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☆☆ New Newsletter Editor ☆☆

Responsibility for the newsletter is shifting over to Myron Beckenstein. Please send all submissions to him at 9256 Feathered Head, Columbia, Maryland 21045, or myronbeck@aol.com. His phone number is 410 - 381 - 9115.

He is not of a mind to be lax on deadlines -- submissions are due by the 15th of the month preceding, rain or shine -- and prefers not to hold up publication to wait for tardy reports. If you do not see news of your chapter in the newsletter, please encourage your chapter leaders to submit their information in a more timely fashion.

Field School Speakers Announced

In addition to the promise of good digging, this year's Field School at Montgomery County's Winslow Site offers a hefty helping of lunchtime speakers, as well as one evening talk.

The evening lecture will be midsession, on Wednesday, May 22. Field school director Richard Dent will talk about how the Late Woodland agriculturalists adapted to new circumstances. Check the website or with the Trust for time and location. There also is the possibility that the talk will be on Thursday. Check about that too.

As for the lunchtime talks, here is the all-star lineup:

Saturday, May 18, Roy Brown on hafting and atlatls.

Sunday, May 19, Bill Barse on stratigraphy.
TENTATIVE.

Monday, May 20, Richard Dent on the Hughes Site.

Tuesday, May 21, Dennis Curry on the Rosenstock Site.

Wednesday, May 22, Bob Wall on prehistoric ceramics.

Thursday, May 23, Dan Wagner on the soils of the Winslow Site.

Friday, May 24, Maureen Kavanagh on Montgomery Focus settlement patterns.

Sunday, May 26, Jim Sorensen on archeology in Montgomery County. TENTATIVE.

The Winslow site isn't far from the Hughes site, location of the 1994 Field School which Richard Dent also supervised, and sleepovers will be staying once again at Rockwood Manor.

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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.

*The chapter still needs a new president. Please contact Carolyn Gryczkowski at (410) 222-7328, e-mail: shadow@chesapeake.net, if you would like to assume the duties of president.

May 15 Wayne Clark will present *A New Look at Coastal Plain Lithic Sources from the Middle Chesapeake*

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.

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.

Field Work Opportunities:

May 11-12 and **June 22-23** Garrett Island

July 8-12 Susquehanna Park Jr. Rangers

July 19-22 O'Neill Privy

Please call Bill McIntyre (410) 939-0768 for more information on dates and time

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.

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 lp Preston@mail.howard.k12.md.us, for more information on chapter activities.

Western Maryland Chapter

Our "First Residents" display of prehistoric life in western Maryland is open for viewing at the Allegany County Museum in Cumberland. Though it was created especially for Archeology month, this striking, professional quality, museum centerpiece will remain there, growing and evolving with the museum. The single story, temporary home of the museum is expected to move to a spacious, multistory facility in the near future. The chapter enthusiastically supports this worthwhile effort

Recently, Dr. Gwen Brewer, Associate Professor, Frostburg State University, escorted us on a colorful slideshow tour of prehistoric relics, ruins and modern day relatives of early South American cultures. Some similarities with prehistoric North American and contact period European pottery were apparent. The native population is generally supportive of the archeological preservation efforts in these, still culturally divisive, countries.

In our own back yard, member Bob Bantz reports that his near-epic 1750's journey on the Braddock Road is still underway. Bob has been instrumental in garnering support from the MD Dept. of Natural Resources and special interest groups to preserve this pioneering route to the 'Ohio Country'. Some early descriptions of the now overgrown and lost or hidden route have been found to be in error. Bob Bantz has been using sophisticated GIS computer software with Global Positioning System radios (and no small measure of personal sweat) to correct the misleading data. Bob actively promotes the road through talks to civic groups and walking tours along selected sections of the trail.

The May chapter meeting will include the election of new chapter officers. Members

interested in a larger contribution to the chapter affairs are encouraged to enter their name in nomination. The outgoing officers will present a slate of nominees for consideration and other interested members are also encouraged to enter their names.

After the election, Dr. Robert Wall will update the chapter on the Barton village site(18AG3) and present a briefing on the Towson State field session at Barton, June 1-9. Members are encouraged to participate and assist the students with Dr.Wall in this annual dig.

