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I've never really seen archaeology as being any different from history. What I love are the stories of human beings that were around 1,000 years ago and how they lived - archaeology is another aspect to that.

—Tony Robinson

Hello and Happy happy to everyone celebrating the many winter holidays. In this issue we have a Cresaps Fort Update, an American Anthropological Association report, recipes, and as always the stories of human beings.

ASM President's Note:

What a wonderful fall meeting season we had, and now, as cold weather sets in, my focus is shifting to reading *Canavest, The History and Archeology of a Late 17th Century Piscataway Indian Fort*, Dennis Curry's new book (order from [MHT Press](http://MHTPress.com)) and other projects that are perfect during the colder months, our archives, project plans, and a thorough review of the bylaws. We are looking for a volunteer to become our Digital Archivist, please let me know if you would be available.

Hoping to have updates on some of these projects and a few others over the next few months.

And Happy Holidays! I do hope that each of you takes some time to relax and enjoy your friends and families this season.

Valerie L. Hall

Upcoming Events

ASM Board Meeting: December 9 WebEx, 9:00 am

Volunteer Opportunities

ASM Volunteers Needed:

Assistant Web Master: A person who would back up John Fiveash with our current WebSite. This position will likely be involved in a transition to a more easily customizable webpage. Experience with E-Commerce, database integration and Google Workspace would be helpful. Please reach out to John Fiveash or Valerie Hall if interested.

Digital Archivist: We are setting up a digital archive and are looking for someone to help catch up on items that need to be archived and then maintain our files. Please reach out to John Fiveash or Valerie Hall if interested.

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.

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

Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF)

ESAF Annual Meeting Brings 150 to Ocean

At the end of first day, the 90th ESAF Annual Meeting at Ocean City was proclaimed a success. 150 people had come, 47 presentations had been scheduled and a two-hour Saturday afternoon social hour Expo Session for students interacting with CRM Company representatives in conjunction with a student poster competition was an initial success.

The official attendance figure is 150, of whom 51 were from Maryland. The topic sessions were on Paleoindian and Early Archaic Archaeology in the Eastern States, Ground Penetrating Radar Applications in Archaeology, three General Topic sessions in Eastern North American Archaeology. Eight CRM representatives, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and 6 Student Posters made up a very successful Expo Session. Zac Singer and David Leslie teamed up in organizing the program.

The Banquet door prizes were six “Munsell Soil Color Chart tall drinking glasses” and ESAF raffled artwork, books and journals producing a \$250 income for ESAF. Thanks to Jon Lothrop for securing and donating the tall drinking glasses. David Leslie is thanked for organizing a successful Saturday afternoon Student Expo which was well attended and for making it possible for ESAF through the Archaeological Society of Connecticut, to offer a hybrid Annual Meeting in Ocean City. Sixteen people attended the Annual Meeting virtually.

Heather McKee won the student paper competition and Max Kichline won the student poster competition at the Student Expo exhibit.

The Banquet speaker was Dr. Julie King, of St. Mary’s College of Maryland who spoke on her multi-year research on interpreting regional Indigenous responses to colonial expansion; *Revisiting Portobago: A Mid- to Late 17th Century Trading Post on the Rappahannock River in Virginia*.

The Thursday Tour, organized by Faye Stocum, was attended by 24 people who visited the HMS DeBraak Shipwreck in Lewis, Delaware and the Nanticoke Indian Museum in Millsboro, Delaware. Lunch was at the Crooked Hammock Restaurant in Lewes, Delaware.

Thursday’s evening reception was sponsored by ASD and Friday’s evening reception, the Canadian-American friendship party, was sponsored by ASM with special thanks to Julia Berg and Sarah Mason of the Eastern Shore Chapter.

Kudos and praise to Gab Hrynicky, Dave Leslie, Heather Rockwell, and Jim Gibb for bringing their students to Ocean City, adding vitality to the annual meeting.

Julia Berg, Sarah Mason, Wendy Hubbert, John Newton, Valerie Hall, Stephen and Barbara Israel, and Jill Showell from Maryland and Bill and Rose Wetmore, John Potts, and Michael Louk from Delaware are acknowledged for their willingness to volunteer to staff the Registration Table, Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday. Valerie Hall, Tim Abel, and Stephen Israel, coordinated throughout the conference with the Holiday Inn Conference Center staff, to keep the Annual Meeting events working on time and smoothly.

