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The Field Session

Congratulations on another successful field session! We hope everyone has recovered and is refreshed for another year. We have a long list of people to thank but first, thank you to everyone that volunteered their time and energy to the 2024 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology Cresap's Fort (18AG9) Allegany County, Maryland held on May 31 – June 10, 2024! There are many great stories and discoveries that we will hear about over the coming months.

Thank you:

Preservation Maryland, The National Park Service, and the Maryland Historic Trust

Boy Scouts of America Camp Potomac for providing their campgrounds!

City of Cumberland for their support and providing the picnic dinner:

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor, Cumberland
Cumberland City Council
Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner

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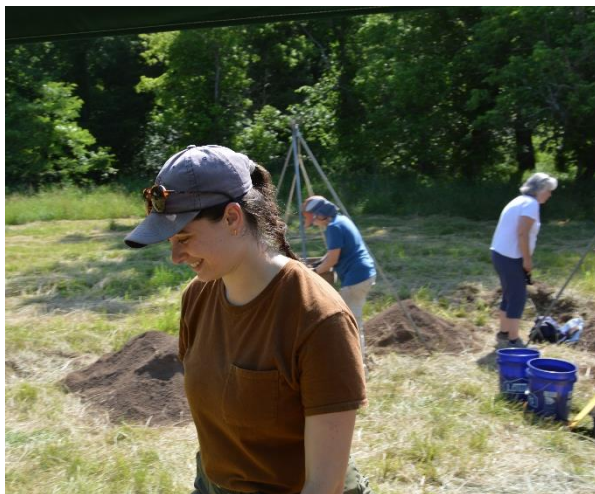
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Lunchtime Speakers

Stephen Potter
Katie Boyle
Chris Stevens

Introduction to 2024 MHT Intern:



Katie Gill is a second-year master's student in the Applied Anthropology and Historic Preservation dual program at the University of Maryland. Before returning to school Katie worked in CRM throughout Eastern Virginia. Her work has largely been centered around the material culture of the 17th and 18th centuries in the Middle-Atlantic. Katie's masters project is focused on the mid-17th century house site, West Ashcom, located in Southern Maryland. She is interested in landscape archaeology, communities of practice, and the intersections between

heritage and the environment. In her free time Katie enjoys birdwatching and embroidery, sometimes pulling inspiration from historic ceramics, wallpapers, or illustrations when designing a new pattern.

President's Note:

It took a good four or five days to recover from the 2024 Annual Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology. It was another well run, well attended event with some of the best weather that could be expected.

Even after 28 years I continue to feel so privileged to be able to work on these amazing sites, spend time with some of the top names in Maryland archeology, and share in the discovery. I never in my dreams would have pictured myself here. I didn't set out on this path but was introduced to it by a dear friend and fell in love with the process and the people.

Thank you to each of you who made this field session amazing - the MHT folks, the National Parks Service, the ASM Field Session committee, the Western Maryland Chapter, the Cumberland Mayor, City Council and Ruth Davis-Rogers, Cumberland Historic Preservation Planner, the Scouts - Potomac District, Laurel Highlands Council, and you.

From the brand new people who tried out field work and lab work for the very first time, the local people who stopped by (including the bicyclists who found us along the towpath), the group of young folks who toured the site and helped wash artifacts, the Western Maryland people who I haven't seen in years, the retired professionals who visited and worked, my favorite camping friends, to all the people I look forward to seeing every year, it was a time filled with fabulously interesting people.

A special thank you to the college students and youth who are exploring archeology as a career. I was blown away by the interest and commitment these students showed. I can't wait to see where you go in your studies, even if it takes you to another field. Your interest and commitment will translate well wherever your studies take you.

Enjoy your July and I hope to see you later this summer!

Lost and Found - Field Session

A very nice metal cane was left at the Field Session site, if it belongs to you, please contact Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org and I will arrange to get it back to you.

FINAL CHANCE - 2024 Field Session T-Shirt Order

We will place a second order for T-Shirts from this year's Field Session.

