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## MHT: Archeology Year in Review – 2025

Dr. Matt McKnight  
MHT Chief Archeologist

I'm not gonna lie. 2025 was a tough year for many of us in the archeology/historic preservation fields. Dramatic changes in the ways in which the federal government has traditionally done business resulted in major hardships for State Historic Preservation Offices (and other government archeologists) throughout the country. Most notable was the withholding of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) dollars allotted to each state every year since 1976, close to \$1 million of which is provided to Maryland in order to implement the State's responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Although the 2025 funds were authorized by Congress in March, the money was not released by the Executive Branch to states until July when numerous preservation organizations around the country began to speak out. Fortunately, Maryland has been able to weather those changes better than many of our counterparts in states like Ohio

(where they had to lay off 1/3 of their staff in May), or Maine (where they had to terminate several contracts to preserve positions). I don't want to dwell on the subject, but I DO want to send a heartfelt thank you to ASM members who called their elected officials and advocated for the eventual release of the funds.

Maryland is statutorily obligated to carry out this important federal law (the NHPA) and to suddenly be denied the funding to do so, despite Congressional approval was a new one for us. Thank you!

Despite these difficulties, with help from our ASM volunteers, MHT was able to achieve considerable success and accomplish a lot for Maryland archeology in 2025.

- Over the course of 2025, sixty-two sites were added to or updated in the [Maryland Archeological Synthesis Database](#). If you've never checked out the Synthesis database, you probably should. The database has a public access side and includes detailed descriptions of archeological work conducted as part of Section 106 of the NHPA, as well as "pure research" carried out by

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## President's Notes:



Happy New Year! I hope it is peaceful and full of joy for you and your family.

I need to let you know that Kim Malinowski will

not be able to continue in her role as ASM Ink editor. I want to say a huge Thank You to Kim for over two years of serving as the ASM Ink editor. I am very grateful for all her work related to the newsletter.

John Fiveash and I began developing a new template with some standard sections that should allow easier production. And we definitely need your help. How, you ask??

- Volunteer to be an editor of the Ink (this could be one or a team)
- Say yes when asked to contribute
- Send in brief (250 - 500 words) articles about activities in your chapter or around the state
- Send photos with a brief description of who, what, where, and when
- And let us know your thoughts and ideas

Please let John and I know if you are interested in joining the ASM Ink team.

**Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.**

**-- Benjamin Franklin**

## Board Meeting Notes:

ASM's Board of Trustees met for its annual 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Among topics of the meeting were:

- The Board approved funds for the New Project Grant Process for 2026
- ASM now has an ASM Tablecloth for use at ASM events. Contact Valerie Hall for use
- We are researching an online donation/membership platform called Zeffy which may simplify some ASM administrative tasks
- Mid Potomac Chapter will host the Annual Fall Meeting at the Josiah Henson Museum and Park in October 2026
- MHT recommended (and ASM accepted) returning to the Teague's Point Site in Charles County for our annual Field Session.
- ASM (thank you Lynne Bulhack and Linda Greatorex) hosted a table at the Native American Heritage Day at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
- ASM is considering Hosting the 2027 ESAF Meeting
- CAT is planning two workshops coming soon - the Historic Overview and the Prehistoric Overview
- Next Board Meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Virtual

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universities, county programs, and others. Each synopsis report in the database contains a capsule summary of the overall site report, organized in a way that makes it easier for researchers to quickly pull out the most relevant information they would need for reconstructing the past activities at a site. There are currently 1,415 sites on Synthesis, accessible to the public. We are currently working with the Cultural Resource Information Management (CRIM) unit to create a Medusa layer for both the professional and the public synthesis database sides. A “draft” model has been completed and CRIM is working out some issues with it. The layer should be available sometime in 2026.

