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We dedicate this issue of ASM, Ink to Charles Dawson and Alison Pooley.

#### The Dawson Fund Re-Discovered

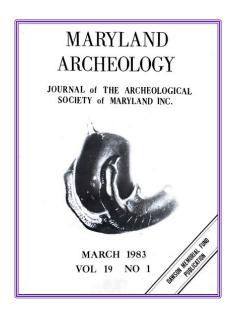
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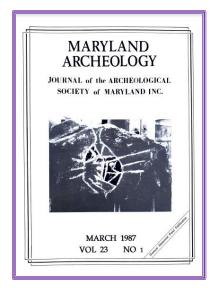
For years, the Dawson Fund has been a bit of a mystery. The ASM Board knew that it was a donation from the Dawson family and that it was to be used for Publications but we didn't have any details as to how it should be used or what the original intent was.

After research in the ASM Archives we discovered that the original donation, made in 1980, after the passing of Charles Dawson, a founding member of the Southwestern Chapter, was for \$5,000. There was no specific request as to how those funds should be used.

In 1981, the board approved a recommendation to place the \$5,000 in a CD (think 12% interest!) Once the interest accrued it would be used to publish the Journal. Each Journal using these funds was to be designated a Dawson Memorial Fund Publication and include a banner on the cover and a dedication page with photo.

In the archives, we located two issues of the Journal (March of 1983 and March of 1987) that included the banner, the first one also included the full recommended text and photo.





These funds were kept separate, some in the CD and the interest in a bank account for many years but were combined since folks were unaware of the past board decision. There is currently about \$18,200 in the account.

After an email discussion, the Board agreed to resume the recommendation approved by the Board in 1981 and to continue discussing news ways that our funds can be used to further the ASM mission through publications. Some thoughts included that when ASM chooses to undertake a publishing project, we could move any proceeds into the Dawson Fund CD to increase the interest earned, or directly into the interest account to be used for future publishing. Similarly, we could begin to accept donations into the fund specifically for other publishing projects. For now, the interest (expected to be about 5%) will be used to pay for publication of Maryland Archeology via the Joomag digital publishing platform, which costs about \$850 per year.

A special thank you is owed to both Charles Dawson and his family. He actively served both the Southwest Chapter and the ASM as a whole and the donation from his family continues to provide funding for archeology publications today. Also, a big thank you is owed to Alison Pooley, who passed away in 2021. She meticulously kept ASM's records in the Archives for decades and allowed us to research this part of our own history.

Below is the original obituary and memorial that appeared in <u>Maryland Archeology</u>, March 1983, Volume 19, Number 1. The font may be hard to read and the document states the following:

#### Charles W. Dawson March 14, 1932 – January 14, 1980.

This issue of Maryland Archeology is dedicated to the memory of Charles W. Dawson who was an active member of the Southwestern chapter until his untimely death in January, 1980. After his passing, the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc, received a generous bequest from his estate. Interest from that bequest is being used to defray the cost of this edition of Maryland Archeology, and it will be used for occasional subsequent Society publications as accumulation permits.

Charlie was a mathematician with the Naval Ship Research and Development Center and had a keen interest in archeology. He was a trustee of the former Archeological Society of Maryland (a section of the Academy of Sciences) and in 1975 played an active role in the merger of that organization with the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. Subsequently, he served as Vice-President and Treasure of the latter organization. He participated in many Chapter and Society field projects. Charlie conducted excavation in Rockville of a site alleged to be that of the eighteenth century Hungerford Tavern and he regularly attended the Annual Field Session in Maryland Archeology. Many field session participants will remember him camping in a tepee of his own construction. In addition to his interest in archeology, Charlie was an avid biker, active in the former Potomac Appalachian Trail Club to which he left his land and cabin in Pennsylvania, for members and their friends to use.

Charlie strove to achieve the objectives of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. One of these objectives is to provide a permanent scientific record of the aboriginal and historical archeology of Maryland. It is therefore appropriate that this issue of <u>Maryland Archeology</u> be dedicated to his memory.



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# Introductions



Jack Candiotti is MHT's new Summer Intern. He graduated from the University of Maryland on May 24<sup>th</sup> with a double major in Anthropology and Geospatial Data Science. He is interested in underwater archeology as well as terrestrial archeology. He enjoys running, hunting, and fishing. He grew up with posters and books on Egypt and Mayan cultures and has always been interested in archeology. Congratulate him when you see him! He was a good sport for his glamor photo during field session.

