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Archaeology is not a science, it's a vendetta. –Sir Robert Eric Mortimer Wheeler

I must admit that I chose this quote because I feel it too much! Every time I desperately try to identify an artifact with three books, a cellphone with no reception but still with enough juice to dream, three archeologists, and a few prayers, I find myself in this dream/madness. Welcome to September's guide to our shared vendetta. I hope that everyone has had a marvelous summer filled with adventure either found in writing or out in the very hot world! Stay tuned for your next adventure! –Kim

Maryland Historical Trust 32nd Annual Workshop

32ND ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Hands-on instructional sessions

with a keynote by

Dr. Al Luckenbach

Date & Time:

September 23, 2023

9:00AM - 3:30PM

REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR



The Maryland Historical Trust, working in partnership with The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., proudly presents the 32nd Annual Workshop in Archaeology.

Additional details and a full program/schedule found at: [Maryland Historical Trust:](#)

When: Saturday, September 23rd, 2023, from 9 AM until 3:30 PM

Where: 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD (and grounds)

Who/What: Our keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Al Luckenbach, retired Archaeologist for Anne Arundel County and founder of the Lost Towns Project. Dr. Luckenbach's presentation will discuss his research with Lost Towns at the prehistoric ceremonial site known as Pig Point. The discoveries at Pig Point made national headlines, including the *New York Times* in 2013 ("A Maryland Hill's Prehistoric Secret"). MHT Press hopes to publish Dr. Luckenbach's manuscript on the site in the near future.

Admission fee (payable at the door): \$7.00 General admission; \$5.00 for ASM members and students.

Program:

Pig Point on the Patuxent: The Excavation of a Prehistoric Sacred Place

Al Luckenbach

ArcheoKids: Educational Programs for the Next Generation

Julia Berg and Sarah Mason

Swinging into the Past: Metal Detecting Basics for Archaeology

Daniel Dean

Using StoryMaps to Tell Archaeological Stories

Gregory Brown

Basics of Section 106

Dixie Henry and Troy Nowak

A Practical Guide to Investigating Archaeological Oyster Shell

Matt Borden

Maryland's Digital Resources for Archaeological Research and Survey

Matthew McKnight

Tips and Tricks for Completing a Site Form

Zachary Singer

CAT SESSION – Historic Ceramic Identification Workshop, Parts I & II*

Patricia Samford

ASM President's Note:

Hello! In December of 2022, the Board voted to Amend the Bylaws and at the October Annual Meeting of ASM, Inc. we will review and plan to vote whether to Ratify those changes. Below is a list of the specific changes and attached are the Amended Bylaws using "Track Changes".

In addition, the board formed a committee to take a look at the Bylaws as a whole and recommend additional clarification and updates - look forward to hearing more about that over the next year.

And I hope to see all of you in a few weeks at the Workshop in Archeology on September 23rd.

Brief Explanation of Changes to ASM, Inc. Bylaws Amended December 3, 2022

Article II, first bullet: removes insensitive language.

Article III, Section 3. - Family - broadens definition of family to include all family units.

Article IV, Section 3. - strengthens recommendation to encourage new chapters to require members to join the Society.

Article IV, Section 5. - modernizes Academic Club privileges

Article V, Section 1. - clarifies the longstanding in-practice role of MHT staff on the Board

Article V, Section 3. - allows notification of quarterly business meetings to occur over email and clarifies details of Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Article V, Section 4. - clarifies voting board members right to cast 1 vote

Article VII, Section 4. - clarification that the scheduling of Special Meetings of the Society can occur over email.

Article VIII, Section 2. - allows ballots to be returned via email, in addition to mail and in person at the Annual Meeting.

Article IX, Section 3. - updates name of Maryland Historical Trust

Article XII - Removes this section - this was for ratification of the original bylaws.

Article XI provides the process for Amendments to the Bylaws.

Valerie L. Hall

Additional Note: A separate PDF will be sent with the newsletter of the Bylaws with "track changes."