- Over the course of the year, staff archeologists in both the MHT Office of Research, Survey, and Registration (ORSR), and the Office of Preservation Services (OPS) worked diligently on revisions to our *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology in Maryland*. The standards were last updated in 1994! Although “Shaffer and Cole” has served us well in the intervening years, it was past time for a change, and we put the new standards out for review and comment back in October. We hope to incorporate suggested

alterations and get the new guidelines out early in 2026.

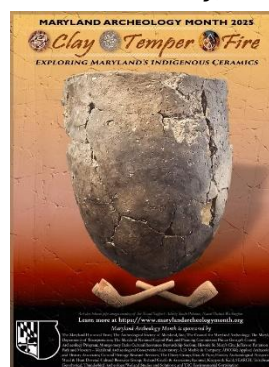
- At the end of 2024, we said goodbye to our long-time Administrator of Project Review and Compliance, Beth Cole who retired. Beth oversaw the staff archeologists who coordinate with state and federal agencies on compliance-driven archeology by CRM firms throughout the State. Those tasks now fall to Dr. Dixie Henry who was promoted into Beth’s position, which left a vacancy to fill in 2025 (and a mad scramble to divvy up work). In September, MHT welcomed Brian Snyder as a new Review and Compliance Officer. Brian holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico and a Master's in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University. He came to us from Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia (part of the National Park Service), where he has developed and managed the geospatial mapping of the Park's infrastructure, cultural properties, and natural resources and also reviewed archeological survey reports to ensure the Park's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. That, and a lot of CRM experience brings a lot of knowledge to MHT that will be put to good use! In 2025, our review and compliance archeologists,

Dixie Henry and Brian Snyder (for terrestrial projects) and Troy Nowak (for maritime) managed to review and shepherd an astounding 5,957 state and federal projects through the Section 106 review process and make 494 Determination of Eligibility (DOEs) regarding potential listing of resources on the National Register of Historic Places. All while being severely understaffed for over half of the year!

- State Terrestrial Archeologist, Zac Singer, assisted several state agencies by issuing 11 terrestrial archeology permits in 2025 for investigations on State-owned lands they administer. Investigations on land held by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources included work at North Point State Park and the Sparks Bank Nature Center in Baltimore County, Ivy Hill and the Plank Houses at the Elkridge Furnace Inn in Howard County, the Old South Mountain Inn in Frederick and Washington Counties, and Sang Run State Park in Garrett County. The Maryland Military Department required two permits for work at Camp Fretterd in western Baltimore County. Historic St. Mary's City also needed two permits for emergency mitigation work on the HSMC properties and for work at the Kate Chandler Community Farm. And finally, the Department of General Services

needed a permit for restoration work at the Hessian Barracks in Frederick County.

- Zac also managed to pull off another very successful Maryland Archeology Month. This year the theme was *Clay, Temper, Fire*:



*Exploring Maryland's Indigenous Ceramics.* The MAM print run included full sized posters,

mini-posters, magnets, and booklets, which were mailed to Maryland legislators and stakeholders in the archeology community. Additional printed materials were distributed at the 14 public events held during archeology month. Additionally, a [guest article](#) by ASM member and public school teacher Julia Berg highlighting an archeology themed student poster contest project was posted to the MHT blog.

- The Maryland Maritime Archeology Program (MMAP) continues their work to survey Maryland State Waters. However, the big news was the retirement of long-time State Underwater Archeologist, Dr. Susan Langley, at the end of July. After 31 years of service to the State of Maryland, Susan retired to her home country of Canada



*Dr. Susan Langley*

leaving behind a rich history of underwater exploration and preservation. Among her many

accomplishments, her tireless work and advocacy to help create the [Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary](#) will forever be appreciated by the people of Maryland. We wish her all of the best in retirement! In her place, Troy Nowak, has recently been promoted to the position of State Underwater Archeologist. Look to the New Year to see what develops with MMAP.