May is the last meeting before our summer recess. Enjoy the summer, work on your Certified Archeological Technician program, and join us for another exciting fall season when we reconvene on September 27.

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.

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

If you have changed your e-mail address, please send your new address to Phyllis Sachs, Membership Secretary, psach4921@aol.com, so she can update the mailing list. Thank you.

Spencer Geasey Donates Collection

In 2001, Spencer Geasey donated collections from important American Indian sites in Frederick County collected from 1991 to 2001 to the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory at the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. This is the second donation of his extensive collection. These combined collections are critical to understanding rhyolite procurement, manufacture and redistribution throughout Maryland. The collections are also important to documenting changing American Indian lifeways and culture history in the Blue Ridge and Piedmont lowlands of Maryland in the Potomac River drainage. The Geasey's passion for the preservation of a sample of our past is reflected as well by their purchase of a rock shelter, waterfall, historic cabin, and rhyolite quarry site to become the location of their mountain home in Frederick. Both Spencer and Nancy have also kindly shared their recollections about Maryland archaeology with formal taped interviews with Ron Orr and Wayne Clark at the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, and with Stephanie Cernak for the ASM Oral History Project. By sharing their recollections and collections, and publishing the results of their investigations, the Geasey's advance the mission of the Archaeological Society of Maryland by preserving and interpreting Maryland's prehistory and history.

Artifacts from twelve sites were donated, including materials from the following sites: Point of Rocks Jasper Quarry (18 FR 31), Jefferson Site (18 FR 93), Ropp Site (18 FR 424), Shelter Rock Rock Shelter (18FR 431) and the Harp site (18FR 667). The Ropp Harp Sites reports were published in Maryland Archaeology by Spencer in 1999 (Vol. 35, No. 2). The Shelter Rock Rock Shelter was published in Maryland Archaeology in 1992 (Vol 28, No. 2). Many of these publications have been done jointly with the help of Hettie Ballweber. And the loss of the Jefferson site to residential development approved at the County level was noted in a recent ASM newsletter article. Spencer and Nancy continue to be concerned with the rapid rate of site loss without archaeological consideration

in Frederick County as the outer suburban sprawl passes through Frederick County into the Great Valley.

The Geasey's thought that by purchasing the land of the Shelter Rock Rock Shelter, they could preserve this site. They conducted excavations that yielded an amazing 12,000 artifacts in one of the one meter squares! This shelter was used as a reduction station for the American Indians who quarried the rhyolite outcrops within 1000 feet of the shelter. When Frederick County decided to widen the county road that passes in front of the rock shelter, no consideration was given by the government for archaeological resources. The road widening project destroyed the part of the shelter floor near the square that yielded the 12,000 artifacts in one square. Fortunately for us, the excavations of these sites and other sites, such as the Jefferson site which was surface collected, have preserved a sample of the materials from these sites for study by future generations. The Maryland Historical Trust new local government incentive program is critical to insuring that local governments have the tools to consider archaeological and architectural resources.

Our sincerest thanks go out to the Geasey's for their dedication to Maryland archaeology in the field, in the laboratory and in the ASM Board room.

Submitted by Wayne E. Clark, CEO, Maryland Office of Museum Services, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum



Wayne E. Clark

Spencer and Nancy Geasey at Gaver' Cabin, Frederick County, MD

THE PATRICIA SEITZ MEMORIAL 2002 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. presents an annual Teacher of the Year Award in memory of Mrs. Patricia Seitz, a former teacher in the Baltimore County Public Schools. The award is to be presented to the teacher who has achieved excellence in instruction by developing and/or incorporating archeological content, projects, and/or activities into his or her classroom curriculum during the school year 2001-2002. Nomination Requirements: Open to all public, parochial, and independent school teachers, grades K through 12, in the state of Maryland.

The following items must be submitted:

1. Completed 2001-2002 Nomination Form.
2. Letter of nomination by a professional educator in the school or school system in which the nominee is employed.
3. Abstract of no more than 100 words describing the project, activities, or instruction attributed to the nominee. This should include information about the grade level(s) and type of class(es) the nominee teaches, and any innovations, or unique aspects introduced or created by the nominee.
4. A brief description of the program to include: (a) relevance to the curriculum, (b) objectives, concepts, and issues addressed, (c) evaluative measures, and (d) assessment of effectiveness in terms of student achievement.
5. Other supporting documents which MAY be submitted are: (a) letters of support from faculty, students, parents, and other non-school personnel but which are specific to the archeological aspects of the nominee's achievements (limit 3); (b) examples of student work (limit 3); and (c) examples of lesson plans or activities (limit 3). All supporting documents or evidence of student work should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 paper*.

