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Field Session

The 2024 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology will be held at the Oldtown I archeological site (18AG9), near Oldtown, Maryland, from May 31 – June 10, 2024.

The Field Session will follow-up on both a geophysical remote sensing survey directed by the MHT Office of Archaeology in November of 2020 (which identified several anomalies of interest), and brief ground-truthing excavations conducted in October of 2023. The 2023 excavations revealed the presence of remarkably intact domestic features with an approximate date range of 1750-1790 suggesting that they relate to the 18th-century fort and dwelling of Colonel Thomas Cresap (a.k.a. the [“Maryland Monster”](#)).

For more information:

[Click here for registration information.](#)

In addition to the adult programing, there will be a special kids' program during the annual field session on Sunday June 2, from 10am-12pm, for kids aged 6-13. Kids will learn the basics of archaeology and get to do some hands-on activities in the field and the lab. Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while attending the event. There is no cost for children to attend this activity.

To sign up or if you have questions, email Julia Berg at esarcheology@gmail.com

President's Note:

I want to start by sharing that last week ASM received a check from Dan Sappington's estate for \$17,121.31. Dan passed away in 2022 and was a long-term member of ASM. He is remembered as a really good guy who was also an exceptional primitive technologist. I personally enjoyed his sense of humor and infectious smile. ASM is very appreciative of him remembering us in his will and the Board will discuss options for use of these funds. If you missed his obituary it can be found at: <https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Daniel-Sappington/#!/Obituary> It has been good to take some time again to remember a vibrant member of our group who continues to support us, even when he is no longer with us.



I am looking forward to seeing all of you at upcoming events, Discovering Archeology Day at Jefferson Patterson Park, the ASM Spring Symposium, and other upcoming events. Be safe and enjoy the spring!

Valerie

Analysis Report

Petrographic Study Timeline

Lynne Bulhack

At the August, 2023 ASM Board Meeting I requested money from the analysis fund to contract Dr. Ammie Chittim of Eastern petrographic Services (formerly Ammie Mitchell) to do a petrographic analysis of Early Woodland Accokeek ceramic sherds from (CA18236), the Primrose Site, and clay samples from the adjacent Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County, Md. At that time ASM had no official form for such a request. I did have a verba cost estimate from Dr. Chittim and after some discussion, I was able to explain the objective and relevance of such a study so that I was granted a whopping \$1,000. Thank you.

The purpose of this article is to provide ASM members with the unique circumstances that led to the study and the timeline of such an endeavor. I volunteer in the MHT Archeology lab most Tuesdays. In 2010 I participated in an excavation of the Primrose Site (18CA236) where private landowners had recovered 129 Early Woodland Accokeek sherds in 1997. The 2010 excavation yielded another 113 Early Woodland Accokeek ceramic sherds that appeared to be from a single vessel. Those Accokeek sherds have been resting in two small sand boxes in the MHT lab since 2010.

I am in the habit of searching for “wild clay” when out and about and do not hesitate to ask colleagues to contribute to my clay collection. Archeologist Dana Link was part of the 2010 excavation and gifted me a bucketful of clay from adjacent Tuckahoe Creek in 2012. It was great stuff, very agreeable for making pots and I had very little of it left in 2023.

In 2021, poking around in PhD dissertations focused on ceramic analysis I read Ammie Mitchell’s dissertation using petrography to challenge current thinking about Early Woodland Vinette 1 type ceramics in North East U.S. I had often hoped to find a site where there was a physical relationship between ceramic sherds and a clay source that would have the potential for a provenance study using petrography. Well, Holy Moley, Shut the Front Door and Shoot the Crows! The Early Woodland Accokeek sherds in the MHT lab and the small samples of Tuckahoe Creek clay in bags under my desk had great potential.

