

# ASM Ink



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*This issue is dedicated to Dennis C. Curry*

## Upcoming Activities

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

## President's Note

This month I find it hard to write, even a small note. I will say that with the loss of Dennis Curry, I was reminded to take the time to read a good book and to treasure family and friends - time is short.

Thanks to Matt McKnight and MHT for hosting another great Workshop. Also, a special thank you to the breakfast and registration crew; John Fiveash, Don Housley, Fran Kline, John Newton, and Barbara and Stephen Israel.

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at events throughout the month and will look forward to seeing you again at the ASM Annual Meeting in October.

Be well,

Valerie

# In Memorial

## Dennis C. Curry

[Dennis C Curry's Obituary - Columbia, MD | Ever Loved](#)

### Memories by Maureen Kavanagh

Maryland archeology suffered a great loss last month with the passing of Dennis Curry. Dennis' 40-year archeological career left a lasting impact, not only in Maryland but throughout the Middle Atlantic.



Born in Ohio, Dennis moved east to attend college at The Catholic University of America. Once introduced to archeology he never looked back. Tested in the grueling (and now legendary) Thunderbird Field School, Dennis went on to earn his BA and MA in Anthropology at Catholic. He then went to work for Tyler Bastian at the Maryland Geological Survey's Division of Archeology, doing Phase I/Reconnaissance surveys for State highway projects. Accompanied by his field assistant (and well-known collector) Spencer Geasey, Dennis trudged through swamps, thickets, and streams, surveying and testing sites in 18 counties and producing an impressive 76 Phase I reports. While many surveys did not produce significant findings, Dennis applied himself to learning about the archeology of each area and acquired an intimate knowledge of Maryland's landscapes and material culture. Dennis' broad understanding of Maryland prehistory made him a valuable resource for

collaborating with his colleagues throughout the region.

In 1987 Dennis' work shifted to a more research-oriented position. Dennis and I were co-principal investigators for five field sessions from 1988-1992: two at the Chapel Point site and three at Rosenstock. The early 90's also saw the transfer of the Division of Archeology to the Maryland Historical Trust. There, Dennis served as a Senior Archeologist, rising to the position of Chief Archeologist in 2013. Dennis retired in 2017, but continued to work on unfinished projects.

Dennis published and presented research on a wide range of topics: A sampling includes Aeolian deposition in the late Holocene, paleoenvironments, petroglyphs, the transition from the Middle to Late Woodland in Maryland, Contact Period Native American forts in the Middle Atlantic, the Contact Period in Maryland, ossuary burial practices throughout the Middle Atlantic, and the Piscataway Fort at Heater's Island. His most notable publications are *Feast of the Dead: Aboriginal Ossuaries in Maryland*, published in 1999, and *Canavest: The History and Archeology of a Late 17<sup>th</sup> Century Piscataway Indian Fort*, published just last year.

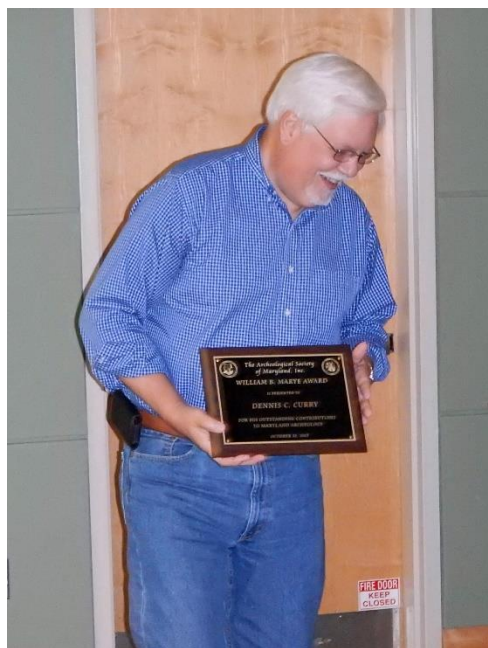
Dennis also served as an editor for a multitude of publications, including *ESAF Bulletin*, *Current Maryland Archeology Newsletter*, *AENA*, *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archeology* (book review editor) and *Maryland Archeology*, where he served a marathon stint of 25 years. Applying his expert knowledge, deep experience and outstanding writing skills, he solicited, reviewed and edited hundreds of articles read by Middle Atlantic archeologists, improving both content and style.