If you are interested, please let me know by July 12th. and we will make arrangements. I already have a list of people who are interested and will be in touch as we move forward with this. Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org

Valerie

Kim's Tribute to the Field Session

I am known for telling some pretty mean stories rather than having perfected troweling. I camped for 12-nights, and I dug for 11-days. I met some wonderful people and got a chance to catch up with several members of the Western Maryland ASM Chapter who I was honored to meet in the Fall during the ground truthing. I don't claim to be anything but the world's best poet and writer, but there were some pat-myself-on the back moments. Last year, I could not put up any tent, let alone my own tent. This year, it took me a while to stake down my tent (no mallet), but I put it up myself and for the most part,



it and I behaved. I only needed to be rescued once, and thankfully, it was before Steph and Judy went to sleep. The seams of my tent always get caught and because of the heat, the tape I had used to secure them, also got caught. I was counseled wisely to be gentle and go slow with the zipper, but I was a good distance from the bathrooms, and the outhouses looked haunted. I did not relish a midnight rendezvous with a ghost or spiderweb on the seat. It's hard keeping the zipper working and having to pee. Last year, I

finally cut myself out of the tent. I think that being able to keep the zipper mostly free and only sleeping in a puddle of water for nine days was a success. Last year, I was in the water longer and cared about it. This year, I stared at the puddle and subsequent waterbed and shrugged.

I must thank the Boy Scouts for the use of the campground and their usage of signs "Do Not Enter" and warnings about the rifle range. At 1:30am when I got lost coming from the bathrooms, I knew that I needed to turn around because once I hit the rifle range, I knew that I was at the bottom of the hill and our campsite was upward. I was relieved when I got into my tent. It would have been an embarrassing way to die. "Kim: Lost again. Never made it back from the bathrooms." That was still better than on the first night when I was envisioning: "Here lies Kim who still managed to get hyperthermia despite running away to Denny's at 3am."

I was playing "Boy Scout or man-eating wildlife" towards the end of the Field Session at 4:30am leaving the campsite when out pranced a skunk from the bushes less than a yard from me. After much prayer and refusing to talk to the skunk "good skunk, don't spray, don't spray..." the skunk carried on with its business and I followed it slowly to the parking lot. I am happy to say that while I probably smelled, it was not Ode de Skunk. I'm very urban, so seeing a skunk in person is a treat to write about.

My stories of the field are more complicated. I always enjoy meeting new volunteers and I am the first to acknowledge that I never know if I am doing enough or even doing anything worthwhile. I admit to my soon-to-be famous quote “I’m only good at writing and bossing around archeologists.” The archeologists that either I had just met or had only corresponded with for stories were forced to quickly agree. I am known for having...strong...opinions and yelling which bucket was 10 or 20 or “not that screen!!!!” My superpower is managing to stay alive both from my mouth and my clumsiness.

I am happy to report that I did not fall this Field Session! While practicing staying upright, I also must say that my favorite part of the Field Session was taking out the sod layer that had merged with lower Johnson grass layer. I had fun with that—yes, a bit dehydrated and cursing out the roots, but I was able to note that the field school I attended at Catholic University was worth it. I had been told by truly well-meaning people that women could not dig sod and my mission became solely to learn how to do it. After the Johnson grass, why yes, I can dig sod and my mission has been completed. I suppose this means that in addition to attacking sod and staying upright, I need to practice a new talent. Troweling and lithic analysis would be good options and I will get back to you on that progress.

We were all excited and honored to watch the **Lunchtime Lecture: Firearms and Other Tools of the Eighteenth-Century Potomac Frontier with NPS National Capital Regional Archeologist Emeritus, Stephen Potter.** I was lucky enough to be in the unit where he volunteered his time and learned many techniques from him. He answered my and other volunteers’ copious questions with great stories and a kind sense of humor.



Our second Lunchtime Lecture: **An Overview of NPS Archeology with Katie Boyle and Christ Stevens** was equally welcomed. We were given an explanation of properties that the NPS protect, where they serve, and what duties they perform. It was fun getting a better understanding of their role in protecting historical resources.



Trigger Warning: Snake paragraph

When I heard “BIG BLACK SNAKE COMIN’ TOWARDS YOU!!!” I was on my feet quickly. I sit on the ground all the time, and at lunch, I do not rise easily. Well, I flew up and back as yes, a big, black snake joined us in the lab tent. I used to have a phobia of black snakes that kept me from walking in the grass, so being able to see a black snake, acknowledge that it is there, and not hyperfocus is amazing. I am grateful for only the light teasing. I never told anyone how debilitating my phobia was. Last year at the Field Session, a black snake came close to my tent. I survived by pretending that the moat I was sleeping in was saving me instead of just making me very damp. This year, I wasn’t taking photos of the snake, but I also didn’t have a panic attack. Hurrah for progress. Copperhead territory—let’s go! Black snake territory—maybe detour? **(If you have the snake pictures, you can send them in)**

Most of the time I could be seen using the shaker screen. Once the screen I was holding suddenly had very modern metal screws in it and I had helped break our tripod, I was more than happy to use an old faithful shaker. I admit that I have much more experience with STPs, and my field school consisted of only STPs and using survey equipment. I can lift the shaker myself or hold it for others to join me in brutalizing our hands. Major skill alert. After two years, much counsel by Zac, much counsel by pretty much everyone, and I finally can pop the rocks from my shaker instead of awkwardly dumping it. I am not good enough for a circus act yet but am quite pleased by the development.