June 1, 2023:	I Sent photos of sherds and clay samples to Dr. Ammie Chittim asking if a petrographic analysis was possible. Answer, yes.
July 14,2023.	Sherds and clay samples arrived at Dr. Chittim’s office. She prepped them and sent them to National Petrographic Service in Texas to be made into Petrographic slides for analysis.
October 2, 2023.	National Petrographic Service began processing samples.
October 28, 2023	Petrographic slides arrived at Dr. Chittim’s office for analysis.
Nov. 12,2023	I received a preliminary report. “Great clusters!”
January 4,2023.	Dr. Chittim asked for details about Dana Link’s clay gathering process. Dana provided photos and GPS coordinates.
February 6, 2023.	Received final report.

The report along with more detailed background information will be published in the next ASM Journal.

Marshy Point Nature Center

Hello Archaeology and History Lovers!

It has been a while and we are excited to think about more digs and cleanings at the Cassandor Hamilton (18BA623) site at Marshy Point.

If any of you are interested in helping us get an archaeologist and a researcher for the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks staff, please email your council representative, our county executive, and the 2024 Budget Town Hall. There are two town hall meetings left you can find [HERE](#).

Try to include your District or Location and other contact information along with the message "Please Hire an Archaeologist and a Researcher to Baltimore County Recreation and Parks!"

Three key emails to show your support **ASAP**:

townhall@baltimorecountymd.gov

johnnyo@baltimorecountymd.gov

recparks@baltimorecountymd.gov

You should also include your district representative found [HERE](#).

I recently spoke during the public forum at the District 5 Budget Town Hall. You can see me at 59 minutes and 54 seconds [HERE](#).

If you didn't see our mention in the Baltimore County Heritage Network Newsletter, please take a look and sign up with them for great events and happenings. See our mention [HERE](#).

I have written a slightly more extensive article in Marshy Point Nature Center Council's most recent newsletter, *Cattails*. The article is titled **Time Sensitive, Act Now!** and can be found [HERE](#).

We all love history and archaeology. Sadly, our county parks are not equipped to handle making informative judgements except through volunteers like us. By adding staff who can make knowledgeable decisions and recommendations in the interest of artifacts and continued research, we can continue to support these programs as volunteers without fear of our work becoming stagnant or the items found to decay. We must press towards conservation and preservation of the historical items found and employees in the system who have the credentials to recommend these ethics are the key to protecting many of the items which will become dust if not properly conserved. We do what we can at

Marshy Point but it is not sustainable long term nor implemented across all parks. We need the support within the Department of Rec and Parks. Archaeology must not cease nor should the protection of what has been found. It is the duty of our municipal leaders to allow and continue Baltimore County's expanding knowledge of who lived and died on what is now county property. This is the first step of many towards achieving our goals and learning what wasn't known of our past while continuing the exciting discoveries we love.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to another season of fun!

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Daniel Dean

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Research Chair

Marshy Point Nature Center Council

Request for required CAT Books:

I am helping to create the MHT CAT Library in Crownsville. If you have any of the books that are required reading for CAT Candidates, I would be grateful for your donation. I provided one set, but it has been quickly checked out. Only one candidate can read any given book or article at a time. Many of the books are in PDF form but I aim to accommodate every reading need. Eventually, I want to provide the physical book or article, the electronic copy, and an audio copy or an electronic version that can have natural audio. I have aphasia and used all three forms to learn and retain the knowledge. Donations would help many candidates. I truly appreciate it.

If you are a CAT Candidate and need to read physical copies, you can email me and on Tuesdays, I will see what has been returned and what books are still out. The CAT Library is housed at the Crownsville Lab. If there are optional readings that you need, I have a knack for finding them and will do my best to locate them for you.

Contact Kim at kimmalinowski1221@gmail.com or at my ASM email kim.malinowski@marylandarcheology.org.