As a solution to the challenges people had in finding archeological information, Dennis produced numerous bibliographies and abstracts of archeological reports in Maryland. In 2007 he began a project to synthesize archeological data from the unpublished grey literature and to make it accessible to professionals as well as the general public. He hired Matt McKnight for this multi-year project of distilling hundreds of archeological reports into digestible capsule summaries. The finished product is an on-line searchable database for archeological research in Maryland, complete with site synopses that is available to all through the MHT website.



Dennis was a well-known presence to the ASM community. In addition to presenting many lectures, Dennis was involved as a participant or director of every ASM Annual Field Session from 1977 until his retirement. In addition, as Chief Archeologist, Dennis organized the Annual Workshop in Archeology, co-sponsored by ASM and the Maryland Historical Trust, an event which typically draws nearly 100 attendees.

Awards that Dennis received include the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference's Significant Contribution Award, the Maryland Historical Trust's Special Award of Merit, The Archeological Society of Maryland's William B. Marye Award, and the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dennis may have appeared reserved to those who didn't know him well, but eventually his friends were treated to his great sense of humor and even the occasional hand-drawn cartoon. At the field sessions his playful side emerged, whether driving the bobcat to backfill, excelling at the atlatl throw, or just relaxing back at camp after a day in the field. Dennis was able to balance his serious side of doing good archeology with his ability to see the humorous contexts in so many fieldwork situations.

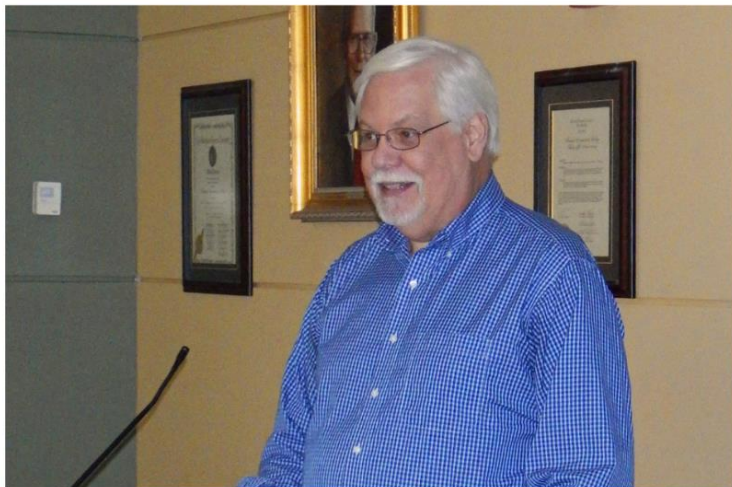
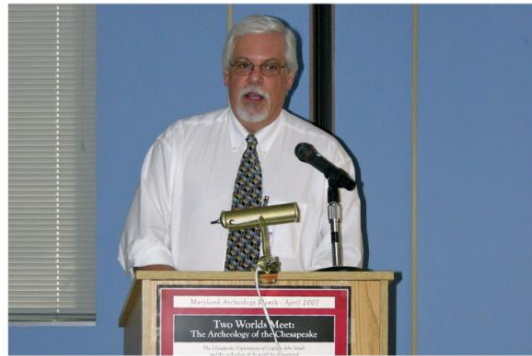
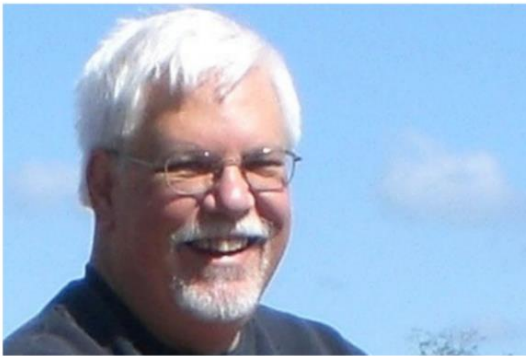
Dennis had a generous and collaborative spirit. He was always willing to share data, exchange ideas, and co-author publications. He knew that at its best, archeology is a "team sport". He was also thorough and exacting in detail. As his co-worker I was continually impressed by the intensive work he would always do behind the scenes to "get it right."

If you're not familiar with Dennis' work, his last publication is a great place to start. *Canavest* recounts the movement of the Piscataways from Moyaons near Accokeek Creek in 1608, to Canavest, or Heater's Island, near Point of Rocks in the Potomac River, where they lived in their last fort in Maryland from 1699 to approximately 1712. The publication combines the historical accounts from the Archives with archeological data, bringing that slice of history to life. It is a fitting capstone to his career.

