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Online Resources

Submitted by Joe Sharrer

The Virginia Historical Society located on Monument Avenue in Richmond has a series of lectures on Virginia History going back to February 2008. Titled the Banner Lecture Series, they are available online and have excellent speakers including James Horn on early Virginia history, Josiah Bunting on George Marshall, David Brown and Thane Harpole on Werowocomoco, and Melvin Urofsky on Louis Brandseis. A lecture that was of particular interest is Susan Kern's discussion of her book **The Jefferson's at Shadwell** that combines documentary history with the results of recent archaeology at the site of Jefferson's father's plantation in Albemarle County.

Kern demonstrates the Shadwell, far from being a "frontier settlement," was in fact a rather gracious plantation complex that supported a high status lifestyle for Thomas Jefferson and his family. This lecture takes about 55 minutes to view and will open this valuable resource to all who visit the site.

Online at:

http://www.vahistorical.org/news/lectures_kern.htm

The full list of lectures is at:

<http://www.vahistorical.org/news/bannerlectures.htm>

The Virginia Division of Archaeology is located in the same facility as the Virginia Historical Society.

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Whatizit?

Submitted by Tom Hester,

Answer to April Whatisit? The artifact was found at Hill Top (Ralph Sampson Park, Harrisonburg). This is an oil filter.

If you wish to submit an artifact photo for "Whatizit?", please email a photo to me at: twhester1782@yahoo.com.

May Birthdays

May 19 Doug Wright

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.

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.

Ethnozoology and Ethnobotany Course for Certification Students

Ann Wood, our 2010 Mentor of the Year and tremendous resource for the Cert Program, has written to inform us that Dr. David Clark will teach classes on Zooarchaeology and Archaeobotany Analysis on **Saturday, May 21, 10am - 3pm**. These classes fill the requirement for Ethnozoological/Ethnobotanical Analysis in your blue books. The combined course will be taught in one of the Northern Virginia Archaeology labs at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church VA 22042.

To sign up for this course and obtain directions, please email Ann at annpwood@verizon.net.

Be sure to bring your blue books and a bag lunch to eat during a mid-course break.

Dr. Clark has specialized in Zooarchaeology for 35 years. He has taught Forensic Archaeology at Catholic University since 1980, and has taught Historic/Prehistoric Archaeology and Field Techniques at Northern Virginia Community College since 1999.

Ann reports that "this is a top-notch course; I have taken it once and sat through it a second time. It's also one of the courses that's hardest to get, so I advise you to make every effort to take advantage of this opportunity."

Kittiewan

Following is an announcement from Bruce Baker and Martha Williams re: upcoming work at Kittiewan. This will count toward historic excavation hours. Please contact Bruce (bakerbw@tds.net) if you are interested or need more information.

Dates: May 7, 14, and 28

Time: 9 a.m.

Project Leaders: Martha Williams and Bruce Baker

Description: During April 2011, 36 STPs were done in an area west of the manor house where the Kittiewan Committee wants to establish an herb garden. We discovered an area that has one course of brick and believe it to be either a walkway or the remains of a foundation of a building that is shown in one of the historic photographs we have. We will open four 5x5 units to investigate further.

Upcoming Events

- May 4, 2011 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: Sarah Ellis, James Madison University, "Hill Top Plantation: Urban Archaeology and Community Identity."
- Jun. 1, 2011 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: TBA
- Jul. 6, 2011 7:00 p.m. Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building.
Program: TBA
- 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 May 4, 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: Sarah Ellis, James Madison University, "Hill Top Plantation: Urban Archaeology and Community Identity."
- 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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