Spring Symposium

58th Annual Spring Symposium on Archeology
[Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. \(marylandarcheology.org\)](http://marylandarcheology.org)
[Spring Symposium - 2024 \(marylandarcheology.org\)](http://marylandarcheology.org)

Presented by the
Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.,
Saturday, April 20, 2024
At
The Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

8:30-9 am Registration, Coffee

9:00-9:15 am Welcome

9:15-9:50 “13,000 Year Old Artifacts in 50 Year Old Cigar Boxes: New Insights from the Maryland Fluted Point Survey”

Presented by: Zachary Singer

Abstract: Avocational archaeologists have discovered the vast majority of fluted point sites in Maryland. Recent studies of collections generated by avocational archaeologists have brought to light many fluted point sites from across Maryland. This presentation provides an overview of the newly recorded Paleoindian sites documented by the Maryland Fluted Point Survey.

9:55-10:30 “Florida Paleoindians: Why much of what we know is preserved underwater”

Presented by: David Thulman

Abstract: Because of its unique hydrogeology, climate, and significantly lower sea levels at the end of the Pleistocene, most of the evidence for Paleoindians in Florida is found in underwater contexts. In this talk, I’ll discuss several underwater archaeology projects that have uncovered Paleoindian interactions with extinct fauna and rare organic artifacts that typically do not survive in land sites, including an unambiguous pre-Clovis site. Using some cutting-edge technologies, several ongoing and proposed projects are designed to push our understanding of early human occupation in Florida further offshore and into the past.

Coffee Break until 10:50

10:50-11:50

The 2024 Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture

The Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture is named in honor of Richard E Stearns (1902-1969), curator of the Department of Archeology at the Natural History Society of Maryland for more than 30 years. Mr. Stearns located numerous archeological sites in the Chesapeake area, and carefully documented his surface and excavated finds. He published numerous archeological articles and several monographs, and donated his collection to the Smithsonian Institution. A commercial artist by profession, he was nonetheless a pioneer in Maryland archeology, instrumental in recording much of Maryland prehistory.

Presented Remotely via Google Teams

Paleoindian Use of Normanskill Chert across the Northeast

by: Jonathan Lothrop

Abstract: Across northeastern North America, the archaeological literature routinely reports Paleoindian artifacts at fluted points sites made of toolstone from distant geologic outcrops sources. This suggests that between circa 13,000 and 11,600 years ago, Paleoindian peoples across the Northeast routinely engaged in extensive seasonal mobility as one aspect of their hunter-gatherer lifeway. Likewise, available evidence for eastern New York suggests that Paleoindian fluted point groups heavily exploited Ordovician Normanskill chert outcrops in the Hudson Valley. To more rigorously evaluate evidence for Paleoindian seasonal mobility involving a single source, we conducted a geologic sourcing study of fluted point sites where artifacts of Normanskill chert were reported. Using X-ray Fluorescence, we compared archaeological specimens to geologic samples of Normanskill chert, tentatively linking artifacts of this toolstone at 15 fluted point sites across the Northeast to the West Athens Hill source outcrop in the Hudson Valley. This research confirms the extensive transport of this tool stone across the Northeast, for example, moving as much as 350 km to the Higgins site in Maryland. We followed this sourcing research with a GIS terrain analysis to model the potential pathways that Paleoindian groups may have followed in transporting this chert from West Athens Hill to destination sites. Taken together, this geologic sourcing and GIS research supports notions of extensive Paleoindian mobility in the Northeast and provides insights into how these early peoples traversed the Ice Age landscapes of the region.

Lunch 12:00-1:00

1:00-1:40 “History in the Marsh: How One Headstone in the Woods Led to the Discovery of a Domestic Site.”

Presented by: Daniel Dean

Abstract: Marshy Point Nature Center and Park is located in Chase, Maryland. Positioned in the Upper Bay along the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, the land has a rich and diverse history. The presentation and discussion will go over the acquisition of the park land, the initial knowledge obtained by the county, and the development of the research about a late 18th century headstone located on the land. The focus of the presentation entails the life of the woman who was nearly forgotten. She was brought to light due to the mystery behind the spelling of “Cassandor” which created dead ends to those who attempted to discover the individual. Once it was revealed that “Cassandra” was the person interred, the puzzle pieces fell into place along with her importance to the property itself. Within the research, certain clues began emerging into the historical footprint Cassandra’s family has left on the State of Maryland. We will discuss the substantial status of her family’s namesake, Bond, and economic decline into the early 19th century as the property went to other well-known members of Baltimore County. We will see how the area transitioned from a homestead to a recreational hunting ground, and back to the home of many. We will view the progression of an archaeological site found close to the cemetery aptly named, “Cassandor Hamilton” 18BA623.