His colleagues and friends already miss him deeply.







# Workshop in Archaeology

The Maryland Historical Trust, working in partnership with The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., proudly presented the 33rd Annual Workshop in Archaeology on Saturday, September 28th, 2024.

Dr. Stephen Brighton, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Maryland – College Park, was the keynote speaker. He presented *Uncovering Hidden Worlds: The Science and Craft of Doing Archaeology*. Dr. Brighton highlighted his

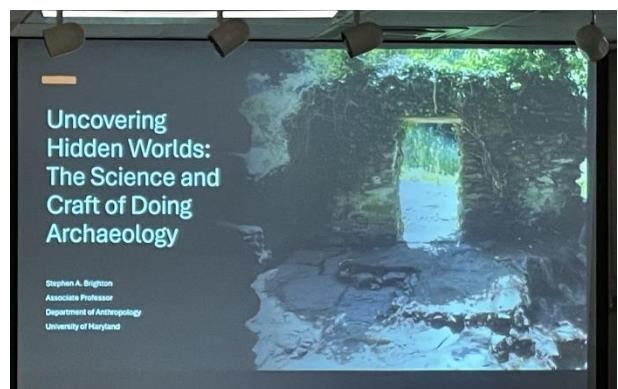


work on the Irish Diaspora in the United States and Ireland by examining how Irish immigrants constructed meaning in their daily lives and expressed it through material culture. Dr. Brighton threaded the narrative of how archeology tells a story through material culture that gives both scientific evidence but that then adds a personal narrative where history, both collective and personal, has gaps because of the unfolding of historic events.

Brighton used the idea of diaspora, specifically the Irish diaspora, and the various oral histories, written documents, and archeological data to examine how the Irish Famine or Great Hunger contributed to a new cultural landscape in the United States—with both good and hurtful consequences as well as the archeological

examination of ruins in Ireland that tell different stories about real people. The sparseness of the landscape where houses should be, alone tells the story of the dead and immigrating during the Great Hunger.

Personal bonds can be formed, and genealogy can be recovered up to a point. The lack of history can be damaging and having diaspora studied allows for history to be recovered and strengthens identity.





Troy Nowak presented *Conventional Documentation of Archaeological Resources: Recording Structures*.



Participants were able to make calculations and learn how to accurately draw maps using physical examples. 2D recording methods were discussed for both land and underwater structures.



Matthew McKnight led *The Basics of Survey and Mapmaking for the Avocational Archaeologist*. He showed participants how to collect spatial data and examine how to create useful maps to preserve data and display patterns for site interpretation.



Pat Melville presented *Reading Historical Documents: Hints for Transcription*. The retired archivist with the Maryland State Archives offered a packet to help examine handwritten historical documents and tips to deciphering both the handwriting and the language being used.



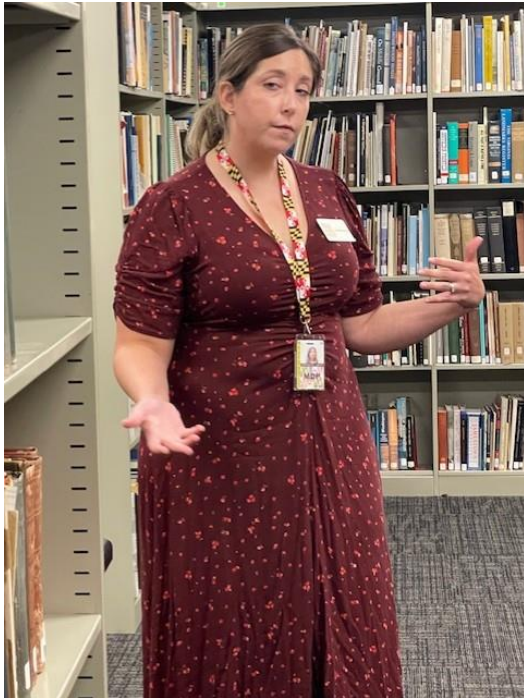


Lynne Bulhack led *Perishables Revealed: Recording Textile Impressions on Potsherds* where participants could learn hands-on about how textiles were used to create Indigenous North American Ceramics and how to use polymer clay to take impressions of existing pottery sherds to better identify and analyze them.





