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Get Ready for the 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 Archeology 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 archeology 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 about the kid's program, email Julia Berg at esarcheology@gmail.com

President's Note:

Last fall I received a request to study artifacts from a collection that ASM owned, 18AN18, West River collection. The request spurred much research, discussion, and concern. I did not know that ASM owned any artifact collections, much less one comprised of human remains and associated funerary objects. The collection was a bequest to ASM from property owner Anne C. Murray in her will dated 1967. They were well curated and the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab (MAC Lab) provided safe care of these remains. I greatly appreciate the support, information, and advice that the MHT and MAC Lab folks provided regarding this process.

In 1954 – 1956, surface collections and excavations occurred when the property owner became concerned about artifacts washing out of her shoreline. The Archeological Society of Maryland in the Maryland Academy of Sciences (our predecessor organization) was involved in these carefully documented excavations. *Adena Sites on Chesapeake Bay* by Latimer T. Ford Jr. was published in *Archaeology of Eastern North America*, Winter 1976. The term Adena describes a way of burying people and the traditions associated with those burials. Adena practices are documented in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and into parts of Maryland. They are believed to date to about 2,500 years ago.

The ASM Board met in early November to discuss a long-range plan for this collection and unanimously voted to begin a process of consultation with a group of Maryland Piscataway leaders who are geographically affiliated with the location where the West River collection was recovered. We acknowledged that while ASM is not subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (since we do not receive Federal funding) we fully support the spirit of the law.

Lynne Bulhack, ASM's Native American Liaison, began discussions with Rico Newman, Respected Elder, Choptico Band of the Piscataway Conoy. Rico then coordinated with Francis Gray, Piscataway Conoy Tribal Chairman; Mark Tayak, Chief, Piscataway Indian Nation; and Natalie Standingontherock Proctor, Tribal Chair, Cedarville Band of the Piscataway Conoy.

Our initial meeting included Elder Newman, Chairman Gray, Tribal Chair Proctor, and representing Mark Tayak, Peter Landeros, Director American Indian Movement Woodland Territory and Commissioner on the Maryland Commission of Indian Affairs along with Matt McKnight and Zac Singer from the Maryland Historical Trust and Becky Morehouse and Scott Strickland with the MAC Lab.

Lynne's description of this meeting was perfect "The meeting today was about ASM seeking to repatriate the West River collection of artifacts and human remains through collaboration and consultation with Md's Piscataway leadership. Respect for Md's Indigenous people past and present as well as respect for traditional Indigenous knowledge is at the heart of ASM's initiative."

I am very pleased that on April 9, 2024, we met again, in person, and transferred the ancestral remains and grave goods to Mark Tayak, Francis Gray, Rico Newman and Natalie Proctor. Lynne and I met with Rico Newman, Francis Gray, Mark and Evelyn Tayak, and Peter Landeros, along with Matt McKnight who graciously provided space in the Crownsville facility for us to meet. We spent quite some time sharing, listening, and learning. We talked about respect and disrespect, family, ancestors, and indigenous people who live in Maryland today. Many of you know Rico Newman, who is an ASM Member, and met Francis Gray last fall when he spoke at our Annual Meeting. You know these are people just like us, with full-time jobs. Teaching their tribal histories, cultural traditions, and telling their personal stories is an additional responsibility. They were gracious and very appreciative of our decisions to work with them regarding returning these ancestral remains to the earth. My understanding is that the remains will be reburied later this month.

I know that there are other collections in private hands that will turn up over the next years. My hope is that this story is shared—specifically—to let people know that there are descendants who would greatly appreciate the opportunity to return their family's remains to the earth.

Valerie

Loved Quote from a Member—

I started archaeology when I was 13, right after we got our federal acknowledgement taken away. I felt invisible, and I felt like we didn't exist. I was hurt, and I couldn't find any reason to continue fighting until I started doing archaeology. It gave me the passion that I needed to continue fighting for my people because no matter what anybody said I could prove we had been here with all the artifacts. It was a powerful feeling to know that I was touching the same thing my ancestors held; it rooted me to this land and ever since I've always wanted to learn more.

