

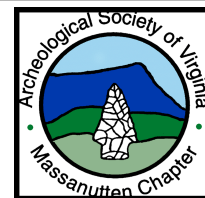
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POINTS



ASV Annual Meeting

Submitted via email by Carole Nash

The ASV Annual Meeting will be held on October 28-31 in concert with the Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF). Both the ASV and ESAF web pages have been a little confusing re: registering for the meeting. You will find the full conference announcement and downloadable registration form at:

<http://www.siftings.com/ASVESAFFlyer.pdf>

This is the first time that the ASV and ESAF have combined their annual meetings. ESAF has a regional focus from southern Canada to Virginia. If you would like to know more about this organization, go to: <http://esaf-archeology.org/>

Please print out the registration form and send it, along with your check for registration and banquet, to Mike Madden (address at bottom of registration page). We will probably not have on-line registration capabilities for this meeting, so we are back to the snail mail approach.

Also, note that the deadline for the pre-registration price and the conference rate at the hotel is September 28.

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Updated 2010 Field School Opportunities for Certification Students

Submitted by Carole Nash and Bruce Baker

The following field schools are still scheduled for the summer. Contact them to see if there are any open spots for certification students.

1. 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) OR DR. ESTHER WHITE (ewhite@mountvernon.org).
2. 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!

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September Birthdays

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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.

****2010 Virginia Field Schools Still Available****

(More details are on Pages 2 and 4 of this newsletter)

Mount Vernon
Camp Misery
Westbrook Drive
Clermont Farm

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 September 1, 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: Kay Veith, MCASV Chapter Member
"The excavation and preservation of artifacts from the Steamboat *Arabia* which sank in the Missouri River in 1856".

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

- Sept. 1, 2010 Kay Veith, MCASV Chapter Member "The excavation and preservation of artifacts from the Steamboat *Arabia* which sank in the Missouri River in 1856".
- Oct. 6, 2010 Dale MacAllister, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society. "Lucy Francis Simms: From Slavery to a Life of Public Service" followed by a presentation of artifacts recovered from the Simms birthplace, Hill Top.
- Oct. 28-31, 2010 ASV Annual Meeting, Clarion Hotel Historic District, Williamsburg, VA
Speaker: Dr. Douglas Owsley, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
- Nov. 3, 2010 TBA
- Dec. 2, 2010 (**THURSDAY**) Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction, 6 p.m., Arey Hall in the Bridgewater Municipal Building. Please bring a covered dish to share and items for the Silent Auction.

Updated 2010 Field School Opportunities for Certification Students

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3. Mike Johnson has a prehistoric survey opportunity for those of you who would like some experience in the Fairfax County area. Please read through the description and contact Mike directly if you want to participate.

Westbrook Drive Site (44FX2660) This is planned to be a long term, thorough evaluation and recovery of a large, shallow prehistoric site that has no evidence of having been plowed. For certification students our initial testing would qualify for prehistoric survey (per our understanding of how the STP stage of site evaluation would be counted). Once the tight interval STP phase is completed we will systematically excavate the soil above the "B" soil horizon to expose potential intrusive features. We would not expect to start systematic excavation until next year. We expect to be working a couple of days a week for the rest of this year, possibly through the winter and into next field season. We expect to work Wednesdays and Saturdays into the foreseeable future. Anyone interested in joining us can get in touch with Mike at: Michael.Johnson@fairfaxcounty.gov

4. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has announced a Certification Program opportunity in September: Clermont Farm Cemetery field school. This will take place in Berryville from September 15-19, 2010 under the direction of Dr. Michael Barber, State Archaeologist. The cemetery is part of the 355-acre Clermont Farm, whose main dwelling (still standing) dates to ca. 1750. Associated with the Snickers family of the Colonial era, the property is on the state and national registers. George Washington probably slept here, and you can, too.

Please contact Carole Nash for the application. Applications must be received by September 10.

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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.

