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Upcoming Activities

December 7, 2024 – ASM Board Meeting – Virtual

April 5, 2025 – 59th Annual Spring Symposium on Archeology - Crownsville

April 13, 2024, Discovering Archaeology Day – Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

President's Note

This month, I wanted to let you know about the ASM Board Meetings that occur quarterly. Our next meeting is a virtual meeting on December 7th and all members are welcome to join. We tackle old business, new business, and receive reports from our many committees and chapters. The agenda and meeting information is attached, please join if you are interested.

It has been another wonderful year with ASM and I wish you and your family a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Valerie

Cresap's Fort is featured in *Outdoors Maryland*. Come take a look!

The Season 36 premiere of *Outdoors Maryland* will feature the work conducted on the Cresap's Fort site by MHT, ASM, and the National Park Service this past spring. Follow Maryland Public Television by hitting on the links below.

[Outdoors Maryland](#)

Episode 3601

Season 36 Episode 1 | 26m 46s |

<https://video.mpt.tv/video/episode-3601-lnwndm/>

Then help catalog the artifacts found at the Annual Field Session!!!



Announcing our Second ASM New Project Grant Approval

The ASM is pleased to announce our second ASM Project approval. Awarded to Moriah Brotherton and Kaydee Anderson (submitted by Jim Gibb) for work on a 3D Osteological Identification Guide. This project will digitally scan Chesapeake region bird and mammal bones and shell species, allowing free public access to those models through the Smithsonian's website and the ability to dimension scanned models to aid in bone identification, and allow downloading for 3D printing of specimens.

This project offers opportunities to the CAT program and the public by creating a useful tool for professional and avocational archeologists. In addition, we will look forward to hearing about the results in future issues of the *ASM Ink* and the ASM's journal, *Maryland Archeology*.

Marshy Point

Dan Dean invited us to check out the article in *Maryland Archeology* that features Marshy Point and explains its history during the mid-18th through early 19th century. If you have been to the cemetery or the dig site—you will want to read it!

"Marshy Point Nature Center Council's Research Chair, Daniel Dean, was recently published in the *Maryland Archeology* journal. *Slumbering in Fall by the Midsummer Hills: The Historical Investigations of the Cassandor Hamilton Site 18BA623* takes an in depth look into the lives of those who lived and worked at Marshy Point, along with family relations and discussion of the issues dealing with destructive methods pertaining to artifact retrieval. We highly recommend joining the Archeological Society of Maryland, which publishes this journal for full access in addition to back issues, *ASM Ink* Newsletter, and various opportunities to get involved in local history through archeology. Join the ASM [here](#)."

Colonial Williamsburg and the American Indian Experience

Lynne Bulhack

American Indians, Native Americans, Indigenous Peoples (are all currently acceptable terminologies) when referring to North America's first Peoples who were regular and frequent visitors to 18thC. Colonial Williamsburg. There were local "tributary" tribes



considered to be subjects of Great Britain such as the Pamunkey, Mattaponi, and Chickahominy. There were "foreign" Indian tribes who had a nation- to- nation relationship with Great Britain, such as the Shawnee and Cherokee who traveled to Williamsburg to discuss treaties with the Royal government of Virginia. The diverse Native nations influenced American culture, democracy, and the struggle for independence. Knowledge of our collective histories is essential in understanding modern American life.

The American Indian initiative at Colonial Williamsburg began in 2002, a bit late for a foundation established in 1926 whose mission is "that the future may learn from the past." The initiative supports research, programs, demonstrations, interpretation and a permanent encampment site that educate guests about the often-overlooked role of American Indians in early American history and illuminate their still-thriving governments, traditions, culture and languages.