Mark your calendars now, the 2024 91st ESAF Annual Meeting will be next November 7-10 at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island.

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Cresaps Fort Update

Dr. Matthew McKnight

Preliminary Results

Remarkably intact cultural features likely dating to the period from AD 1750-1800 were identified in all three Test Units. A preliminary artifact catalog for both features is provided in TABLES A and B. Feature 1 (see FIGURE 3) was identified at a depth of approximately 26 cmbs in the northeast corner of Test Unit 3. Plowzone soils in TU3 consisted of a 7.5 YR 4/3 brown silty loam, which sat atop a 7.5 YR 5/3 brown silty loam subsoil. The straight-sided edge of Feature 1 appeared as a 7.5 YR 3/2 dark brown silty loam that extended to a depth of approximately 30 cm below the plowzone/subsoil interface (based on probing). The surface of this feature appeared to be relatively devoid of artifacts, but artifact recoveries in the plowzone above consisted of both pre-contact Native-derived artifacts and historic finds dating from about 1750-1800. Diagnostic historic sherds included Chinese Export hard-paste porcelains including one sherd with a trellis in blue decorative pattern (ca. 1690-1797), tin-glazed earthenwares (most popular ca. 1645-1790), and white salt glazed stoneware (most popular ca. 1720-1770). In addition, all five measurable tobacco pipe stems from Unit 3 had bore diameters of 5/64th inch, suggesting a date range of 1750-1800. Feature 1's continued depth below surface suggests a deep shaft feature like a cellar or subfloor pit.

Test Units 1 and 2 exposed Feature 2 (see FIGURE 4) at a depth of approximately 24.5 cmbs across most of the northern half of both units. Plowzone soils in TUs 1 and 2 consisted of a 10YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown silty loam, which sat atop a 10YR 3/3 dark brown silty loam subsoil. Feature 2 was found to be quite amorphous in shape, but easily discernible as a 10YR 3/4 dark yellowish brown stain containing substantial quantities of animal bone and colonial pipe fragments. Between the two units, some 361 animal bone/tooth fragments were recovered, the vast majority coming from the plowzone/feature interface. Preliminary analysis reveals the presence of bear, pig, deer, turtle, and other animals (see TABLE B). Diagnostic artifacts at the plowzone/feature interface also included white salt-glazed stoneware sherds (most popular ca. 1720-1770), and tobacco pipe stems with both 4/64th and 5/64th inch bore diameters. While 4/64th stems date from ca. 1710-1750, the 5/64th stems (ca. 1750-1800) predominate (see TABLE B). Artifacts from this feature and the soils above it were demonstrably domestic in nature, suggesting that a dwelling was formerly located at or near this location. The feature itself is suggestive of either a kitchen refuse midden or a packed earth living surface.

Table A – Indigenous Artifacts

	Ceramics		Flaked Lithics*		Bifaces	Flakes	Ground/ Pecked Stone	FCR
	Keyser	UnID Sherds	Brewerton Pt.	Susquehanna Broadspears			Possible Paint Cup	FCR
TU 1	-	1	-	-	-	140	-	12
TU 2	-	-	-	2	-	187	1	95
TU 3	1	3	2	-	1	127	-	2

* Raw materials include Shriver chert, several other cherts, jasper, quartz, quartzite, rhyolite, and siltstone