—Natashee Gambrell, Eastern Pequot

While we do not all share Natashee Gambrell's story or heritage, there is something that brings us together with dirt, time, and of course, science. —Kim

ASM Ink Editor's Note:

This is my 1-year ASM Ink Editor anniversary! I want to thank everyone for all the advice, help, spell checking, etc., and for being good sports as I harass the totality of the ASM every month for news and features! I could not do this without the support of all professional and advocational archeologists. I spent the last two years trying to meet as many people as possible both on digs and in the lab. Thank you everyone for welcoming me to your chapters, digs, and events. I always feel both awed and welcomed. It has been a pleasure meeting you. Please, feel free to contact me if you have questions or ideas for articles. I'd love to hear about memories and experiences too.

Request for required CAT Books and Lab 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, and printed material in addition to the electronic versions. Donations will help many candidates. Books that help with artifact identification or theory will be warmly welcomed as well.

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.

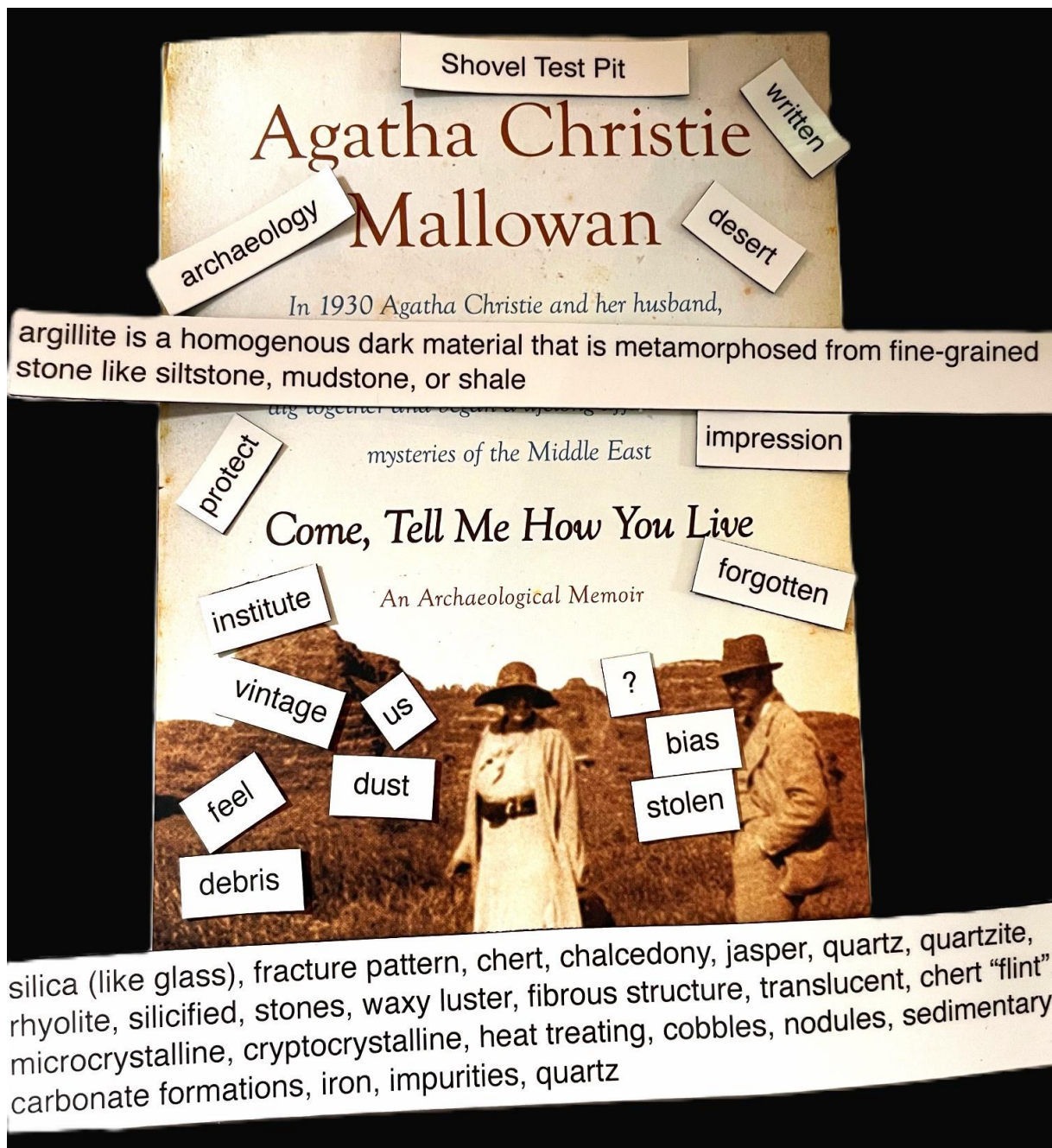
Contact Kim at kimmalinowski1221@gmail.com or at my ASM email kim.malinowski@marylandarcheology.org.