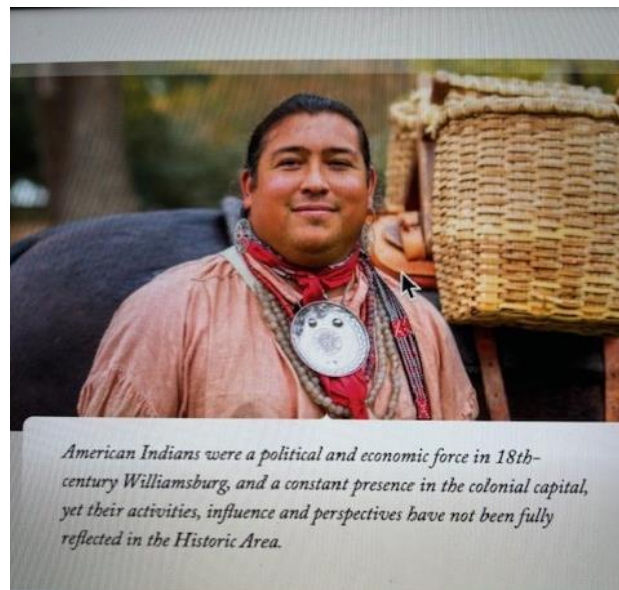
4) "WHAT SIDE DID YOU JOIN DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?"

Our side! For reference, American Indian nations are sovereign; they do not owe allegiance to any external parties other than any compacts or treaties in which they engage. At the time, many of the tribes have citizens fighting on both sides, and if they do throw their lot in with one or another, that allegiance could change several times. If you could change your bet while watching the race, wouldn't you? In the end, the tribes will seek to find the optimal solution for them and their people.

5) "ARE YOU ALL 'REAL' NATIVE AMERICANS?"

In short, yes, we each come from our own nations all around the country.

The colonial Williamsburg website displays a calendar of events that occur during November, the Native American Heritage Month established in 1990 by President George H. W. Bush. You will also find information about the “Still Here” Indian interpreters that interact with Colonial Williamsburg visitors.



2025 Conference on Public Archaeology

Abstract submissions for the [2025 Conference on Public Archaeology](#) are now open! Hosted by [Archaeology in the Community](#), this meeting of public-minded archaeologists and cultural heritage professionals will take place August 8-9, 2025 in Washington, DC. This unique conference will skip traditional paper presentations in favor of discussions, hands-on activities, and networking opportunities. Submit your idea for a panel, roundtable, workshop, or poster before the deadline on February 10, 2025 and register for the conference between March and July. Read more in the [Submission Guidelines](#) (PDF). Let's shape the future of archaeology together! #PublicArchaeology2025

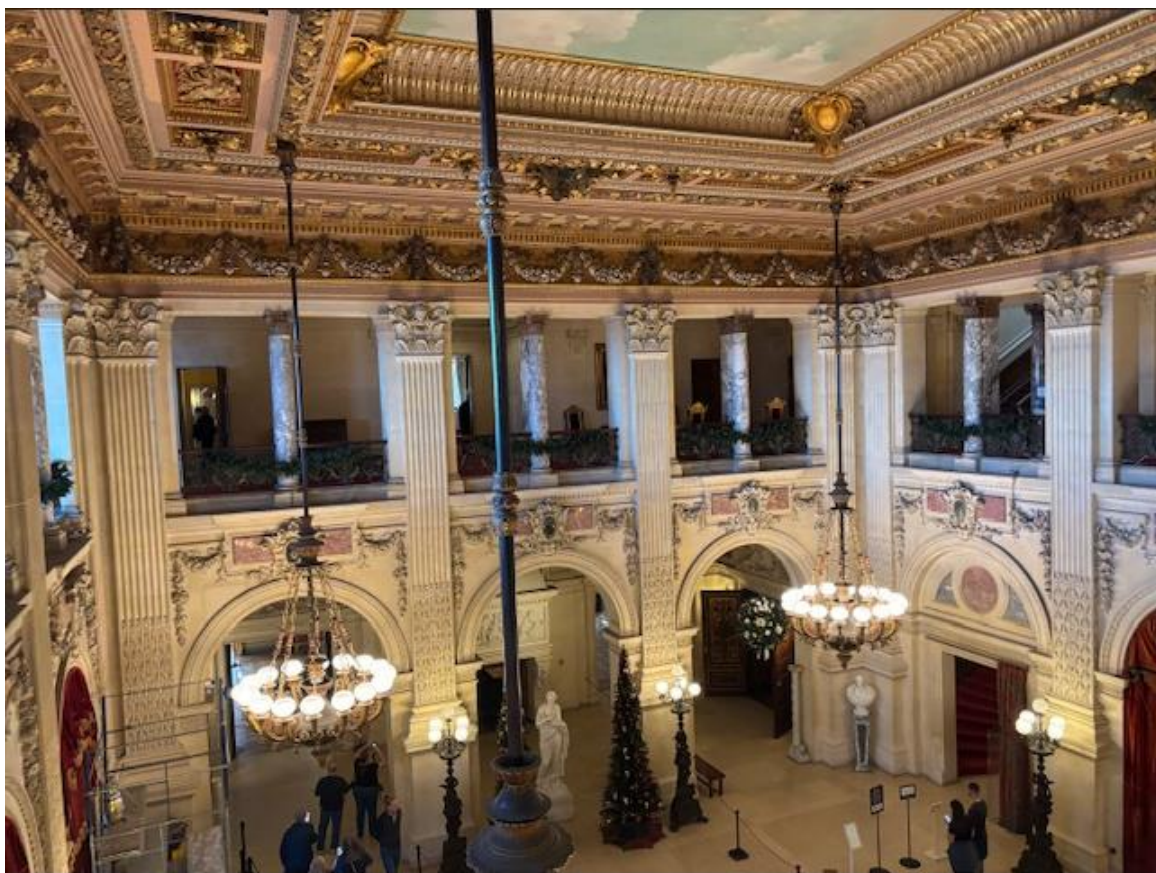
Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF)