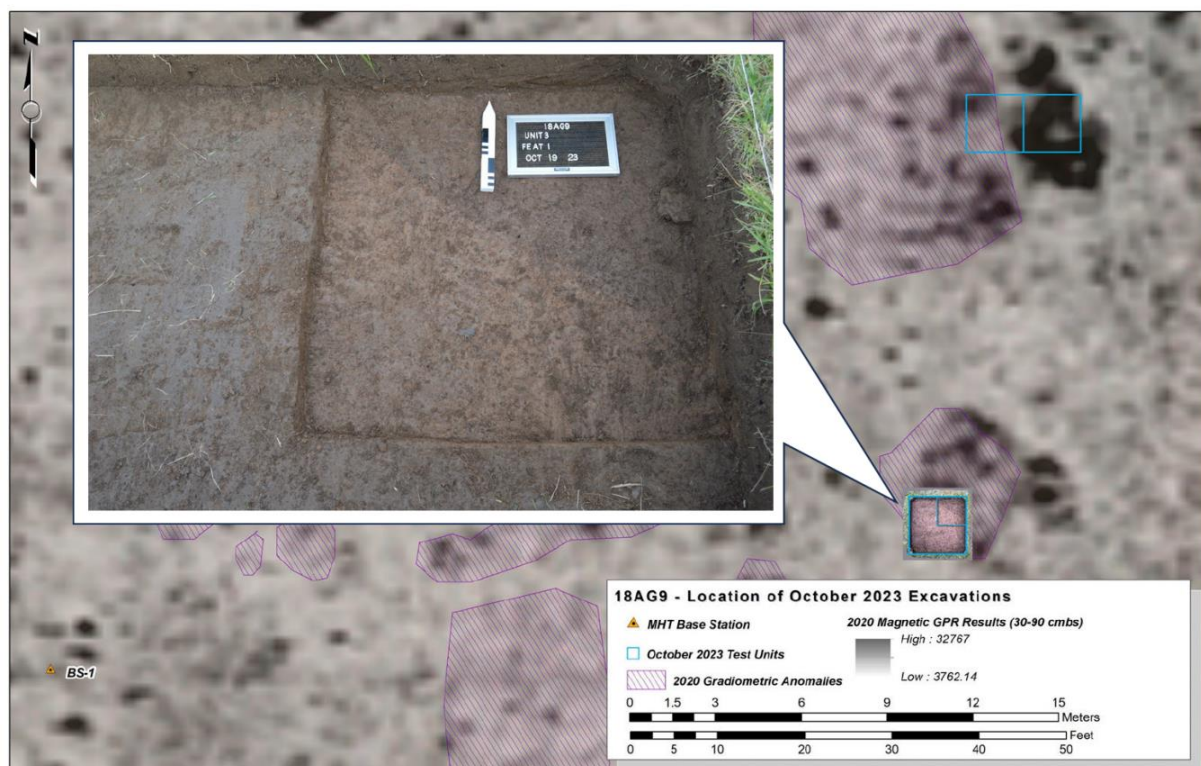
Table B – Post-Contact Artifacts

	Ceramics		Poss. Mang- mottled	Low-fired EW	Lead-glazed EW	White Salt- glazed SW	Gray Salt-glazed SW	Glass	Clear	Olive
	Porcelain	Tin-glazed EW						Aqua		
TU 1	1	-	1	1	-	6	-	70	8	5
TU 2	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	81	2	5
TU 3	3	6	-	16	-	6	2	23	4	3

	Tobacco Pipes†		Flint English	French	Metal Objects		Lead Sprue	UnID Metal	Arms Objects	
	Stems	Bowls			Wrought Nails	UnID Nails			Lead Shot	
TU 1	30	1	-	1	28	-	-	3	1	
TU 2	11	5	-	1	-	20	-	-	-	
TU 3	7	7	2	-	-	4	1	-	1	

	Faunal Remains		Deer Bone	Turtle Bone	UnID Faunal Bone	UnID Faunal Tooth	Oyster Shell	Miscellaneous	Charred Material	Nut Shell
	Bear Bone	Pig Bone						Fossil/Manuport		
TU 1	1	3	2	97	213	-	1	-	-	1
TU 2	-	-	-	-	43	2	-	-	-	-
TU 3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-

† Measurable tobacco pipes include 26 examples of 4/64th stems and 10 examples of 5/64th stems



**FIGURE 3 – Feature 1
(Test Unit 3, Looking North)**



FIGURE 4 – Feature 2
(Test Units 1 & 2, Looking West)

The Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Katherine Fernstrom

The Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) took place this past Nov. 15-19, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada jointly hosted by AAA and CASCA, the Canadian Anthropology Society. In North America, Canadians began the practice of Land Acknowledgments, and the U.S. has learned the practice. Accordingly, as visitors, we were privileged to learn that the City of Toronto resides on land which "...is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. [They] also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit."¹

The Archaeology Division (AD), of which I am a member, and member of the AD Executive Committee, sponsored several excellent sessions including the Section Business Meeting with the Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture given by Dr. Sonya Atalay (Anishnabeg-Ojibwe) an archaeologist in the Anthropology Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Prof. Atalay spoke eloquently about her collaborative project: CBIKS, the "Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science." This project has been many years in development and was recently awarded a 30 million, 5-year NSF grant. The goal of the interdisciplinary, international center is to "...partner with indigenous communities toaddress the urgent and interconnected challenges of climate change, cultural places, and food security."²

Prof. Atalay has been working for many years in the arena of repatriation and NAGPRA to create partnerships between archaeologists and indigenous communities that genuinely center indigenous knowledge and priorities. CBIKS is illustrated as a woven basket, connecting together publicly accessible knowledge, global research "hubs" and "thematic working groups"³. On a personal note, I received my B.A. in Anthropology from UMass, and was very pleased to see that UMass Anthropology is thriving.