Student Spotlight

1:45-2:20 “3D Osteological Type Collection Website”

presented by: Kaydee Anderson

Abstract: There is a gap in archaeology regarding the availability of accessible type collections and reference guides for identifying osteological specimens. Current reference guides are limited by being two-dimensional representations of three-dimensional objects and lack precise scale. To address this, we are creating a website hosting a database of three-dimensional specimens for comparison and identification. We are currently in the process of scanning mammal and bird bones from the Middle Atlantic region, which are then uploaded to the website. Users will have the ability to digitally rotate and dimension individual specimens. The website will be open-access, user-friendly, and aimed at enabling archaeologists to conduct their research more efficiently. This project is ongoing as we are continually expanding our database and updating the website.

Kaydee is a first year graduate student at George Washington University.

Coffee Break Until 2:45

2:45-3:45

The 2023 Iris McGillivray Memorial Lecture

Iris McGillivray was a founding member of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., ably serving the Society for over thirty years as Secretary, President, Newsletter Editor, Field Session Registrar, and Membership Secretary. She is perhaps best known, loved, and respected for her organization of the annual Spring Symposium, first held in 1965, arranging all aspects of the day-long program. In 1991 Iris was presented with the Society's William B. Marye Award to honor her services to archeology in Maryland.

“Jasper Ridge’s (44WR506) Potential Contributions to Paleo-American Studies: A History of the Interpretations”

Presented by: Mike Johnson

Abstract: In the 1970s Bill Gardner (Catholic U.) and Charlie McNett (American U.), did extensive and intensive research at Flint Run Complex (Thunderbird) in Virginia and Shawnee Minisink site at the Delaware Water Gap in Eastern Pennsylvania, respectively. They launched many former students as gainfully employed archaeologists across the Middle Atlantic. Many specialized in the Paleo period. This presentation covers one of their student’s cognitive model-building trajectory relevant to interpreting the Jasper Ridge Paleo site and beyond. It will cover the beginning with Bill Gardner and Thunderbird; through more than 33 years as Fairfax County’s Senior Archaeologist; the McCary Fluted Point Survey; successful excavations at the Cactus Hill Pre-Clovis age site and resulting successful predictive model (dissertation). It will follow with Smith Mountain and Thoroughfare gaps, and Jasper Ridge. It will end with thoughts on two related Clovis and Pre-Clovis age models targeting Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Silent Auction

Cathy Camut has volunteered to head up our Silent Auction for 2024 and is in the process of gathering donations for the event.