# Upcoming events

**June 13:** 6:30pm - 7:30pm Craig Lukezic presents about the Fort at St. Inigo's Manor St. Mary's County Library in Leonardtown

**June 10:** Frederick County 275<sup>Th</sup> anniversary Jubilee Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 10PM at Utica District Park. (More information in the Monocacy Chapter Section.

October 14: Annual Meeting in Frederick, hosted by the Monocacy Chapter

October 26-29: ESAF Annual Meeting in Ocean City Maryland

# Volunteer Opportunities

#### **ASM Volunteers Needed:**

**Online Archives:** IT Savvy person to help with organization and start up of an Online Archives. This will not replace the current paper archives but will be a place to house our recent collection of records that are electronic.

**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.

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 Wednesdays and on occasional Saturdays. Contact Jim Gibb at jamesgibb@verizon.net

Charles County for Lab and Field Work welcomes volunteers. Contact Esther Read at ReadE@charlesclountymd.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

**UPAG/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.

#### **Monocacy Chapter**

A volunteer is needed in one of 2 critical areas of most immediate importance (please send me an email if interested) monocacyarcheology@gmail.com

- 1. A chapter secretary/treasurer a fluid position that is organizational/administrative in nature. Estimated approx 2-hours a week = processing chapter memberships, minor simple spreadsheet recordkeeping and maintaining chapter records.
- 2. Someone adept at Facebook page creation and willing to run and manage the chapter's Facebook page. It must be started from scratch; this is largely a self-managing volunteer position you can make it what you want, as long as you get relevant chapter and ASM news posted to it.

The Archaeological Institute of America provides an online listing of fieldwork opportunities worldwide. Click on <a href="https://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork">https://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork</a> to get started.

#### **CAT Corner**

#### Workshop Recap:

The Legal & Ethics Workshop was held on Saturday, May 20 led by Dr. James Gibb. C.A.T. candidates were led through a series of questions and real-life scenarios to illustrate that decisions are not always easy despite laws and principles that govern archeological projects. Candidates also learned how the three major legal systems: the federal, state, and local governments are all responsible for laws that affect archeology and how they work together. The workshop was three hours long and many discussions and questions were answered with efficiency and diplomacy by Dr. Gibb.



*The Mapping Workshop* was held on Saturday May 20 and Tuesday May 22 led by Tom McLaughlin. Both C.A.T. groups focused on creating maps using compasses and calculating distances with protractors and prayer.

Dr. Matt McKnight taught the candidates how to use the Total Station and the Stadia Rod.

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C.A.T. Survey Opportunities were had by all willing participants and a few unwilling volunteers too! They dug many Shovel Test Pits (STPs). Some new C.A.T. Candidates learned how to dig a pit for the first time and others perfected their leadership and



teamwork abilities. Several of the STPs found water. My (Kim) favorite joke is that I'm dowsing with a trowel and shovel. I have published poems about it. There is something gloriously satisfying when one is told one can go no further because they went so deep, they created a well. There were several promising STPs that may lead to further investigation.

More Workshops in the Fall to be Announced.

Contact: Tom with any CAT questions at mclaugh01@verizon.net

#### News

### **Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF)**

ESAF 90th Annual Meeting, October 26-29, 2023, Ocean City, Maryland

Annual Meeting | ESAF Eastern States Archaeological Federation (esafarcheology.org)

This ESAF Annual Meeting is going to be a Hybrid format allowing both inperson and remote presentations and attendance.

Registration will be through the ESAF Website.

**ESAF Call for Papers:** For complete information follow ESAF 2023 Call for Papers (esaf-archeology.org)

Annual Meeting Registration will be through the ESAF Web Site: <a href="https://esaf-archeology.org/">https://esaf-archeology.org/</a>



The Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF) is an organization of state archeological societies representing much of the Eastern United States and Canada.



### 90th Annual Meeting, October 26-29, 2023, Ocean City, Maryland

#### Location

Holiday Inn Oceanfront (410) 524-1600 6600 Ocean Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

#### Hotel Rates

\$69.00 Wed & Thurs + tax per night. \$84.00 Fri & Sat + tax per night.

