

2019 Maryland Archeology Month Events

April 1

Charles County

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Sponsor: Charles County and Charles County Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc

Location: Burch House, Warehouse Landing Rd, Port Tobacco, MD 20677

Time(s): 11:00am-3:30pm

Contact Person: Esther Doyle Read

Contact phone: email: ReadE@charlescountymd.gov

Free

Website: ccarchsoc.blogspot.com

April 4

Calvert County

Lecture: *Artifacts of Magic & Religion: Interpreting the material culture of faith and the supernatural in Maryland* with Sara Rivers Cofield

When there is evidence of religious faith and superstition in the archaeological record, it is a valuable opportunity to explore and interpret the beliefs of the people we study. Artifacts like saint medals and cross pendants were made as religious symbols, but sometimes ordinary objects like coins or horseshoes were used as lucky talismans or protective charms that offered similar comfort. Both kinds of artifacts will be considered in this talk to explore not just where people lived and what they owned or ate, but also how they perceived the world around them.

Sponsor: Friends of JPPM

Location: MAC Lab, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Time(s): 7:00 pm

email: jef.pat@maryland.gov

Free

Website: jefpat.org

April 6

Calvert County

Workshop: : *Flint Knapping Workshop*

Ever wonder how Native Americans made stone tools? Ever want to learn how to do it? During this workshop you will learn the techniques to turn stone into tools. The workshop will include how to select materials, the science behind knapping, and the chance to create your own stone arrowheads. This workshop is perfect for ages 13 and up.

Sponsor: Friends of JPPM

Location: Patterson Park and Museum 10515 Mackall Road St. Leonard, MD 20685
Time(s): 10:00am- 2:00pm
Contact Person: Desi Smith
Contact phone: 410-586-8501
email: desiree.smith@maryland.gov
Fee: \$15/Friends of JPPM \$12 Website: <https://goo.gl/forms/QOD7sOoKnOWgQIRa2>
Website: jefpat.org

April 8

Howard County

Lecture: *Maryland's Cinderella: Archaeology of the Belvoir Slave Quarter* with Julie Schablitsky
Five years ago, archaeologists discovered the remains of a stone slave quarter just outside of Annapolis. A thorough study of the site revealed thousands of artifacts and allowed the building to be virtually reconstructed. The success of the project also depended on the descendant community, some of whom were directly related to Cinderella, an enslaved woman who ran away from Belvoir to avoid being sold South. This presentation will take the audience through the process of discovery, reveal the results of DNA analysis from personal artifacts, and provide updates on the project.

Sponsor: Upper Patuxent Archaeology Group

Contact Person: Kelly Palich

Contact phone: 410-313-0423

email: kpalich@howardcountymd.gov

Location: Heritage Program Office 9944 Maryland Route 108 Ellicott City, MD 21042

Time(s): 7:00 pm

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Website: www.upperpatuxentarchaeology.com

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Frederick County

Workshop: *Digging Local: Hear from the Archaeologists that Unearth our Lost History*

This special event provides an in-depth look at local archeological sites and an opportunity to hear from the archaeologists who studied them. This year, we'll be focusing on the colonial era. Refreshments will be served..

Sponsor: City of Frederick

Location: C. Burr Artz Library, Community Room, 110 E Patrick Street

Time(s): 6:00PM

Contact Person: Christina Martinkosky

Contact phone: 301-600-1831

email: cmartinkosky@cityoffrederick.com

Free

Website: cityoffrederick.com

April 11

Anne Arundel County

Workshop: *Projectile Point Workshop: The Bob Ogle Collection*

Practice identifying projectile points and raw material types by sorting artifacts from the Bob Ogle collection. The Bob Ogle collection is the premiere collection of prehistoric artifacts from Anne Arundel County.

Sponsor: Anne Arundel County's Archaeology Program & Lost Towns Project, Inc.

Location: Anne Arundel County Archaeology Lab @ Historic London Town & Gardens (839 Londontown Rd, Edgewater, MD)

Time(s): 6PM-9PM

Contact Person: Zachary Singer

Contact phone: [410-222-1318](tel:410-222-1318)

email: Volunteers@losttownsproject.org

Fee: \$15

Website: losttownsproject.org

Charles County

Lecture: *Interpreting West Ashcom (Cremona Estate): Drones, Artifacts, and Archives* by Lisa Gijanto

Come hear Lisa Gijanto from St. Mary's College of Maryland relate how traditional GIS mapping was paired with experimental drone data to help interpret the seventeenth century homestead of West Ashcom, a site that has been subjected to centuries of continuous plowing and planting.

Sponsor: Charles County Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc

Location: La Plata Police Department, 101 La Grange Avenue, La Plata, MD

Time(s): 7pm – 8:30pm

Contact Person: Carol Cowherd
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email: ccasm2010@gamil.com
Free
Website: ccarchsoc.blogspot.com

Prince George's County

Lecture: Archaeology around Laurel, Maryland by Ann Bennett
Celebrate Archaeology Month in Maryland with a discussion on the historic and prehistoric sites in the Laurel area. Handle real artifacts and learn what stories they can tell us about our shared histories.

