

The area to be explored is the future site of Newport News' controversial King William Reservoir, which was approved for construction last year, a project that has drawn fierce opposition from three Indian tribes and environmental groups.

The tribes also are upset about the archeological dig, which will focus on 6,000 acres of forests and fields.

The Pamunkey, Mattaponi and Upper Mattaponi tribes have refused to sign an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which governs the archeological project. But their opposition is largely symbolic. Under federal law, Newport News must locate archeological resources under threat from the reservoir and protect them or mitigate their loss.

The Mattaponi and Pamunkey reservations are within three miles of the reservoir site and the Upper Mattaponi tribe owns acreage eight miles away. The archeological investigation could last for several years.

## Here are the candidates for ASM's election

A slate of officers for the 2006 election was approved by the ASM Board of Trustees at its June meeting. The winners of the election will serve two years, beginning in October, after the results of the voting are announced at ASM's fall meeting at Oregon Ridge October 14.

Ballots must be mailed by October 2, or turned in at the start of the fall meeting.

The slate of officers is:

President - John Fiveash

Vice President - Jim Gibb

Membership Secretary - Belinda Urquiza

Secretary - Kathy Steuer

Treasurer - Sean Sweeney

At-large trustees: Claude Bowen, John Newton, Elizabeth Ragan, Kathy Rigby, Annetta Schott and Jim Sorensen.

The ballot, with room for write-in candidates, is enclosed with this newsletter.

## ASM looking for nominees for Marye award

The William B. Marye Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Archeological Society of Maryland, presented each year for outstanding contributions to Maryland archeology. The call is out for nominations for the 2006 award, to be presented at ASM's annual meeting, at Oregon Ridge October 14.

Candidates need not be members of ASM or residents of Maryland. Nominations are not carried over from one year to the next. If you sent in unsuccessful nominations in past years, you may want to resubmit your candidate.

Detailed but concise statements are more likely to be favorably considered than just a general statement of merit.

Nominations are due by August 21. Send them to Marye Award Committee, Tyler Bastian, 13047 Penn Shop Rd., Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771.

A form, including a list of past winners, is enclosed with this newsletter.



NEWER PETROGLYPH. Searching the trail of the French and Indian War's Braddock Road, Bob Bantz recently uncovered a rock with a cross carved into it on Big Savage Mountain. Nearby he found what appeared to be several graves. For his work on the road, Bantz won ASM's Marye Award last year.

## Two Trust archeologists leave for new positions

Two member of the Maryland Historical Trust have left recently for new challenges.

Julia King has departed from her position at chief of archeology services at the MAC Lab at Jefferson-Patterson Park for a full-time teaching assignment at Saint Mary's College, where she had been an adjunct.

Steve Bilicki, an underwater archeology specialist, has moved to Wachapreague, Virginia, on the Eastern Shore, where he is running a consulting firm, BRS Cultural Resource Specialists. One of his current projects is working with the Trust on a remote sensing survey in Sinepuxent Bay.



## Profiles in Maryland archeology

# An interview with ... Dionisios Kavadias

*A recent graduate of St. Mary's College, Dionisios Kavadias now is heavily engaged in a variety of field projects. He recently won the St. Mary's County Historical Preservation Service Award for his work in Trinity Cemetery. In September he starts graduate school at the University of Chicago.*

**Q. Well, what got you interested in archeology?**

A. I remember in sixth grade enjoying history class very much, just a general ancient civilizations studies, and there was a subsequent field trip to London Town and kind of the two just clicked. I wanted to do something that involved history or archeology, so the path just eventually sort of led me into an internship at Lost Towns, the Lost Towns Project, doing an internship at London Town. Everything from there just kind of flowed right into archeology.

**Q. Where did you grow up?**

A. In the Annapolis - Bowie area. Either or.

**Q. And you have plans to continue with your archeology in your future education.**

A. I would like to go into broader anthropology, but I would like to incorporate archeology in an interdisciplinary way with the broader social sciences. I don't think it's done enough.

**Q. And your immediate plans are?**

A. Immediate plans are the University of Chicago program in social sciences and from there just see where my studies take me.

**Q. I assume for your master's degree.**

A. Correct.

**Q. And you got your bachelor's at?**

A. Bachelor's was at St. Mary's College of Maryland in St. Mary's City in anthropology and sociology.

**Q. Did you do any work at St. Mary's City?**

A. I did the field school at St. Mary's City and did a kind of a strange project of cemetery studies, where, using archeological methods, did sort of an above ground Deetzian study of gravestones. And this began as an assistantship with the professor of anthropology, Dan Ingersoll, and sociologist Helen Daugherty. I worked with another student, Mike Addabbo, basically doing a survey of the cemetery and I got interested in how the cemetery seemed to fit into the history of St. Mary's City as it's told. So in a way it became an



*Dionisios Kavadias checks out two early pipe bowls found during a dig in western Anne Arundel County.*

archeological project even though it didn't necessarily begin as such.

