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## *PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL – FORREST MORGAN*

We have decided to cancel all in-person meetings of the ASV for the balance of the year. That includes the Summer Board meeting in Bridgewater and the Annual Meeting in Williamsburg. We took this action after due consideration because of the COVID 19 virus pandemic and the potential impact on our membership. Even if we had not done this the travel restrictions and related problems would probably have precluded our having the meetings in any event. So we are planning to use alternative methods of conducting the business of the organization. Accordingly, the Summer Board Meeting will be held electronically using the Zoom platform.



The Annual Meeting Committee rather than undertaking its usual function of planning the Annual Meeting has been charged with developing alternative procedures to accomplish much of what would otherwise be done with the in-person meeting (see below). Of course, we will not be able to share the social interaction and similar things that would normally take place, but the other business hopefully, for the most part, will be able to take place. There is a report elsewhere in the newsletter from the Annual Meeting Committee explaining some of the procedures they are developing which will facilitate such things as the presentation of papers and the judging of student papers and the nomination and election of Officers and Board Members. There is also a suggestion of how we may have an opportunity to ask questions about the papers and discuss topics that would address how to improve the operations of the ASV.

However, I see this as an opportunity as much as a disaster in the sense that it compels us to do other things we might not have attempted. For example, the papers that are presented typically are not saved for the membership and are therefore the content is lost to posterity. The procedures we are currently planning will retain the papers and information and make them available to the membership on a website or some other means for however long it is decided that they are relevant. There are

problems that will have to be resolved with respect to the rights of various parties on the content of the papers but those are being addressed, recognizing that the object is to make the information more widely available.

Hopefully, this problem will pass quickly and we will be able to use some of the positive lessons learned, especially with respect to the use of technology, and apply them as we go forward for the betterment of the Society. ☀

### ***AN UPDATE FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE –Chris McDaid***

The leadership of the ASV has decided to modify the Annual Meeting. They've asked the recently formed Annual Meeting Committee to develop some ideas on how to have a "virtual meeting." Our approach is to see this as an opportunity to incorporate new technologies in ways that may benefit the Society in the long term. Our goal is to preserve the opportunity for members to share the research they have been developing and to give and get feedback on the research. The details are still being worked out but the concept is to provide several options to presenters.

One option will be for presenters to develop a 20 minute video on their topic with the video placed on a platform like *Vimeo*. This option will be used by participants in the Student Paper Competition. The Society will keep the videos on the platform for as long as the submitter requests but minimally until 1 January 2021. Another option will be to submit an expanded abstract, a document that is no more than 1,000 words and concisely summarizes recent research conducted. These documents would be placed on the Society's webpage until the 2021 meeting. The third option for presenters will be to develop a virtual session using a platform like *Zoom*. These sessions would allow participants to view the posted videos and then discuss the topics. If there was enough interest there could be several sessions a week throughout the month of October.

We will coordinate with the Certification Committee to see which of the usual certification events can transition to a distance learning format. The forthcoming call for papers will have additional information as will the Society's website. ☀

### ***FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST – Elizabeth A. Moore***

I am writing to you in one of the most unusual times I have ever experienced. Many of us have been in some degree of pandemic-related quarantine for over three months while our country is hosting a wave of protests opposing systemic racism and longstanding injustice towards people of color. I am beginning this column with a statement that one would hope never needs to be said but that is sadly still necessary; All people, regardless of color, gender, ethnicity, age, or sexual orientation deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and to do anything less is unacceptable. As an archaeologist, this means that I have an obligation to treat both the dead and the living with these principles.



For far too long, the discipline of archaeology treated archaeological sites, including those that hold the dead, as a research domain to be used to satisfy academic and personal curiosity about the past. Often done with the good intention of providing a voice to those with none or to examine painful stories in our history, much of this work was still done with a distinct and pervasive attitude that those being studied were "other," and that their

lives were ours for studying. With the passing of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in 1990 this began to change, and more voices are being heard. After 30 years, many archaeologists now consult and collaborate regularly not only with Native American tribes, but with other descendant communities and families as well. The effects of NAGPRA have reached far beyond the original scope of the law.

