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POINTS



MCASV Member Profile: Cindy Schroer

Submitted by Cindy Schroer



This month, Points introduces a new series, MCASV Member Profile. I deeply appreciate Cindy, our MCASV president, getting us off to a good start. This column is designed to help us get to know one another better and identify mutual areas of interest. The plan is use the same core set of questions for each profile and cover all the MCASV officers over 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 twhester1782@yahoo.com.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Petersburg, Virginia and lived there until I was six. My family then moved to Fairfax County in Northern Virginia (not too far from Mt. Vernon- Georges home).

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What High School/College did you attend? Major?

I attended Fort Hunt High School and James Madison University. I have undergraduate degrees in Biology, Anthropology (concentration in Archeology) and Secondary Education. I also have a M.S. in Biology from JMU.

What is your current vocational status?

I currently teach Biology and Chemistry at Fort Defiance H.S. in Augusta county. I also teach Biology 101/102 at Blue Ridge Community College.

How did you get interested in Archeology?

I have always been interested in Science and had rock and shell collections as a kid. I grew up watching Jacques Cousteau and Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom (remember those). At some point, the King Tut exhibit came to the Smithsonian and I think I must have gotten gold fever and figured that the only way to get the gold was to become an archeologist (just kidding). But I did see the King Tut exhibit and that is my first memory of being exposed to archeology. A bit later when I was in 10th grade, I had the opportunity to participate in a 2-week summer field program offered in Fairfax County. I spent two weeks digging and analyzing brick clamps (where the bricks were made for the house) and brick fragments from the Lord Fairfax home site at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. I got hooked. I still have a great fondness for bricks even today. I choose JMU for its program in Archeology.

Do you have any pets?

I have three cats - Topaz, Jasper, and Obsidian. (Of course, all names after rocks).

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March Birthdays

March 7 Trisha Maust-Blosser

March 9 Cindy Turner

March 27 Page Shields

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



MCASV Member Profile Continued

Other than Archeology, what is your favorite leisure activity?

In my leisure time, I am a rock hound - I love looking for rocks and fossils, incorporating rock into my gardening, making jewelry out of them. I also love photography and enjoy chasing the insects around my gardens trying to get just the right shot. But I also make baskets and regularly attend auctions. So much to do, so little time.

What was your most exciting Archeological find?

I guess I really don't measure Archeology by my finds since I can get excited over some of the silliest things - like a button, or piece of porcelain, a well-knapped point, or even a cool rock. I tend to remember sites I have worked on... Of course, tops on this list are the two summers I spent working with JMUARC on the Jackson River/Lake Moomaw project. But others come to mind too - Monticello, a shell midden in Norfolk, a plowed field at Varina, my work with local middle and high students in the valley; and tromping around with the chapter.

What do you like most about Archeology? What do you like least?

For me, Archeology is all about discovery and finding more pieces of the puzzle. What do I like most, I like the fact that Archeology brings together lots of things that interest me - biology, chemistry, geology, history, puzzles, sleuthing, photography. I also like that you meet a wonderfully diverse group of people that have a ton of interesting information to share.

How did you learn about MCASV?

When I was an undergraduate at JMU, a chapter was being formed and involved a lot of students at JMU, so it was just logically I became a part of it.

What do like most about MCASV?

The people and that we all share this passion.

What is your favorite Archeological activity? Why?

I like tromping around looking and working on various sites but I also like the analysis part - in the lab.

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

I think in a different time and place, I might have become a Forensic anthropologist or an underwater archeologist, or an Egyptian archeologist, or a

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

I don't really have a preference but I am much more comfortable with historic than prehistoric. I think it's because my early work in the lab was concentrated on glass and ceramic and not prehistoric.

Thanks again, Cindy. Look for another member profile in future editions of Points.

2011 State and Chapter Dues

Submitted by Tom Mizell

Now that 2011 is here, 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, 2011. Please be aware that **dues increased** this year. 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 website. You may submit the **form with payment** directly to Carl Fischer, ASV Treasurer. Mr. Fischer'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. Fischer 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 at meetings. The **MCASV Chapter Membership Application** will also be available at the meetings.