Offer of Service:

I have aphasia and use physical, electronic, and audio materials to learn and retain knowledge. There is no shame in having different learning needs. **For anyone who learns through audio, I am offering myself as a library.** I will not record what I read. We will make private arrangements. **This is for anyone.** ASM Members, CAT Candidates are welcome (get permission), but if you or someone you know needs this service, please give them my information. I will not be representing the ASM or any other organization. I am at your service.

Fun Poetry Prompt!

As you may or may not know, I am a professional poet/author and April was National Poetry Month! I relearned how to read and write by using word magnets and have continued using them in my instruction. Many of my students publish poems that come from word magnets. For my anniversary, I want to share my other passion. Please send me your poems or hybrid shorts (flash fiction, flash memoir, just ask for definitions), or even jokes by email and I will place them in a feature in the June Issue of the *ASM Ink*.



Spring Symposium was a Success!

The 58th Annual Spring Symposium on Archeology was presented by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Maryland Historical Trust in Crownsville, Maryland. It was a huge success! All six presentations were splendid and incredibly informative. Many thanks to Katharine Fernstrom for heading and organizing the event!



Dr. Zachary Singer opened the Symposium with his presentation **“13,000 Year Old Artifacts in 50 Year Old Cigar Boxes: New Insights from the Maryland Fluted Point Survey.”** He showed known fluted points and explained the lack of type information

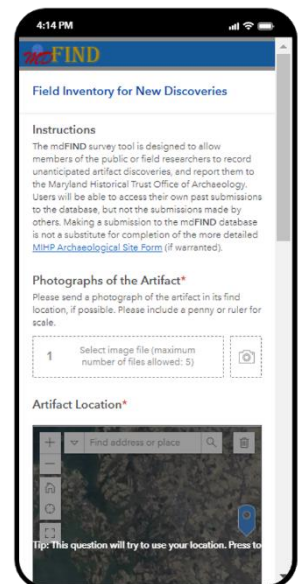


from the Mid-Atlantic region. By adding new examples of fluted points scholars can communicate better across regions. Having more examples allows scholars to reanalyze data sets in Maryland. Zac highlighted 13,000-year-old fluted points recently discovered in avocational archaeologists' collections donated to the Maryland Historical Trust. Zac also appealed to ASM members to reach out to the MHT and share information on their personal artifact collections. Zac would be excited to examine the collections and perhaps find additional

fluted points hiding in plain sight.

