

# Archeological Society of Virginia Massanutten Chapter

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# POINTS



## The Passing of Bill Thompson, ASV Treasurer

*Submitted by Carole Nash*

Bill Thompson, ASV Treasurer, died July 12, 2009 at a hospital in Chesapeake, Virginia. He had metastatic prostate cancer. He was buried in Williamsburg on Thursday July 16, 2009.

Donations can be made to the ASV or Kittiewan, with more information to follow. In addition to a five decade-long commitment to the ASV, Bill was very active in Boy Scouts.

Patrick O'Neill, ASV President, sent the note to the ASV Board, along with the photo below of Bill and his wife, Kitty. Many of our chapter members knew Bill, and we all benefited from his careful work for the ASV. His is the third death to shake the organization since November (Howard MacCord and Russell Darden are the other two), and we are very sad to have now lost Bill.

As Patrick wrote, "He was an amazing man, and even though he was very ill, he was telling me about his books, and how he kept them, and what he wanted me to do with them. He said he always did things above board, as he also conducted his life."



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## A Note to Certification Students

*Submitted by Carole Nash and Bruce Baker*

The following field programs are being offered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for summer/fall 2009:

\*Civil War Camp Misery (Stafford County), August 3-12

\*Camden Site (Caroline County), September 14-25

\*Chippokes Plantation State Park (Surry County), October 26-November 1

The first two projects count toward the historic excavation requirement. Camden counts toward the prehistoric excavation requirement. Chippokes counts toward the survey requirement, and you can get either/both prehistoric/historic credit depending on the sites with which you're involved.

*See the Certification Opportunities section on Page 3 of this newsletter for contact information to receive an application from DHR. DO NOT submit applications to Carole or Bruce!*

We encourage you to complete the application form as soon as you are certain of the event you are attending; don't wait until the week before to send it in. You are encouraged to attend more than one event as these projects involve a wide range of methodologies and archaeological information. We extend our great thanks to VDHR for developing these programs and hope that many of you will take advantage of the opportunities.

One other piece of business: a number of you are very close to completing the program and we want to make sure you finish up in time to graduate this fall. Please let us know if you need a particular class or a specific number of field/lab hours that have been difficult to get.

## August Birthdays

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August 13

Please complete the MCASV Membership Application and submit to the MCASV Treasurer, so we have your birth-dates 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.

### **\*\*2009 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 web-sites, and contact information.

### **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.

### **Upcoming DHR Field Schools**

Civil War Camp Misery (Stafford County) August 3-12, Contact Mike Barber  
Camden Site (Caroline County) September 14-25, Contact Mike Barber  
Chippokes Plantation State Park (Surry County) Oct. 26-Nov. 1, Contact Mike Barber

Chris Stevenson 804-367-2323 ext. 132 or [chris.stevenson@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:chris.stevenson@dhr.virginia.gov)  
Mike Barber 540-857-6341 or [mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov)

## MCASV August 5, 2009 Meeting Agenda

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

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| I. Call to Order  | V. Treasurer's Report              |
| II. Welcome to Guests   | VI. Newsletter Editor's Report     |
| III. Program: Ann Kain, Cultural Resource Specialist, Shenandoah National Park "Archaeology in Alaska: The View from Denali National Park". | VII. New Business                  |
| IV. Secretary's Report  | VIII. Certification Program Report |
|   | IX. Morris Pottery Kiln            |
|   | X. Announcements                   |

## Upcoming Events

- August 3-12, 2009 Civil War Camp Misery Excavation, Stafford County
- August 5, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Ann Kaine, Cultural Resources Manager of Shenandoah National Park, "Archaeology in Alaska: The View from Denali National Park".
- Sept 2, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: TBA
- Sept 14-25, 2009 Camden Site Excavation, Caroline County
- Oct 7, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: TBA
- Oct. 9-11, 2009 ASV Annual Meeting, Fredericksburg, VA  
Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center
- Oct 26-Nov 1, 2009 Chippokes Plantation State Park Excavation, Surry County
- Nov 4, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: TBA
- Dec 2, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: TBA

## Your Article Could Be Here!

Got something to say? Think about contributing an article to the MCASV Newsletter! We welcome all archaeology-related articles which could include a book or article review, movie review, artifact analysis, or a summary of a recent archaeological experience or museum visit, to name only a few suggestions. Jeff Good and Laura Roder are always looking for something

new to add to the newsletter. Please email them (atlatlist@comcast.net, roderla@aol.com) your articles and ideas by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

So put your thinking caps on and come up with something to share with the rest of us! Let's keep the MCASV "Points" as informative and interactive as always!

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*[www.mcasv.org](http://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](mailto:roderla@aol.com) (Laura Roder) and [atlatlist@comcast.net](mailto:atlatlist@comcast.net) (Jeff Good) if you are submitting an article to the MCASV Newsletter.

