

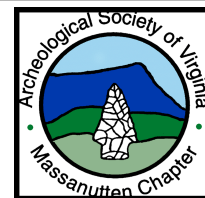
# Archeological Society of Virginia Massanutten Chapter

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# POINTS



## Underwater Archaeology Course

*Submitted by Jeff Good*

While attending a Scuba Meeting a couple of months ago someone mentioned the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society and a video course they offered in Underwater Archaeology.

The Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society (MAHS) is organized for the purpose of enhancing public awareness and fostering appreciation for the significance of historic shipwrecks and other submerged cultural resources. Their mission is to preserve our maritime heritage, and members volunteer to participate in underwater archaeology expeditions around the world. The projects are coordinated with knowledge and approval of the appropriate state and federal agencies. Please visit the MAHS website: <http://www.mahsnet.org/>.

Since I enjoy archaeology and have been a scuba diver for over 25 years, this sounded like a great opportunity to incorporate two things I am very passionate about. I gave a presentation at the next Scuba Meeting and asked several local divers if they were interested in the video course, and received a great response. I decided to purchase the full set of 11 videos and join the MAHS. We decided to run our first course out of Kathy's Scuba, the local dive shop in Harrisonburg. We are holding classes several nights a week so some of the students can take the Underwater Field School in Key Largo in June. The rest of us will take the Underwater Field School in the Chesapeake Bay sometime before fall.

After contacting the MAHS President and Training Coordinator that teach the classroom version of the course in the Northern Virginia area, they mentioned that several "terrestrial archaeologists" have taken their class to learn and understand the techniques used underwater and to improve their own archaeology techniques. The classroom course usually takes about three months to complete.

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# Underwater Archaeology Course

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The Introduction to Underwater Archaeology Video Course covers the following topics: Introduction to Underwater Archaeology, Archival Research, Ship's Architecture, Position Fixing and Search Methods, Survey, Recording and Mapping, Photography and Video Documentation, Conservation of Artifacts, Law, Ethics and Report Preparation, Project Planning, and a Survey and Mapping Pool Session.

Students will receive Certification from the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society (MHAS) after successful completion of an Essay Exam.

We plan to offer another class in the fall. If anyone is interested please contact me for more details and scheduling as it becomes available.

## Upper James River Chapter Meeting Speaker on 4/12

Submitted by Hannah Short (UJRC President) via Email

Our April Chapter meeting is coming up!!! On **April 12th** (next Monday) we will be hosting Lynette Allston, the Chief of the Nottoway Indians, as our speaker! The talk will be in **Huntley Hall 221** (Campus of Washington and Lee) and begin at **7 PM**. Lynette is coming from a **LONG** way to be with us that night, so please plan to attend! Let's show her a good turnout!!!

Thanks!

## April Birthdays

April 8                      Phyllis Showalter

April 28                     Jeanne Tysinger

Please complete the MCASV Membership Application and submit to the MCASV Treasurer, so we have your birthdates for the newsletter.



## Certification Program Opportunities

*Submitted by Carole Nash*

The following is information on upcoming certification opportunities:

**Historic and Prehistoric Lab Work:** Artifact processing and analysis from several 19th century historic home sites and prehistoric base camps. M, W, F schedule -- set your time! Contact Carole (432-6864 or nashcl@jmu.edu) for parking information and directions to her new JMU lab space.

### 2010 Field School and Volunteer Opportunities

There are a number of opportunities available throughout the state for Certification members and Chapter volunteers. Check out the MCASV website at [www.mcasv.org](http://www.mcasv.org) for a full listing of the programs, their websites, and contact information.

#### **\*\*Just Announced 2010 Virginia Field Schools\*\***

(More details are on Page 4 of this newsletter)

Golden Ball Tavern, Petersburg, VA  
Cemetery Workshop, VDHR, Richmond, VA  
Chippokes Plantation, Surry County  
Kittiewan Plantation, Charles City County  
Mount Vernon  
Fairfield Foundation  
Wintergreen

### Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Volunteer Program

Volunteer days can be arranged during the week for anyone interested. Prehistoric and historic artifact processing, cataloguing, data entry, documentary research, and outreach activities are some examples of what work is available. Please contact Chief Curator Dee DeRoche at [dee.deroche@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:dee.deroche@dhr.virginia.gov) or (804) 367-2323 x134 for an application and to set up day(s) to volunteer if you are interested.

## MCASV April 7, 2010 Meeting Agenda

*The MCASV monthly meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater Town Hall.*

I. Call to Order

II. Welcome to Guests

III. Program: Dr. Thomas Hester, Massanutten Chapter ASV "An Introduction to Hawaii's Accessible Archeological Sites"

IV. Secretary's Report

V. Treasurer's Report

VI. Newsletter Editor's Report

VII. New Business

VIII. Certification Program Report

IX. Morris Pottery Kiln

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

## Upcoming Events

April 7, 2010	Dr. Thomas Hester, Massanutten Chapter ASV "An Introduction to Hawaii's Accessible Archeological Sites"
April 12, 2010	(UJRC) Meeting at Washington & Lee, Huntley Hall Rm221 in Lexington Lynette Allston, the Chief of the Nottoway Indians will be the speaker
May 5, 2010	TBA
June 2, 2010	TBA
July 7, 2010	TBA

## 2010 Field School Opportunities for Certification Students

*Submitted by Carole Nash*

Here is a listing of upcoming Certification field schools and programs for 2010. Stay tuned for more information on each opportunity.

Golden Ball Tavern, Petersburg: Field school this summer from June 16th to July 18th with field excavation conducted each Wednesday through Sunday during that period (except July 4th weekend). Certification credits may be earned in historic period excavation and laboratory analysis. To register, please contact Dr. Christopher Stevenson (Ph: 804-732-6970; email: cmstevenson23805@gmail.com). We prefer volunteers who wish to work for a minimum of 2-3 days or longer from 8:30am to 4pm. This year's excavations will target the kitchen area located behind the 18th century tavern.

Cemetery Workshop, VDHR, Richmond: Several staff members at VDHR are developing a cemetery recordation workshop for May that will count toward historic survey hours. It will also be a good review for the "Laws and Ethics" required course.

Chippokes Plantation, Surry County: The Passport in Time-VDHR field school saga continues. Will be held earlier this year, in the summer (instead of late October). Both prehistoric and historic survey. Mike Barber and Mike Madden, Directors.

Kittiewan Plantation (ASV's Headquarters, Charles City County): Field school in historic archaeology, June 19th to Sunday June 27th. Will fulfill historic lab hours, historic survey hours, and historic excavation hours. Additional required courses will be taught. Directed by Patrick O'Neill. There will also be a Certification Program Picnic Weekend in late spring.

Mount Vernon: Continued work on the future site of the Library through August-- sampling plowzone, digging 5 x 5 foot units in a late 18th century domestic site that is probably an unknown slave quarters. Also a Late Archaic prehistoric component. Counts toward prehistoric and historic survey. Lab hours also offered. Directed by Esther White and Curt Breckenridge.

Fairfield Foundation: Thane Harpole and Dave Brown are offering two field schools (historic excavation credit): Menokin (Warsaw) field school will be from June 16th (Wednesday) to June 23rd (Wednesday) and includes both weekend days. The other field school is at Fairfield (Gloucester County)- July 13th to July 17th. Both of these are focused on historic excavation hours.

Wintergreen: A week of prehistoric site survey in the Virginia Blue Ridge, probably in mid-June. This will count toward prehistoric survey hours and prehistoric lab hours. Additional required courses will be taught. Possible accommodations (free) offered. Directed by Carole Nash.

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