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Winter Board Meeting Report

Submitted by Cindy Schroer

The ASV Board Meeting was held in Charlottesville on January 26, 2008. There were many items discussed, which will be highlighted here. For a full outline of the discussion, see the attachment to last month's MCASV meeting minutes.

Some highlights from the meeting include:

- Kittiewan—what are the next steps? There will be a work day on Feb. 16 and a field school May 10-18.
- Morris Pottery Kiln status was given by Cindy
- Sandra Speiden Scholarship Fund will award \$5000 to a student for graduate work in archaeology
- Dept. of Historic Resources (VDHR) announcements

- Fort A.P. Hill will be looking for volunteers to help locate unmarked graves
- ASV logo and website updates
- Upcoming prehistory videos produced by the Prince William School System
- Fish Weir Committee news
- Upcoming Field Schools include the Stafford County Civil War site (dates TBA) and Chippoakes (Oct. 27-Nov. 1)
- Upcoming conferences include the Mid-Atlantic Symposium (Feb. 28), the Virginia Association of Museums (VAM) conference at The Homestead (March 15-18), and the 2008 ASV Annual Meeting in Martinsville (Oct. 9-12).
- Possible new ASV chapters will include Northern Neck, Loudoun County, and Martinsville

As you can see, there was very much to discuss at this quarterly meeting. Please take a look at the enclosed write-up for more information.

We hope you will join us to make 2008 the most successful year yet for the ASV!

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Attention Poison Ivy Fans: It *is* Getting Worse

Condensed from the *Wall Street Journal*, June 27, 2007

Poison ivy seems to be growing faster and pumping out even more nasty, rash-inducing oils than it used to. Apparently, the plant thrives on the growing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

One yet-to-be-published study (by the same federal researcher whose work also suggests climate change is making allergies worse) compared poison ivy grown in carbon dioxide levels present in the 1950s with poison ivy grown in CO₂ levels present now. The latter were 50-75 percent bigger, with higher levels of oil. And a Duke University study last year found that elevated CO₂ leads not only to more robust poison ivy but also to a more potent and irritating form of urushiol, the rash-causing oil.

Artifact of the Month

Submitted by Carole Nash

February's artifact of the month is a stone pipe bowl from 44RM208 near Island Ford. It is made of chlorite and is about 2" tall. What cultural period is it associated with, and in what context was it used? Remember that the

Indians of the Shenandoah Valley were NOT tobacco growers! ----



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

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| I. Call to Order | VI. Newsletter Editors' Report |
| II. Welcome to Guests | VII. Certification Program Report |
| III. Program: "Winchester's Fort Loudoun and the 1758-63 French and Indian War" by Bob Jolley, Winchester Regional Office, Virginia Department of Historic Resources | VIII. Morris Pottery Kiln |
| IV. Secretary's Report | IX. New Business |
| V. Treasurer's Report | X. Announcements |
| | XI. Adjournment |

Upcoming Events

- February 5, 2008 Members are asked to attend the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing on the Morris Pottery Kiln in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, at the Rockingham County Administration Center located at 20 East Gay Street in Harrisonburg, VA at 6:00 PM.
- February 6, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Program: "Winchester's Fort Loudoun and the 1758-63 French and Indian War" by Bob Jolley, Winchester Regional Office, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- March 5, 2008 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Program: "Recent Archaeology on Easter Island" by Chris Stevenson, Capitol Regional Office, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- 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

2008 State and Chapter Dues

Submitted by Tom Mizell

As 2008 is fast approaching, we are gently reminded that "Dues for ASV are now due." Please check your records and start the New Year with a smile and show of support for both ASV and your local chapter. Annual Membership Renewal Dues are due January 31, 2008. Prompt remittance ensures that members continue to receive the Quarterly Bulletin and Newsletter. Other benefits include major discounts on all Society publications and participation in Society supervised archeological activities in the field.

There is a **Membership Renewal Form** that is included in the most recent ASV mailing. The form has typically been available on the ASV website as well. You may submit the **form with payment** directly to William A. Thompson, Jr. Treasurer ASV. Mr. Thompson's address is provided at the end of this article. A second option is for you to submit both the Massanutten Chapter and State dues to me. I will be glad to forward the State dues to Mr. Thompson for you. If you opt for this alternative please provide the completed **Membership Renewal Form** and the funds to me at your earliest convenience. I will have a stock of the forms available soon.

Chapter Dues are \$5.00 and State dues vary as shown below:

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| Regular Membership Dues | \$25.00 |
| Senior (65 and older) | \$20.00 |
| Student | \$15.00 |
| Life | \$350.00 |
| Sustaining | \$50.00 |
| Additional family members | \$ 2.00 (please provide their names) |

For those opting to submit directly to Mr. Thompson (ASV Treasurer) his mailing address follows:

Treasurer, ASV
536 Summit Ridge Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23322

The Massanutten Chapter ASV appreciates your attention to this matter and we look forward to your participation in the life of our Chapter in 2008!

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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.