#### Thursday Tour (9 AM TO 5 PM)

Zwaanendeal Museum

His Majesty's Sloop Debraak 1798 Shipwreck exhibit. Admission \$10 per person.

Nanticoke Indian Museum Admission \$3 per person.

#### Call for Papers

Abstracts (<150 words) are invited for papers and posters on topics related to the Archaeology of Eastern North America to be presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation.

2023 ESAF Call for Papers

**⊙** ESAF 2023 Abstract Submissions (Google Forms)



Tim Abel, the ESAF Treasurer will be in-charge of Annual Meeting Registration.

The Call for **Registration Table Volunteers** at the Holiday Inn will be posted in the ASM Ink ca July or August. ASM and ASD Members who volunteer at the Registration Table at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront for two hours or more \$45 Registration will be waived. Students who volunteer will also have their Registration waived.

The contact persons will be Ed Otter for ASD and Stephen Israel for ASM.

Questions on Session Themes and Questions about Abstracts. ASM Chapters and members are encouraged to submit Abstracts on their current archaeological investigations and research. Contact Program Chair, Stephen Israel

For general inquiries, contact Dr. Zac Singer, ESAF President.

### Maryland Historical Trust

#### First Scouts BSA Workshop

Stephanie Soder

What started as a quiet, rainy morning in late April turned into one of chaos and camaraderie as thirty-two scouts descended upon the Crownsville office of the Maryland Historical Trust. MHT archaeologists held



No Bison were hurt during atlatl practice!

the first Scouts BSA Archaeology Merit Badge Workshop, drawing in scouts from across Maryland and as far away as southcentral Pennsylvania. Their first step into the world of archaeology included a presentation by Dr. Zachary Singer, Dr. Matthew McKnight, and Stephanie Soder on topics including what is and what is not archaeology (like digging dinosaur fossils), steps in the archaeological process, laws that protect cultural resources, how to become an archaeologist, and background research in preparation for fieldwork. After lunch, the afternoon was spent rotating through activity stations. At the first station, scouts used their experimental archaeology skills to

"hunt" mammoth and bison targets. Under the watchful eyes of Matt and ASM volunteer Paul Bollwerk, scouts took turns determining whether the addition of an atlatl (spear-thrower) and a weight (tie-on bannerstone) would help or hinder their success. The mammoth and both bison lived to see another day.

The second station included a hands-on tour of the Crownsville Archaeology Lab. Zac and Kim Malinowski showed the workflow for processing artifacts from the field and led scouts in a discussion of what to do if they come across an artifact and how to be archaeological resource protectors. The final station, run by Steph, had scouts present on a family heirloom or one-weeks' worth of trash. Family heirlooms included photographs, war medals, walking sticks, silver sets, and a banana bread recipe that was then provided as a snack the following weekend.

The next weekend arrived bright and sunny, two perfect days for the scouts to put their newly learned skills to the test. Split into two groups, twenty-seven scouts came out to the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary to conduct excavations at the Poplar Springs East Site (18PR1186). Previously encountered while out inspecting another site nearby, MHT archaeologists hoped to better characterize what was a very minimally documented colonial-era site. With the help of volunteers Kim, Valerie Hall, and Judy Feldt,

scouts opened three excavation units on Saturday, unearthing a post mold feature. On Sunday, scouts opened three additional excavation units and completed seventeen shovel test pits, guided by Valerie and Paul. Artifacts from all six excavation units include white salt-glazed stoneware, colonial olive-green bottle glass, strike-a-lights and gunflints made of English and French flint, hand wrought nails, kaolin tobacco pipes, and brick. While no other features were uncovered on Sunday, the day was highlighted by the recovery of what appeared to be a glass projectile point, perhaps hinting at an earlier Contact Period occupation associated with the Town of Mattapanient. After further inspection, MHT archaeologists



Screening for artifacts

still have not reached a consensus on whether the piece of glass is, in fact, a projectile point. Further analysis at the Maryland Archaeological Conservancy Laboratory will be necessary. Overall, the artifact types are indicative of an early to mid-18<sup>th</sup> century domestic site.