Stephen Israel

Barbara and I enjoyed the ESAF Annual Meeting in Newport, RI. The Salve Regina University setting was magnificent among the Gilded Age Summer Cottages name for the huge mansions that were used primarily during the summer months. Many students presented papers. Discovering deeply buried archaeological sites was a focus of this meeting. There were 12 attendees from Maryland who had registered. Those attending the Annual Meeting included Dick Brock, Zac Singer, Barbara and Stephen Israel and seven ZOOM attendees. 182 registered in total. Next year's ESAF Annual Meeting will be held at Lake George, New York, November 13-16, 2025.



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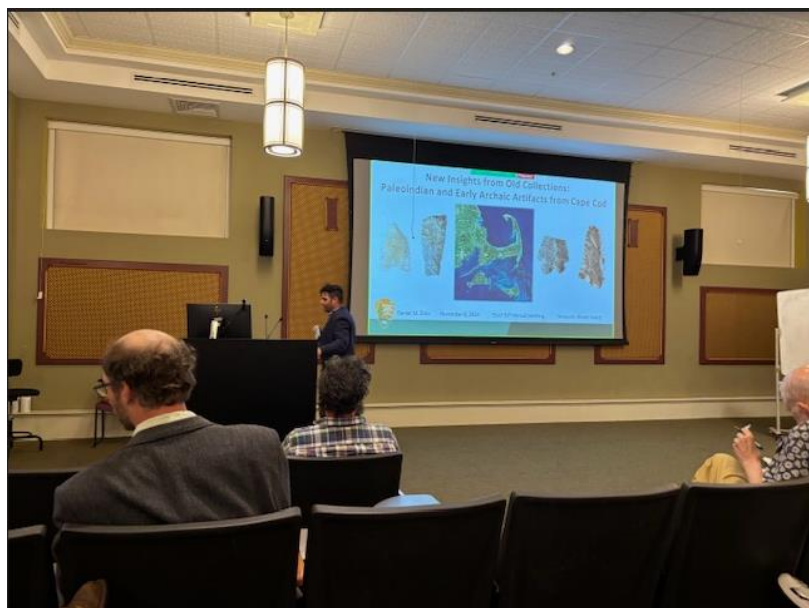
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First day at the Joint ESAF and the Historic Preservation Program at Salve Regina University, between presentations. Zac Singer and Dick Brock are sitting up front.



Second day at the Joint ESAF and the Historic Preservation Program at Salve Regina University, Stephen Israel's presentation.



First day at the Joint ESAF and the Historic Preservation Program at Salve Regina University. Salve Regina University students manning their Registration Table.

