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# POINTS



## MCASV Member of the Month: Kay Veith

*Submitted by Tom Hester*



This month, Points publishes the second MCASV profile. I greatly appreciate Kay, providing answers to the following questions. This column is designed to help us get to know one another better and identify areas of mutual interest. We plan to use the same core set of questions for each profile and cover all the MCASV officers in 2011. In 2012 and beyond, general members will be featured. If you have any questions you would like to see included, please email them to me at [twhester1782@yahoo.com](mailto:twhester1782@yahoo.com).

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### Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Kansas, moving from my birthplace in Blue Rapids to Topeka to Planeview (a suburb of Wichita constructed specifically for housing for employees of Boeing) to Rose Hill by the time I was five years old. I lived there until I was married and moved to Virginia.

### What High School/College did you attend? Major?

I went to Rose Hill High School, a small town school of about 100 students in high school at the time. I attended James Madison University while working there, majoring in Archeology.

### What is your current vocational status?

I am currently retired after working at James Madison University for 30 years.

### Do you have any pets?

Though we had a variety of pets throughout my life and I loved them all, we do not currently have any pets.

### How did you get interested in Archeology?

My parents bought a farm which was the original town site of Rose Hill. When the Santa Fe Railroad went through the area, it missed the town by a mile. So, the townspeople picked up their houses and moved them to the railroad. There were two houses left on the site. A breezeway was constructed between the two to make it into one home. In that breezeway was a cistern that was used as a trash disposal. I would look down into the cistern to see what people had thrown away and wondered why. I was hooked and have been wondering ever since. I was nine years old at the time and loved looking for other signs of the remains of the town. My father was afraid that I was going to fall into the cistern so he filled it up.

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## June Birthdays

June 6	Tom Hester
June 19	Glenn Huffman & Betty Redmond
June 20	Linda Waggy
June 29	Agnes Donnelley

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



## **MCASV Member of the Month: Kay Veith**

### **Other than Archeology, what is your favorite leisure activity?**

I have several other interests so it is hard to choose which my favorite is, but sewing has always taken precedent over the others. My most recent project was making Harry Potter robes for my grandchildren.

### **What was your most exciting Archeological find?**

My first: a piece of flint used in a flintlock rifle that I found at Montpelier on my first excavation experience on a site. It also happened to be the only artifact found that day.

### **What do like most about Archeology? What do like least?**

I really like excavating the most. Now that my physical condition is limiting my ability to get down in the dirt, I am reevaluating what will move up into that position since there are so many other things to choose from. Even though I know how important it is, what I like least is the documentation.

### **How did you learn about MCASV?**

Dr. Clarence Geier told me about MCASV and tried to get me to join long before I did.

### **What do like most about MCASV?**

What I like most about MCASV are the many opportunities available to learn more and more about archeology and preservation, especially from other members as we work together in the field, at meetings, social events, and special projects.

### **How long have you been a member of MCASV?**

I joined MCASV in 1998 and have enjoyed every minute of my time being involved with the chapter.

### **Have you been an MCASV officer? If yes, which office/offices have you held?**

I have been secretary for about ten years now.

### **What is your favorite Archeological activity? Why?**

My favorite Archeological activity is field schools because it gives me the opportunity to learn all phases of archeology from many different professionals and other avocational archeologists.

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## 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.

### **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 or (804) 367-2323 x134 for an application and to set up day(s) to volunteer if you are interested.

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**What was your favorite Archeological site? Why?**

My favorite archeological site was Keyser Farm because no matter where you were working at the site or what you were doing it was full of so many new discoveries day in and day out.

**What aspect of Archeology would you most like to learn more about?**

I would really like to learn more about how to recognize sites when surveying an area.

**Do you have a preference for historical or prehistoric archeology? Why?**

Even though my favorite site was Keyser Farm, a prehistoric site, my preference is historical sites. I believe it goes back to my earliest interest of trying to figuring out why those people threw certain things in the cistern.

## Upcoming Events

- Jun. 1, 2011      7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.  
Program: Dr. Carole Nash, JMU, "Thinking Like a Mountain: What Archaeology Teaches Us About Shenandoah National Park"
- Jul. 6, 2011      7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.  
Program: Alyson Wood, JMU, "Understanding Data Recovered During Metal Detection Survey at Cedar Creek Battlefield"
- Aug. 3, 2011      7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.  
Program: TBA
- Sept. 7, 2011     7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.  
Program: TBA

## MCASV June 1, 2011 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

Program: Dr. Carole Nash, JMU, "Thinking Like a Mountain: What Archaeology Teaches Us About Shenandoah National Park"

IV. Secretary's Report

V. Treasurer's Report

VI. Newsletter Editor's Report

VII. Primitive Technology Day Report

VIII. New Business

IX. Certification Program Report

X. Morris Pottery Kiln

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

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