Sponsor: Laurel Historical Society

Location: Laurel Community Pool Room, 9th and Main streets, Laurel, MD 20707

Contact: director@laurelhistoricalsociety.org

Contact Phone: 301-735-7975

Free, with suggested donation of \$2.00 for non-LHS or UPAG members

April 13

Baltimore and Howard County

Workshop: *Primitive Skills: Ancient Technologies*

Have you ever wondered what it took to survive 2000 years ago? Test your skills through experimental archaeology with a focus on primitive skills. Experimental archaeology is a process by

which an archaeologist replicates artifacts and features, such as structures, tools or ancient technologies to better understand how they were made and used. Join us as we explore ancient tool

manufacture by flint knapping stone tools, practice with the spear and atlatl, construct a debris hut,

construct and fire pottery using ancient techniques, and more! Ages 10+

Sponsor: Upper Patuxent Archaeology Group

Location: Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum, 12895 MD-144, West Friendship, MD 21794

Time(s): 9:00am-3:00pm

Contact Person: Kelly Palich

Contact phone: 410-313-0423

email: kpalich@howardcountymd.gov

Fee \$30/person Website: www.upperpatuxentarchaeology.com

Montgomery County

Workshop: *Primitive Skills: Ancient Technologies*

Chapter member Tom McLaughlin will present on applying 3-D imaging to several sites in Montgomery County

Sponsor: Mid-Potomac Chapter of the Archeological Society of Maryland

Location: Needwood Mansion, 6700 Needwood Road, Derwood, MD 20855

Time(s): 7:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Don Housley

Contact phone: 301-424-8526

email: donhou704@earthlink.net

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Website: www.ASMmidpotomac.org

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April 18

St. Mary's County

Symposium: *Archaeological Investigations in St. Mary's City-An Update* with Ruth Mitchell, Travis Parno, Silas Hurry, and Henry Miller

A series of presentations will discuss *Recent Explorations in St. Mary's City: The Archaeology for Sidewalks* (Mitchell), *A Search for the Fort at St. Mary's City: Results of a Geophysical Survey at Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland* (Parno), *Property Gone to the Enemy: St. Mary's City in the War of 1812* (Hurry), and *Finding the Long Vanished Homes of the Enslaved Workers on the John Mackall Plantation* (Miller),

Sponsor: Historic St. Mary's City

Location: Visitors Center Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City 20686

Time: 7:00 pm

Contact Person: Info@HSMCDigsHistory.org

Contact: phone: 1-800-SMC-1634 or 240-895-4990 HSMC

Free

Website: WWW.HSMCDigsHistory.org

April 20

Calvert County

Discovering Archaeology Day

Experience, discover, learn, and have fun exploring the “what, where, and how” of archaeology! Demonstrations, tours, and activities for budding archaeologists of any age!

Sponsor: Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

Location: Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, 10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard, MD 20685

Time(s): 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Sherwana Knox

Contact phone: 410-586-8512

email: sherwana.knox@maryland.gov

Free Website: www.jefpat.org/discoveringarchaeologyday

April 23

Baltimore and Howard County

Lecture: *Archaeology of the Patapsco Valley State Park* with Kelly Palich

Kelly Palich, Howard County Recreation and Parks Archaeologist, will present the history and archaeological overview and interpretation of archaeology in the Patapsco Valley State Park. The [state park](#) encompasses multiple developed areas on over 14,000 acres of land. The Patapsco River Valley contains a wide breadth of historic and prehistoric resources which help paint a picture of human occupation for thousands of years. Come learn about this history and help learn how you can become a steward of preservation in the first State Park of Maryland.

Sponsor: Patapsco Valley State Park, Upper Patuxent Archaeology Group

Location: Patapsco Valley State Park, Soldier's Delight Visitors Center 5100 Deer Park Rd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Time(s): 1:00pm-2:30pm

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email: kpalich@howardcountymd

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Symposium: *Archeological Society of Maryland Spring Symposium*

A series of presentations highlighting archaeology in Maryland and the surrounding region.

Sponsor: Archeological Society of Maryland

Location: Maryland Historical Trust, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD

Time(s): 9:00 a.m.

Contact Person: Don Housley

Contact phone: 301-424-8526

email: donhou704@earthlink.net

Fee \$5.00 for ASM members, \$7.00 for non-members

Website: marylandarcheology.org

Tour and Exhibit: *Walk for the Woods: The Archaeology of Bacon Ridge* with Zach Singer

There will be a hiking tour highlighting archaeological sites created over the past 6,000 years at Bacon Ridge. The Lost Towns Project will be unveiling a new traveling exhibit featuring prehistoric and historic artifacts from Anne Arundel County.

Sponsor: Anne Arundel County's Archaeology Program & Lost Towns Project, Inc.

Location: Bacon Ridge Natural Area

Time(s): 7:00 AM-3:00 PM

Contact Person: Zachary Singer

Contact phone: 410-222-1318

email: Volunteers@losttownsproject.org

Free

Website: www.SRLT.org/news/walk-for-the-woods

St. Mary's County

Ceremony & Reception: *The Black Diamond Weekend - The Forgotten Tragedy on the Potomac*

Head to St. Clement's Island Museum for a weekend of activities commemorating a forgotten tragedy of the Civil War, the Black Diamond Disaster. On April 23, 1865, 87 lives were lost when the Black Diamond was hit by a steamer in the Potomac River near St. Clement's Island during the hunt for John Wilkes Booth. Sponsor: St. Mary's County Museum Division and The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums.

Location: St. Clement's Island Museum

Time(s): 10AM – 12PM each day, Ceremony at 2PM Sunday, April 28, 2019

Contact Person: Karen Stone, Museum Division Manager

Contact phone: 301-769-2222

email: karen.stone@stmarysmd.com

Free

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/615540748906513/>

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