- On September 20<sup>th</sup>, MHT, in partnership with the ASM presented the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop in Archeology. This year's keynote speaker was Cassandra Michaud who highlighted the development of the Montgomery County Parks Archeology Program. We also hosted our first-ever County archeologist roundtable. Other offerings included hands-on talks on toolstone identification, artifact illustration, basic lab procedures, flotation, vesselization, microscopic use-wear analysis, artifact preservation practices for the field, and using 3D printed models to simulate dig

experiences. Between the registered attendees, staff, and presenters we had just under 100 people in attendance for 2025.

- As always, fieldwork figured prominently in the work MHT did in 2025. Typically, Zac, Steph, and I are out in the field for short 2-3 day remote sensing projects at least once per month. Sometimes these forays lead to bigger week-long survey and excavation projects, or even Field Sessions. One of the first substantial projects we undertook in 2025, was a week-long survey at a golf course in March. In coordination with some local historic preservation organizations on Kent Island, and with Queen Anne's County reps, we examined a site on the golf course driving range where previous surface collection had identified colonial artifacts and brick scatters in a former agricultural field. Ground penetrating radar (GPR) and gradiometer work revealed the presence of ring-shaped anomalies just below the surface. While we have not carried out any ground-truthing at the golf course, the presence of an orchard on historic maps of the area, as well as the identification of similar anomalies in Frederick County, suggests these rings may be mill tracks for wind or animal driven cider mills. We've updated our site files accordingly.

- We've also been busy on-and-off throughout the year working on a grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program (part of the National Park Service). This year, MHT archeologists focused on two areas of interest, related to the march of the Continental Army and the French Expédition Particulière on their way to the siege at Yorktown (the decisive battle that ended the American Revolution). These areas of interest were Darlington in Harford County, and Port Deposit in Cecil County. In Darlington, site visits were made to three different locations to identify and study cultural resources that may have been around during the march, including the original site of the Deer Creek Friends Meeting House. In Port Deposit, MHT archeologists and volunteers surveyed the area around Cummings Tavern, a known stop for French troops on their way to Bald Friar Crossing. Methods of survey, again, included GPR, fluxgate gradiometer, and magnetic susceptibility – all of which can help determine if an area retains intact archeological features below the ground surface. Volunteers from the general public, as well as representatives from the Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning and Archeological Society of Maryland, assisted MHT

archeologists with the fieldwork. Since starting the non-disturbance survey work in June 2024, we have had 37 individual volunteers contribute approximately 464 working hours to archeological survey! Your time and effort made it possible to complete the geophysical survey work necessary to plan the next exciting phase of this grant – archeological excavation! In the new year, MHT will be hiring a contractor to conduct excavation at two of the encampment sites, one in each county.

- Our next big field project in 2025 was a little precursor to the Field Session. MHT hosted the third annual Scouting America merit badge workshop on April 25 and May 3 & 4. We had 15 scouts come out for the merit badge, all of whom completed it! The second weekend entailed fieldwork at the Teague's Point site in Charles County. Three 2 X 2 m test units confirmed the presence of colonial-era features where prior GPR work had identified significant anomalies. The scouts were able to help us remove the plowzone, verify that the features were real and intact, and earn their required 8 hours of fieldwork experience to obtain their badge. Since the first workshop in 2023, 65 scouts have completed the merit badge program and 10 have received partial merit badges. Four ASM



members contributed their time and energy into making this year's workshop a success!

- At the end of May, MHT and the ASM set to work in Charles County to explore the Teague's Point site. Over 11 days, we excavated twenty-two 2 X 2 meter units and three 1 X 2 meter extension units to expose a dozen colonial features. Most of the artifacts encountered appear to date to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, with a few early 18<sup>th</sup> century finds as well. Based on our archival and cataloging work to-date, we believe that the site is the plantation of a middling tenant farmer named Michael Swifte who leased these lands from Lord Baltimore in the 1780s and early 1790s. It may have been re-occupied in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century by the Smith family. We had so much fun at Teague's that we've decided to go back. The ASM Field Session Committee recently voted to return to Charles County for a second year at the site. If you missed the Field Session this year, you can get a feel for it in a news piece put together by [WMAR News in Baltimore](#). We'll have to forgive them for mispronouncing Tyler's name!
- In late September and early October, Dr. Zac Singer led the return of the PaleoDigger to the Barton site. In 2025, we dug 23 test pits, but stopped two at a depth of

