

# ASM Ink



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## Upcoming Activities

March 8, 2025–ASM Board Meeting

April 5, 2025 – ASM Spring Symposium on Archeology

## In Memoriam of Dr. Mark Leone

Dr. Mark Leone, died on December 11, 2024. The University of Maryland honored his memory with an article on his life and scholarship.

[In Memoriam: Distinguished University Professor Mark Leone | The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences](#)

The article has many personal experiences and testimonies to his name. Notably, the following paragraph seemed to acknowledge the complexity of his life.



“Living up to his name, Dr. Leone was a lion in our field. He was a world-renowned archaeologist who profoundly changed our discipline. He was a passionate scholar, a fierce advocate for his students, an adept negotiator, and a visionary leader,” said Professor and Chair Barnet Pavão-Zuckerman. “Mark cared deeply about the success of his colleagues and the Department of Anthropology, and was not afraid to tell us when he thought we could do better. He was usually right. He was a serious man, but mention his beloved grandson and his face would light up with pure delight. That is how I will remember him.”

Many ASM members may have memories of Dr. Leone, anyone may write to the *ASM Ink* to share. Our hearts are with his family, friends, and former students.

# ASM's New Treasurer - Cathy Camut

After the ASM elections in October, our selection for treasurer was unable to perform the duties. A quick search resulted in asking Cathy Camut, with our Mid-Potomac Chapter, if she would consider the position. I was very pleased when she first said she would consider it and then said yes! The Board was glad to confirm her as our new treasurer - she will serve the remainder of the term through October 2026.

Transition activities began last week and should be completed in the next few months.



Elaine Chhean and Cathy Camut Formalize Transition of Treasurer Duties

## President's Note

Heather Bouslog is the one who invited me to my first archeology dig back in 1996 at Elkridge. We worked with Stephen Israel under a bridge, in the woods. Our young sons enjoyed the work (and playing in the backfill dirt) and I got a really bad case of poison ivy. But I also held a stone tool that had been in the ground for so many years . . . and I was hooked. It was the people, the process, and the discoveries that captivated me.

With Heather's retirement at the end of December, I wanted to recognize her. I want to celebrate Heather's amazing career and to thank her. Not only is she incredibly important to me, she is also appreciated and loved by so many people - both professional archaeologists, CAT graduates, and volunteers. Thank you, Heather, for your long-term commitment to Maryland Archeology and for sharing that love with so many!

PS If you work with a Mid-Potomac Chapter volunteer and note that their walls are absolutely awesome - you can thank Heather for that!

Wishing each of you and your families a safe and peaceful New Year!

--Valerie

# 2025 ASM, Inc. New Project Applications

I am excited to announce that after a review of last year's ASM New Project process, the board was in favor of offering another year of this process.

**Applications are now being accepted, but must be received by February 28, 2025.**

- 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 2025, we designated \$15,000 for the year with a suggested cap of \$5,000 per request
- A second round of applications may be solicited in the summer, based on availability of funds
- 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).

# Announcing our Third ASM New Project Grant Approval

Congratulations to Valerie M. J. Hall on approval of her ASM New Project request!

*In Their Elements: Using Zooarchaeology, Stable Isotope Analysis, and Geometric Morphometrics to Build an Environmental History of the Upper Chesapeake Region*

Valerie will test the use of archaeofaunal material as environmental proxy data – with methodology including stable isotope analysis and geometric morphometrics – to better understand how faunal remains reflect human adaptation to environmental and cultural change in the region.

We will look forward to hearing about the results in future issues of the *ASM Ink* and the ASM's journal, *Maryland Archeology*.