Upcoming Events

ASM Board Meeting: September 2, 9:00 am WebEx – contact Valerie if you need the information – All are welcome to join

Central Chapter Artifact Cleanup Day: September 9, 2023 (see chapter section)

Western Chapter Appalachian Festival Table: September 16 (see chapter section)

Mid-Potomac Chapter Hosts Ceramics Talk: September 21 (see chapter section)

Workshop in Archaeology: September 23, 2023, 9am-3:30pm

Western Chapter- The Bone Cave of Cumberland: September 23 (chapter section)

Annual Meeting in Frederick, Hosted by Monocacy Chapter: October 14

Mid-Potomac Chapter Hosts Field Session Talk: October 19 (see chapter section)

ESAF Annual Meeting in Ocean City, MD: October 26-29

ASM Board Meeting: December 9 WebEx

Volunteer Opportunities

ASM Volunteers Needed:

Assistant Web Master: A person who would back up John Fiveash with our current WebSite. This position will likely be involved in a transition to a more easily customizable webpage. Experience with E-Commerce, database integration and Google Workspace would be helpful.

The following volunteer opportunities are open to CAT participants and other ASM members:

ASM Volunteer Lab, most Tuesdays: The lab in Crownsville. Contact Zachary Singer at Zachary.Singer@maryland.gov

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center seeks participants in its Citizen-Scientist Program in archeology and other environmental research programs in Edgewater. Field and lab work are conducted on Wednesdays and on occasional Saturdays. Contact Jim Gibb at jamesgibb@verizon.net

Charles County for Lab and Field Work welcomes volunteers. Contact Esther Read at ReadE@charlescountymd.gov For more information, contact Carol Cowherd at ccasm2010@gmail.com

The Anne Arundel County Archeology Lab in Edgewater, in conjunction with **The Lost Towns Project**, accepts volunteers for lab work. No experience needed. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The lab is generally open 2-3 weekdays each week from 9:00-3:00. Volunteers must sign up in advance. There are occasional opportunities for fieldwork as well. For more information, the current lab or field schedule, or to sign up, email Drew Webster at volunteers@losttownsproject.org

Howard County Recs and Parks invites volunteers interested in processing collections and conducting historical research to contact Kelly Palich at Kpalich@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-0423.

Montgomery County for Lab and Field Work welcomes volunteers. Contact Heather Bouslog at 301-563-7530 or Heather.Bouslog@montgomeryparks.org

Mount Calvert for Lab and Field Work: call 301-627-1286.

Jefferson Patterson Park invites volunteers to take part in its activities, including archeology, historical research, and conservation. Contact 410-586-8554.

Monocacy Chapter

A volunteer is needed in a critical area of most immediate importance (send an email if interested) monocacyarcheology@gmail.com

A chapter secretary/treasurer - a fluid position that is organizational/administrative in nature. Estimated approx 2-hours a week = processing chapter memberships, minor simple spreadsheet recordkeeping and maintaining chapter records.

The Archaeological Institute of America provides an online listing of fieldwork opportunities worldwide. Click on <https://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork> to get started.

CAT Corner

At the Maryland Historical Trust Workshop in Archeology, CAT Candidates are invited to participate in CAT specific programs and fulfill requirements for the program. At 11:00 am, Basics of Section 106 is being presented by Dixie Henry and Troy Nowak. Taught in two sections, and both must be attended to fulfill the workshop requirement, CAT Historic Ceramic Workshop will be presented by Patricia Samford. Space is limited, please email Tom.

Tales from the Lab

This is a new section open to anyone that has lab stories from funny to very informative. Its partner, Tales from the Field, needs stories to share. If you need help jotting down your memories or advice contact Kim Malinowski.

What's Left in the Screen. MHT Lab Notes Aug. 2023

Amongst the usual lithics, glass, metal, bone, ceramic and unknowns I found peanut butter cookies in a thoroughly modern plastic container. Thank you, Pat. Cataloguing material, from the Old Otterbein United Methodist church in Baltimore, Barbara was counting and bagging bits of Chin-wa-ser-ee (Chinoiserie) ceramics, the 17th and 18th century European interpretation of Chinese porcelain.