43 cm due to the presence of later features that we didn't want to disturb. The 21 deep test pits had an average depth of 280 cm. The deepest was 310 cm. We removed and screened 51 cubic meters of soil in 6 days. That volume of soil is equivalent to five 2x2 meter test blocks dug to a depth of 250 cm!



**PaleoDigger At Barton in September**

The PaleoDigger excavations yielded deeply buried artifacts likely associated with Terminal Pleistocene occupations including two chert biface fragments, a wedge, and concentrations of chipping debris. This innovative research was greatly facilitated by the enthusiastic crew of volunteers processing all of the silty soil generated by the PaleoDigger and then manually "encouraging" the soil through 1/4 inch mesh screens to recover

artifacts, all while keeping provenience to 10 cm levels! Volunteers contributed around 1600 hours of volunteer participation with an average of around 30 volunteers per day, and a high of over 40 volunteers during the weekend! The hotspot locations of deeply buried artifacts identified via the PaleoDigger project provide high potential areas to investigate with future block excavations.

- And finally, from November 3rd-7th, Zac also led block excavations at the Piney Grove site. In 2025, we dug nine 1 x 1 m excavation units arranged in two blocks to explore concentrations of chalcedony chipping debris identified during the 2024 STP survey of the site. The 2025 excavations yielded a large quantity of chalcedony chipping debris from a buried living surface. The large size and nature of the chipping debris indicates that bifacial hunting tools were made from the local chalcedony on site. The recovery of end-thinning flakes from Block 2 is suggestive of fluted point production, however no broken bifaces or preforms of chalcedony were found to provide additional diagnostic data. Volunteers contributed over 500 hours of volunteer participation with an average of 12 volunteers per day. Again, [WMAR News](#) showed up to see what was being discovered

and to highlight Zac's collaboration with the Maryland Geological Survey to identify the source of this rare chalcedony.

- Of course, all of this fieldwork leads to a lot of lab work. MHT's Crownsville artifact processing lab has been busy in 2025 processing artifacts from the Cresap's Fort Site, Teague's Point, Barton PaleoDigger Project, and Piney Grove. With the help of past MHT interns, Katie Gill and Caitlin Hall, we've been able to open the lab for a second day each week. The MHT lab is open on most Tuesday's and Thursdays from 9 AM – 3 PM. It is a great way to learn how to identify and catalog artifacts, but space is limited and you will need to arrange a time/date with Zac ([zachary.singer@maryland.gov](mailto:zachary.singer@maryland.gov)).

Whew! That was quite a year. As always, thank you to all of our great volunteers with the Archeological Society of Maryland, and for your tireless advocacy for the field of archeology. We couldn't do what we do without your support. We hope to see you all in the field sometime in 2026!



## New State Underwater Archeologist

Troy Nowak was promoted to serve as Maryland State Underwater Archaeologist in November 2025 and now leads MHT's Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program. Troy joined MHT in 2010 as Assistant Underwater Archaeologist reviewing federal and state undertakings (funding,



**State Underwater Archeologist Troy Nowak**

permits, and other activities) for impacts to submerged archaeological historic

properties and working on the Maritime Archaeology Program's research, survey, and outreach initiatives. Prior to his time with MHT, Troy spent five years from 2005 to 2010 working in the cultural resource management field and participated in research projects sponsored by various universities and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology between 1998 and 2013 in Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Turkey. He holds an M.A. in Anthropology with a specialization in Nautical Archaeology from Texas A&M University and a B.A. in History from Salisbury State University. His current research interests include archaeological geophysics and traditional boatbuilding, and he hopes to begin offering more public field experiences and training in addition to supporting the ASM/MHT Annual Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology.