I recently celebrated my one-year anniversary as State Archaeologist. In the past year I have been able to participate in many events that were unexpected and rewarding as well as fascinating. I was honored to assist with the acceptance at DHR of individuals excavated from the East Marshall Street Well. This moving, somber, and, at times, celebratory ceremony marked the return of these people from the Smithsonian Institution to Richmond where they await reburial. I have had the pleasure of meeting with members of several of Virginia's tribes as interpretive plans are being made for Werowocomoco National Park, plans that address the needs of the tribes as well as those of the visiting public. I watched Governor Northam return land on the James River to the Chickahominy Tribe in a ceremony where he emphasized the values of diversity and equity and their importance in state government. This has been in addition to doing field and lab work with some wonderful volunteers, visiting sites and programs being supported through the Threatened Sites program, and getting to know the talented and dedicated staff at DHR. It has been a fascinating first year.



**DHR Conservator Chelsea Blake helping assess fire damage to archives at a nearby museum. This library was burned in the violent aftermath of peaceful protest in Richmond.**

You might think that with the recent quarantine that the pace of work at DHR has slowed. This is not the case. Just in the last three weeks I have watched crypt excavations (and carried not a few buckets of dirt) at the Basilica of St. Mary in Norfolk where the congregation is committed to having DNA research conducted so they can identify living family members of those people being moved, worked with our conservation staff to help a museum in Richmond that was recently damaged by fire to establish protocols to recover burned and soggy archival materials, identified inadvertently discovered human remains in an 18<sup>th</sup> century deposit, coordinated the



**Excavations at The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception led by Data Investigations, LLC.**

3D laser scanning of the Robert E. Lee monument in Richmond, helped draft a preservation plan for that monument, and worked with a team of DHR staff on a grant program that will eventually distribute over \$4.7 million to repair storm damage from Hurricanes Florence and Michael to historic properties and conduct architectural and archaeological surveys that will help us plan for the next big storms to come our way.

Before I conclude, I would like to take a moment to remember a colleague and friend we lost recently, Keith Adams. I first met Keith at a tour of the excavations of Mead's Tavern in New London outside



**Keith Adams at Oak Hill Plantation.**

of Lynchburg. I later had the pleasure of working with Keith while he and Randy Lichtenberger were conducting salvage excavations in a slave quarter at Oak Hill Plantation in Pittsylvania County. Keith was funny, clever, smart, and talented in the field and lab. He was passionate about archaeology and artifact conservation whether he was working in Virginia, in Botswana, or in Turkey. I learned a lot from Keith and will miss him as I am sure many will.

Hopefully, later in the year we can all be back to our normal ASV activities – working in the field, processing artifacts in the lab, attending chapter meetings, learning new skills, and looking forward to the camaraderie of a conference. In the meantime, enjoy reading this newsletter and the Quarterly Bulletin and I'll see you when it is safe to be together again. ☀

### ***THE KITTIEWAN BRIEF – Len Blasiol***

I begin any report on the status of Kittiewan by pointing out, “There’s a lot going on at Kittiewan!” That remains true in June 2020. Yes, the COVID-19 pandemic, with the associated limitations on gatherings, has affected our operations. But, business did not grind to a halt. Far from it. There are still projects to be carried out, problems to solve, business to handle, and plans to be made. So, the members of the Committee have been hard at work dealing with a plethora of activities, always cautiously and respectful of the dangers presented by the potential for the spread of COVID-19.

First, the project to repair the masonry at the Manor House is nearly complete. Only after this work was fully underway did we learn the extent of the damage that was present and the tenuous nature of some repairs that had been conducted decades earlier. The major problems have been corrected. Of course, as with any structure of advanced age, there will always be a need for preventive and corrective maintenance, but the restoration has given us a solid “foundation” for continuing that work.

While preserving the Manor House is our most important mission, we also have other responsibilities, and that work has continued, as well. To ensure smooth operation of our rental properties (a key source of the revenue required to sustain Kittiewan), we have continued the transition to a new property management company. Additionally, we replaced the HVAC unit at one rental property and the emergency generator at another. Since our normal landscaping routine was interrupted, we organized an emergency method for dealing with the most pressing issues.

In keeping with the ASV’s outreach goals, we have agreed to assist an Archeology Club at nearby Charles City High School. Of course, with schools closed, any actual engagements will wait until the education system is reopened, but we stand ready to host visits and assist the club’s students in learning about our discipline.

Finally, Kittiewan Committee member Randy Turner and ASV Vice-President Mike Barber have undertaken the work of applying for a grant that could benefit Kittiewan. As is the case with any grant proposal, we will have to remain hopeful while the process of adjudication is underway, but if the decision is in our favor, the results will be of extraordinary value to Kittiewan and the ASV.