Date Due: The NOMINATION FORM, INCLOSURES, and ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS must be received no later than Monday, July 1, 2002.

Submission: Submit ALL of the above materials to the ASM, Inc. award program coordinator listed on the Nomination Form.

Announcement: Awardee will be announced by September 1, 2002.

Award: A Certificate of Achievement and check for \$100 will be awarded at the ASM, Inc. Annual Meeting on October 14, 2002.

* For over size, bulky project materials and/or evidence of student participation photographic evidence may be submitted.

Nomination forms and further details are on the ASM Web site, www.smcm.edu/asm, click on AWARDS.

Nomination form on following page

THE PATRICIA SEITZ MEMORIAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

2001 - 2002 NOMINATION FORM

The below named teacher has achieved excellence in classroom instruction by developing and/or incorporating archeological instruction, activities, and/or projects during the school year 2001 - 2002.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

SCHOOL_____

NOMINEE'S POSITION_____YEARS TEACHING SCHOOL SYSTEM

(if applicable)_____

ADDRESS_____

This teacher is being nominated by:

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

POSITION_____

SCHOOL/SCHOOL SYSTEM_____

ADDRESS_____

WORK TELEPHONE_____FAX_____

HOME TELEPHONE_____

Please attach this form to the inclusions as requested. Nomination materials will not be re-turned unless specifically requested. Please, where possible and appropriate, type and double space. ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL BY OUR COMMITTEE.

SUBMISSION: Submit ALL materials by Monday July 1, 2002 to:

Susan C. Buonocore
5788 Flagflower Place
Columbia, MD 21045
(410-997-0233)

Please place nominee's name on all materials sent under separate cover.

Field Schools Speakers (cont'd)

Earlier work at Winslow 50 to 60 years ago showed remains of an Early Woodland site. This year's dig will try to expand on that information, looking for - among other things - house patterns and signs of a palisade. For those interested in ceramics, the earlier finds at Winslow were different from those found at nearby Hughes. Hmm.

Digging goes on daily from Friday, May 17 through Monday, May 27. If the delay in notification prevented you from signing up in time, or if your schedule changed and you

now find yourself with an opportunity to hit the site for a day or two, or maybe if you just realized you should have opted to attend, it's not too late. Check with Lenore Holt at 301-854-2475 -- evenings, as she will be at the site during the day - and see if there is room for drop-ins on the days you would like to attend.



We hope to see you, and are willing to share the fun and the finds. And for the chance to be the first on your block to pick up another original Roy Brown T-Shirt.

ASM website: <http://www.smcm.edu/asm/publ.htm>

Mid-Atlantic Primitive Skills Meet 2002

June 14-17, 2002, near Thurmont, Maryland

Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Primitive Skills Group, you can learn primitive survival skills and crafts, meet skilled instructors from around the country, make new friends with similar interests, have fun being out in Nature, and share what you know about living gently with the Earth. The MAPS Meet 2002 will be held at the Catoctin Quaker Camp just outside of Thurmont, Maryland. The camp has bunkhouses, tent sites, and indoor facilities.

Registration fees for this event will range from \$45-95. For all of the details and registration information, see the MAPS web site: www.mapsgroup.org, then click on the MAPS Meet 2002 button. For general questions, contact Kevin Haney at 301-272-5023; for registration questions contact Kate White at 301-320-3730.

Arrowheads and Spearpoints Classified

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has recently published *Classification Guide for Arrowheads and Spearpoints of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Central Middle Atlantic*, by University of Delaware professor Jay F. Custer. The book includes color photos and black and white drawings of many types of projectile points, a glossary of rock types, and a brief overview of eastern Pennsylvania prehistory. For more information, or to order (\$14.95), contact the publications sales office at 1-800-747-7790. For other books on archeology and Native Americans, visit the website at <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dps/browse.asp?catid=3>.

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