I found out the importance of knowing how to water screen accurately and quickly. Brent was kind enough to thoroughly teach me the method we used. I met a young gentleman that wanted to mostly water screen and keep the flow moving. It was so helpful!!! We had run out of buckets one day because they were all waiting to be screened. Having someone



knowledgeable was crucial to keeping up with the pace of the diggers. The County Council looked a bit underwhelmed when I described what we were doing. I quickly brought them back with a passionate “no, you don’t understand the IMPORTANCE of what he is doing.” I had their full attention as I explained that the high school age volunteer was helping to keep the entire dig running and was preventing the backup of previous days. And it’s true. Without dedicated water screeners and volunteers who are willing to learn and explain to a changing volunteer force, keeping up would be impossible. Hats off to Brent and all the water screeners that either felt stuck there or who dedicated themselves to the process.

I did not have a chance to volunteer in the field lab. I felt that I was needed elsewhere, but it must have been an enriching experience. Katie, the MHT Summer Intern, capably created every lot and the bags to go with it, while conducting the lab operations.



A variety of other activities commenced. Measuring accurately is a skill that I have just started understanding because of my spatial “issues” and Steph taught me how to measure with a plumb bob which I never knew would be so, so helpful.

We all had to measure, draw, and map. Some people had it a lot harder than others. But did so expertly.



Oh, the dirt now. Yes, the dirt on the dirt. It was mostly silty but with a wink I say it was silty loam. After instructing several CAT Candidates on Munsell and soil/sediment textures, I was told that there was little clay in my level. I nodded because it was true. All of us held the dirt and relied on each other—and I told them there was no “right” answer—a better one maybe, but not a right one. We all agreed together on color and texture. I think we should be prizewinning. Unit 10 represent! Just being able to talk about textures is of huge importance and I am grateful for the opportunity to teach my favorite activity. I get into the unit and practically roll in it as I freshen and sample the wall. Others might benefit but rolling in the dirt and having it look “normal” is priceless.



Troweling—rewarding, scary, and necessary is of course a huge part of seeing what features are uncovered and allowing photos to document precisely and with better accuracy.

Pro overheard tip: trowel in one direction and don't put your foot in the middle of a unit right before a photo.



I am learning how to use measuring tape to create units off of a grid, but this square into a feature still boggles my mind and my eyes. I even watched it being created, and I still am blinking in awe.



Of course, there is always digging. The digging too deep, the shovel shimmying, the wall shaving, mostly amazing skills. For the first time I was able to shovel shave a wall and



not create a gouge. That was my other useful learned skill from the Field Session.

Others make shoveling look natural and as easy as slicing through melting butter. I also heard the cursing in my unit that, that phrase was NOT what was happening.

Screening, the other crucial element of the dig, was taken on by all. Professional archeologists to students to interested children all had the chance to screen and look firsthand at unearthed artifacts. Despite copious amounts of hand yoga, I found my hands in claws for two days after the Field Session. Hats off to the screeners that were in pain or later felt the pain!



Hats off also to Katie Gill, the MHT Intern, created the paperwork, bags, assigned Lot numbers, assisted in the field, ran the field lab, and assisted in so many other duties!

Then, there is the unintended results and the meaning behind everything that goes on—the interaction, the dirt, the stories, the community. Karen Cresap was both kind and



fortunate enough to be with us. She was able to hold pieces of her ancestors' artifacts and find visual proof of women in the family, not just Thomas Cresap. Stories unraveled even from the creamer found. It's a nice artifact to most of us, but to her it was a bridge into her personal history. I admit that I do not understand the importance of knowing lineage or family lines. I recognize that it is important to others but seeing Karen touch the foundation stone on the final day—for a moment I felt the ghosts of her past with her. I understood why she was so passionate and why it was such a momentous occasion for her.