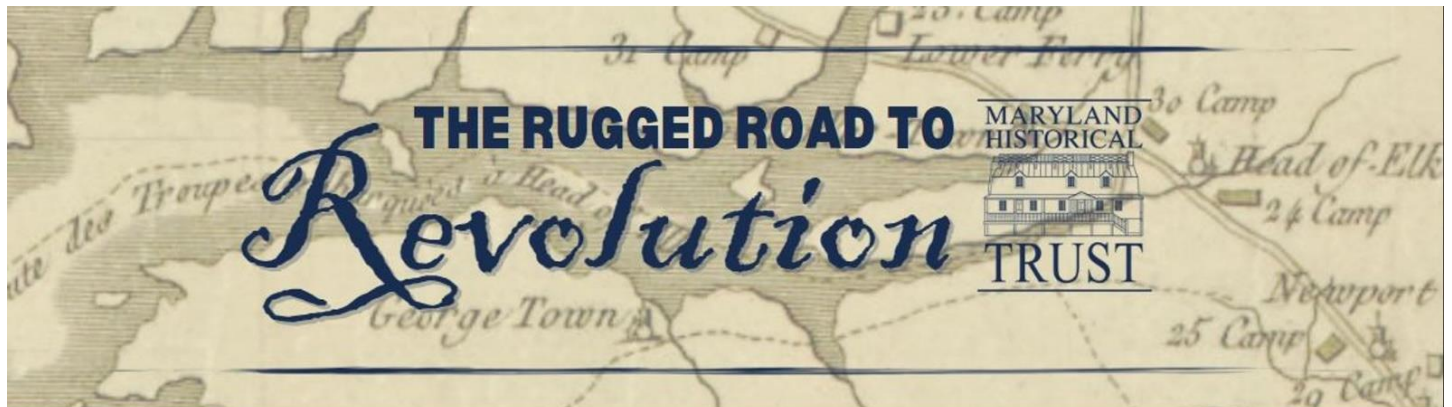
The Silent Auction is our biggest fundraiser and proceeds go toward the Analysis fund which we use to provide researchers with the ability to procure professional analysis procedures. Over the years this has enabled C14 dating, isotope analysis and botanical analysis of many sites and benefit our mission of discovery, investigation, and conservation of Maryland's archeological resources.

We encourage members to solicit donations of items for the auction. Attached you will find a letter that you can provide to potential donors explaining the program and providing ASM's 503(c)(3) tax exemption status. Donations are tax deductible for 2024.

Items can be sent to Cathy or you can bring them to the Spring Symposium in April. If you are bringing an item please fill out the donation form as well.

Please help Cathy in keeping this activity as a source of funding for this important aspect of our organization. PDFs sent out with the *ASM Ink*.

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Maryland, 1781...

In September 1781, the combined forces of Washington's Continental Army and Rochambeau's French Expédition Particulière made their way across Maryland en route to besiege British forces entrenched in Virginia. In 1782, they would undertake their return trip north, victorious from the Siege of Yorktown.

Objectives

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) was awarded a 2023 Preservation Planning Grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program to identify and document the understudied encampment sites and cultural resources associated with the march of American and French soldiers through Harford and Cecil Counties. This work will include **historical research, archaeological survey, and architectural documentation** to develop a more complete understanding of how Maryland communities contributed to one of the most significant troop movements of the Revolutionary War.



We Need Your Help!

Know of any local lore surrounding these encampments? MHT wants your help! To submit potential site information, stay informed of the grant progress, or share your thoughts on the project, please visit <https://bit.ly/mht-rochambeau> or scan the QR code!

Field Session Equipment Maintenance Day

John Fiveash and the Field Session Committee led the joint MHT and ASM Equipment Maintenance Day on March 29. Seven volunteers went through an array of duties including sharpening 38 shovels, organizing toolboxes, and cataloguing what needed to be replaced.



Screens and tripods were fixed or marked so that they could be fixed at a later date. Other small tasks were accomplished as well. All the projects will make the 2024 Field Session, along with all MHT led digs, easier and safer with maintained or replaced equipment.