I knew that the aristocracy of the period admired, indeed, coveted Chinoiserie ceramics. I did not know that Louis XIV of France built a five pagoda pavilion bedecked with blue and white Chinoiserie tile works on the grounds of the palace of Versailles and that interior designer Dr. Aldous Bertram earned a doctorate in Chin-wa-ser-ee from Cambridge University and in 2021 published, *Dragons and Pagodas: A Celebration of Chinoiserie*.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, not many people traveled long distances to foreign lands. The profusion of dragons cavorting through the flora and hanging out behind pagodas reflected the seduction of an exotic, unknown. The European intention was to imitate and celebrate a distant culture, allowing ancient ideas to cross-pollinate throughout the world of fashion as well as to make a profit in the ceramic industry.

After falling out of favor in the 19th century, Chinoiserie made a brief comeback in the 1930's during the Art Deco Period until once again waning in popularity. Today, in academia, the West's interpretation of the sumptuous, exotic exists within the newly framed context of decolonization.

The MHT lab is a wondrous place. Where else would I meet master storyteller Bonnie McCubbin, pastor of the Old Otterbein United Methodist in Baltimore?

For more information go to: [Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC \(bwcumc.org\)](http://Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC (bwcumc.org))

Lynne Bulhack

Being a Writer and doing Archeology

I admit that my editors no longer allow me to use “sandy loam” in my poetry and I’m sure the prose editors are waiting with red ink and ultimatums. I have been fortunate to absorb scientific nomenclature on digs and in the lab. Some words I can’t pronounce, and I can’t spell any under pressure, but it is astounding how phrases and archeology have entered my writing. I am established and because of this, the shift is significant. I have been honored with words like “channer” (an accumulation of thin, flat, coarse fragments of sandstone, limestone, or schist with diameters up to 6 inches (15 centimeters): used in Scotland and Ireland for gravel. [Channery Definition & Meaning | Dictionary.com](#)) and “Coroplast” Boxes (corrugated plastic boxes) used in the lab. While my “coroplast” poems have not been published, my “channer” poem has. “Archeological Love Song” came from a dare! Dr. Zac Singer told me to write a poem about the word in exasperation. I did. Check and Checkmate. I also did something that I have never done and I do not believe many other poets have either. I substituted archeology terms and created an elaborate, yet easy to read metaphor.

Archeological Love Song [Archeological Love Song — Words & Whispers \(wordsandwhispers.org\)](#)

The first stanza reads:

1.
Let my hands stumble
 into channers

laugh
 sienna pebbles

fingers rough
 scraped across mesh

history sacred on palms.

My latest success was because Lynne Bulack used the phrase “a rock on the way to becoming another rock” when I was trying to decide if a flake was chalcedony and it was difficult to decide what the geologic definition would be. I kept this phrase deep within myself. When West Virginia University made their restructuring cuts public, I went to a protest thinking about coal and diamonds. Lynne’s phrase kept repeating. One is on the way to becoming another. What a metamorphic metaphor. What came out was a protest poem heard around the country. It made the top of Feedspot, a large literary listserv. [TheNewVerse.News : A MOUNTAINEER CAN BE A POET AND STILL FIRE A MUSKET \(newversenews.blogspot.com\)](#)

“I told the university’s president that I could write WVU into the skies, either as diamonds or as coal, because each are rocks on their way to becoming another rock.”

Somehow, my writing and my career will never be the same. I am profoundly grateful for every new word and definition. What started as a game has become life changing. With over 300 publications behind me, once again, I do not know what words will bring me and that is a marvelous place to be.

Kim Malinowski

Recommended Reading:

Thank you to Danielle Knight, C.A.T. Candidate

For The New York Times Subscribers: [Move Over, Men: Women Were Hunters, Too - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

(If Link Does Not Work) [Move over, men: Women were hunters, too | eKathimerini.com](#)

Move Over, Men: Women Were Hunters, Too

Anthropologists are finding that women in modern foraging societies have played a major role in catching game.