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

Regular Membership Dues	\$35.00
Senior (65 and older)	\$25.00
Student	\$15.00
Life	\$450.00
Sustaining	\$65.00
Additional family members	\$3.00 (please provide their names)

You may take care of this on-line through PayPal: <http://asv-archeology.org/Org/OrgMembers.html>

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

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The Massanutten Chapter ASV appreciates your attention to this matter and we look forward to your participation in the life of our Chapter in 2011!

Archeology In Periodicals

Submitted by Glen Huffman

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM

When establishing a date for an archeological site, many factors need to be considered, some not so obvious. Researchers working on Paleolithic sites in India took notice of the ever-present water buffalo mucking about the place. The researchers conducted an experiment where some stone tools were placed on the ground which was then thoroughly wetted. When a number of buffalo were led across the site, their hooves pushed the tools into the ground about eight inches. Depending upon the number of archeological years to the inch, buffalo, or similar animals, could really scramble up the time line of a dig, by pushing artifacts into another era.

- *Archaeology*, January/February 2011

Archeology On The Web

Submitted by Carole Nash



Internet Archive has available for viewing a set of videos from a 1950s-era show entitled "What in the World" where the director of the [University of Pennsylvania Museum](#) tries to stump the "experts" with objects from the Anthropology collections. The one linked below has a very young Vincent Price, there with his expertise as an art collector.

Enjoy!

http://www.archive.org/details/upenn_what_in_the_world_4

I also recommend watching this vintage CBS TV show. It is filmed in nostalgic in black & white. Each artifact appears like an apparition in bellowing smoke accompanied by mysterious music. The use of maps will remind one of what life was like before Google maps. Don't miss the public service announcement regarding U.S. Defense Bonds. In fact, this show was such an inspiration that next month Points will begin its own version of "What in the World." Please let me know if you have any archeological item that would stump our MCASV experts.

From The Secretary

Submitted by Kay Veith

I received the following message from the editor of the "Shenandoah Journals" following submission of our March meeting announcement.

"Because of space constraints, we have a new policy regarding listings for regular club meetings. Coming Up in the Valley will be reserved for special events. Club meeting notices will run once in the print edition as I have space before the event under Club News, but will be available daily online in our new Club Calendar listing."

For now, members will just need to keep their eyes on Club News, which seems to run fairly regularly in each issue these days. I can try to run meeting listings more than once.

We'll see how this new policy works. Our papers are getting smaller and smaller (because of less advertising) and more non-profit people are using our free Coming Up in the Valley listing rather than advertising."

In The Next Points

The April edition of Points will feature an article on the Hebior Mammoth discovery.

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.

2011 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.

****Upcoming Excavations****

March 7-11, 2011: North Carolina National Forest, Uwharrie Ranger District (contact Joel Hardison at jhardison@fs.fed.us for more information.

March 12, 2011: Kittiewan Shovel Test Pitting, Open House (contact Bruce Baker at bakerbw@tds.net)

March 28–April 1: Gault Paleoamerican Excavation (contact Michael Johnson at Michael.Johnson@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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.

Upcoming Events

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| Mar. 2, 2011 | 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: Carole Nash (JMU Dept. of Integrated Science and Technology):
"Beyond Blind Tom and Foolish Jack: Searching for the Historic Manahoac" |
| Apr. 6, 2011 | 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: Janice Biller "The Use of Buttons to Date Archaeological Contexts" |
| May 4, 2011 | 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: TBA |
| June 1, 2011 | 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: TBA |

MCASV March 2, 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
- III. Program: Carole Nash (JMU Dept. of Integrated Science and Technology): "Beyond Blind Tom and Foolish Jack: Searching for the Historic Manahoac"
- 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

We Need Your Help in Contributing Articles!

Your article could be here!

Please help by contributing articles each month.

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