When he is not engaged in archaeology-related things, Troy keeps himself busy diving, traveling, playing tabletop games, brewing beer, and visiting friends and family. He can be reached by email at [troy.nowak@maryland.gov](mailto:troy.nowak@maryland.gov).

## 2026 ASM Elections

John Fiveash

ASM has begun preparations for its 2026 election cycle. Every two years society members choose those who will serve the organization in several roles. Five of those are considered executive positions. They include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary

Executive positions have specific duties that enable proper functioning of ASM such as management of organizational funds, property or other resources. Another 6 positions are held by Trustees-at-Large who participate in regular board meetings, serve on various committees and have voting rights when ASM considers its operations. While all positions are for a two-year period, only the position of President has a term limit. The President of ASM is limited to two consecutive terms.

ASM's Nominating Committee is currently looking for members who want to expand their contribution to the Society and stand for election. They will collate the list of nominees and present the list to the Board of Trustees at the board meeting in June. A ballot will be sent to ASM members by the end of July and results of the election will be presented at the Annual Fall Meeting.

Members can get more information about the various board positions by contacting current board members, whose contact information is available on the ASM webpage [Contact Us](#) section, or in in the Board Member section of the [ASM Bylaws](#).

If you would like to stand for election to ASM's Board of Trustees, contact the nominating committee at either of the links below:


### ASM Nomination Committee

- [Paul Bollwerk](#)
- [John Fiveash](#)


Board of Trustees

Need to contact someone in ASM?


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## Field Session 2026

ASM Board of Trustees received and approved a recommendation to return to the Teagues Point Site (18CH1005) for the *2026 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology*. Tentative dates for the field session are May 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

18CH1005, the Teagues Point Site, is situated amidst a landscape of rolling agricultural fields, equestrian riding trails, horse jump courses, and woodlots at Maxwell Hall Equestrian Park.

The site was brought to the attention of MHT by Mr. Keven Brady, who found the site in the 1970s. He collected the fields around Teague's Point before the land was acquired by the State of Maryland. He recovered hundreds of colonial objects and a few pre-contact Native American artifacts from furrows left by the farmer's plow. He brought the site to the attention of MHT in August of 2023.

A remote sensing survey of the site, in December 2023 allowed location of a cluster of rectangular anomalies ranging from just below the surface to around 130 cm deep. These suggested possible cellars or subfloor pits and likely indicate the presence of a former earthfast structure.

Fieldwork conducted in 2025, during a Boy Scout Merit Badge workshop, confirmed the presence of intact features in the areas identified during the remote sensing work. This field session was conducted to flesh out those preliminary findings and attempt to define the limits of the site.

The site then became the focus of ground-truthing excavations during the Annual Tyler Bastian Field Session in May of 2025.



**Extent of the 2025 Excavation at Teague's Point**

Excavation of 25 test units exposed at least 11 remarkably intact cultural features and thousands of well-preserved late 17th-century artifacts. Records of the period document that one Michael Swift, his wife Margaret, and their two daughters lived on this landscape around the time of Maryland's Glorious Revolution.

Planning for the 2026 Field Session will begin in January and February with members of ASM's Field Session Committee and our partners at the Maryland Historical Trust working out details ranging from the basic research questions underlying the specific excavations to where to site the porta-pots at the site. Details will be provided in the ASMIInk Newsletter as well as on the ASM webpage as they become available.

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**Archaeologists do not discover the past; they work on what remains. Archaeology is about our relationships with what is left of the past.**

**-- Michael Shanks, British Archaeologist**

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## Maryland Archeology Past Portraits:

Past Portraits is a project to document the stories of people who have contributed to archeology in Maryland. This series highlights personalities that have contributed to archeology in Maryland over time. ASMIInk will publish excerpts from this series over time.