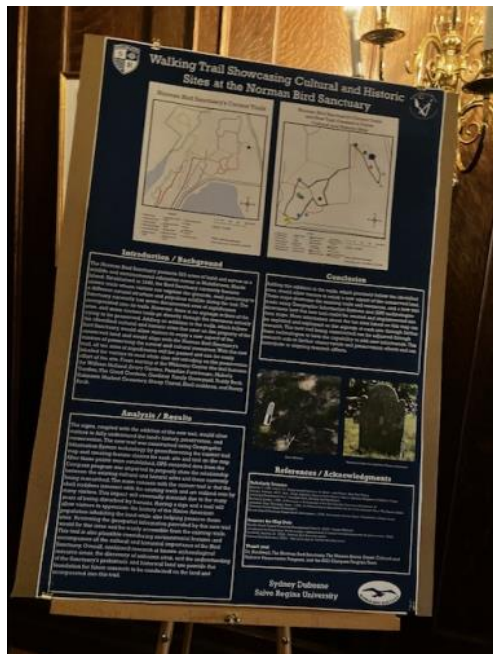


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End of Second day at the Joint ESAF and the Historic Preservation Program at Salve Regina University, Knap-In in honor of the late Dick Doyle.

End of Second day at the Joint ESAF and the Historic Preservation Program at Salve Regina University, CRM Expo, Poster Session, and Happy Hour before the Banquet in the Salve Regina University, Young Building built in the 1850s, a Stately Queen Anne-Style Mansion used for lectures, social events, and banquets. The books on the table will be raffled off after the Banquet and Speaker.



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Thank you to everyone that attended and helped with ESAF!

CAT Corner

The updated CAT Program Guide has been emailed to current CAT Candidates and is available for download from the [CAT webpage](#). Please delete the old one. For more information the CAT Committee Chair can be reached at CAT@marylandarcheology.org

The Historic Ceramics CAT workshop was presented by Aaron Levinthal and 5 people passed the requirement. The workshop was sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chapter. Thank you to all involved!



More workshops TBA.

Volunteer Opportunities

ASM Volunteers Needed:

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

MHT Volunteer Lab, most Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Thursday is temporary and is the Cresap's site only): The lab in Crownsville. Contact Zachary Singer at Zachary.Singer@maryland.gov

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center seeks participants in its Citizen-Scientist Program in archeology and other environmental research programs in Edgewater. Field and lab work are conducted on Wednesdays and on occasional Saturdays. Contact Jim Gibb at jamesggibb@verizon.net

Charles County for Lab and Field Work welcomes volunteers. Contact Esther Read at ReadE@charlescountymd.gov For more information, contact Carol Cowherd at ccasm2010@gmail.com

The Anne Arundel County Archeology Lab in Edgewater, in conjunction with **The Lost Towns Project**, accepts volunteers for lab work. No experience needed. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The lab is generally open 2-3 weekdays each week from 9:00-3:00. Volunteers must sign up in advance. There are occasional opportunities for fieldwork as well. For more information, the current lab or field schedule, or to sign up, email Drew Webster at volunteers@losttownsproject.org

Howard County Recs and Parks invites volunteers interested in processing collections and conducting historical research to contact Kelly Palich at Kpalich@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-0423.

Montgomery County for Lab and Field Work welcomes volunteers. Contact Heather Bouslog at 301-563-7530 or Heather.Bouslog@montgomeryparks.org

Mount Calvert for Lab and Field Work: call 301-627-1286.

Jefferson Patterson Park invites volunteers to take part in its activities, including archeology, historical research, and conservation. Contact 410-586-8554.

The Archaeological Institute of America provides an online listing of fieldwork opportunities worldwide. Click on <https://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork> to get started.

NEW! The Community College of Baltimore County is seeking a volunteer to identify a small collection made up of primarily projectile points recently donated to the college. The material is primarily from the East Coast. They are most interested in identifying by type. The collection is at the Catonsville campus (800 S. Rolling Rd) where a volunteer would be welcome to visit and work. Or they can arrange a virtual volunteer experience if a volunteer prefers to work from photos. Contact Dr. Nina Brown at nbrown2@ccbcmd.edu or 443-840-2909.