In addition, he recommended the MDFind App if someone finds an artifact. The App allows for documentation of what the artifact is, photos, and provenance. MDFind App for Artifacts [MDFind \(maryland.gov\)](https://maryland.gov/mdfind)

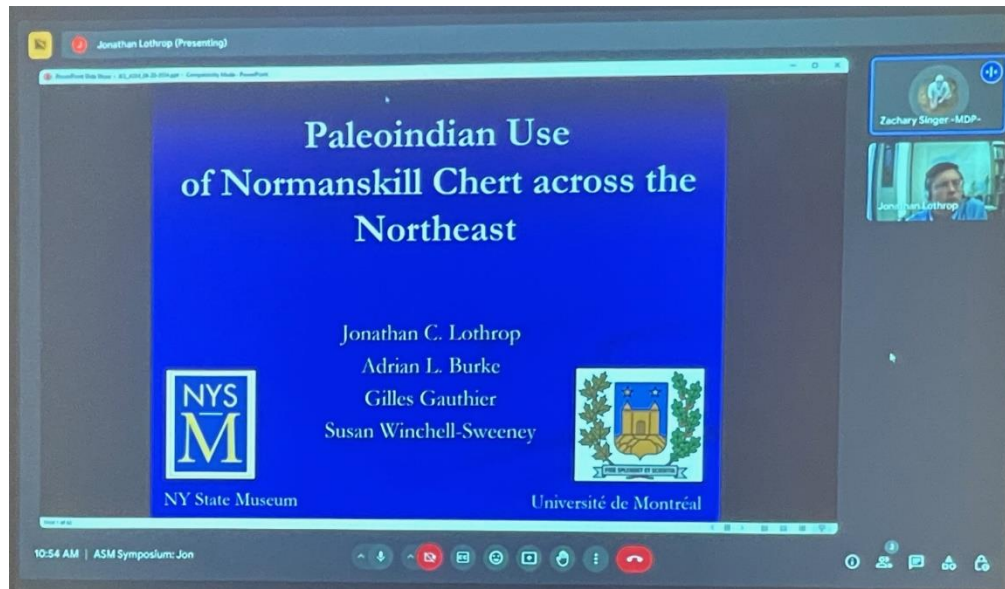
Dr. Singer's presentation proved that context is important and that having as much information of where artifacts are found is crucial to how effective they are in both future finds and how they are interpreted.



Next, Dr. David Thulman presented **“Florida Paleoindians: Why much of what we know is preserved underwater.”** He explained that Florida had unique “hydrogeology, climate, and significantly lower sea levels at the end of the Pleistocene.” Paleoindian sites are located underwater because of rising sea levels with previous climate shift. He used examples of Florida Paleoindians and sites found by using technology such as the CHIRP signal that chipped artifacts echo back. He acknowledged the East Coast, and the Chesapeake Bay Area might have similar underwater sites. With the advent of scuba technology, underwater research became possible and Clovis, and perhaps pre-Clovis sites, became accessible in Florida. Dr. Thulman highlighted several underwater archeology projects that showed Paleoindian interactions with extinct fauna such as mammoths and that rare organic artifacts were preserved that typically do not survive on land sites.



The 2024 Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Jonathan Lothrop Remotely via Google Teams. His presentation **“Paleoindian Use of Normanskill Chert across the Northeast”** explained that by using X-ray florescence both major and minor trace elements can create a “fingerprint” that allows for an outcropping of chert to be matched with chert artifacts.



By finding Normanskill Chert debitage and artifacts, GIS Research can construct paths of seasonal mobility. GIS maps show various paths that Paleoindians might have used as they transported tool stone to 15 related fluted point sites in the Northeast. Mobility was assessed for the Easiest Route and the Fastest Route. The choice between the two would change depending on variable circumstances but by using the two cost models, mapping is possible including layering known Normanskill Chert sites. If many sites are present along a particular mapped route, the route is more likely than a path that has few known sites. There is room in the future for more realistic models as well as more data as sites are located.