Dr. Matt McKnight, the Principal Investigator, Maryland's Chief Archeologist, and the archeologist we all need to learn to trowel from, was able to assist and guide in the art. It was wonderful seeing such passion in potential future archeologists matching up with professional archeologists of the present.



I learned a lot during this field session. I learned how to keep morale up and how to create impactful interactions with fellow volunteers and the community. I am always honored to be part of any dig. My motto is that as long as I learn something, experience something, it's worth it. Thank you to everyone that helped me when I was struggling or when I was successful at something. Every smile meant a lot and every memory is cherished.

Please share your stories and photos!!! I want to create collages like I did last year! Send to my email address on the last page (please!!!).

Upcoming Activities

MHT Workshop in Archeology – Date TBD

ASM Annual Meeting – October 12, 2024 - Chesapeake College – Hosted by the Eastern Shore Chapter

[Montgomery County History Conference](#) – October 19, 2024 – Rockville, MD

[ESAF 91st Annual Meeting](#), November 7-10, 2024, Newport, Rhode Island

Charles County Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc. Receives Award

The Charles County Historic Preservation Commission 10th Annual Preservation Reception and Awards Ceremony was held on April 23 at Pleasant Hill House in Pomfret, MD, and Charles County Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc received a Preservation Service Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in and support for furthering the aims of historic preservation in Charles County. The award cited CCASM's fifteen years of dedicated service and promotion of archaeology in Charles County, Maryland.

For photos and for others receiving awards, check out posting on the CCASM blog <https://ccarchsoc.blogspot.com/2024/06/ccasm-receives-charles-county-historic.html>



Scouts BSA Merit Badge

Stephanie Soder

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) office in Crownsville became abuzz with activity once again as the second annual Scouts BSA Archaeology Merit Badge Workshop fell into full swing. Dr. Matthew McKnight, Dr. Zachary Singer, and Stephanie Soder started the day with donuts and a presentation to introduce scouts to archaeology, archaeological processes, and laws. The presentation concluded with a preview into the fieldwork that scouts would conduct the following weekend at the Poplar Springs East Site (18PR1186).



After lunch, scouts broke into three groups to rotate through activity stations. Steph ran the presentation station, where scouts either brought in a family heirloom or a list of one-weeks' worth of trash to discuss. This year's heirlooms included a typewriter, a World War II medal, late-19th century jewelry, an early-20th century reindeer toy, a German coin, and an early 20th century upholsterer's tool from China.

Zac, with assistance from Kim Malinowski, ran the lab station and discussed with scouts how to be protectors of the past. Afterwards, tried their hands at washing artifacts from the Selkmann collection. Scouts (and parents!) enjoyed this new addition from last year's workshop.



At the outdoor station, Matt, with the help of Julia Berg and Sarah Mason, monitored the scouts while they practiced their atlatl and spear skills. Our trusty mammoth and bison targets, safe from last year's workshop, once again made an appearance. But as the day went on, one lucky scout's aim struck true, and down fell a bison. They would have all remained unscathed if it weren't for those meddling kids.

Overall, 27 scouts attended the first workshop day and completed 9 requirements for the badge. The remaining two requirements were to be completed during the week leading up to and during the following weekend, when scouts would conduct excavation work at the Merkle Natural Resource Management Area. But they were, all of them, deceived, for stormy skies loomed and rain poured on Saturday morning.

Thankfully, Sunday morning arrived with clouds and humidity, but the threat of rain rolled away harmlessly. Almost all the scouts that were signed up for Saturday were able to come on Sunday to complete their fieldwork requirements. With the assistance of Paul Bollwerk, Valerie Hall, Kim Malinowski, and MHT staff, 21 scouts got to work on four excavation units. The placement of the units was determined by positive results from last



year's workshop and metal detecting survey conducted several weeks prior. Scouts also completed 12 shovel test pits throughout the site. Between the two survey strategies, scouts uncovered salt-glazed stoneware, delftware, a possible English Brown tankard handle, architectural debris, English flint fragments, and pipe stems and bowls, along with modern debris like barbed wire fencing. Unfortunately, no features were uncovered this year. Evidence

from the site is still indicative of domestic activities stemming from the early to mid-18th century and into the 20th century.

In the end, 21 scouts completed the badge, one scout is scheduled to participate in a later field survey to complete the badge, and five scouts received partials. Having all participating scouts come on one day proved to be an exercise in patience and perseverance from all who helped run the event. The MHT staff are incredibly grateful to the ASM volunteers who took the time out of their weekends to help run this event, and it wouldn't be possible to offer it without continued support. We hope to offer this program again next year to continue helping the Scouts BSA community!