*"I began the "Maryland Archaeology: Past Portraits Project" because I came across many undocumented terrestrial-and-underwater professional archaeologists and avocational archaeologists in Maryland and realized they provided a large range of unexamined information on Maryland's forgotten citizens and their unacknowledged archaeological activities and accomplishments. My goals for the Past Portraits Project were to document, to the extent possible, many of the deceased and forgotten contributors of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, 20<sup>th</sup> century, and early 21<sup>st</sup> century personal collections, memories, and records (1) before they are lost to memory, (2) acknowledging their contributions to the understanding of Maryland Archaeology, and (3) for compiling an early 21<sup>st</sup> century comprehensive data base for tomorrow's archaeology students and syntheses on Maryland archaeology."*

-- Stephen Israel (*Archaeology of Eastern North America*, Vol.48 (2020))

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### Joseph Carberry

Jesuit Joseph Carberry, a native of St. Mary's County, likely attended Georgetown University in the District of Columbia before becoming a member of the Society of Jesus to become a Jesuit, and arrived at the abandoned and neglected small St. Ignatius brick Church on February 26, 1816, at 22 years old, after the church and country side experienced raids and neglect from the recent War of 1812. Father Joseph was able to complete the rehabbing of the brick chapel by 1821/1822.



**Saker Cannon**

Father Joseph was an industrious and learned young man full of zeal for his mission. Along with his Society of Jesus parish responsibilities, he developed a deep personal antiquarian interest in the history of the St. Mary's City and River and the scattered visible remnants and artifacts of old St. Mary's City, Maryland's first capital (1634-1695). He was also captivated by the mystery of several weathered and encrusted 17<sup>th</sup> century cannon ordnances that lay

partially covered by mud and earth along an eroded shoreline and in the river and out from the shoreline (Shomette 1998:479-480). The story that was passed down implied these were the same guns that had been brought to Maryland aboard the Ark and Dove.

By 1824, at his own expense he recorded the locations of the 17<sup>th</sup> century half sunken ordnances lying along and in the shore of the St. Mary's River at St. Mary's City and at St. Inigoes Creek and Manor. On August 17, 1824, with the aid of his brother Thomas, formerly an engineer in the US

Army who had served with distinction in the War of 1812, then living in Washington, DC. The September 4, 1824, issue of Nile's Weekly Register reported the recovery and raising of four guns.

All together seven of these Saker cannons were recovered through hoisting the guns with block and tackle in shallow and deep water. In the 1825 timeframe, increased Jesuit duties took all his free time being elevated to Superior and Procurator of St. Ignatius parish. He retained these new church positions until his death in 1849 (Connor 2017: 93).

The retrieved ordnances were originally stored at St. Inigoes Manor. Subsequently, two guns were taken to the old Colonial State House grounds. Three years later, in 1827, three guns were used as vertical boundary markers between St. Inigoes and Cross Manors. In 1845, one gun was given to Annapolis as a gift to the people and the State of Maryland and placed on the State House lawn. Another was swapped for a carriage to Charles Benedict Calvert, a direct descendant of the Calvert family, delivered to his Riverdale Estate near Bladensburg, MD. Even after Father Joseph died in 1849, two of the remaining guns were removed from St. Inigoes Manor to Georgetown College, now Georgetown University in 1885.

In 1934, St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland celebrated their tercentenary anniversary honoring the history of Maryland along with a renewal of antiquarian interest in the history of Maryland and a few of the surviving gun artifacts.

Father Joseph Carberry is significant to Maryland archaeology for rescuing and restoring the historic buildings of St. Inigoes and Manor and preserving the seven sixteenth century cannons. He was the first to organize an effort to record and systematically rescue historic relics from beneath the waters of a Middle Atlantic state to satisfy his personal interests about the past recovering the relics in a salvage operation fostered by his own curiosity, without a monetary gain (Shomette 1998: 482). Father Joseph also collected antiquities related to the founding fathers of the Colony, as he wanted to preserve the early history of the Colony (Shomette, personal communication 2017). He was also interested in studying the remnants of St. Mary's City at his own expense and rehabbing the brick chapel. He was an early hero of archaeology and historic preservation.

