



POINTS

Flood of 1942

Submitted by Janice Biller

The North Fork of the Shenandoah River flooded sometime in October 1942. The engineer for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at the completion of Route 259 west of Broadway to the West Virginia line said, "The river will never run over the bridge at Cootes Store." In just a few years it did. And twice since then.

The little village of Cootes Store had three stores; two of the three were gas stations, a post office, meeting hall, two churches and a three-room schoolhouse, grades 1-7. Only three of these remain. The school closed in 1953. I went two years there. My mother completed all seven grades. It is now part of Hillside Shop, a junkyard. The two churches were taken down in the last thirty years. The post office sits on the sharp turn of the road. The building is still there. The post office moved to Broadway in the 1950s. The store stayed open until the mid sixties when they had a sale. It was a collector's paradise. High top button shoes, washboards, you name it, were there. The store on the same side of the road is still there. It became a house. The store on the other side of the road also became a home. It washed away in the 1995 flood.



(Continued on Page 4)

Inside this issue:

<i>Flood of 1942</i>	1, 4
<i>Mystery Picture of the Month</i>	2
<i>Artifact of the Month</i>	2
<i>Morris Pottery Kiln Pledge Form</i>	2
<i>Certification Program Opportunities</i>	3
<i>MCASV April Agenda</i>	3
<i>Upcoming Events</i>	4

Mystery Picture of the Month

Submitted by Janice Biller

Who is this charter member?
Her birthday is April 13.



Artifact of the Month

Submitted by Carole Nash

April's Artifact of the Month comes from the Limberlost Site in Shenandoah National Park. Recovered from a test pit at 6" below surface in the older B soil horizon, it is made of vein quartz, most likely from the Piedmont. It is about 6,500 years old. This point is often mis-typed because it 'looks like' the earlier bifurcates (LeCroy/Kanawha) but also shares characteristics with the later Stanly Stemmed. The point style represents a regionalization of cultural traditions during the Middle Archaic -- it is one of the first points to have a more restricted distribution. It is found in the Inner Piedmont, Blue Ridge foothills, Blue Ridge, and northern and central Shenandoah Valley.



Morris Pottery Kiln Pledge Form

I, _____, wish to donate \$_____ towards the construction of the MCASV Morris Pottery Kiln shelter.

Please send this form along with a check made out to the MCASV to the following address:

MCASV

c/o Tom Mizell—Treasurer

984 Airport Road

Bridgewater, VA 22812

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.

2008 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 for a full listing of the programs, their web-sites, and contact information.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Volunteer Program

The DHR Volunteer Program has resumed once again. Volunteers are needed the 2nd and 4th Fridays and Saturdays of each month until May 24. Contact Chief Curator Dee DeRoche at dee.deroche@hr.virginia.gov or (804) 367-2323 x134 to receive an application and set up a day to begin volunteer work. Assistance is needed with various projects.

MCASV Meeting Agenda

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| I. Call to Order | VI. Newsletter Editors' Report |
| II. Welcome to Guests | VII. Certification Program Report |
| III. No Program: Discussion of the Morris Pottery Kiln, and how we will proceed forward. If time permits, we will work with some of the kiln artifacts. | VIII. Morris Pottery Kiln |
| IV. Secretary's Report | IX. New Business |
| V. Treasurer's Report | X. Announcements |
| | XI. Adjournment |

Upcoming Events

- April 3, 2008 Dinner at Taste of Thai 917 South Main Street in Harrisonburg, 5:00 p.m.
For a Menu go to http://www.taste-of-thai.com/wst_page4.html. Please
contact Kay Veith for reservations at: vaveith@comcast.net.
- April 3, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
No Program: Discussion of the Morris Pottery Kiln, and how we will proceed
forward. If time permits, we will work with some of the kiln artifacts.
- May 7, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Program: "The Future of Virginia Archaeology" Mike Barber, State
Archaeologist, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- June 4, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Program: TBA
- July 2, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Program: TBA
- August 6, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Program: TBA

Flood of 1942 (Continued from Page 1)

I don't remember seeing the meetinghouse. Goldie and other members of the community tell of seeing Minnie Pearle and Grandpa Jones there. Once a month there would have been some kind of entertainment before the Brock Gap road was improved. A covered bridge crossed the river going from North Mountain Road to Turley Town Road making a straight shot across the river. Not the sharp turn that is now at the old post office.

Samuel Cootes' house was beside the meeting hall. It no longer is there. There is an older home still standing across the river at the corner of Brocks Gap Road and North Mt. Road. Locals say it has a mortar hole in the second floor from a small skirmish in the Civil War. There are two springs on this property. One has a stone springhouse. Both are strong running. I cleaned out the smaller one about forty years ago and found a Savanna River point in it.

Virginia Neff Kipps told me her grandfather was a cabinetmaker near Neff Lumber Mill. When the Yankee troops came by, the Neffs were making apple butter. The troops took the drawers from the desk to put the apple butter in. Later in the day the children went down the road to gather up the drawers. There was a small skirmish at Cootes Store.



Massanutten Chapter of the
Archeological Society of Virginia
P.O. Box 204
Bridgewater, VA 22812-0204



We're on the web
www.mcasv.org

We Need Your Help in Contributing Articles!

Your article could be here!

Please help by contributing articles each month.

The deadline for any information to be included in the newsletter will be the TWENTIETH of each month. Please have articles sent to Laura and Jeff by this time.

Your article could be here! Please email the Newsletter Editors at roderla@aol.com (Laura Roder) and atlatlist@comcast.net (Jeff Good) if you are submitting an article to the MCASV Newsletter.