Daniel Dean presented **“History in the Marsh: How One Headstone in the Woods Led to the Discovery of a Domestic Site.”** Marshy Point Nature Center and Park is in Chase, Maryland where a late 18th century headstone is located. Daniel Dean explained the process of identifying the interred woman by using historical documents. The headstone reads “Cassandor,” but the research led to a “Cassandra.” From identifying Cassandra came the knowledge of the land’s place in history. In the records, it was learned that she was part of the influential Bond family. The property transitioned from a homestead to a recreational hunting ground, and back to the home of many. Examples of the progression of an archaeological site found close to the cemetery aptly named, “Cassandor Hamilton” 18BA623 was shown, including shovel test pit survey and lab analysis.

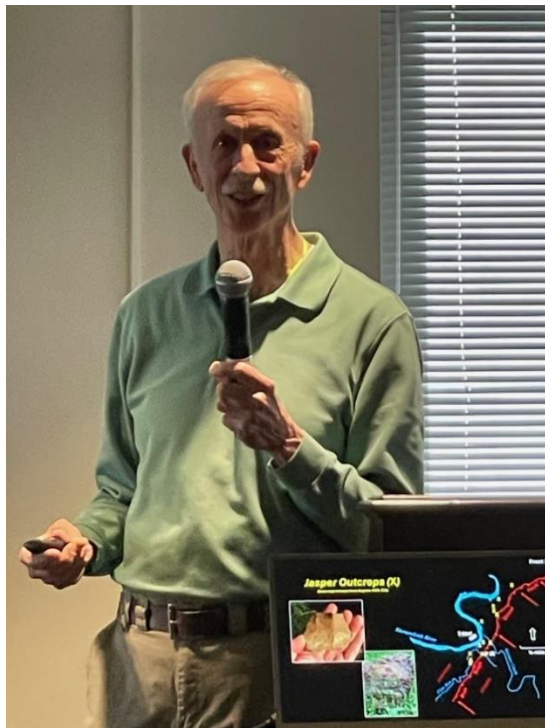


The Student Spotlight, “3D Osteological Type Collection Website” was presented by Kaydee Anderson. New 3-D faunal modeling was showcased along with the website that is being created to house it. Users of the website will have access to mammal and bird bones from the Middle Atlantic region. Users will 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.

The 2023 Iris McGillivray Memorial Lecture “Jasper Ridge’s (44WR506) Potential Contributions to Paleo-American Studies: A History of the Interpretations” was presented by Dr. Mike Johnson. The process of finding context in precontact sites has



changed as well as archeological methods. To have the integrity of the site preserved, the transect STP interval may need to be changed into smaller distances. Experimental workshops may need to be used to understand how and why artifacts and debitage are found. Perc Tests are also used to explain and study spoil piles.

Johnson explained his cognitive model-building trajectory relevant to interpreting the Jasper Ridge Paleo site and beyond. His examples began with Bill Gardner and Thunderbird and cited more than 33 years as Fairfax County’s Senior Archaeologist. He acknowledged and expanded on the importance of the McCary Fluted Point Survey as well as describing successful excavations at the Cactus Hill Pre-Clovis age site and his resulting successful predictive model (dissertation). He also

discussed Mountain and Thoroughfare gaps, and Jasper Ridge. He ended with Clovis and Pre-Clovis age models targeting Maryland’s Eastern Shore.



Conference Room at the Symposium

Silent Auction

Many thanks to Cathy Camut who volunteered to head this year's Silent Auction and all the donors and bidders. We raised \$574 for the Analysis fund which we use to provide researchers with the ability to procure professional analysis procedures.



Silent Auction Tables

Archeological Society Maryland Belt

At the silent auction, one item caught the attention of many and created a bidding war - which we are thrilled to share that Zac Singer won. And he promises to proudly wear the item on a regular basis. (It was seen being worn at the Crownsville Lab).



Dick Brock donated an Archeological Society Maryland belt. He let us know he bought it at a Field Session many years back. We have since learned that Gene Pietra from western Maryland designed it and had about 20 made back in the 1980s. Roy Brown did a little research and indicated that we know where about six are. We have become very curious as to the location of the others. If you have one or know who does, will you reach out and let us know?