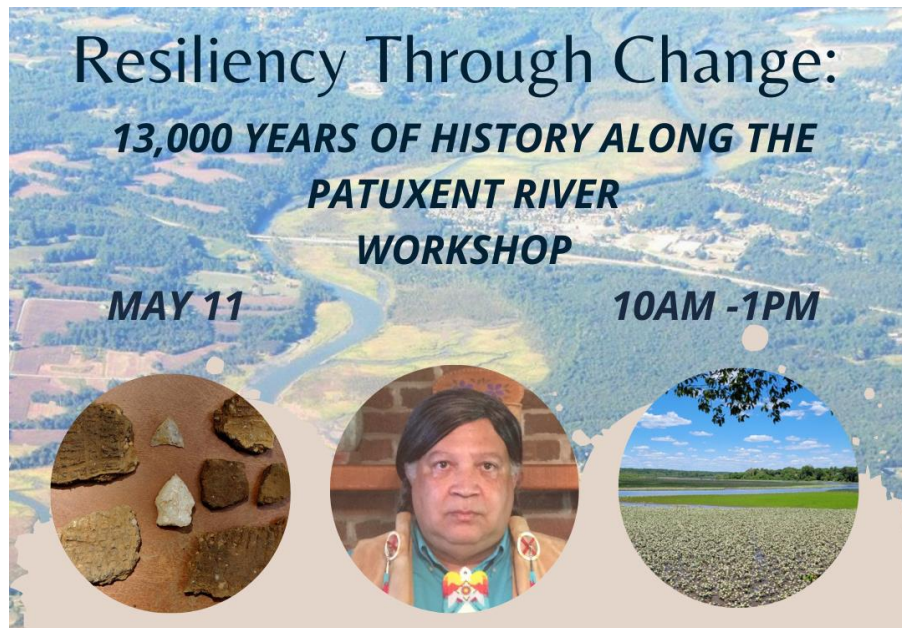
A huge shoutout to Stephanie Soder, who led the endeavor on the MHT side and problem solved with volunteers as the unexpected popped up.



Lost Towns Project

Resiliency through Change: 13,000 Years of History along the Patuxent River

New Date Added!



Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary - Wetlands Center

1361 Wrighton Road

Lothian, MD

Free workshop -- [Register here](#)

Join Mario Harley of the Piscataway Indian Tribe and archaeologists from the Lost Towns Project to learn about 13,000+ years of history.

What to expect:

- Indigenous History
- Hands-On Artifact Analysis
- Storytelling
- Family Friendly!

Mario Harley, a citizen of the Piscataway Indian tribe and a member of the Wild Turkey Clan will speak about the culture and history of the Piscataway People through modern times.

The Lost Towns Project will discuss the numerous archaeological sites along the Patuxent River at Jug Bay and what archaeology can tell us about the people who lived at these sites.

This project has been financed in part by the Maryland Center for History and Culture's Thomas V. "Mike" Miller History Fund. However, Project contents or opinions do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Maryland Center for History and Culture.

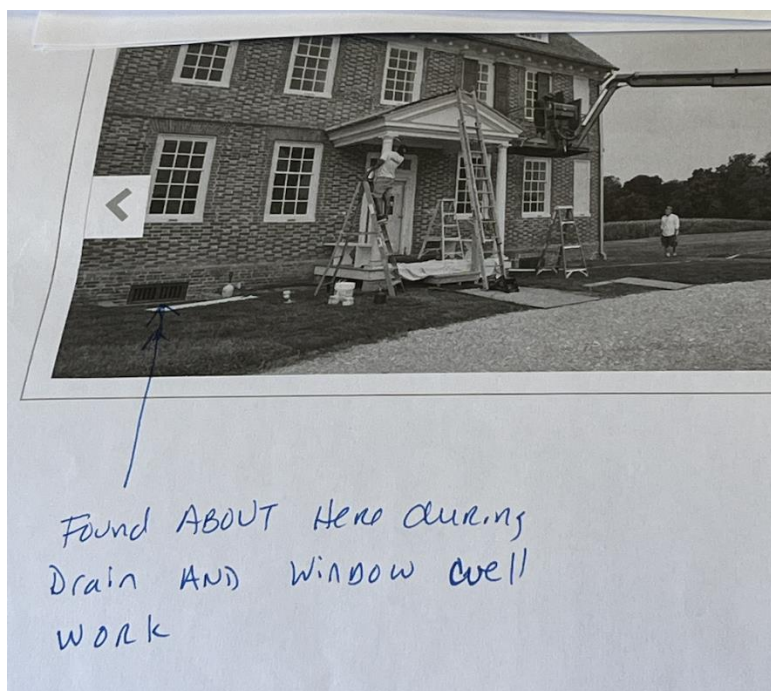
Follow The Lost Towns Project on [Facebook](#) or check out our [website](#) for more updates about our programming and volunteer opportunities.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, internships, or public programs, please email Drew Webster at volunteers@losttownsproject.org. We hope to see you soon!