Lara Westwood presented *An Introduction to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) Library* and gave a brief overview for understanding the materials kept and used for archeological studies.

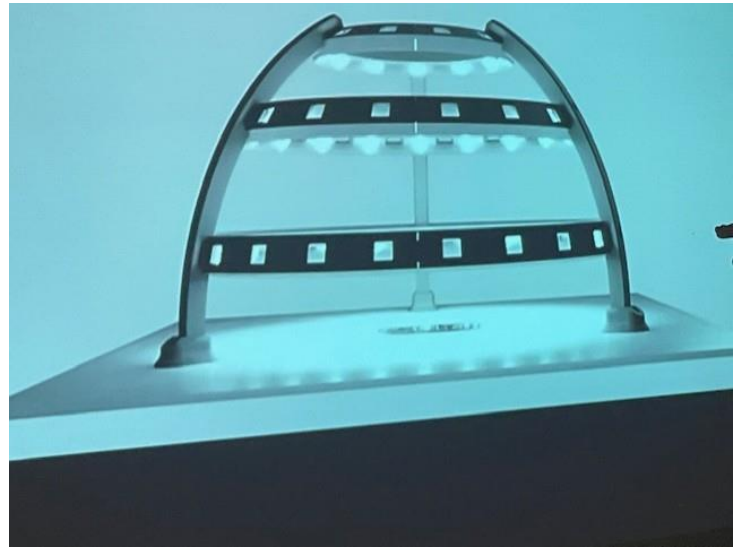


David Givens presented *It's Not Just a Magic Box: Understanding GPR* and showed real world examples and allowed them to experience Ground Penetrating Radar.

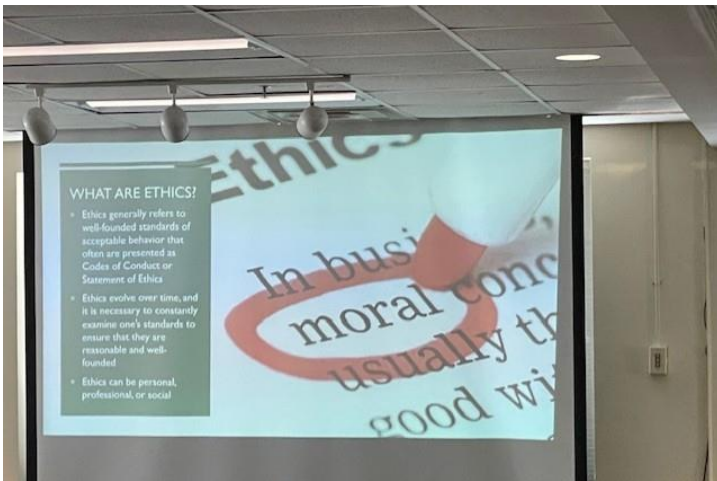




Scott Strickland showcased *Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI) of Artifacts* and the RTI equipment being used to show fine details that are not easily visible.



Zachary Singer and Stephanie Soder taught the *CAT SESSION — Ethics & the Law in Archaeology, Parts I & II* where C.A.T. Candidates could debate real world problems and how context matters.



**Thank you to everyone that helped and participated!!!**



# The ASM Annual Meeting

The ASM Annual Meeting will be held on October 12, 2024, at Chesapeake College at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center, in Queenstown, MD, 21658. The meeting is from 9am-3pm. There will be an hour and a half lunch that allows for options to leave the campus for the meal with limited restaurant availability or to pack lunch. Following the meeting, members are invited to happy hour at the Ten Eyck Brewing Company.

## **Directions:**

### **From I-70 E/ US-40 E:**

Take exit 80 to merge onto MD-32 S toward Clarksville. Merge onto I-97 S. Merge onto US-301 N/US-50 E toward Annapolis/Bay Brg. Toll road. Take the US-50 E exit toward Ocean City. Continue on US-50 E/Ocean Gateway to destination.

### **From Baltimore:**

Take I-97 S and US-301 N to US-50 E/Ocean Gateway in Queen Anne's County. Take the US-50 E exit from US-301 N/US-50 E. Turn left onto I-395 S. Merge onto I-95 S toward Washington. Take I- 695 E toward Glen Burnie/Annapolis. Merge onto I-695 S. Turn slightly left onto I-97 S. Merge onto US-301 N/US-50 E toward Annapolis/Bay Brg **Toll road.** Take US-50 E exit toward Ocean City. Continue on US-50 E/Ocean Gateway to your destination.