In addition to the Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture, the Archaeology Division was pleased to award "Student Diversity Travel Grants" and "Student Memberships" to several students who attended the AAA meetings. The AD strives to encourage student participation in these important meetings as a meaningful part of their developing professionalism.⁴

¹ <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accessibility-human-rights/indigenous-affairs-office/land-acknowledgement/#:~:text=The%20City%20of%20Toronto%20acknowledges,Nations%2C%20Inuit%20and%20M%C3%A9tis%20peoples.>

² <https://www.umass.edu/gateway/article/partnering-indigenous-communities-confront-climate-change>

³ <https://www.umass.edu/gateway/research/indigenous-knowledges>

⁴ <https://ad.americananthro.org/awards>

Some other sessions in Toronto included: “Reconstructing Kinship Practices in Archaeology: Materiality, Socio-cultural Anthropology, and Archaeogenetics” organized by Sabina Cvecek (Field Museum of Natural History, Austrian Academy of Sciences). Dr Cvecek was also the recipient of a mentoring award from the Archaeology Division. There was a Round Table entitled “The African American Burial Grounds Preservation Act: Shortcomings of Long-awaited Legislation” organized by Aja Lans (Johns Hopkins University, Department of Anthropology). The Biological Anthropology Section Poster Session entitled “Forensic Anthropology as a Potential Tool of Repatriation: Unmarked Graves at Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Montgomery Parks acquires Silver Spring property to create new Ednor Soapstone Quarry Special Park

Reprint of the Press Release from Don Housley:

November 9, 2023

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WHEATON, Md. — Montgomery Parks has acquired the site of a former equestrian facility in Silver Spring to create the new Ednor Soapstone Quarry Special Park – a new park to highlight the indigenous history of Montgomery County. The 32.87-acre property will ultimately provide conservation, research, and interpretation of an indigenous soapstone quarry, a rare resource within the state. Once the park is complete it will provide hands-on educational activities focused on daily life in Montgomery County over the last several thousand years.

Soapstone, also called steatite, is a metamorphic rock that is only present in limited areas of the state. It is soft enough to be easily modified and dense enough to withstand and retain high heat, making it a highly valuable raw material for Indigenous communities to use daily, most often as cooking vessels but also formed into smoking pipes, tools, and personal artifacts.

In addition to interpretive amenities and activities, once developed the new park will provide a natural surface loop trail connecting the activity areas within the park, as well as providing opportunities for potential future connections to the stream valley within this park and to adjoining parks.

“We are very excited about the future of this site – it is one of the only soapstone quarries in Montgomery County that is available for research and public interpretation related to indigenous use of the resource and provides an opportunity to tell the broader story of the Indigenous experience,” said Cassandra Michaud, Cultural Resources Stewardship manager for Montgomery Parks.

The acquisition supports the preservation of a significant archaeological site and a park dedicated to public education about the county’s Indigenous heritage. In addition, the parks department’s management of this property will support water supply protection goals by protecting natural resources in the Ednor Branch sub-watershed that drains directly to the Rocky Gorge Reservoir, thus protecting the region’s drinking water supply for the long term.

The first phase of the park’s development is expected to begin this winter with the demolition of the former equestrian-related structures, land stabilization, and removal of other debris and non-native invasive (NNI) plants. Fencing and signs will be installed as well to create a safe and usable park. Interpretive signage will be created highlighting the archaeological quarry site and related themes. In the next phase, the site will be developed as an interpretive park for Indigenous experiences with the specific park design determined in the coming years through a park facility planning process that will include input from local communities and stakeholders.