For a more detailed account of Father Joseph Carberry's life, work, antiquarian discoveries, salvage, and displaying of these ordnances, see

Shomette, Donald G., 1998, *The Guns of St. Mary's*, Maryland Historical Magazine 93(4): 477-496

Fr. Charles Connor, 2017 *A History of Catholicism in the Thirteen Colonies: Pioneer Priests at Makeshift Altars*. Ewtn Publishers, Inc. pp 93.

*Relics at Old St. Inigoes: Lord Baltimore's Table On How The Ancient Cannon Were Obtained*, Baltimore Sun, March 17, 1884.



## ASM Project Applications - Winter 2026

Do you have an archeological project in Maryland that needs seed funding? ASM maintains a funding line for small projects that may be of interest. The goal for the Project Fund is to help get investigations off the ground and to produce research results adding to the archeological knowledge base. Funds are usually geared to assisting investigators by providing supplemental funds needed for laboratory testing, data coordination, expert analysis or other assistance. Examples of past projects include:

- Costs for operating the PaleoDigger at the Barton Site.
- Stable isotope analysis of faunal material.
- Development of a database of three-dimensional scans of mammal bones for use in faunal analysis.

It's time for the next ASM New Project process, **applications are now being accepted but must be received by February 27, 2026.**

- Applicants should submit the ASM Project Request Form (attached) along with any supporting documentation to:

[Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org](mailto: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
- For 2026, we have a suggested cap of \$5,000 per request
- Grantees will be expected to provide a brief article for the Ink and submit a Journal article for consideration.

We look forward to reading and reviewing your projects!

If you have questions or need additional information, contact  
[Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org](mailto:Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org).

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"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."  
-- Carl Sagan

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ccasm2010@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eastern Shore



#### **Eastern Shore Archaeological Society**

*a chapter of The Archaeological Society of Maryland*

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Dates and events are on chapter's website [ASM Eastern Shore \(google.com\)](http://ASM-EasternShore.google.com) Facebook page Eastern Shore Maryland Archaeology and Instagram (@esmdarch). For more information, email [esarcheology@gmail.com](mailto:esarcheology@gmail.com) or [jmrkin2@washcoll.edu](mailto:jmrkin2@washcoll.edu)

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

**All events are open to anyone who wants to attend!**

#### **Open lab at Washington College:**

Contact Julie Markin at [jmarkin2@washcoll.edu](mailto:jmarkin2@washcoll.edu).

As always, check out our

website: <https://sites.google.com/view/asmeasternshore/home> and social media

(Facebook: Eastern Shore Maryland Archaeology; Instagram: @esmdarch) to stay up to date on all our events!

We hope to see you this fall!

## Mid-Potomac

The chapter meets the third Thursday of the month from September through June. In-person meetings begin at 7p.m. for the business meeting followed by a presentation at around 7:30. Since the beginning of 2025, the location of the chapter meetings has changed. The new location is at the ADU Showroom, 8501 Grovemont Circle, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Please contact Don Housley for directions, if necessary.

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

For up-to-date information concerning meetings, please contact Don Housley at [donhou704@earthlink.net](mailto:donhou704@earthlink.net) or 301-424-8526 or check the chapter website: [www.asmmidpotomac.org](http://www.asmmidpotomac.org) , or send an email to: [asmmidpotomac@gmail.com](mailto:asmmidpotomac@gmail.com).

## Monocacy

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## 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](mailto:dancoates@comcast.net)

## Western Maryland

Programs are held the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm at the **History Discovery Center at Blue Spring at 400 N. Mechanic Street, Cumberland, MD**. Unless noted. Chapter email: [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com)

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