Winter Merriment!

BAFFLING GIFT

Pat Melville

Being part of a large family (9 children), we siblings drew names for Christmas. One year when I was about twelve years old, my second oldest brother, age about nine, drew my name. Imagine my bafflement when I opened his gift – a pendant necklace, featuring the letter A. Only later did he offer an explanation. He had decided to buy a pendant necklace, featuring the first letter (P) of my name. Upon failing to find the letter P, he settled on an A instead, that being the second letter of my name. Who can argue with the logic of a child? It was certainly a memorable gift, one that the two of us still chuckle about today.

Secret Fruit Cake (Recipe Follows)

Kim

I am a believer in tradition, or at least habit. Every December, I write holiday cards to my 100+ pen pals, I make fudge, and most importantly, I make fruit cake. I took over the family tradition about ten years ago. My grandmother, mother, and I used to bake fruitcakes together and people actually liked them. When my grandmother could no longer bake, I learned the recipe. I saved a friend's Christmas and her honor last year when her Amazon packages didn't arrive on time. Everyone was given plates with sliced fruitcake and I'm fairly certain she said she baked it—but I was thanked by her mother and aunt. My grandmother and I did not give out the recipe because then we could not give out loaves as gifts. But I typed the secret recipe, with typos included.



Kim's Secret Family Recipe—Grandma to Mom to Her

(Written down 1986. Mrs. Vandusen Hank's Mom)

Apple Sauce Cake

1lb. butter (2 cups)
2 cups sugar
4 eggs beaten
1 teaspoon salt
1 jar applesauce (next size over 1 lb. ((1p. 4oz))
3 to 3 ½ cups Cake flour
1 + ½ tsp baking soda
1 ½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg

1 lb. pkg raisins (cut)
1 lb. candied pineapple
1 lb. candied cherries
1 lb. mixed dried fruit
1 lb. shelled walnuts (chop)
1 lb. shelled pecans

In large bowl mix first nine items. In another bowl mix last 6 items. I usually put fruits and nuts together in bowl before I start cake batter.

Then combine all items.

Grease pans well. It make 2 large and 2 smaller loaves.

Bake in preheated oven 325° for ½ hour, then 300° until done. (Usually a little over an hour.)— **More like 35-45 more** (my grandmother's handwriting)

I usually wrap in wax paper when cooled, then aluminon foil, then plastic bag for freezer. A little age gives more flavor.

Winter Wishes...

Kim

A broom upside down by an entryway is said to get rid of unwelcome guests. A broom is a sign of protection at doors. And if you sweep both the practical and magickal detritus out the door, you are to send it into the grass or lane so that it does not return, and misfortune does not follow. I celebrate the new year on October 31, for my private affairs, and with the world on January 1. Because of this, I sweep out the old year twice. Sometimes, that second try is needed. I usually sweep with lavender, rose petals, thyme, pepper, and black salt. This year has been terrible for me by some accounts and extraordinary by others—it depends on who you ask. Still, it's a good time to give up the laptop and reset.

My writing about broom lore is well known within the folklore and fairytale communities. This year, I decided to refresh myself by metaphorically sweeping my old self out and letting a new person step forward. To do this, I decided to learn how to make a broom. I read enough to write about the subject, but I did not understand the textures involved between the broomcorn and the twine or how difficult making one would be. I chose to learn how to make a besom—a more magickal—type of broom. It is not intended to sweep daily and is much more ceremonial.

My broom is much more...barely in one piece and if you are very gentle, it might not unwind itself. My knots between



[Hearth Craft Brooms](#)

bundles came undone as I was attempting to weave the thick parts of broomcorn. I will admit—there was and will be no weaving on this broom. I struggled to braid the broomcorn—and if you've seen me struggle in the dirt—well, this was worse and no less embarrassing. It was a welcome change though. I did not cure or quit but I wrapped tightly and saved what I could of my first broom. Like all experiments, I learned the steps and the order in which to do them and what I would do differently next time. I might be able to complete a broom next time or complete it correctly. This besom will sweep out the old year and bless the new. I included what the broom was SUPPOSED to look like.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful December and a peaceful new year.