So, life has gone on at Kittiewan, with due attention to all requirements for health and safety. The Committee has learned a few things along the way, notably, that key business decisions can be addressed through a combination of e-mail and teleconferencing. This knowledge will likely stand us in good stead as we proceed with the many new projects already lining up for our attention. Stay tuned.... ☀

## ***ASV CELEBRATES 80<sup>TH</sup> YEAR: A CALL FOR ACTION – Carole Nash***

As I write this, our country is experiencing some of its greatest challenges in modern times. In addition to the pandemic and its health and economic ramifications, we are witnessing the virulence of racism so deeply embedded that many of us can choose not to see it while others live it every day. Archaeology should be a means to social justice, pure and simple. As archaeologists, we have the opportunity – and the responsibility – to tell the stories of injustice and inequality. We must use our skills to expose the roots of racism and show how it has flourished and damaged our society. And we must create a practice in which everyone is welcome.

In 2019, the Archeological Society of Virginia amended its Code of Ethics with a preamble: *The Archeological Society of Virginia values inclusivity and does not tolerate discrimination or harassment regarding age, disability, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.* 2020 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our organization, and as we reflect on this, let's keep front and center our commitment to the pasts of all communities – and our understanding of the role of the past in shaping the present. Let's work on expanding our membership and leadership to support our values of inclusivity.

Some of us have been members of the ASV for decades, while some have joined just this year. Like so many of our sister societies, the ASV began as a 'relic collectors club.' Its history has been documented in several publications over the years, and what we see is the growth of an organization that changed along with the practice of American archaeology. Today, our 16 chapters are filled with members for whom archaeology is 'not about what you find, but what you find out,' to quote David Hurst Thomas. We have developed strong relationships between avocational and professionals, and our Annual Meeting is an impressive gathering of researchers from across the region who are committed to communicating new discoveries and enriching our communities with this knowledge. Our journal, the *Quarterly Bulletin*, was first published in 1942, took a hiatus during World War II, and has been published continuously since 1946.

We ally with the Council of Virginia Archaeologists, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Preservation Virginia, and the Virginia Association of Museums, bringing a membership that is ready to advocate for the conservation and study of cultural heritage. The Archaeological Technician Certification Program has graduated 80 students, with another 110 currently enrolled. Kittiewan, our flagship property and headquarters, holds much promise as a center for Virginia archaeology and boasts the hardest working committee one could imagine. We are maintaining a stable membership base in a time when many non-profit organizations are challenged to continue, although some areas of the state are faring better than others.

As a Past President of the ASV, I am humbled by this enumeration, which scratches the surface of the ASV's successes. We have always been ambitious, and I believe we are poised to expand our leadership role. How do we do move ahead to our next decade, and I dare say, our Centennial in 2040? We are at a crossroads where we need to make some decisions about the directions in which the ASV will continue to grow.

In 2019, President Forrest Morgan initiated a strategic planning process in anticipation of our 80th anniversary. Led by Dr. John Broadwater, the ad hoc committee has met several times and reported on its progress at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Its goal was to present the organization with a strategic plan at the 2020 Annual Meeting, but as COVID-19 has intervened, we may have to delay that roll out. A major issue being considered by the group is the fact that all the ASV's achievements are due to the efforts of volunteers. Is this a sustainable model? As we move forward, how can we best magnify the interests and energies of our members? What is our vision for the ASV? How do we work together to tell the difficult stories that may point us toward healing as a society? Please join us as we as we share ideas at the state and chapter level. ☀

**2020 ASV AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT**

**By August 1, 2020**, please mail your ASV Awards ballot to Patrick O'Neill, 9902 Rand Dr., Burke, Va. 22015 or email completed form to [patrickloneill@verizon.net](mailto:patrickloneill@verizon.net). Please supply all information requested. Add pages as needed!

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Name of submitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am a member of:  ASV,  COVA, or  Both