In total, twenty-seven scouts earned the Scouts BSA Archaeology Merit Badge over the course of the two weekends, with five others planning to finish their fieldwork requirements at the ASM Field Session or through other MHT projects. A special thank you must be extended to the five ASM members who volunteered their time to assist with this workshop – Paul, Kim, Valerie, Judy, and Tom McLaughlin. Programs like this would not be possible to offer without the dedication of members like you. Encouraged by the positive feedback of parents and scouts, MHT archaeologists are optimistic that the workshop will remain an annual fixture for scouts in the region.

### The Annual Maryland Archeology Field Session

#### Kim Malinowski

The Annual Maryland Archeology Field Session was held May 19-29. Volunteers dug 25 Shovel Test Pits (STPS) and about 20 units were opened. Washington College's Field School will continue excavation of the site. Preliminary data and interpretations will be forthcoming over the next year as the findings are interpreted and examined.

**Evening Lecture: The Spencer Geasey Memorial Lecture** took place at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center on Tuesday, May 23. Francis Gray was unable to attend will be rescheduled to speak at a later date.



Dr. Zachary Singer and Dr. Julie Markin spoke instead. Zac described the ceramics in detail of the Chapel Branch West Site and passed around examples of sherds that could be found during the field session. Julie described her research findings so far from the Barwick's Ordinary site of last year's field session. She and her students will be returning this summer and preliminarily completing both site's current scope and hopefully, answering the research questions about domestic and social life in rural Maryland as colonists began living in the area.



#### **Lunchtime Lectures**

On Monday 22, Lynne Bulhack, Ceramicist and ASM Native American Liaison, presented her findings and experiences with both interpreting and recreating Indigenous Ceramics in her Lunchtime Lecture, *Interpreting Indigenous Ceramics*. She demonstrated how different clay and clay sources would change the temper of Pre-Contact ceramics. She also showed different fibers that would create surface treatment and decoration. There



Sculpey Impression

was a display of sherds of ceramics and impressions taken with puddy that allowed further analysis as to what tool was being used when creating the ceramics. In front of these, were recreations of likely tools used. Net, cord, and fiber sources were displayed. Sherds were sent through the listeners so that everyone could understand temper, surface treatment, and low fired earthenware or coarse earthenware.



Lynne explains ceramics

Friday, May 26, Dr. Zachary Singer, State Terrestrial Archaeologist, presented *What's the Point?: Projectile Point Workshop* for the Lunchtime Lecture. He explained how Maryland projectile points changed through history and provided examples from the McDaniel collection from the Pierpoint site. He sent around points of various materials and types and explained what was being found at Chapel Branch West and how it could be identified.

#### **Kids Day**

Kids Day was Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 9am - 12pm but several stayed later engrossed in their work and the splendor of the afternoon. Three children that stayed after finishing in the lab area were interviewed. Their full names are not being used because ASM Ink is housed online for public use. Aspen,



Kim interviews three children

They/Them, is 13 and lives in Princess Anne, Maryland. They enjoyed the closed pit and lab work. Both of their parents are history teachers, and they became fascinated with the Native American ceramic patterns they saw and how the designs might be surface treatment and not just decoration. They want to excavate a midden next time and see what people ate and how they lived. Nora E., She/Her, and her twin sister Meara E. She/Her, are 11. Both enjoyed digging. Nora wants to dig professionally but agreed not to dig in her yard do to space and Aspen's plants. Nora enjoyed cleaning the glass. Meara enjoyed dry brushing artifacts but wants to see more bone and "faunal" materials, including deer bone in a traveling collection. Both Nora and Meara agreed that the sandwiches were the best part. Nora proudly stated that hers was peanut butter and apple, but Meara was content with peanut butter and jelly. Lunch is a respite for the adults, clearly the kids enjoy the break as well.

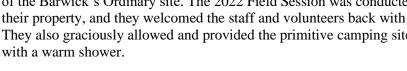
#### The Hosts

The owners of Chapel Branch West have found many points and artifacts by surface collecting and were enthralled by the findings. They were able to see what was being found in Shovel Test Pits (STPs) in real time and discuss timeframe and point type with volunteers. The names of both field session families are not being used for site safety. However, their pictures are being used with both family's full blessings.



