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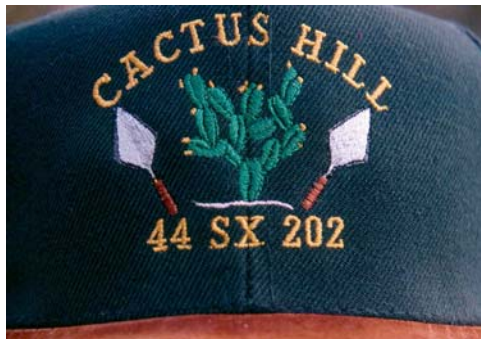


## A Fond Farewell to Russell Darden, ASV Treasurer

*Submitted in an email on May 7 from Michael Johnson*

The ASV Treasurer for the VARC, Russell Darden, passed away earlier this week. Russell was a great advocate for and friend of Virginia Archeology. His active involvement in the ASV spanned at least five decades. He also was a strong supporter of our efforts at Cactus Hill and the other research sites in the Nottoway. Russell, who before retiring was a senior level manager for the Union Camp Corporation in Franklin, was instrumental in sensitizing Union Camp to the importance of the Clovis and Pre-Clovis discoveries at Cactus Hill, which was on Union Camp land. Largely through his efforts they ceased sand quarrying, which helped greatly in reducing the threats to the site and later to its conservation.

Russell also was an active volunteer at Cactus Hill, Blueberry Hill (where he also supplied and ran the bobcat that backfilled the 5 x 30-foot long by 4-foot deep trench) and the three newest sites, Koestline, Watlington and Rubis-Pearsall. He was always a font of historical knowledge about local prehistory and the history of Southeastern Virginia and the Civil War.



Russell's influence was magnified by his dedication to getting the word out about Virginia's prehistory. As an ambassador for Virginia archeology and the ASV he would give slide presentations all over the country. I have attached a picture of the hat logo he wore every time he worked with us on the Nottoway. The Oregon Archeological Society had the hat made especially for him after he gave them an unsolicited presentation on Cactus Hill and Virginia Archeology.

He and his wonderful wife, Pam, often treated our crew to the finest of southern hospitality. He was a good friend and will be sorely missed.

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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:

- \*Golden Ball Tavern (Petersburg), June 17-July 19 (various work days)
- \*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.

## June Birthdays

- June 6— Tom Hester
- June 9— Betty Redmond
- June 19— Glenn Huffman
- June 20— Linda Waggy
- June 29— Agnes Donnelley

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**

The DHR Fall Field School has ended for the Fall 2008 season, but 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**

Golden Ball Tavern (Petersburg) June 17-July 19, Contact Chris Stevenson  
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 June 3, 2009 Meeting Agenda

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

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| I. Call to Order  | VI. Newsletter Editor's Report     |
| II. Welcome to Guests   | VII. New Business                  |
| III. Program: Carole Nash, "Archaeology of Rockingham County" | VIII. Certification Program Report |
| IV. Secretary's Report  | IX. Morris Pottery Kiln            |
| V. Treasurer's Report   | X. Announcements                   |
|   | XI. Adjournment                    |

## Upcoming Events

- June 3, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Carole Nash "Archaeology of Rockingham County"
- June 17-  
July 19, 2009 Golden Ball Tavern Excavation, Petersburg, VA  
Wednesdays—Sundays each week except July 4 weekend (Friday-Sunday)
- July 1, 2009 MCASV Monthly Meeting, Bridgewater Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: TBA
- 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,  
"The Archaeology of 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 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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## 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.