Chapter News

Central Chapter

Central Chapter meetings are by Zoom only. Katharine Fernstrom sends the link to the email group. Stay tuned for more details. For more information and to be added to the Zoom list contact Katharine Fernstrom at katharine.fernstrom@marylandarcheology.org

Charles County

Meets in person September through April at the Community Room of the LaPlata Police Department in LaPlata, MD on the third Thursday of the month. Email ccasm2010@gmail.com for more information.

Eastern Shore

Dates and events are on chapter's website [ASM Eastern Shore \(google.com\)](http://ASM-Eastern-Shore.google.com) Facebook page Eastern Shore Maryland Archaeology and Instagram (@esmdarch). For more information, email esarcheology@gmail.com or jamrkin2@washcooll.edu

Calendar is here: bit.ly/ASM-ES and events are open to members and nonmembers. To be added to our social media updates, email esarcheology@gmail.com.

All events are open to anyone who wants to attend!

Sunday, January 26, 2025 - Chapter meeting with guest speaker Ed Otter at the Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, 3pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025 - Chapter meeting with guest speaker Troy Nowak at the Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, 3pm

Sunday, March 30, 2025 - Chapter meeting with guest speakers Jennifer Barbiarz and Lisa Robbins at the Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, 3pm

Saturday, April 27th, 2025 - Chicone Village Day at Handsell House in Vienna, MD (our chapter will have a table) - 10am-4pm

Sunday, May 4th, 2025 - Tour of Pemberton Hall and grounds in Salisbury, MD with Bill Wilson (time TBD)

Open lab at Washington College:

Tuesdays from noon - 3pm: December 3 and 10

Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm: December 4 and 11

Contact Julie Markin at jmarkin2@washcoll.edu.

Mid-Potomac

The chapter meets the third Thursday of the month from September through June. In-person meetings begin at 7pm. at Needwood Mansion for the business meeting followed by a presentation at around 7:30.

Pizza will be available before the in-person meeting starting at 6:30pm for \$5 per person. If virtual meetings are necessary, they will be via Zoom with the business meeting also starting at 7 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30.

Friday, December 13, 2024: Chapter Holiday Party (For more details, please see our website or email Don Housley.)

Thursday, January 16, 2025: Don Housley, chapter president, will give a talk on “An Introduction to Archaeology in Montgomery County: A Ten Question Quiz.”

Thursday, February 20, 2025 (Zoom meeting): Beth Bollwerk, Ph.D., Project Manager for the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery at the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, will give a presentation updating the research done on the early 17th century Flowerdew Hundred Plantation along the James River. For Zoom codes please email Don Housley.

For up-to-date information concerning meetings, please contact Don Housley at donthou704@earthlink.net or 301-424-8526 or check the chapter website: www.asmmidpotomac.org, or send an email to: asmmidpotomac@gmail.com

Monocacy

For information contact: monocacyarcheology@gmail.com (mailbox monitored intermittently) or call Jeremy Lazelle at 301-471-8433.

Northern Chesapeake

A business meeting at 7pm and is followed by the presentation at 7:30. Locations vary. Contact Dan Coates at 410-808-2398 or dancoates@comcast.net

Western Maryland

Programs are held the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 211 S. Lee Street in Cumberland, unless noted. Chapter email: wmdasm@yahoo.com

Meeting announcements are sent also to CTN; WFWM, and the Oakland Republican.

Lab workdays! Excavations at the Jane Gates Heritage House uncovered several boxes of artifacts dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There will be hands-on cataloging sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm for the month of April until the artifacts are analyzed and cataloged. These lab days will be at the new History Discovery Center at 400 N. Mechanic Street, Cumberland, MD. It's free, open to the public, and no experience is necessary to participate. More information email: info@oxbowculturalresearch.com.

Contact Us:

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ASM members receive the monthly newsletter, ASM Ink, the biannual journal, MARYLAND ARCHEOLOGY, reduced admission to ASM events and a 10-percent discount on items sold by the Society.



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