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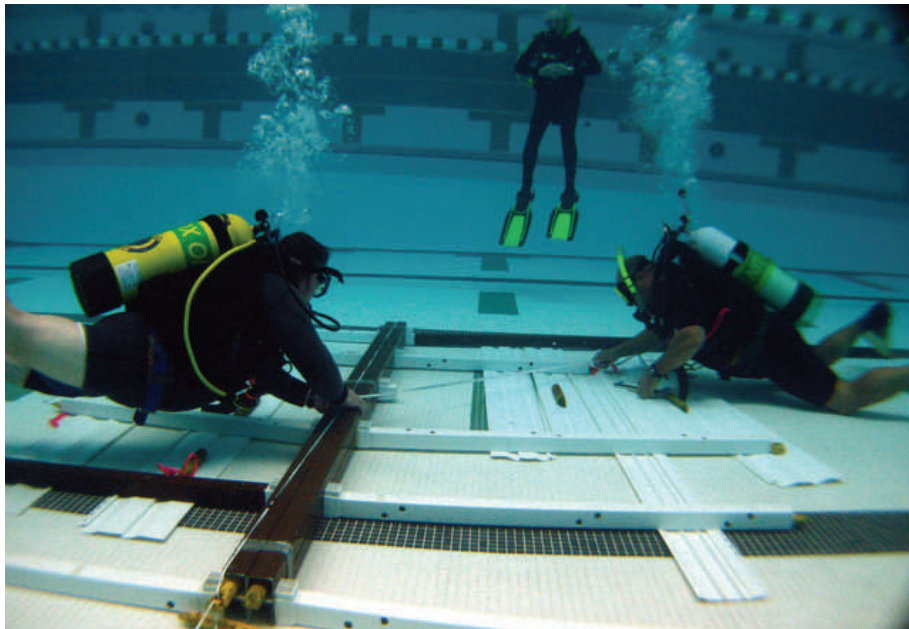
# POINTS



## U/W Archaeology Video Course Completed

*Submitted by Jeff Good*

Several local area scuba divers completed the MAHS ten DVD series "Diving into History" This Introduction to Underwater Archaeology Video Course covers the following topics: Introduction to Underwater Archaeology, Archival Research, Ship's Architecture, Position Fixing and Search Methods, Survey, Recording and Mapping, Photography and Video Documentation, Conservation of Artifacts, Law, Ethics and Report Preparation, Project Planning, along with an optional Survey and Mapping Pool Session.



(Photo by Dennis Knepper of MAHS)

In the above photo Darrell Switzer (left) and Jeff Good (right) practice their Trilateration Survey and Mapping Techniques as MAHS Instructor Tom Berkey (middle) observes the progress. This session was at George Mason University Pool.

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# Underwater Archaeology Video Course Completed

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The students are now completing their written essay exam, and preparing for a two day Underwater Field School in the Chesapeake Bay area near Annapolis, MD sometime in August or September of 2010. This non intrusive field school will cover mapping and documentation of an underwater site.

The Video Course is available for anyone interested in Underwater Archaeology. You don't have to be a certified diver to learn the skills that divers will use. There will be another course offered in the fall or early next year. Contact Jeff Good if you are interested.

The Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society (MAHS) is organized for the purpose of enhancing public awareness and fostering appreciation for the significance of historic shipwrecks and other submerged cultural resources. Their mission is to preserve our maritime heritage, and members volunteer to participate in underwater archaeology expeditions around the world. The projects are coordinated with knowledge and approval of the appropriate state and federal agencies. Please visit the MAHS website: <http://www.mahsnet.org/>.

## Working this Week at the Maupin-Lamb

*Submitted via email by Carole Nash*

Cert folks,

Hope all is well. Many thanks to Janice and Joe for helping out at Maupin-Lamb on Wednesday and Thursday of this past week.

We have a challenge in front of us this week -- Eugene has a firm under contract to begin raising the house on May 10. When the house gets jacked up, the steel beams will be resting on 4' x 4' cribbing that will be built at each corner, so we have to complete the excavation of the chimney pad and finish our work in the front of the house.

This is exam week for me, but I can get out to the site tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning, and Friday afternoon. Please check your schedules and let me know if you have any of these times available. Much appreciated! C.

## May Birthdays

May 1 Paul Bisgaard

May 24 Carole Nash

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](http://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](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.

## MCASV MAY 5, 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: Dr. Carole Nash and Cindy Schroer: Update on MCASV Projects at the Maupin-House (Port Republic) and the Landes Cemetery (Mount Sidney)

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

- May 5, 2010 Dr. Carole Nash and Cindy Schroer: Update on MCASV Projects at the Maupin-House (Port Republic) and the Landes Cemetery (Mount Sidney)
- June 2, 2010 Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Virginia Museum of Natural History: The Archaeology Program at VMNH
- July 7, 2010 TBA

## \*Updated\* 2010 Field School Opportunities for Certification Students

*Submitted via email by Carole Nash*

The field school opportunities are listed in calendar order, starting with a survey that begins this coming Monday:

1. 44SN22 (Hand Site -- Late Woodland/Contact); 44SN40 (Late Woodland ossuary); 44SN128 (Early Woodland). Southampton County. May 10-14, 2010. Meets prehistoric survey requirements and provides the chance to check off some of the field skills associated with survey. Led by Dr Michael Barber, VDHR. \*\*SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION FORM. CONTACT MIKE PRONTO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED [mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:mike.barber@dhr.virginia.gov)
2. Mount Vernon Archaeology needs certification students in the field on Monday - Friday and two Saturdays each month through August 31. Hours are good for field survey or historic excavation as well as checking off field skill requirements. The site is an undocumented plowzone site from the late 18th - early 19th century (c. 1790 - 1830). They are sampling plowzone to recover a distribution of artifacts to better understand who might have lived on this site. In addition, Mt. Vernon staff is willing to offer historic lab hours and provide hours for the new public education component (for those who have joined the program since Jan. 1, 2010). INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CONTACT CURT BRECKENRIDGE ([cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org](mailto:cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org)) OR DR. ESTHER WHITE ([ewhite@mountvernon.org](mailto:ewhite@mountvernon.org)).
3. Menokin, Richmond County (just outside of Warsaw on the Northern Neck), June 16-23. Brought to you by the Fairfield Foundation (Thane Harpole and David Brown). They will focus on investigating an area of likely slave quarters and other activities located just north of the main area that was identified during an archaeological survey in 2008. \*\*\*THEY PREFER THAT ASV CERT STUDENTS COMMIT TO AT LEAST THREE DAYS, BUT ARE FLEXIBLE. There is no charge for participating if you are a Certification student; the work at Menokin will continue for additional weeks, with the project being opened to Rappahannock Community College students. This project will fulfill historic excavation requirements and the field school requirement if Cert students can devote at least 3 days. The staff may also be able to incorporate some lab work along with this. They don't have any additional lectures scheduled but may try to fit some in if there is interest. There are some hotels and campgrounds in the area if folks need a place to stay. In addition, if anyone wants to camp on the grounds at Menokin they may do so for a small fee (around \$50 for the week -- contact Thane ([fairfield@inna.net](mailto:fairfield@inna.net)) and Dave ([dabro3@email.wm.edu](mailto:dabro3@email.wm.edu)) with additional questions). They can also check out [www.menokin.org](http://www.menokin.org) for more information about this historic plantation. Dave and Thane have produced a nice poster that is 2MB in size, so it is not attached here. If anyone wants to see it, e-mail Carole. In the meantime, if you are interested in this field school, contact these guys.

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4. Golden Ball Tavern, Petersburg. Golden Ball Tavern excavation that will run from June 16-July 19, 2010 (each Wed-Sun, except July 4th weekend). Participants can enroll for credit through Richard Bland College or volunteer. There are several different types of Certification opportunities for volunteers that include archival research, field experience in historical archaeology, and the new public education requirement. The latter would include hours spent interfacing with the public who come to the excavation during a regular work day. SEE ATTACHED SYLLABUS FOR COURSE TAUGHT THROUGH RICHARD BLAND. INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CONTACT DR. CHRIS STEVENSON -- CERT STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE COURSE THROUGH RICHARD BLAND, BUT MUST CONTACT CHRIS ASAP IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ([cmstevenson23805@gmail.com](mailto:cmstevenson23805@gmail.com)).

5. Kittiewan, Charles City County, June 19-27. Directed by Patrick O'Neill. Full details not yet available, but historic survey work will focus on the ice house and other areas around the dwelling and visitors' center.

6. Wintergreen Nature Foundation, Wintergreen (Nelson County Blue Ridge), June 21-26. In its 8th season, the Wintergreen Archaeological Survey, directed by Dr. Carole Nash, will focus on Archaic and Woodland-era sites in both developed and open space areas. This year's work will test GIS models of paths connecting sites to study hunter-gatherer routes of movement through the mountains. Work will satisfy prehistoric survey requirements and basic survey skills. Prehistoric lab hours will also be offered. Please commit to at least two days. We are currently working out accommodations with the Nature Foundation. Contact Carole ([nashcl@jmu.edu](mailto:nashcl@jmu.edu)) for more information.

7. Chippokes Plantation State Park, Surry County. July 12 - 21, 2010, VDHR/Passport In Time joint field school. Excavation directed by Dr. Mike Barber in front of the kitchen at Chippokes Plantation house. This work will satisfy requirements for historic excavation. There will also be an associated prehistoric survey to delineate the boundaries of the Middle-Late Woodland Hatch Site (44PG51). SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM.

8. Fairfield plantation in Gloucester County -- another opportunity from the Fairfield Foundation fellows. This will run from July 13-17. They welcome ASV certifications students for any time during this 5-day field school, but ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COMMIT TO SEVERAL DAYS to either fulfill the field school requirement or just acquire more field experience. This opportunity will also fulfill the historic excavation requirement, as they will be working on testing yard areas surrounding the destroyed 1694 manor house, as well as working on portions of the house itself. There will also be opportunities for historic lab work, and again they may be able to do some lectures if there is interest.

Thane also writes that anyone interested in learning about other digging opportunities that might occur in our area (Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck) please contact him at [fairfield@inna.net](mailto:fairfield@inna.net)). He and Dave and crew from the Middle Peninsula Chapter will be digging at Fairfield for much of the summer; he is glad to include you in the Middle Peninsula chapter update list.

9. Additional projects in the works: more work at Camp Misery on Civil War huts (Stafford County), led by Dr. Mike Barber; survey on the Claremont Farm tract (Clarke County), led by Dr. Mike Barber; survey on Overall Run Farms, Page County, led by Carole Nash. As soon as we have details on these projects, we will send them on.

We hope that you will take advantage of some of these wonderful opportunities! Carole and Bruce

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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 (Laura Roder) and atlatlist@comcast.net (Jeff Good) if you are submitting an article to the MCASV Newsletter.