2024 William B. Marye Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

Each year, the President of the Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM) directs a committee, currently consisting of 5 members, to accept and review nominations for ASM's William B. Marye Award. This award, given at the annual meeting, is to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to Maryland Archeology. The Award is named for a gentleman and widely published savant of Maryland genealogy, historical geography, ethnohistory, and archeology.

Any member of the public may submit a nomination, which will remain confidential to committee members, at any time during the year and the committee will review all nominations which it receives. From nominations received, the Committee may select a winner or winners of the Award. If nominations received by the Committee for a given year are not considered worthy to receive the award, then there will be no Award given for that year.



William B. Marye

Past Winners of the William B. Marye Award include Pioneers of Maryland Archeology, such as Richard G. Slattery, Paul Cresthull, and Howard MacCord professional archeologists, including Tyler Bastian, Dr. Joe Dent, Carol Ebright, Dennis Curry and Dr. Charlie Hall, and others of the archeological community, professional and avocational, who contributed their time and energy to support the mission of ASM and archeological sciences in Maryland.

Nominations for the 2024 award must be received by the award committee no later than August 15th, 2024, for consideration. Past nominations are not retained by the committee; however, past nominees may be renominated.

William B. Marye Award nominations may be submitted via ASM's Google Forms link at: [William B. Marye Nomination](#), by email or through regular mail using the form attached to this newsletter. Mailed nominations should be sent to:

John Fiveash
c/o William B. Marye Award Committee
3620 Cogswell Ct
Abingdon, MD 21009

E-mailed nominations should be sent to jsfiveash@marylandarcheology.org.

ASM, Inc. New Project Grant Process

In 2022 a suggestion was made to begin a new process to request funds and support for new projects through ASM, Inc. At that time a committee formed, members include Julia Berg, Elaine Chhean, Jim Gibb, Valerie Hall, and Don Housley. The group developed a process for requesting and accepting projects.

For the first trial year, the process is listed below and **applications are now being accepted, but must be received by November 1.**

- A call for requests will be made in the Ink
- Applicants will submit the ASM Project Request Form (attached to this newsletter and soon available on the ASM Website)
- Form and any supporting documentation should be emailed to:
Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org
- The ASM, Inc. New Project Review Group (appointed by the ASM President) will review and:
 - Provide a recommendation or
 - Ask for additional information
- If a project is recommended by the New Project Review Group, the Proposal will be brought to the Executive Board for Vote
- Decisions will be provided to the requestor and published in the Ink
- A total of \$10,000 is available with a suggested cap of \$5,000 per request

The ASM, Inc. New Project Request form is attached to this newsletter and will be available online soon. We look forward to reviewing your new project suggestions!

At the September board meeting, the New Projects Committee plans to further discuss the process and provide recommendations for the future. We will provide updates in the October Ink and the Annual Meeting on this process.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact
Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org.

And, Our First Project Award Barton Site Sediment Coring and Ground Penetrating Radar Proposal Dr. Zachary Singer, MHT State Terrestrial Archaeologist

Zac Singer presented the first project suggestion which was approved by the ASM, Inc. Executive Board last week. Excerpts of his proposal describe the project: a “multifaceted study conducting deep shovel test pitting, ground penetrating radar surveys, and collecting sediment cores via terrestrial vibracoring to expand understanding of the stratified and deeply buried archaeological deposits at the Barton Site (18AG3) in the North Branch Valley.” This will involve:

- “Excavation of up to twenty 2.5 meter deep test pits via the PaleoDigger (funded by a grant from ArchaeologyX) to investigate deeply buried Paleoindian activity areas at Barton.
- Collection of up to 8 terrestrial vibracores to study soil stratigraphy
- GPR survey to study soil stratigraphy and potential archaeological features”

And keep your eyes out, “ASM members will be invited (and needed) to participate in this fieldwork, which we hope will occur in August 2024. This fieldwork is building on years of Annual Field Session’s at Barton.”

In addition, we will look forward to hearing about the results in future issues of *The Ink* and the ASM’s journal, *Maryland Archeology*.

If you are interested in participating send an email to Zachary.Singer@maryland.gov and he will coordinate further.