Photo is courtesy of Needwood Mansion Facebook page



<https://mocoparks.org/3SzXcvn>

<https://www.facebook.com/100064254806359/posts/710420217776465/?mibextid=cr9u03>

Needwood Mansion Facebook page

Native American News

Liaising on Maryland's Eastern Shore

Friday November 17, 2023 was an alarmingly unseasonable sixty degree day. My GPS led me to the edge of a crisp, brown cornfield on Route 13 in Somerset County Maryland where I was soon joined by two young people from the Nature Conservancy. We all had invitations from the



Pocomoke Indian Nation to attend the unveiling of a new Roadside Historical Marker at the Somerset County Visitors Center. Clearly, the State Highway shuttle buses meant to take us to the visitor center were not in the corn field. Together we found the shuttle buses and were taken to a beautiful, wooded visitor center with chairs, cookies, cornbread, coffee, water, local politicians, invited guests, Pocomoke descendants and a new Historical Marker.

Each year the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) coordinates hundreds of projects that

range from sign installation to bridge replacement to highway construction in accordance with federal laws. Much research, many agencies and many people collaborated to highlight the story of Maryland's Native peoples and their relationship to and with the land of Somerset County Maryland.

**ASM Native American Liaison
Lynne Bulhack**



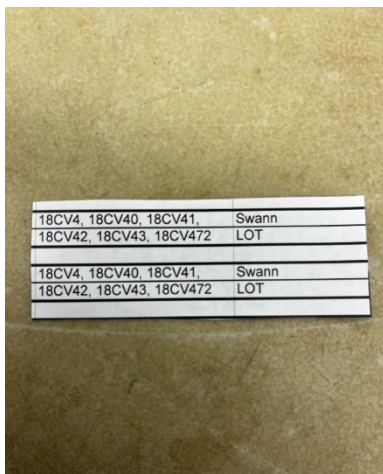
THE OGLE COLLECTION AND THE MARYLAND STATE STANDARDS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS

Reprinted from the Lost Towns Blog with limited images. Check out the complete and original edition at: [The Ogle Collection and the Maryland State Standards for Archaeological Collections – The Lost Towns Project](#)

By **Gabriella Gonzalez**. Gabriella is a Senior at the University of Maryland, College Park Anthropology Department and a current fall intern with the Lost Towns Project and the Anne Arundel County Archaeology Lab.

In 2009, Anne Arundel County [received a donation](#) of 176 boxes of artifacts from Robert Ogle. In the collection the staff has found 154 different archaeological sites. [This collection](#) took 50 years to collect and the staff, volunteers, and interns have been working to process the 160,000 artifacts to state standards.

Robert Ogle was a professional land surveyor and over the course of 50 years he collected artifacts in central and southern Maryland. Many sites he collected from were destroyed in the 1960s and 1970s so his collection of artifacts, maps, notebooks, and pictures are the last record of these sites. He stored these artifacts in coffee cans and cigar boxes. However, the team had to work to organize and remove them from the deteriorating containers and bring them up to state standards. This collection is important because even though 80 sites were known archaeological sites, 30 were unknown and unreported in central and southern Maryland.



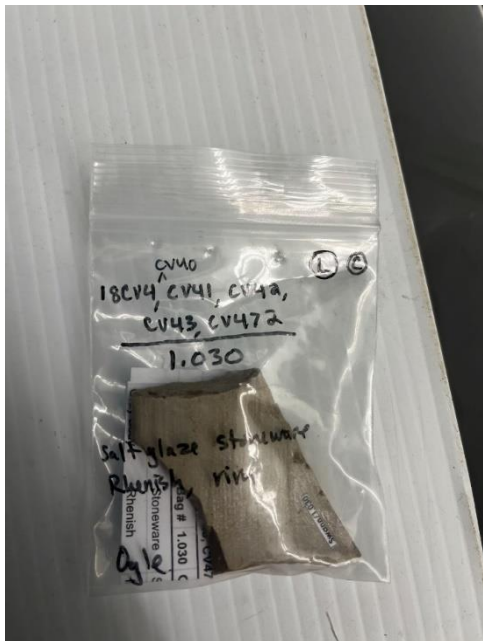
Bag tags with Swann site numbers

To bring this collection to [state standards](#) the team had to start by giving the sites site numbers. For example, the site numbers for the [Swann sites](#) in Calvert County are 18CV4, 18CV40, 18CV41, 18CV42, 18CV43, and 18CV472. 18 stands for Maryland, because it was the 18th state alphabetically* CV stands for Calvert County. The numbers following CV are the different archaeological sites found on Swann Farm. To obtain site number the team had to contact the MAC lab. Once the artifacts were removed from the original containers they were organized by where they were found and what they were.