**1000 College Circle, Queenstown, MD 21658**

**See second graphic for Map with Parking Location.**



# Archeological Society of Maryland Annual Meeting

*Hosted by the Eastern Shore Chapter*



**October 12, 2024**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Eastern Shore Higher Education Center  
Chesapeake College  
Queenstown, MD 21658**

9:00-9:30	Registration and Breakfast
9:30-10:45	ASM Annual Business Meeting
11:00-11:30	Zac Singer and Katie Gill
11:30-12:00	Willie Graham
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:00	Aaron Levinthal
2:00	<i>Frederic M. Stiner Memorial Address</i> Norris "Buddy" Howard Pocomoke Indian Nation
Afterwards	Happy Hour at Ten Eyck Brewing Company



There isn't much near Chesapeake College in the way of food establishments - we strongly recommend packing a lunch!



## Directions

**From the west:**

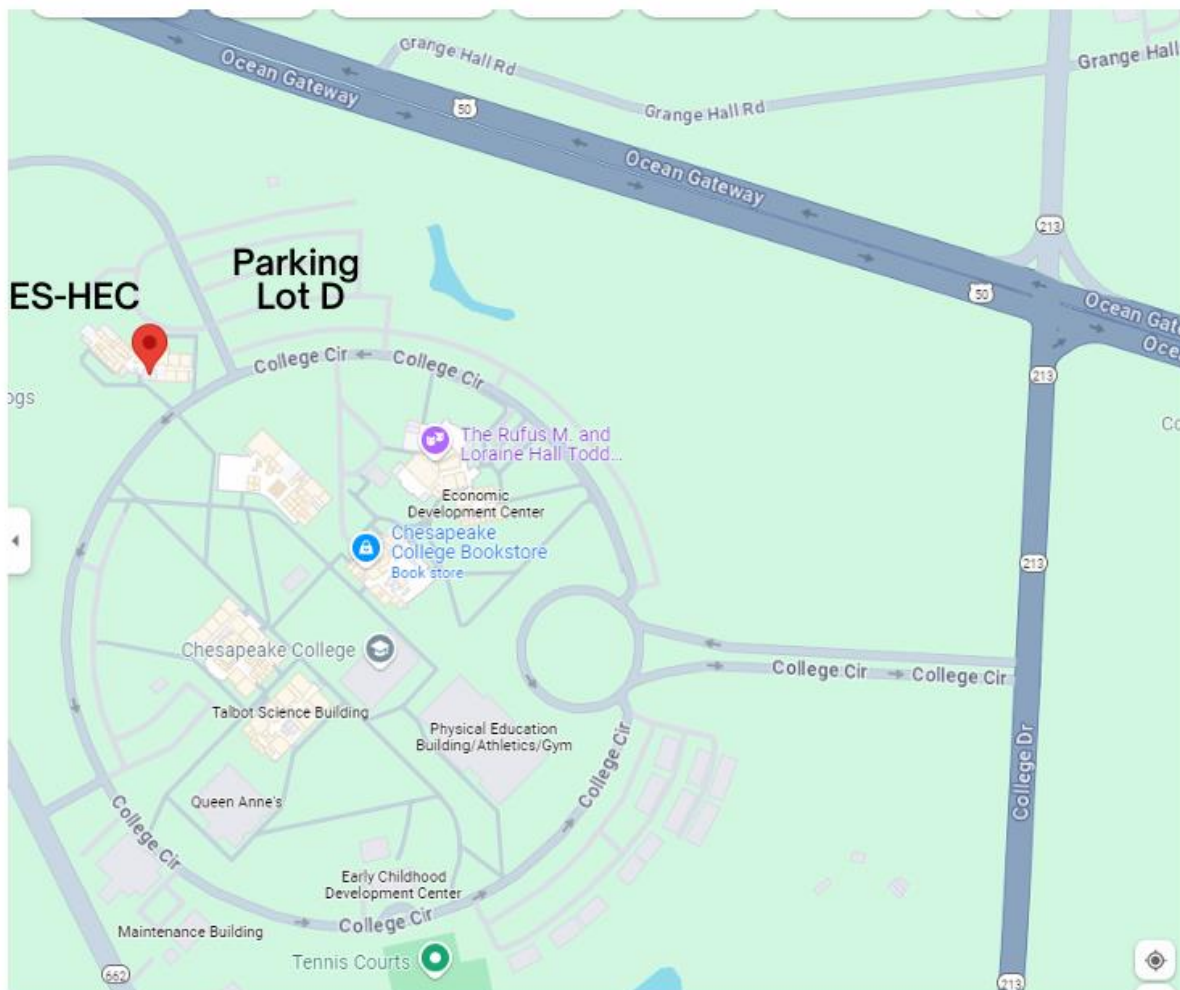
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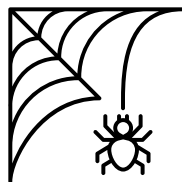
**Turn right onto College Circle.**