**I nominate the following for ASV Awards:**

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AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD: NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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OUT OF STATE PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD:  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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OUT OF STATE AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD:  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA AWARDS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Professional</b>	<b>Out of State Avocational</b>	<b>Out of State Professional</b>	<b>Hall of Fame</b>
1980	Ben McCary (Dec.)	Ivor Noel Hume	N/A	Emory Jones	N/A
1981	Floyd Painter (Dec.)	Howard MacCord	N/A	None	N/A
1982	Dale Kerby (Dec.)	Paul Hudson (Dec.)	N/A	None	N/A
1983	Horace Hood (Dec.)	C. G. Holland	N/A	None	N/A
1984	Richard Gravely (Dec.)	Leverette Gregory	N/A	None	N/A
1985	Vivianne Mitchell	William Kelso	N/A	None	Thomas Jefferson
1986	Joey Moldenhauer	Pam Cressey	N/A	John Cotter	N/A
1987	Charles S. Bartlett, Jr.	Michael B. Barber	N/A	None	N/A
1988	C. Lanier Rodgers	Carl F. Miller (Dec.)	N/A	Joseph Benthall	N/A
1989	Wm Jack Hranicky	Theodore R. Reinhart	N/A	None	N/A
1990	William A. Thompson, Jr.	Michael F. Johnson	N/A	None	David I. Bushnell
1991	Malcolm Richardson	None	N/A	None	N/A
1992	Russell E. Darden	Keith T. Egloff	N/A	None	N/A
1993	None	None	N/A	None	N/A
1994	Eleanor Parslow	Mary Ellen Hodges	N/A	Joffre L. Coe	N/A
1995	Harry A. Jaeger	L. Daniel Mouer	N/A	Paul Y. Inashima	Carl F. Miller
1996	Charles S. Herndon	Martha R. Williams	N/A	None	N/A
1997	Joyce Pearsall	Dennis J. Pogue	N/A	None	N/A
1998	Daniel E. Vogt	C. Clifford Boyd	N/A	None	N/A
1999	Dale Collins	Stephen Shephard	N/A	None	N/A
2000	Edward Bottoms	David K. Hazzard	N/A	Edward F. Heite	William H. Holmes
2001	George Ramsey	Carole Nash	N/A	Joan Walker	N/A
2002	David Rotenizer	Randolph Turner	N/A	None	N/A
2003	Albert J. Pfeffer III	Ester C. White	Peter Bonn	None	N/A
2004	Graham H. Simmerman	Lysbeth B. Acuff	None	None	N/A
2005	William Trout	Lyle Browning	None	Wayne Clark	Ben C. McCary
2006	Bruce Baker	Barbara Heath	None	Joel Hardison	N/A
2007	Shirley Jaeger	Martin Gallivan	None	Stephen Israel	N/A
2008	Steve Fox	Stephen Potter	Maxine Grabill	Martha Williams	N/A
2009	Cynthia Hansen	None	None	None	N/A
2010	Marcus Lemasters	David Brown	Belinda Urquiza	Charles Hall	COL Howard MacCord
2011	Charles Manson	Thane Harpole	None	Craig Lukesic	N/A
2012	Teresa Preston	Laura Galke	Dan Hamilton	None	N/A
2013	Stan Slivinski	Lori Lee	Kara Jorud	Edward Otter	N/A
2014	Kay Veith	Michael Madden	none	Darrin Lowery	N/A
2015	Bertrum Wendell Jr.	Elizabeth Moore	none	none	N/A
2016	Diane Schug-O'Neill	John Mullin	none	none	N/A
2017	William Bjork	Patrick O'Neill	none	Maureen Myers	Ivor Noel Hume
2018	Cynthia Schroer	Rich Guercin	none	Julia King	N/A
2019	Bev Barker	John Broadwater	none	Jill Showell	N/A

## ***CHAPTER UPDATES***

### ***Massanutten Chapter – Cynthia Schroer***

The Massanutten chapter started off the year in February with a talk by Dr. Carole Nash, James Madison University. We went back to a time before the judicial complex was built in Harrisonburg and reflected on the buildings and professions in "Gone is Gone: Lessons from Downtown Demolitions." In early March, we had a wonderful talk from Alison Bell, Washington and Lee's Department of Sociology and Anthropology. She presented "Painted, Molded, Printed, Sponged: Ceramics from Two Communities at One Site." We have had to social distance since then but that doesn't mean we aren't thinking about archeology. We are in the process of designing a new logo and t-shirts for the chapter. Carole Nash has been analyzing lithic artifacts from a variety of sites in the Shenandoah National Park, while running four online courses at JMU. Kay Veith shared an article of someone in England who was perusing satellite imagery and may have found another stonehenge-like stone circle. Cindy Schroer watched a couple of fascinating shows - one on using LIDAR to find sites hidden in the Amazon and one on using satellite imagery to locate sites (including possible pyramids) in Egypt. Janice Biller and Alex Mitchell are waiting for the rain to stop to survey her neighbors field that has been disc-plowed, and Glenn Huffman shared this wonderful picture of a lime kiln he took recently while traveling through Augusta County. ☀