After obtaining the lot numbers the team had to work to properly clean and repackage the artifacts. According to state standards stable artifacts can be cleaned unless they have to be kept to perform residue analysis. Ceramics, glass, tobacco pipes, lithics, and bone may be wet-washed individually. Shell, brick, FCR, flint, and coal may be wet-washed in bulk. All metals, wood, leather, textiles, and fragile objects may be cleaned with a dry-brush. Stone-tools, ceramics, tobacco pipe stems, and tobacco pipe bowls may be left unwashed for

specialized residue analysis. In some cases certain artifacts were washed with equal parts water and alcohol.

All artifacts have to be cataloged with site number, lot number, artifact number, provenience information, artifact count, and artifact description. These must then be used in the labeling process. If the object is too small it does not have to be labeled. Ferrous metals, mortar/daub/plaster, wood, leather, textiles, fragile bone/shell, fragile non-ferrous metals are not to be labeled. Diagnostic ceramics/glass, lithic tools/cores, tobacco pipes, stable non-ferrous metals, and small finds may be labeled individually. Plain ceramic body sherds, plain glass body sherds, window glass, brick, lithic debitage (flake, shatter, etc.), FCR, and stable bone/shell are to be labeled, but only 10% of the lot. Labels must not cover any important markings or wrap around the artifact, or be placed on broken edges. Acid-free tags with the site, lot, and artifact number may be tied to beads, buttons or pierced coins.



A completed bag

When bagging the artifacts they must be bagged in perforated polyethylene ziplock bags with acid-free tags. The bags must be labeled with site number, lot number, and the full provenience information. Once artifacts have been bagged they must go into boxes in numerical order.

These boxes must then be labeled with a temporary label which includes the box number, the types of artifacts, lot numbers, and site numbers.

After these processes have been completed the artifacts from the Ogle collection may be sent to the MAC lab for curation. The team at the Lost Towns Project and the Anne Arundel County Archaeology Lab have been working intensely to make the collection meet state standards. The Ogle collection is very important to shed light on the archaeological sites that have never been reported and because many of the sites have been lost.

*before the addition of Alaska and Hawaii. [More information.](#)



Invitation for Comments on *Heritage2031*, the Draft Maryland Statewide Preservation Plan

The Maryland Historical Trust wants to hear from you!



The [Maryland Historical Trust](#) is pleased to release a draft of *Heritage2031*, Maryland's Statewide Preservation Plan, for public comment.

The draft includes a summary of feedback received during public outreach, as well as draft goals and objectives. The plan has been developed over the past several months in collaboration with members of the public, state entities, and various non-profit organizations across Maryland. Over the next month, we will be working with partners to refine the plan and identify strategies to advance these goals and objectives.

Please share your thoughts by **December 22, 2023**! Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of historic preservation, archaeology, and cultural heritage activities within the state.

There are **two ways** to provide comments:

1. To read the draft update & leave comments directly, please visit [MarkUp](#).
2. You can [download the PDF](#) & leave comments via [Google Forms](#).

Sign up for our [newsletter](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest news.

If you have questions or need help submitting comments, don't hesitate to contact Brenna Spray, outreach coordinator, at brenna.spray@maryland.gov. Thanks for your time!

Chapter News

Central Chapter

January Meeting:

On January 16, 7 pm, Rob Ahlrichs will talk about his copper research.

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 kwfappraising@gmail.com

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@washcooll.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 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

December 15, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Holiday Party

ASM Mid-Potomac chapter party in person at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood (directions below). Mingle from 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Free entry, non-members and visitors welcome. Agricultural History Farm Park 18400 Muncaster Rd

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 the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 211 S. Lee Street in Cumberland, unless noted. Contact Roy Brown, 301-724-7769. Chapter email: wmdasm@yahoo.com Chapter website: <https://tinyurl.com/wmdasm>

There will be no Chapter meetings in November and December due to the holidays. The January 27, 2024, Chapter meeting will be our annual SHOW & TELL gathering and the election of new officers.