Cloverfields Tour

The Cloverfields Tour was organized by the newly formed Eastern Shore chapter of ASM. Julie Markin from Washington College is the President and Wendy Hubbert is the Vice President. The Eastern Shore Chapter events have been drawing in people from Anne Arundel County as well as from Delaware.

A group of members and other participants were led through the inside of the house and Kristen Browne of Applied Archaeology talked them through their team's lengthy excavation and showed their artifact storage area and a few key pieces, like a "witch's bottle" found near the front steps and a pair of shoes buried under the stairs to the basement.



Witch's Bottle

Link to a video about the artifacts and lab:

<https://www.cloverfieldspreservationfoundation.org/newsletters/historic-preservation-newsletter-kimmel-archaeology>. On the landing page is an image and information about a fragment of enameled glass that was found, showing how rich the residents were at the time.

More Cloverfields architectural history:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvIT34Xht8r-H0BbzMkrFMg/videos>



Cloverfields

The wooden board was part of a crate used to transport a pianoforte to Cloverfields from the Steinway factory in Brooklyn--it was then repurposed as a wallboard in the attic.



Sherri, the guide, showing the original back wall



Repurposed Board

Photographs courtesy of Wendy Hubbert, Eastern Shore Chapter Vice President

Upcoming ASM Events

April 13, 2024 - Discovering Archaeology Day (at Jefferson Patterson Park)

April 20, 2024 – ASM Spring Symposium (at MHT)

May 31, 2024 – June 10, 2024 – Tyler Bastian Annual Field Session



Archaeology in the Community's [Young Archaeologists' Club](#) registration is now open!

This is an educational camp for elementary-aged students. There are in-person (Hyattsville, Maryland) or virtual options. It is 100% free. It meets on Sundays for 1.5 hours in April-May for hands-on archaeology activities. The theme for this year is the history and archaeology of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Would you be willing to let parents/grandparents/uncles/aunts/guardians/mentors in your organizations and networks know about this opportunity? For the virtual option for those who aren't in the DC metro area, all materials are mailed to the students beforehand so that they can do the activities with a remote instructor.

Contact: Elizabeth Pruitt, PhD (she/her) | Director of Education | Archaeology in the Community, Inc.

www.archaeologyincommunity.com

Volunteer Opportunities

ASM Volunteers Needed:

ASM Board of Trustees - Two Important Positions

The nominating committee began its work last month recruiting candidates for 2-year positions on the board for voting in October. Barbara Israel and Elaine Chhean respectively are the Secretary and Treasurer and after many years of service they will not run again in October. We wanted to provide a little information about these jobs so that when the Nominating Committee reaches out, you will hopefully say yes!

Treasurer's Duties:

- Oversee financial administration of ASM (paying invoices, depositing checks and cash payments, recording transactions, etc.)
- Provide quarterly financial reports at board meetings and an annual budget at the October annual meeting
- Submit federal and state taxes
- Advise the board on financial-related decisions
- Serves as the official address of ASM Inc.

Elaine is happy to chat with folks who are considering running for the position and will be happy to support throughout the transition.

Secretary's Duties:

- Attends four Quarterly Board Meetings and takes notes and attendance
- Attends the ASM Annual Meeting and takes notes and attendance
- Distributes minutes and requests corrections
- Finalizes the Minutes
- Other administrative duties if needed

Contact John Fiveash at jsfiveash@marylandarcheology.org or Paul Bollwerk paul.bollwerk@marylandarcheology.org for more information.

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

ASM Volunteer Lab, most Tuesdays: 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.

2025 Public Archaeology Conference - Conference Planning Committee

Archaeology in the Community organizing the 2025 Public Archaeology Conference here in DC. The previous (and first) one was held last year in Pensacola, FL by the Florida Public Archaeology Network, and the idea is that it will be held in a new city every two years. Would any ASM members like to be part of the conference planning committee? The dates will be August 8-9, 2025, but of course the planning has to start now.