**Q. What are you doing now?**

A. I'm working right now full-time doing CRM, cultural resources management, with Jim Gibb and have a few projects on the back burner. I'm still helping out some other people, like Paula Mask, with cemetery studies. I'm helping out Scott Lawrence, who has a company called Grave Concerns down in St. Mary's County, and I'm helping him out on occasion with a few things, including St. Nicholas cemetery, which is at the Pax River naval station.

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

A. The latest project that we've done, that has been very unusual, I've have to say, is Menokin, because it's a project where there isn't archeology involved per se but there is archeological method involved in identifying and mapping and in some instance interpreting deposits of debris, of actual

rubble, structural rubble, of this building and in the process of mapping it removing it so that the architectural conservators can do their work. So in a way it is not archeology, but it's applying archeological method to an even bigger project. At Menokin, which is the 18<sup>th</sup> Century house of Francis Lightfoot Lee, in the Northern Neck area of Virginia, by Warsaw.

**Q. Do you have a favorite site or discovery?**

A. The discovery, my stock discovery whenever I'm asked this question, would be the paleo point found at the Garrett's Chance Site in PG County. As for sites, I can't say I have any particular favorite.

**Q. What do you think is the future of archeology in Maryland?**

A. I think we are going to be seeing a little more synthesis in the Chesapeake area. I also think that we will see a new generation of archeologists who may work with trying to synthesize particular aspects of archeology in the Chesapeake, mainly between Maryland and Virginia.

**Q. Have you worked elsewhere beside Maryland and Virginia?**

A. I have done one summer session in central Greece, called the Eastern Corinthian Archeological Survey, which was sponsored by the Ohio State University. I did this back in 2001. Essentially doing surface walkovers of the Corinthian prefecture in central Greece. Basically the material finds were from prehistoric Mediterranean to Byzantine to modern.

**Q. Did they do anything in Europe that you think we should be doing here?**

A. I think the project was also interdisciplinary actually. They had several archeologists, an anthropologist, a few art historians. It was interesting to see how the team worked together in that respect. What I actually enjoyed, what struck me as interesting, was that I was bringing to the table a little more knowledge of some of the later historic, especially the Venetian ceramics and glass, that some of the art historians, who were trained in the classical materials, didn't recognize. But in terms of things that they did there that we should do here, no, nothing that they did.

**Q. What advice would you have for somebody who is interested in going into archeology?**

A. Try and expose yourself to as many different types of sites as possible, find the one that interests you the most. Try to work with as many different people as possible. Try to be well-rounded for starters, and then try to develop certain interests. But I think one of the things that we're lacking is kind of a well-rounded unified theory of historical archeology in this area, where we can draw upon other disciplines as well, everything from being able to do faunal analysis to being able to look at archival data and do some statistical analysis to being able to look at geomorphologies and typographics and putting everything in broader context.

## Bald Friar petroglyphs on the move

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Maryland Academy of Sciences removing some 90 stone pieces from boulders in the Susquehanna River as the Conowingo Dam was being built.

This removal was undertaken as a result of considerable pressure from citizens wanting to ensure that these petroglyphs were available to future generations as a tangible, evocative and moving connection to the prehistoric American Indians who had inhabited the region.

In keeping with the spirit of this original effort to preserve the Bald Friar petroglyphs, the Maryland Historical Trust will be seeking appropriate partner organizations around the state to display and interpret the stones to the public.

You can visit a very nice exhibit of some of the stones removed from Druid Hill Park at the Harford County Historical Society's headquarters building in Bel Air, or online at [www.harfordhistory.net/petroglyphs.htm](http://www.harfordhistory.net/petroglyphs.htm). You can see four more of the stones in the courtyard of the Cecil County Historical Society in Elkton.

To learn more about the petroglyphs, visit our website at [www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/petroglyphs.html](http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/petroglyphs.html) for a brief illustrated history of the stones and at [www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/glyph-move.html](http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/glyph-move.html) for information on the Druid Hill Park recovery effort. Also, I am available to speak with chapters of the Society about the stones and the recovery effort. Call me at 410-514-7665 to arrange a presentation.

# N.Y. pair decides to unearth cemetery

By Bonnie Naumann

*Condensed from the Glens Falls, N.Y., Post-Star, June 6, 2006*

FORT EDWARD -- The village police chief Monday issued a cease and desist order to two amateur archeologists who claim to have located a cemetery of several hundred French and Indian War soldiers.