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Maryland Archeology Month

The Maryland Archeology Month planning committee thanks the Archeological Society of Maryland and the ASM membership for their enthusiastic support of Maryland Archeology Month! Please remember to visit the Maryland Archeology Month website at www.marylandarcheologymonth.org to download a printable pdf of this year's poster and read essays about collaborations with descendant communities to study the African Diaspora, the archeology of the domestic landscapes of the enslaved, Underground Railroad archaeological research, and documentation of African American cemeteries and efforts to locate descendants of the deceased.

Frederick County Archaeological Ordinance Update

Some great news! I received the email below and want to offer Special Thanks to all who supported and worked towards this over the years – most notably the Monocacy Chapter of ASM! And thank you Beau for all your work on this as well, quite an accomplishment! –Valerie

April 17, 2024

Good Morning,

Just wanted to give you an update on the archaeological ordinance here in Frederick County. Last night, the County Council unanimously passed the whole Historic Preservation Ordinance, which includes the archaeological and cemetery review that I presented to ASM last fall. While there were some amendments to other sections of the ordinance, archaeological and cemetery review were untouched from the version you recently gave public comment for. Thank you for that.

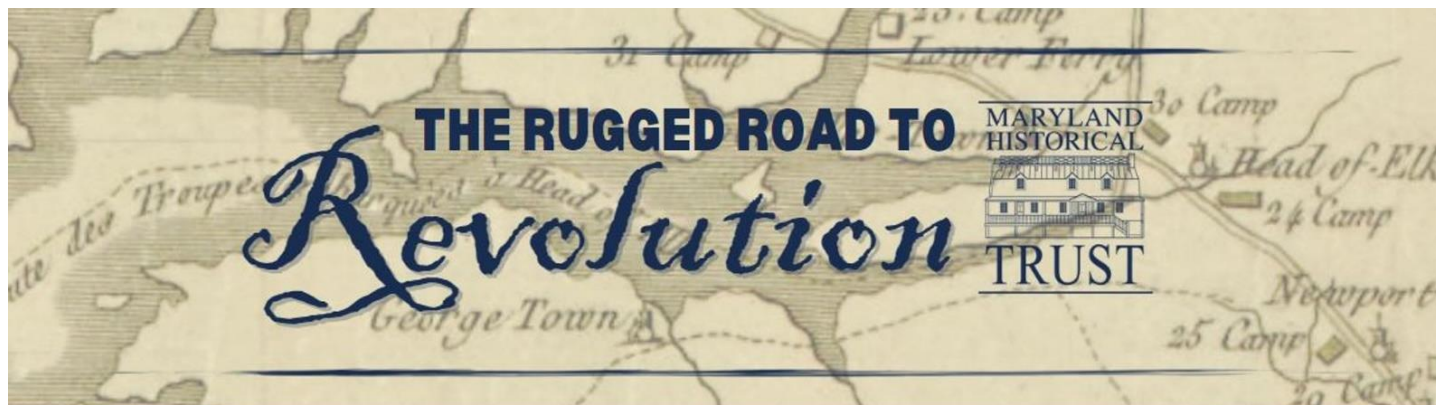
I also want to thank everyone at Archaeological Society of Maryland that I talked to last fall for helping refine the bill prior to its submission. It really helped hearing about the trials and successes of other Counties.

Sincerely,

C. Beau Lockard

Historic Preservation Planner

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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!

Lost Towns Project

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



Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary - Wetlands Center
1361 Wrighton Road
Lothian, MD

Free workshop -- [Register here](#)

Cloverfields Tour Acknowledgements

Many thanks to Sherri Marsh Johns, architectural historian and director of research and interpretation at Cloverfields. She was the primary leader of the tour written about last month, and was assisted by Kristen Browne. The Eastern Shore Executive board members are President Julie Markin from Washington College, Vice President Wendy Hubbert, Secretary Julia Berg, and Treasurer Tracy Hayman. The ESASM wanted to have all board members acknowledged. The tour was deemed a great success.

<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.