Please contact Beth Pruitt if your are interested or would like more information: beth@archaeologyincommunity.com or 202-573-9690
www.archaeologyincommunity.com

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 Pre-Contact Overview workshop was presented online by Dr. Robert Wall on March 23, 2024. It was a huge success. 17 candidates participated. Dr. Wall led a brilliant overview spanning thousands of years in a short time. Many thanks must be given to him for Zooming in and answering questions after his massive slide presentations. His efforts were very much appreciated, and I am sure that every CAT Candidate or CAT graduate would love to hear more about his studies and even several repeats of the overview. The readings cover the facts that were presented, but Dr. Wall filled in the context surrounding them and that makes a huge difference when conceptualizing a vast amount of time and change in both environment and technology. –**Kim**

Volunteers Needed!



The Maryland Historical Trust is hosting a Scouts BSA Archaeology Merit Badge Workshop this Spring and is looking for help!

On May 11, MHT is looking for approximately three (3) **CATs and CAT Candidates** to assist with running afternoon activity stations from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the MHT Headquarters in Crownsville.

On May 17, MHT is looking for approximately two (2) **CATs and CAT Candidates** to assist on Friday to help set up equipment for the weekend.

On May 18 & 19, MHT is looking for approximately five (5) **CATs and CAT Candidates with excavation experience** each day to assist with monitoring the scouts during fieldwork.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Steph Soder at stephanie.soder@maryland.gov.



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

Meet 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@washcoll.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.

Open lab on Thursdays from noon to 4 pm at Washington College. Contact Julie Markin at jmarkin2@washcoll.edu. 2/1 through 5/2, except for 3/14 and 4/4.

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 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 Webex with the business meeting also starting at 7 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30. For up-to-date information concerning meetings, please contact Don Housley at donhou704@earthlink.net or 301-424-8526 or check the chapter website: www.asmmidpotomac.org, or send an email to: asmmidpotomac@gmail.com

Thursday, April 18, 2024: Larry Bevan, chapter member, will speak on “Finding Clover Farm.”

Thursday, May 16, 2024: Bob Hines, chapter member, will give a presentation summarizing the nine years of excavation by high school students and volunteers at the Riggs site in Brookeville.

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

Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: Doors open at 6pm for anthropology student poster displays. Lecture 6:30-8pm

Location: Harford Community College, Edgewood Hall, Room 132. Use Entrance 3 off Thomas Run Road. Park in the lot immediately on the left.

Program: “PETROGLYPHS AT BALD FRIAR FORD: A Chronological and Geographic Study of Prehistoric Stone Images, With New Interpretations” by Dan Coates, president of the Northern Chesapeake Chapter.

Abstract/Preview: Destruction of the Lower Susquehanna petroglyphs began as early as the late 1700's, with limited recording until the first photographs of 1871. In-situ study ended with the complete removal of remaining chipped stone images in 1927, during construction of the Conowingo Dam. The removal, dispersal and some loss of these specimens has hampered their organized study. Paul Cresthull of Harford County and George Reynolds, Sr. of Cecil County, both founders of a fledgling Maryland archeology program in the 1960's, were responsible for recent avocational study of these ancient artifacts. Since then, additional petroglyphs have been discovered downstream from the Holtwood and Conowingo Dams; and the study of prehistoric migration routes has led to an expanded interpretation of the purposes for the examples at Bald Friar. The digital presentation will include a brief comparison among regional petroglyphs, focusing largely on those of the Lower Susquehanna River. An example will be on display, and opportunities to see others will be discussed. A small brochure on the subject will be available for those in attendance. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Western Maryland

Programs are 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

April 26th Meeting will be presented by Suzanne Trussel: "Archaeology 101- Archaeologist and Archaeology Society Chapter President Suzanne Trussell will give a super condensed version of the class she teaches at Potomac State, hitting on the highlights of methods, theory and current view of laws governing archaeology in the United States."

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

Lab work days! 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 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.

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