2024 Election Season Moves into Final Stages

While most of the country looks toward November 5th for the Finale of the 2024 election season, the Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM) is focused on October 12th, when results of the 2024 Board of Trustees election will be announced at the annual meeting. Every full member of ASM will have the opportunity to choose the next board to provide direction of ASM activities and interests. Announcements, requesting volunteers to stand for election have been published in *ASM Ink* since March of 2024 and a slate of candidates was announced at the recent quarterly board meeting.

They are:

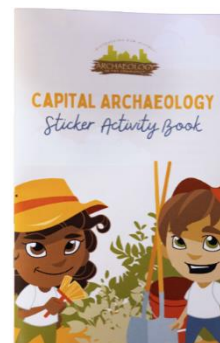
Position	Candidates
President	Valerie Hall
Vice President	Katharine Fernstrom
Secretary	Patricia Melville
Treasurer	Krista Morris
Membership Secretary	Ethan Bean
Trustee At-Large (Six Trustees)	Julia Berg Lynne Bulhack Brent Chippendale Jim Gibb Don Housley John Newton

In July an email will be sent to all current members with instructions for voting. Participants will be able to return their selections to the elections committee through use of a GoogleForm, via e-mail or by regular U.S. Post. In addition, voting forms will be available at the annual meeting as well. Members may select from the list of candidates or write-in another person of their choice. If you are not certain of your membership status, or do not receive the ballot notice, please contact our Membership Secretary, Ethan Bean, at ethan.bean@marylandarcheology.org or beans32@comcast.net.

Looking for a Kids Archaeology Activity Book?



[Capital Archaeology Sticker Activity Books](#) are now available in Archaeology in the Community's online store. The books have two sticker sheets and four place-based archaeology activities for kids, all related to sites in Washington, DC. The proceeds from the books go to Archaeology in the Community's educational programs and materials.



ASM Field Session Fools

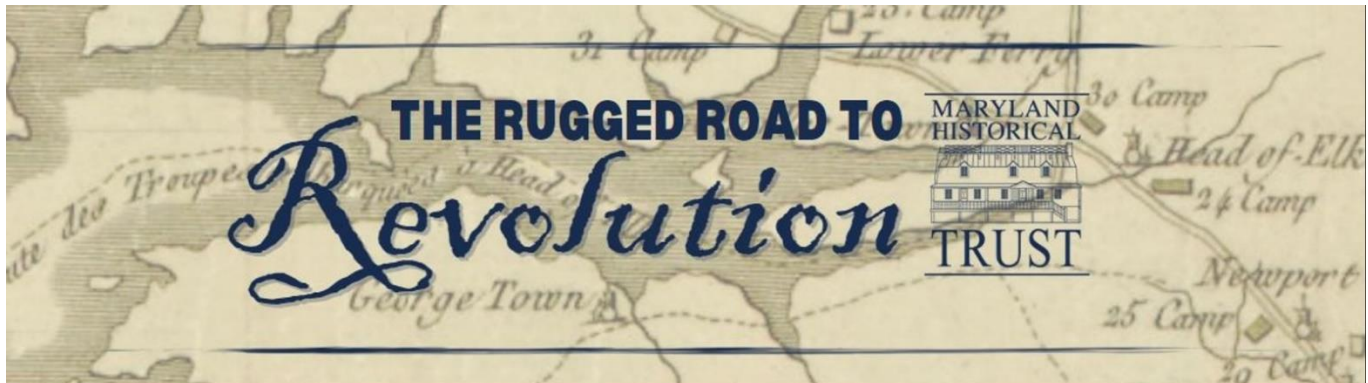
At the end of 11 days of the 2024 Annual Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology I realized there was a small but hardy (feel free to insert other adjectives as appropriate . . .) group who attended the entire Field Session. I lovingly dubbed them the Field Session Fools. Below is the list for the 2024 Annual Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology. I proudly announce the 2024 Field Session Fools!

2024 Field Session Fools

Paul Bollwerk
William Clarke
Vivian Eicke
Katie Gill
Gary Grant
Valerie Hall
Don Housley

Fran Kline
Kim Malinowski
Matt McKnight
Kalev Murray-Rouse
Steph Soder





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!

Volunteer Opportunities

ASM Volunteers Needed:

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

Chapter News

Central Chapter

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

Charles County

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

Eastern Shore

Dates and events are on chapter's website [ASM Eastern Shore \(google.com\)](#) 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

Monocacy

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

Northern Chesapeake

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

Western Maryland

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

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

Lab workdays! Excavations at the Jane Gates Heritage House uncovered several boxes of artifacts dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There will be hands-on cataloging sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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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