**Take the first exit (again, turn right).**

**Follow College Circle until you see the first building on your right. This is the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center (marked by a red pin on the map below).**

**Parking Lot D is the closest to the building.**





## 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

An email was recently sent to all current members with instructions for voting. Participants are 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](mailto:ethan.bean@marylandarcheology.org) or [beans32@comcast.net](mailto:beans32@comcast.net).





## 2025 Conference on Public Archaeology

Abstract submissions for the [2025 Conference on Public Archaeology](#) are now open! Hosted by [Archaeology in the Community](#), this meeting of public-minded archaeologists and cultural heritage professionals will take place August 8-9, 2025 in Washington, DC. This unique conference will skip traditional paper presentations in favor of discussions, hands-on activities, and networking opportunities. Submit your idea for a panel, roundtable, workshop, or poster before the deadline on February 10, 2025 and register for the conference between March and July. Read more in the [Submission Guidelines](#) (PDF). Let's shape the future of archaeology together! #PublicArchaeology2025

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

**Stephen Israel**

ESAF 91st Annual Meeting, November 7-10, 2024, Newport, Rhode Island  
Annual Meeting | ESAF Eastern States Archaeological Federation ([esaf-archeology.org](http://esaf-archeology.org)).  
This ESAF Annual Meeting is going to be a Hybrid format allowing both in-person and remote presentations and attendance.

**ESAF Call for Papers:** For complete information follow ESAF 2024 Call for Papers ([esafarcheology.org](http://esafarcheology.org))

**Annual Meeting Registration** will be through the ESAF Web Site: ESAF | Eastern States Archeological Federation - Home ([esaf-archeology.org](http://esaf-archeology.org)).

Registration by Paypal or by check with mail-in registration form at the ESAF website. The contact person is Heather Rockwell for 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, Heather Rockwell**

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

## **2024 Annual ESAF Banquet Keynote Speaker on Saturday evening:**

**Annual Banquet Keynote Speaker**

**Rebecca J. Bertrand, Newport Historical Society**

Rebecca J. Bertrand stepped into the role of executive director of the Newport Historical Society in January 2023. She oversees the stewardship of some of Newport's most important historic properties, including the Colony House, the Great Friends Meeting House, the Brick Market and the oldest house in Newport, the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House; the curation and maintenance of a robust collection of over 500 years' worth of artifacts, documents, and photographs; and a menu of public programs including the Museum of Newport History and other exhibits, tours, publications, and immersive learning experiences that bring history to life in the present.

Bertrand is a passionate nonprofit leader and spent seven years at newportFILM, a non-profit year-round documentary film series. Most recently, she was Executive Director of the New York Yacht Club Foundation for Historic Preservation, and previously served as Director of Development at the Newport Art Museum. She is on the board and leadership team of Preserve Rhode Island and supports the Rhode Island Humanities as a committee member and has served a grant panelist for Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Bertrand has deep roots in the Newport community: she is a graduate of Salve Regina University with a degree in Cultural and Historic Preservation. She is a past recipient of the Young Alumni of the Year Award and continues to support Salve as a proud alumna. Bertrand holds a M.A. from the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture at the University of Delaware with a certificate in Museum Studies.

## **Preservation for the Present: Reimagining Institutions as Instruments for Remembrance & Change**

On the cusp of 2026, the semiquincentennial of the founding of the nation, the Newport Historical Society is embarking on a transformational journey. This keynote addresses how our institution is actively re-examining the narratives we present to the public. As a nonprofit organization founded in 1854 to preserve and interpret the history of Newport County, we are working to actively move beyond a singular historical viewpoint to acknowledge and explore the stories often silenced.