MHT Fall Teasers:

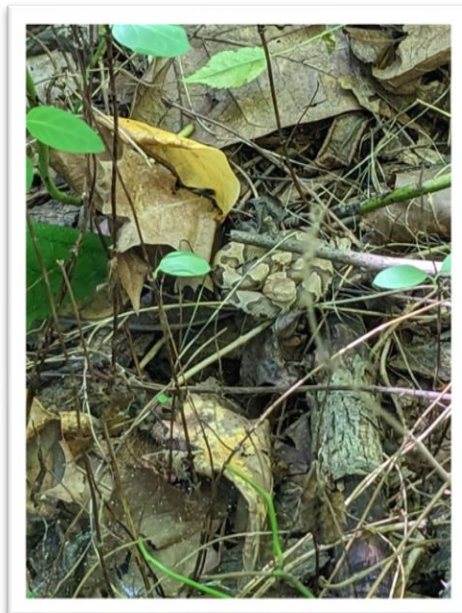
This summer ASM members participated in Mill Keeper West, part of the divided Pierpoint Site, and The Old Treasury Building. Articles on both sites will be included in forthcoming ASM Inks. To wet everyone's appetites or digging nightmares, we have photographs that were kindly shared. More will appear with articles.

Mill Keeper West



WARNING Next Picture: The One That Got Away (Zac did too!) *trigger warning reptiles*

The Copperhead



Old Treasury Building: Photos Courtesy of Dan Dean



Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF)

**Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF)
90th Annual Meeting
October 26-29, 2023
Ocean City, Maryland**

Please plan to join us as the Archeological Society of Maryland and the Archeological Society of Delaware jointly host the [Annual ESAF Meeting](#). The Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF) is an organization of state archeological societies representing much of the Eastern United States and Canada.

Thursday, October 26, 2023. Attendees will car-pool from the Holiday Inn Oceanfront

The ESAF meeting is **open to all**, anyone interested in archeology, professionally or not, are welcome. Some highlights this year are:

Tours - Zwaanendael Museum and Nanticoke Indian Museum
Talks - Call for papers is out and full agenda will be posted this fall
Annual Student Paper Competition
Networking Sessions
Book Tables
Annual Banquet Keynote Speaker – Dr. Julia King
Social Events

Registration, Call for Papers, and Tours Information are all available at <https://esaf-archeology.org>



ESAF Welcomes you to our 90th Annual Meeting, October 26 -29, 2023, at the Beach, in Ocean City, MD. We've arranged a Special Pre-Conference Tour!! These tours are FREE. Attendance has limit of 15.

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, the Archaeological Society of Delaware (ASD) offers tours of the **Zwannendael Museum** in Lewes, DE, to view the famous *HMS Shipwreck DeBraak* as well as the **Nanticoke Indian Museum**, in Millsboro, DE. We will be carpooling to these locations.



HMS DeBraak. Photo Credit: Ron MacArthur, Cape Gazette

In Lewes, learn the history, life aboard ship, and view artifacts retrieved from this Royal Navy Shipwreck, lost in 1798. You will also view the remains of the shipwreck hull under conservation!

We plan **lunch** at the Crooked Hammock Restaurant in Lewes. Lunch is on your own.

Thereafter, we will drive to the Nanticoke Indian Museum, to learn their past, cultural history and endeavors to expand and share their culture, returning to Ocean City by 5:00 pm.



Nanticoke Indian Museum, Photo Credit: Daniel Griffith, ASD

Please sign up for these tours **on the ESAF Registration Form**, noting your desire to participate. When tour registrations are received, we will notify you of your acceptance. *For questions or information, please email Faye Stocum: fayestocum@comcast.net.*

The Lost Towne's Project

Evening and Weekend Hours at the Archaeology Lab



Beginning this September, the Anne Arundel County Archaeology Lab will have expanded volunteer hours. The Lab will be open:

- **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Thursdays** from 1:00 to 7:00 pm
- One **Saturday** a month from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Sep. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9).

For more information on other programming [New Evening & Weekend Lab Hours!](#)
([mailchi.mp](#))

Chapter News

Central Chapter

Central Chapter and Marshy Point will hold an **Artifact Cleaning Day** on Sat, Sept 9, (rain day, Sun, Sept 10). We are open for folks to join between 10 am-2:30 pm. We will start putting things away at 2:30 pm. Come for a short time or the whole period, your choice. Lunch is provided, around 12:30, courtesy of Marshy Point Nature Center Council. We meet in the grassy space in front of the Nature Center building.

Let me know if you plan to come just so we have an idea of how many people will be there (katharine.fernstrom@marylandarcheology.org and don't panic if this is a different email, please use it). This activity will replace our 3rd Tuesday Zoom meeting. I look forward to seeing you at Marshy Point.