#### **Annual Field Session Feast**

On Saturday, May 27th the Annual Field Session Feast was hosted onsite at Chapel Branch West by the owners of the Barwick's Ordinary site. The 2022 Field Session was conducted on their property, and they welcomed the staff and volunteers back with vigor. They also graciously allowed and provided the primitive camping site along



#### **Primitive Camping**

The fire pit was used several times and Tom Mclaughlin noodled on his guitar as the sun set. The water was nearby, and campers were able to fish.

Snakehead fish hunters were out late into the night searching for the fish. A raccoon attempted several heists but made more noise than stole food. A black snake slithered next to and into a camper's tarp. It was removed and entered into the grill instead of under the tent. No snake or camper was harmed in the incident.

#### Notes from Kim Malinowski, the new editor of the ASM Ink.

I attended my first full field session this year. Last year, I attended one day and was uncertain about my path going forward. I am a professional writer with over 400 publications and at least 7 books traditionally published by next year. I am still uncertain. I was asked to introduce myself by answering a list of questions but instead, I am including a professional post to my Facebook account. I wrote to my friends and followers on Facebook (about 1,500) and I think it sums up who I am better than answering interview questions and sums up at the same time, what the field session has given me.

"I've worked this unit since Friday. We've gone slow. I called it the learning unit. Instead of just giving a volunteer a shovel, we have been teaching. I have been taught. I've been blessed in a way that just dirt can't do. Volunteers that have never been to a site were immediately taught to trowel the unit for photos. Experts screened "sifted" and taught each other what to look for and why. Then, a man in his 80s came for closing. I thought that we were done. A few crude measurements and math that I have trouble with. He heard the tremor in my voice as I asked for the paperwork in the wrong way. Aphasia, whatever brain damage it is, flairs when I'm tired or on what day of a dig? There were several times I could have said "we don't do that here." Or "no." We spent 4 + hours profiling the walls to sea level!!! Accounting for SLOPE! The man served in Vietnam War and worked with munitions. He did this all of the time! He said he found it fun. I learned more about being human and of course, math, than in my entire life. We both almost burst into tears leaving. People arrive when we need them. Location taken off photo to avoid looting."



Look for tons of photos and more articles on the 2023 Annual Field Session in the coming ASM Ink newsletters.

The first collage appears on the final page.

If you need a copy of a photograph that you are in or the collage contact Kim Malinowski at KimMalinowski@marylandarcheology.org or KimMalinowski1221@gmail.com.

# **Chapter News**

# Central Chapter

All meetings will be held on Zoom the third Tuesday of every second month. For more information and to be added to the Zoom list contact Katharine Fernstrom at <a href="mailto:kwfappraising@gmail.com">kwfappraising@gmail.com</a>

# **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) 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. In-person meetings begin at 7p.m. 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 6:30 p.m. for \$5 per person. Virtual meetings will be via Zoom with the business meeting also starting at 7 and the presentation at 7. For up-to-date information concerning meetings, please contact Don Housley at donhou704@earthlink.net or 301-424-8526 or check the chapter website: www.asmmidpotomac.org, or send an email to: asmmidpotomac@gmail.com

Thursday, June 15: Chapter picnic beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Needwood Mansion.

# Monocacy

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

The Monocacy Chapter will be attending and participating in public outreach at the Frederick County 275<sup>Th</sup> anniversary Jubilee Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 10PM at Utica District Park. Find us in the "History Pavilion."



# 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

# St. Mary's County

Meetings are at the Leonardtown Library in Leonardtown every second Tuesday night of the month at 6:30pm. For information contact Craig Lukezic at <a href="mailto:crukezic@gmail.com">crukezic@gmail.com</a>

# Upper Patuxent

Contact Kelly Palich, at 410-313-0423.

# Western Maryland

Programs are the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. 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

Each year the Chapter sets up a display booth at Frostburg State University's Appalachian Festival. It has been an ideal venue for introducing the general public to the archaeology of our region.

In May, Chapter members assisted Dr. Stephen McBride at Ashby's Fort, another French & Indian war facility located across the Potomac River in West Virginia. We have been working with Dr. McBride over the past several years in defining the walls and bastions of the fort. This year the object of the excavations is to test the interior of the fort any possible indication of structures.

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.

Contact Membership Secreta Ethan Bean, 765-716-5282 or beans 32@comcast.net for membership rates. Newsletter submissions: Kim Malinowskikim.malinowski@marylandarcheology.org Text: 301-633-0021

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