The archeologists, local historians Richard and JoAnne Fuller, responded to the order by shrouding in plastic tarps five sets of unearthed skeletal remains.

"I'm very happy that this was found in my lifetime," JoAnne Fuller said. "Now, we have to wait and see what we can do with it."

The couple believes the remains are soldiers buried between 1755 and 1757 because at least one set of remains was accompanied by pewter buttons used on soldiers' trousers. During that time, Fort Edward was one of the largest British military forts in the American Colonies.

The Fullers have not yet identified the soldiers, though they believe they are either British or Colonial soldiers. They said three of the five skeletons seemed to have battle wounds. One skeleton had a hole in his skull, another's leg was broken in several places and a third was missing his head.

Local officials were concerned about public health because the barracks were known to have included a hospital for treating smallpox victims.

However, Washington County Attorney Roger Wickes said the Department of Public Health did not feel the site was a risk Monday because the remains were found buried in the ground. If they were found in a crypt, Wickes said, the Health Department would have taken action.

Though JoAnne Fuller and her husband have experience with archeological digs, they are not professionals. They said they do not plan to contract a professional archeologist. But Richard said he has contacted three professional anthropologists. He said one is traveling to Peru and the other two have not yet returned his calls.

By recognizing the site as a cemetery, the Fullers are opening a Pandora's box of legal proceedings.

Town Supervisor Marilyn Pulver and Town Attorney Mark Schachner said Monday that they are reviewing state cemetery laws and could seek a Supreme Court injunction if they believe illegal activity occurred.

County District Attorney Kevin Kortright said the Fort Edward Police Department would investigate and could take action based on a grave-robbing state law.

The remains are not likely American Indians, JoAnne Fuller said, because they were found with their arms crossed in a position traditionally used by Christians.

"They (American Indians) would come and get their dead if they died in battle and take them away," she said.

The Fullers said they unearthed the remains in November and waited two weeks to contact authorities. At that time, the Police Department advised the Fullers to discontinue their efforts until they had retained the services of a professional archeologist.

According to a police report, Richard Fuller told Chief Walt Sandford he would contract archeologists and further their inspection in the spring, "keeping the police advised of further discoveries."

Eileen Hannay, manager of the Rogers Island Visitors Center, said the island was known to contain a cemetery, but historians had not previously seen a reason to unearth the remains.

FRANK AND ERNEST BOB THAVES



## Do you know of an endangered site in Maryland?

Preservation Maryland wants to bring public attention to specific threatened historic and cultural sites. The hope is that the effort will result in uniting support to save the areas. Nominations for selection in the Endangered Maryland program, and more information on the program and the nominating process, can be found at [www.preservationmaryland.org](http://www.preservationmaryland.org) or email the group at [nominations@preservationmaryland.org](mailto:nominations@preservationmaryland.org)

## Chapter notes

### Anne Arundel

The Chapter meets five times a year in February, April, June, September, and November at the All Hallows Parish Brick Church at the Parish Hall near London Town, at 7 p.m. Contact Mechelle Kerns-Nocerito at [AACHapASM@hotmail.com](mailto:AACHapASM@hotmail.com) or visit the chapter website [www.marylandarcheology.org/aacashome.php](http://www.marylandarcheology.org/aacashome.php)

**September 19:** Archeologist Don Creveling will discuss his work at the Mount Calvert Historical & Archaeological Park and the new exhibit at the Charles Town Site in Prince George's County. <http://www.pgparcs.com/places/parks/mtcalvert.html>

### Central

Central Chapter has no formal meetings planned. But if someone has a site he wants investigated, contact the Maryland Historical Trust or Central Chapter President Stephen Israel at 410-945-5514 or [ssisrael@abs.net](mailto:ssisrael@abs.net)

### Mid-Potomac

The chapter meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Needwood Mansion. Dinner at a local restaurant is at 6. Monthly lab nights are the first Thursday of the month, from 7 to 9 at Needwood Mansion. 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)

### Monocacy

The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the Wednesday closest to the 15th of each month at the Walkersville Middle School. Contact Jeremy Lazelle at 301-845-9855 or [jlazelle@msn.com](mailto:jlazelle@msn.com) Chapter website: [www.digfrederick.bravehost.com](http://www.digfrederick.bravehost.com)

### Northern Chesapeake

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

### Southern

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

## 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.  
Contact Lee Preston at 443-745-1202 or [roseannlee@earthlink.com](mailto:roseannlee@earthlink.com)

## 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)

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