The Newport Historical Society is utilizing exhibitions, archival research, and digital tools to amplify previously underrepresented voices. This keynote conversation explores the power of these initiatives to foster a more inclusive understanding of Newport's past – a past that informs not only our sense of community's identity but also paves the way for a more just future. The address will explore the process behind multi-year efforts to center the experiences of Black and Indigenous people, including a preview of new and exciting work to come. We are making space for underrepresented voices through the growing Voices from the NHS Archives database, compelling exhibitions, and beyond. We invite you to join us for one such exhibition—A Name, A Voice, A Life: The Black Newporters of the 17th-19th Centuries—on view during the conference at the NHS Resource Center.

This address will explore the potential of historical institutions to serve as powerful instruments for remembrance, understanding, and positive change.



# Western Maryland Chapter Members participate in Frostburg State University's Appalachian Festival

Members from the Western Maryland Chapter of the Archeology Society of Maryland provided an information booth during the Frostburg State University's annual



Appalachian Festival. The chapter's displays provided both local attendees and out-of area attendees information on archeology in Western Maryland and to the Barton site and this past summer's field session at Cresap's Fort.



# 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](mailto:CAT@marylandarcheology.org)

Many CATs and CAT Candidates were at The Legal and Ethics two-part workshop at the MHT Workshop in Archeology. More workshops TBA.



# **A CAREER AND ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW SUMMARY WITH NANCY CARLILE GEASEY BY JEREMY LAZELLE AND STEPHEN ISRAEL, DECEMBER 29, 2023**

**ASM Oral History Project Available Soon  
At the Record Street House in Frederick, Maryland, December 29, 2023**

Nancy Carlile was born in September 1938 in Sharon, Pennsylvania, right on the border with Ohio. Her home was in Trumbull County, Ohio on her mother's Kepner 360-acre farm, where her father and mother built a house. One of two children to John and Camilla Kepner Carlile. Nancy Carlile attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio taking four years of German, and graduating in 1960. This interview embraces Nancy Carlile's career working in Washington, DC, her early interest in Maryland archaeology, and her marriage to Spencer Geasey of Frederick, Maryland, a well-known and respected avocational field archaeologist in Maryland. Nancy is a past member and President of ASM and the Monocacy Archaeology Chapter.

After graduating from Miami University in 1960, Nancy was recruited by the National Security Agency (NSA) at Fort Meade, Maryland, where she learned Russian to listen to allegedly intercepted tapes, during the Cold War, beginning in 1960. At this time, Nancy had no free time to pursue extracurricular activities. In the 1965-time frame, Nancy left the NSA and was hired by the National Academy of Science (NAS) on Constitutional Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. She worked with the NSA exchange program with the Russian Academy of Science and eventually became the NAS Meeting Coordinator.

Around 1965, Nancy found time to join the rejuvenated Southwest Archaeological Chapter meeting in Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland. The Chapter scheduled monthly meetings and weekend digs to local archaeological sites. Chapter members gave Nancy rides to archaeological sites on Saturdays and Sundays, as she was still without a car. The Late Woodland Biggs Ford Village Site near Walkersville, Maryland, was the first archaeological site Nancy excavated on. Eventually, Nancy purchased a Volkswagen Bug, and now could drive herself to the Chapter field sites and dig on Saturdays and Sundays. The Chapter President, Doug Woodward was extraordinary strong and good at keeping the Chapter meetings and Chapter field projects going. Bob Newbury was another active and a committed Chapter member. The Southwest Chapter field work focused on research and recording their field work. Their fieldwork proved to be important and noteworthy. Pot hunters and grave hunters, at this time, were digging and looting large Late Woodland village sites along the Potomac River floodplain.



Nancy met Spencer Geasey through archaeology at Chapter meetings or at an ASM dig in the 1979-time frame. Eventually, Nancy married Spencer, and she moved to Frederick and began commuting to the NSA. Spencer told Nancy he could not live in Bethesda because he could not hunt for spearpoints or go fishing there.