Book Review

Myron Beckenstein

Sins of the Shovel, by Rachel Morgan, Looting, Murder & the Evolution of American Archaeology, University of Chicago Press, 2023, 341 pages (including 79 pages of bibliographical notes and index), \$25.78

The ampersand in the subtitle is significant because it indicates the two parts the book is basically divided into. Only the final six chapters are about the evolution of archeology. The bulk of the text is the story of archeology in the American Southwest beginning in the 1890s, principally told through the Wetherill brothers, their family and associates.

What you need to know about author Rachel Morgan is that she is an archeologist and a gifted writer and story-teller: that is, she is not a visitor to the topic and is very good at telling the story.

People had headed into the largely unsettled Southwest seeking quick wealth. “When they failed to find gold and silver, they settled for consolation prizes from archaeological sites. Looting was the way the game was played, even by people who thought they were doing a more professional job of searching,” she writes.

Few of the names of the Indians who did the digging were recorded, giving the impression that all the work was done by rich white men. By and/or for. “Excavating for wealthy backers put pressure on archaeologists to deliver aesthetically alluring artifacts, rather than information-rich data.”

“It was collections oriented with less emphasis on data accumulation, analysis, and interpretation.” Unlike many others the Wetherill group made efforts at basic documentation, but nothing like what is considered mandatory today.

The Wetherills’ father “has written to the Smithsonian expressing his hope that Mesa Verde would be preserved as a national park; if not, he warned of the cliff dwellings’ imminent destruction by curious visitors. He neglected to mention that his sons would be leading them down the path of destruction.”

“The troubling relationship between early archaeological interpretations and manifest destiny provides an important context to early American archaeology,” Morgan writes.

Things improved with the new century. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act, which let a president designate areas of historic significance. “Years of combined efforts by scores of archaeologists, members of the public, government

officials, and congressmen came to fruition in 500 words.” But “universal curation standards remained a dream for another day.”

The act ignored Indian concerns and “merely furthers the interests of professional archaeologists in having access to the sites unimpeded by amateur pot hunters and looters...,” she writes. “Though standards were improving, much of archaeology remained beholden to the personal attitudes of powerful individuals.”

Basic change came in the 1930 with the other Roosevelt’s New Deal. “New Deal archaeology showed the benefits of organized public engagement with archaeology and that government-backed archaeology worked.”

“Archaeologists took full advantage of the New Deal programs, with federally funded excavations occurring in a minimum of 381 counties in 36 states.” But “New Deal archaeology was salvage archaeology.... Destruction of hundreds of archaeology sites and historic buildings remained the norm.”

More steps were taken in the 1960s. In 1963 President Johnson’s wife wrote of her shock in learning that of 12,000 historic properties recorded by the 1935 Historic Sites Act, nearly half had been destroyed by development.

And a new form of archeology was born and began to flourish: cultural resources management. “In all their variations, CRM now employs most American archaeologists and accounts for the bulk of archaeological work in the United States.”

Morgan concludes, “The nineteenth century and before saw years of digging dangerously. People invaded precious sites from antiquity and grabbed as much as they could carry. There was nothing scientific about their endeavors. Often they had monetary incentives. These were the days of amassing wonderful things.... These ‘excavations’ left behind a chaotic jumble of things that had lost their meaning and ability to communicate their importance....”

“American archaeology remains flawed and has plenty of room for improvement. The archaeology of today carries traces of the archaeology of 1893 and 1906. It always will. Still, every day the field expands our knowledge of the past and helps us better understand who we are.”

The book is a colorful story filled with insight and detail, especially of the Wetherill bunch and the murder.

One caveat, could have used more graphics.

Towson University Baltimore Community Archeology Lab Advisory Committee

Dr. Katherine Sterner hosted the first Towson University Baltimore Community Archeology Lab Advisory Committee panel. Panelists were asked about Maryland preservation laws and about how to broadly expand preservation and also provide additional protections for cultural heritage both physical and based throughout decedent and indigenous communities.