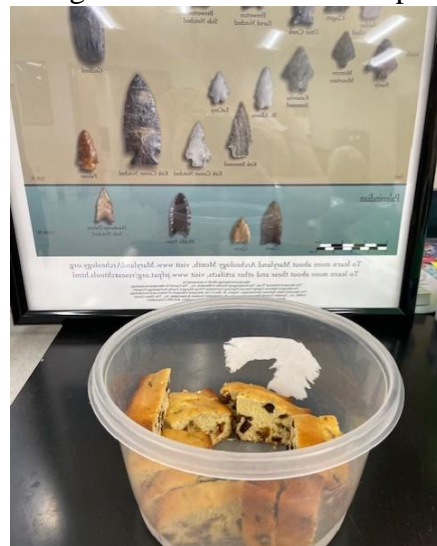
MHT Lab (Holiday) Recipes

Kim's Note: Two holiday traditions that I've kept over the years are sending out physical holiday cards and baking. I love trying new recipes out on my friends. Pat Melville has been kind enough to lend me two of her recipes. She bakes cookies each Tuesday, with the exception of Bishop's Bread. Both of these recipes are Crownsville lab hits and now I am welcome to visit anywhere as long as I bring these. I have also included a vegan chocolate cake that I plan on eating on the Solstice.

Bishop's Bread

3 eggs
½ cup sugar
½ cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped figs
½ tsp lemon extract
¼ tsp anise extract
1 cup flour

Beat eggs until light & foamy. Add sugar & continue beating until thick. Mix in fruit and extracts. Fold in flour. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes.



Bishop's Bread at the Crownsville Lab

Natty Bay Doodles

Originally published in *The Sun*

24 oz bottles of Natty Boh, or any other beer
3 tbsp agave syrup
½ cup softened butter
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
1 large egg
2 ¾ cups flour
2 tsp cream of tartar
1 tsp baking soda
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tbsp cinnamon
3 tsp Old Bay

Heat beer and agave over medium heat, reducing to 1/3 cup. This takes c. 1 ½ hours. Skim off foam as needed. Cool to room temperature.

Cream butter, beer reduction, and 1 ½ cups sugar. Add egg and beat well. Add flour, cream of tartar, and baking soda and mix until blended. Mix ¼ cup sugar, cinnamon, and Old Bay in a small bowl. Shape dough into 1" balls and roll in the sugar mixture. Place cookies on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes. Let cookies rest before placing on cooling rack.

***Kim's Note: If there is extra liquid from the beer reduction, dip the cookies in it. Shhh. Trust me on this one.**

Vegan Chocolate Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 ¼ cups sugar
½ cup cocoa powder
2 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt

1 ¼ cups water
½ cup vegetable oil (canola)
½ teaspoon vanilla

Sift the dry ingredients together.

In another bowl, whisk the wet ingredients together.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, and stir until the lumps are mostly gone.

Pour into a greased 9x13 baking pan. Bake at 350* until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean – about 30 – 35 minutes.

When completely cool, frost with Vegan frosting.

Option:

Add to the batter:

½ cup each raisins, nuts, chocolate chips (vegan)

Optional Vegan Frosting

Chocolate Fudge Buttercream Frosting

¾ cup cocoa powder
1 pound confectioners sugar
½ cup vegetable margarine or vegan butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup non-dairy creamer
¼ cup non-dairy milk, if needed for consistency

Sift together the cocoa powder and confectioners sugar.

In a large bowl or electric mixer, cream the sugar and margarine. Add 1 cup sugar to the margarine or vegan butter, beat in until all mixed. Add a little bit of the milk, about a tablespoon. Add more sugar, cream in. Add more milk to make an icing consistency. Continue this way until all the sugar is incorporated and as much milk is used as needed to make it smooth and creamy.

Add vanilla. Beat well to make the icing nice and fluffy.

Kim's Note:

If you have photos of digs, ESAF, other places of interest, please let me know. The same is true of experiences and books that you want others to know about. If you need help writing an article up, please contact me and we will do it together. I look forward to hearing from everyone and please, please send suggestions about what you want to see!

This is my first coroplast box that isn't "lumpy" and took less than 20 minutes! No cuts! I say we share our small victories too!



Kim's Coroplast box! ;)

Contact Us:

The **Archeological Society of Maryland Inc.** is a statewide nonprofit organization devoted to the study and conservation of Maryland archeology.

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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