Nancy and Spencer Geasey lived in Frederick, and eventually moved to Crow Rock Road in Myersville. Nancy and Spencer's son Scott Geasey was born in 1981. Nancy retired from the NAS and the long commute to the NAS in Washington, DC in the early 1980s. She maintained an active role in Maryland archaeology in helping spearhead the reuniting of the two state archaeological societies in Maryland in the mid-1970s in 1975, as well as serving as the Southwestern and Monocacy Chapter Presidents. Nancy was President of the ASM in 2000 and 2001. She spearheaded the Chapter search for the forgotten 1746 First Log Church location, thought to be approximately ten miles, north of Frederick along the Monocacy River. Nancy also assisted the Monocacy Chapter in a Phase-I dig of the 1748 Beatty-Cramer House compliance excavation because the property owner was planning to renovate that early dwelling in Frederick County.

In more recent years, Nancy served as an advocate for preserving threatened archaeological sites in both the city of Frederick and Frederick County. She frequently notifies the County and City historic preservation officers of the threatened archaeological sites about to be bulldozed by the increase in highway, industrial, and housing development. Spencer died in January 2007. Nancy in time, moved to downtown Frederick and finally to the Record Street House in Frederick in the spring of 2023, a home for elderly ladies.

**Notes: August 17, 2020, Stephen and Barbara Israel and Wayne Clark's, Nancy Geasey Nomination Submittal for the 2020 William B. Marye Award. And the December 29, 2023, Stephen Israel and Jeremy Lazelle career and oral history interview of Nancy C. Geasey at the Record Street House in Frederick, Maryland.**

# 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.

The process is listed below, and **applications are now being accepted, but must be received by November 1.**

- Applicants must 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](mailto:Valerie.Hall@marylandarcheology.org)
- 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!

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

# Volunteer Opportunities

## ASM Volunteers Needed:

**The following volunteer opportunities are open to CAT participants and other ASM members:**

**ASM Volunteer Lab, most Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Thursday is temporary and is the Cresap's site only):** The lab in Crownsville. Contact Zachary Singer at [Zachary.Singer@maryland.gov](mailto: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](mailto:jamesggibb@verizon.net)

**Charles County for Lab and Field Work** welcomes volunteers. Contact Esther Read at [ReadE@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:ReadE@charlescountymd.gov) For more information, contact Carol Cowherd at [ccasm2010@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





# BARKAEOLOGY

## *Parade*

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OCT 5, 2024  
9:30-11:30 AM



ROCK CREEK PARK  
WASHINGTON, DC



# 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.

**Public Archeology Days at Swann Site** in Historic Port Tobacco Village (10am-3pm)  
Saturday **October 26** and Sunday **October 27**

Esther Read is the PI contact [ReadE@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:ReadE@charlescountymd.gov) or [ccasm2010@gmail.com](mailto:ccasm2010@gmail.com)

## Eastern Shore

Dates and events are on chapter's website [ASM Eastern Shore \(google.com\)](http://ASM-Eastern-Shore.google.com) Facebook page Eastern Shore Maryland Archaeology and Instagram (@esmdarch). For more information, email [esarcheology@gmail.com](mailto:esarcheology@gmail.com) or [jamrkin2@washcoll.edu](mailto:jamrkin2@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).

Open lab on Thursdays from noon to 4 pm at Washington College. Contact Julie Markin at [jmarkin2@washcoll.edu](mailto: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 around 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 Zoom 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](mailto:donhou704@earthlink.net)

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**Thursday, October 17, 2024 (In-person):** Local historian Jim Johnston will speak on the history of Taverns in Montgomery County.

**Thursday, November 21, 2024:** David Dove, archaeologist and landowner of the site will give a talk on the Great Houses and Kivas of the Mitchell Springs site near Cortez, Colorado. This chapter meeting and presentation will be via Zoom. If interested, please contact Don Housley at [donhou704@earthlink.net](mailto:donhou704@earthlink.net) for the necessary Zoom codes.

## Monocacy

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### **Archaeology and Understanding the Civil War Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg**

**Tuesday, October 15th** - 7 pm Community Room, C Burr Artz Library, Dr. Jim Gibb  
There are excellent books on the subject of the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg, from the Confederate perspective), including hour-by-hour action in one of the fiercest battles of the American Civil War. Archaeology provides some details not otherwise seen by combatants through the dense smoke and noise of the bloodiest day in American history. This illustrated presentation focuses on archaeological investigation of the parking lot in front of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, providing hitherto undocumented details of one small sector of the battlefield.



## 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. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 211 S. Lee Street in Cumberland, unless noted. Chapter email: [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto: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 from 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](mailto:info@oxbowculturalresearch.com).

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