**Lime kiln, Reeves Road, Augusta County.**

### ***New River Chapter – J. T. Moldenhauer***

Safe projects for chapters during the pandemic are many. Plenty of time to get those old books, files and collections out of the garages and attics and finally work on them! Also, not sure that a fire and waterproof safe will keep a Covid virus out, but the New River Chapter's Christmas tree fundraising project has donated a small safe to Kittiewan to help safely secure computer files and small Archives. The trees are now in bad need of trimming and have no C-19 virus, but plenty of ticks and chiggers if anybody wants to help. ☀

### ***Northern Shenandoah River Valley Chapter – Randy Evans***



**Chapter members working on artifacts during the COVID 19 era.**



## ***YORK RIVER SHIPWRECK RESEARCH FEATURED ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL – John Broadwater***

On June 2, The National Geographic Channel featured the York River shipwrecks on an episode of its popular “Drain the Ocean” Series. The episode, titled “The American Revolution”, highlighted recent research carried out by JRS Explorations, Inc., of Yorktown, Virginia. A total of 11 shipwrecks have been located and verified to be from the British fleet that took part in the Siege of Yorktown, 1781. JRS’ Chief Archaeologist John Broadwater has been



JRS May 2019 survey, survey boat.



JRS May 2019 survey, diver lowers sonar towfish into the water.

involved in York River shipwreck research since 1975 and was project director of the Yorktown Shipwreck Archaeological Project, conducted by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Since the project was terminated in 1990, Broadwater has continued to organize additional surveys, discovering two additional wrecks. The final project report will be published by Texas A&M University Press in 2021. ☀



JRS May 2019 survey, Josh Daniel watching real time sonar imagery.

## ***THE BIOGRAPHY OF HOWARD MACCORD- Wm Jack Hranicky***

I worked with Howard MacCord for over 50 years and had many tales to tell about his life. His work with amateur archaeologists is what the author writes – Howard MacCord was the father of amateur archaeology. I tried to write an overview of his life in the biography but wound up with a lot of stories about him. Additionally, it has an un-published paper called his ***Credo on Archaeology***. He excavated nearly 30 sites and wrote hundreds of papers, many in the ASV Quarterly Bulletin. His best focus was Virginia prehistoric pottery – he was an expert. He started the ASV’s Newsletter and was a past ASV president. He was always involved in archaeology, even when he was in the military. He dug on the U.S. Capitol grounds as well as in Maryland and North Carolina. Probably his greatest find comes from his excavation on the Camden site where he uncovered a historic medal.

Many, many archaeologists got their start in archaeology by working with Howard. He was well known in eastern archaeology and a hundred years from now he still will be remembered in the annals of American archaeological history. Archaeologists still quote his work today from around the archaeology world. As goes without saying, there will never be another Howard MacCord. His biography is available from Amazon. Login there, and type his name. You can order the book online. Amateurs will find that reading his credo might just find a way to new archaeology in Virginia. Amateurs are encouraged to read it. ☀



"Ye King of Mahotick" medal recovered during MacCord/Carter 1969 excavations.



"Ye King of Patomeck" medal found in 1832 to the people at Camden site, Virginia.

Virginia Historical Society recovered the right medal from the Camden property in 1832. Howard MacCord's excavation in 1969 recovered the other one. This was the first archaeological excavation that your author worked on. It was recovered one square over from me. Both medals are now on display at the Virginia Historical Society's museum.



Howard A. MacCord Sr. presenting a paper at the 1995 Virginia Academy of Sciences meeting in Lexington, Virginia. He always gave a paper at most archaeological meetings.



Howard MacCord receiving Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference's Lifetime Achievement Award. Presenting: Liz Crowell. MacCord is one of the founding fathers of the ASV; many, many amateur and professional archaeologists started their careers working with him. He had over 50 years of service to Virginia's archaeology. He is considered by many as the founding father of amateur archaeology.

### ***KITTIWAN ERRATUM***

In our March newsletter, we mentioned Tony Burke donating a truck for use at Kittiwán. Actually, it was a donation from not only Tony but also R. Neil Hening. We apologize for the omission and thank both for their generous gift to the ASV and Kittiwán. ☀

### ***HELP DONATE TO THE ASV THROUGH OUR NEW AMAZONSMILE ACCOUNT!***

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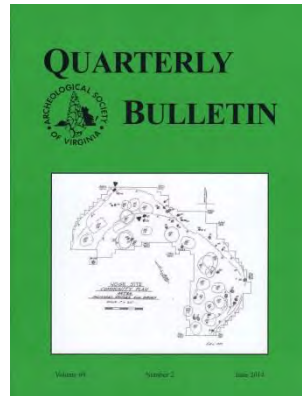
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