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POINTs

MAAC 2010: March 18-21 in Ocean City

Submitted by Laura Roder

The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC) will take place this year March 18-21 in Ocean City, Maryland. This year's speaker on the evening of Friday, March 19 will be Dr. Patrick McGovern. The adjunct Professor in Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia is also the Scientific Director of the Biomolecular Archaeology Laboratory for Cuisine, Fermented Beverages, and Health. Following his talk "Uncorking the Past: Ancient Ales, Wines, and Extreme Beverages," Dogfish Head Brewery will host an "Ancient Ales" tasting. You don't want to pass this up!

Besides this year's exciting speaker and numerous presentations on various archaeological topics, there will also be a Student Paper Competition where two winners are announced at the Saturday night reception.

The conference will take place at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel. Call them at 1-888-833-1368 to reserve your room at the conference rate of $123.00 per night. Visit the MAAC website at www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org for the preliminary program and more details. Carole Nash is the Program Chair and can be reached at nashcl@jmu.edu with any questions that the website does not answer.

We hope you can make it this year!

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2010 State and Chapter Dues

Submitted by Tom Mizell

As 2010 has quickly arrived, 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 were due **January 31, 2010**. 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 and available on the ASV and MCASV website. The form has typically been available on the ASV website as well. You may submit the **form with payment** directly to Patrick O'Neill, ASV Secretary/Membership. Mr. O'Neill'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. O'Neill 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. Attached with the minutes is the **New MCASV Chapter Membership Application**. Please fill out and bring to the next meeting or when you pay dues.

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

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. O'Neill (ASV Secretary/Membership) his mailing address follows:

Patrick O'Neill
9902 Rand Drive
Burke, VA 22015
E-mail: patrickloneill@verizon.net

The Massanutten Chapter ASV appreciates your attention to this matter and we look forward to your participation in the life of our Chapter in 2010!

March Birthdays

March 7 Trisha Moust-Blosser

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

2010 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 websites, and contact information.

Just Announced 2010 Virginia Field Schools
(More details are on Page 4 of this newsletter)

Golden Ball Tavern, Petersburg, VA
Cemetery Workshop, VDHR, Richmond, VA
Chippokes Plantation, Surry County
Kittiewan Plantation, Charles City County
Mount Vernon
Fairfield Foundation
Wintergreen

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.

MCASV March 3, 2010 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

III. Program: Mr. Michael Pulice, Virginia Department of Historic Resources "A Primer for the Identification of Log Buildings"

IV. Secretary's Report

V. Treasurer's Report

VI. Newsletter Editor's Report

VII. New Business

VIII. Certification Program Report

IX. Morris Pottery Kiln

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2010 Mr. Michael Pulice, Virginia Department of Historic Resources "A Primer for the Identification of Log Buildings"

April 7, 2010 Dr. Thomas Hester, Massanutten Chapter ASV "An Introduction to Hawaii's Accessible Archeological Sites"

May 5, 2010 TBA

2010 Field School Opportunities for Certification Students

Submitted by Carole Nash

Here is a listing of upcoming Certification field schools and programs for 2010. Stay tuned for more information on each opportunity.

Golden Ball Tavern, Petersburg: Field school this summer from June 16th to July 18th with field excavation conducted each Wednesday through Sunday during that period (except July 4th weekend). Certification credits may be earned in historic period excavation and laboratory analysis. To register, please contact Dr. Christopher Stevenson (Ph: 804-732-6970; email: cmsteveson23805@gmail.com). We prefer volunteers who wish to work for a minimum of 2-3 days or longer from 8:30am to 4pm. This year's excavations will target the kitchen area located behind the 18th century tavern.

Cemetery Workshop, VDHR, Richmond: Several staff members at VDHR are developing a cemetery recordation workshop for May that will count toward historic survey hours. It will also be a good review for the "Laws and Ethics" required course.

Chippokes Plantation, Surry County: The Passport in Time-VDHR field school saga continues. Will be held earlier this year, in the summer (instead of late October). Both prehistoric and historic survey. Mike Barber and Mike Madden, Directors.

Kittiewan Plantation (ASV's Headquarters, Charles City County): Field school in historic archaeology, June 19th to Sunday June 27th. Will fulfill historic lab hours, historic survey hours, and historic excavation hours. Additional required courses will be taught. Directed by Patrick O'Neill. There will also be a Certification Program Picnic Weekend in late spring.

Mount Vernon: Continued work on the future site of the Library through August-- sampling plowzone, digging 5 x 5 foot units in a late 18th century domestic site that is probably an unknown slave quarters. Also a Late Archaic prehistoric component. Counts toward prehistoric and historic survey. Lab hours also offered. Directed by Esther White and Curt Breckenridge.

Fairfield Foundation: Thane Harpole and Dave Brown are offering two field schools (historic excavation credit): Menokin (Warsaw) field school will be from June 16th (Wednesday) to June 23rd (Wednesday) and includes both weekend days. The other field school is at Fairfield (Gloucester County)- July 13th to July 17th. Both of these are focused on historic excavation hours.

Wintergreen: A week of prehistoric site survey in the Virginia Blue Ridge, probably in mid-June. This will count toward prehistoric survey hours and prehistoric lab hours. Additional required courses will be taught. Possible accommodations (free) offered. Directed by Carole Nash.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Massanutten Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia holds monthly meetings at Arey Hall in Bridgewater, Virginia. At these meetings there is usually a speaker who discusses recent archeological findings or related topics. A monthly newsletter**, "POINTS",** is sent to all chapter members. Chapter members are invited to participate in ASV sanctioned surveys and excavations.

Regular Member dues are $5.00. All dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. Chapter members SHOULD also be members of the state organization The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV). Each applicant (Regular or Family) member needs to submit an application.

Membership Type (Circle One) Regular Family

Name: _____
Phone: (____)_____
E-mail: _____
Birthday: (MM/DD) _____
Date Joined: (MM/DD/YY) _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip:_____

The Objectives of the Archeological Society of Virginia are to study Virginia archeology, to locate and conserve archeological sites, to encourage the use of scientific methods, to develop better techniques, and to share archeological knowledge. All applicants are requested to promote the Archeological Society's objectives and by signing this application, you acknowledge your support of these high ideals.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Make checks payable to **MCASV** and remit, along with this application, to **Tom Mizell, MCASV Treasurer, PO Box 204, Bridgewater, VA 22812-0204,** or bring to the next meeting.

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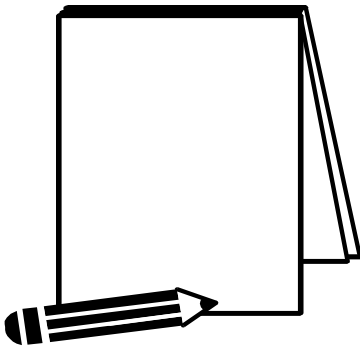
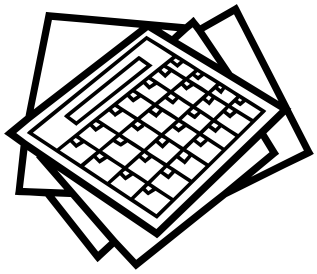
www.mcasv.org

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.

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