## Appendix to the Petrographic Analysis from 18CA236

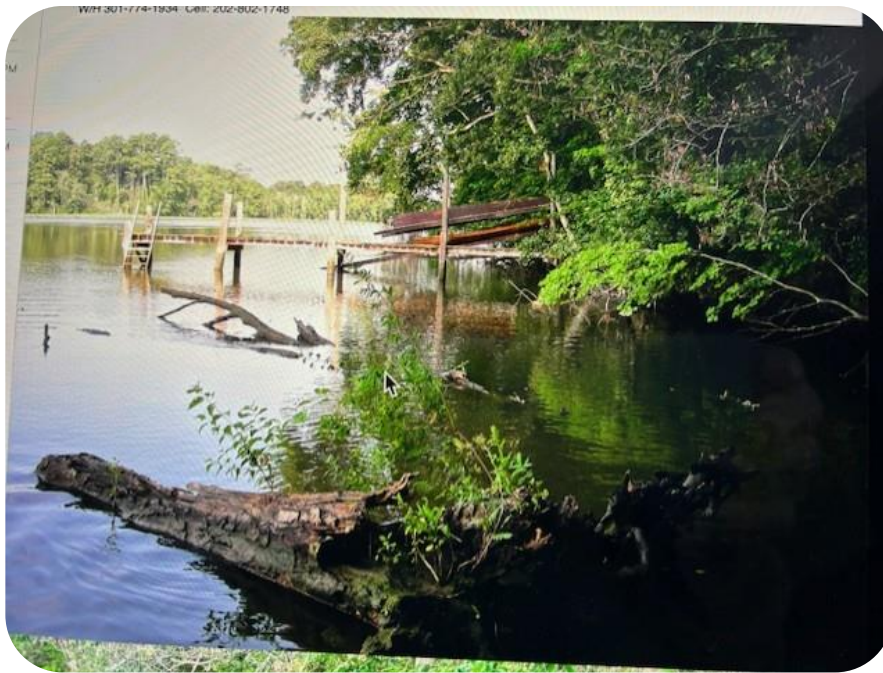
**Lynne Bulhack**

Appendix to the petrographic analysis of Accokeek pottery and clay from (18CA236), the Primrose site and clay from (18CA270), the Chapel Branch West site.

Archeologist Dana Linck gathered clay from the bank of Tuckahoe Creek adjacent to the Primrose site (18CA236) at low tide in 2013. The following are pictures that Dana took at the time. Two photos were taken from the slope of the site leading to the creek. One photo is of the creek bank at high tide, one is of the creek bank at low tide, three photos are at the location of clay extraction, and one is of a GPS reading on the nearby creek bank.

A more useful, information rich way of gathering clay from this large deposit in this creek drainage would have been to gather a series of clay samples accompanied by GPS readings both horizontally and vertically throughout the clay deposit. I, for one, am curious about the variability of clay within a large deposit such as this.

## Clay extraction from Tuckahoe Creek













## 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)

**More workshops TBA.**



## **Cresap's Fort is featured in *Outdoors Maryland*. Come take a look!**

The Season 36 premiere of *Outdoors Maryland* will feature the work conducted on the Cresap's Fort site by MHT, ASM, and the National Park Service this past spring. Follow Maryland Public Television by hitting on the links below.

### **[Outdoors Maryland](#)**

Episode 3601

Season 36 Episode 1 | 26m 46s |

**<https://video.mpt.tv/video/episode-3601-lnwndm/>**

**Then help catalog the artifacts found at the Annual Field Session!!!**



# Volunteer Opportunities

## ASM Volunteers Needed:

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

**MHT 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 link: <https://montgomeryparks.org/activities/history-in-the-parks/archaeology/>

**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.

# 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

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@washcooll.edu](mailto:jamrkin2@washcooll.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!**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025** - Chapter meeting with guest speaker Ed Otter at the Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, 3pm

**Sunday, February 23, 2025** - Chapter meeting with guest speaker Troy Nowak at the Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, 3pm

**Sunday, March 30, 2025** - Chapter meeting with guest speakers Jennifer Barbiarz and Lisa Robbins at the Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, 3pm

**Saturday, April 27th, 2025** - Chicone Village Day at Handsell House in Vienna, MD (our chapter will have a table) - 10am-4pm



**Sunday, May 4th, 2025** - Tour of Pemberton Hall and grounds in Salisbury, MD with Bill Wilson (time TBD)

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

Tuesdays from noon - 3pm: December 3 and 10

Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm: December 4 and 11

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

## **Mid-Potomac**

The chapter meets the third Thursday of the month from September through June. In-person meetings begin at 7pm. for the business meeting followed by a presentation at around 7:30. **For the beginning of 2025, the location of the chapter meetings has changed. The new location is at the ADU Showroom, 8501 Grovemont Cir, 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.

**Thursday, January 16, 2025:** Don Housley, chapter president, will give a talk on “An Introduction to Archaeology in Montgomery County: A Ten Question Quiz.”

**Thursday, February 20, 2025** (Zoom meeting): Beth Bollwerk, Ph.D., Project Manager for the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery at the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, will give a presentation updating the research done on the early 17th century Flowerdew Hundred Plantation along the James River. For Zoom codes please email Don Housley.

**Thursday, March 20, 2025:** Tom McLaughlin, chapter member, will speak on his visit to several Prehistoric caves in France.

For up-to-date information concerning meetings, please contact Don Housley at [donthou704@earthlink.net](mailto:donthou704@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

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

## Northern Chesapeake

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

# Contact Us:

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

ASM members receive the monthly newsletter, ASM Ink, the biannual journal, MARYLAND ARCHEOLOGY, reduced admission to ASM events and a 10-percent discount on items sold by the Society.



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