Charles County

Meet in person September through April at the Community Room of the LaPlata Police Department in LaPlata, MD on the third Thursday of the month. Email ccasm2010@gmail.com for more information.

Eastern Shore

Dates and events are on chapter's website [ASM Eastern Shore \(google.com\)](http://ASM Eastern Shore (google.com)) Facebook page Eastern Shore Maryland Archaeology and Instagram (@esmdarch). For more information, email esarcheology@gmail.com or jamrkin2@washcooll.edu

Mid-Potomac

The chapter meets the third Thursday of the month from September through June. In-person meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Needwood Mansion for the business meeting followed by a presentation at 7:30. Pizza will be available before the in-person meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. for \$5 per person. If virtual meetings are necessary, they will be via Zoom with the business meeting also starting at 7 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30.

For up-to-date information concerning meetings, please contact Don Housley at donhou704@earthlink.net or 301-424-8526 or check the chapter website: www.asmmidpotomac.org, or send an email to: asmmidpotomac@gmail.com

September 21, 2023: (In-person) Lynne Bulhack, chapter member, will give a talk on Native American pottery making and design.

October 19, 2023: (In-person) Don Housley, chapter president, will speak on the 2023 Annual Field Session held at the Chapel Branch West site in Denton, MD.

Monocacy

For information contact: monocacyarcheology@gmail.com (mailbox monitored intermittently) or call Jeremy Lazelle at 301-471-8433.

Northern Chesapeake

A business meeting at 7pm and is followed by the presentation at 7:30. Locations vary. Contact Dan Coates at 410-808-2398 or dancoates@comcast.net

St. Mary's County

Meetings are at the Leonardtown Library in Leonardtown every second Tuesday night of the month at 6:30pm. For information contact Craig Lukezic at crlukezic@gmail.com

Western Maryland

Programs are the fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 211 S. Lee Street in Cumberland, unless noted. Contact Roy Brown, 301-724-7769. Chapter email: wmdasm@yahoo.com Chapter website: <https-tinyurl.com/wmdasm>

September 16: The Chapter will man an information booth at the Appalachian Festival held at Frostburg State University. There will be exhibits of artifacts and literature related to the archeology of the western Maryland region. This has been a very successful venue over the years for interaction with the public concerning the investigation of sites in our area.

September 23: The Bone Cave of Cumberland: "Saber-toothed tigers, wolves and bears oh my!", Adam Lewis of the Geography Dept. of Frostburg State University will speak on the numerous fossilized skeletons discovered at Bone Cave, many of which date from 200,000 years ago. Recent information developed concerning the site will be disclosed.

October 28: Molasses, rum cookies, ginger cakes, bread and salt pork butter and planters punch were some of the colonial foods eaten by different classes of folks, from commoners to wealthy to soldiers during the period of the French & Indian War. Re-enactor Ryan Cuba will share recipes and bring 18th century foods and drinks of this era for folks to try. Ryan has spoken to the Chapter numerous occasions all of which have been very entertaining.

There will be no Chapter meetings in November and December due to the holidays. The January 27, 2024, Chapter meeting will be our annual SHOW & TELL gathering and the election of new officers.

Kim's Note:

If you have an idea for an article or have announcements, please let me know, I am happy to assist and to include them in the *Ink*. Volunteers are welcome to include their experiences at digs or in labs. If there is something memorable or that we should all share and celebrate, please contact me. Stay tuned for book discussions, interviews, and more!

My information will appear on the contact page. I am interested in books that should be read (whether you want to write the review or want me to), photographs that show our members and community volunteers hard at work and enjoying their experiences, and if you have an idea that I have not listed, give me a shout, I want to hear it. If anyone wishes to reminisce, we all know that not every story happens in the present moment. Was there something about archeology that called to you or something that you will never forget? Please share.

Scroll down for Contact information!

Contact Us:

The **Archeological Society of Maryland Inc.** is a statewide nonprofit organization devoted to the study and conservation of Maryland archeology.

ASM members receive the monthly newsletter, ASM Ink, the biannual journal, MARYLAND ARCHEOLOGY, reduced admission to ASM events and a 10-percent discount on items sold by the Society.



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