After an animated and multifaceted discussion panelists met with students and discussed a broad range of subjects from the job marketplace to how to merge their interests in the arts or other seemingly disjointed passions with anthropology and archeology.

Kim Malinowski represented the ASM and served as an example of merging poetic and scientific lifestyles while causing change in both fields by their intersection.

Archeology Month Program at Harford Community College

On Friday, April 12, Anthropology student posters were on display in one corner along with a student who spoke about her ethnographic research done in collaboration with the library. Elaborating on the Anthropology 102 study, Professor Jamie Colopietro explained that students are working in conjunction with the college library to establish patterns and see who might benefit the most from what hours and with what type of encouragement. The data the electronic surveys are still being collected. The in-person surveys were very successful.



Dan Coates, president of the Northern Chesapeake Chapter, presented his program “PETROGLYPHS AT BALD FRIAR FORD: A Chronological and Geographic Study of Prehistoric Stone Images, With New Interpretations.” There were many chapter members in attendance with a wide variety of questions.



Upcoming ASM Events

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

June 15, 2024 – ASM Board Meeting – Virtual

15th Annual Market Day

at the Historic Port Tobacco Courthouse

Join us for a leisurely day of shopping from **local crafters, artists, authors, antique dealers, the Charles County Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**, and more! After shopping, take a step back into history with an engaging tour of the Historic Port Tobacco Courthouse, Stag Hall, Burch House, and the One Room School House along with enjoying live music provided by talented local musicians.

Featuring: Tobacco Barn Distillery, First Regiment Dragoons, and Charles County Youth Orchestra

Saturday, May 4 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Free Admission!

Rain Date: Saturday, May 18





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A Fun Field Trip Exploring Ohio Hopewell and World Heritage Sites

Join the Pennsylvania Archaeology Society in Ohio for the 2024 Members Field Tour. Exploring Ohio Hopewell and World Heritage Sites: June 14-17, 2024.

It's time to return to Ohio and learn more about the Hopewell Culture, the Ohio earthworks and mounds, and the designation of eight of Ohio's mound and earthwork complexes as World Heritage Sites and the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a monument to the Hopewell culture in Chillicothe, Ohio. This makes the summer of 2024 a great time to make this trip and get up to date on what has been happening in Hopewell archaeology and interpretation.

SPA plans to visit Serpent Mound, the Fort Ancient site, several sites at the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park, and Newark Earthworks, learning from the archaeological experts in each mound site. There will also be dinner at the historic Golden Lamb restaurant and go to the outdoor drama Tecumseh.

Please join us! Information on registration and hotel costs and a summary of the trip activities will be available on April 1st on the Society of Pennsylvania Archaeology website (www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com). Because we will be carpooling, the trip is a BARGAIN. Complete the Registration Form and submit the form to Ken Burkett at kenburkett@comcast.net or mail to Ken Burkett, SPA P.O. Box 213, New Bethlehem, PA 16242 before May 12, 2024. Per person costs are \$150 to the SPA members and first guests (\$175 for non-members). You may pay online using the PayPal button or by mailing a check to Ken Burkett. Registration Form is the second page on the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Web Site 2024 Field Trip link.

Make your own hotel reservations by May 12. Thursday and Friday, tour members will be staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Wilmington, Ohio (937) 383-4400. Group rate with tax is \$172/night or \$86 double occupancy. Saturday tour members will stay at the Best Western Adena Inn in Chillicothe, Ohio (740) 775-7000. Group rate with tax is \$113/night or \$56.50 double occupancy. In the meantime, contact John Nass (nass81@atlanticbb.net) or Sarah Neusius (sraahneusius@gmail.com) with any questions and mark your calendars! Stephen and Barbara Israel.

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 – One Important Position

The nominating committee is recruiting candidates for 2-year positions on the board for voting in October. We are still looking for someone that wants to volunteer as Treasurer.

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.

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

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
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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



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

Meest 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, 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

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 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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