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**“Discover how to visit the past and bring yesterday's stories into our lives today”
— Gillian Hovell, 'Visiting the Past'**

Gillian Hovell's quote is the spirit of this edition. We have the details for the 2023 Annual ASM Meeting, the MHT 32nd Annual Workshop Re-cap for anyone that could not attend, and among other tidbits, we have new research and photos from the Seneca Bluffs Complex (Mill Keeper West Site). The entirety showcases the principle of bringing the past into the present and making it relevant both to us and the broader community.

2023 Annual Meeting of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.

The 2023 Annual Meeting of ASM, Inc., hosted by the Monocacy Chapter, will be held in person, on Saturday October 14th, 2023, at the Frederick Community College (FCC) Mosaic/Student Center. The campus is located at [7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702](#). The center is adjacent to parking making for ease of accessibility. The event will open at 9 am for arrivals, registration, and coffee, with the meeting beginning at 9:30 am. The meeting will conclude at approximately 3pm. The day is welcoming, geared and free for students with suggested donation of \$5 for ASM members/ \$7. FCC can accommodate sign language or other interpretation service needs upon advanced request (request via email: jlazelle@msn.com).

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to conduct business including but not limited to reports from Officers, Chapter reports, ratification of Bylaw changes, and presentation of the William B. Marye Award, which honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Maryland archeology.

Coffee, tea, other drinks, and snacks will be provided. Lunch can be packed and brought, obtained off-campus, or from one or two anticipated food-trucks (yet to be secured and determined). Food truck options and their given menu(s) will be provided prior to the meeting.

Following the society's business meeting hour, presentations will start (approximately 10:30am):

Dr. Zachary Singer of the Maryland Historic Trust will give an educational overview of early pre-history local to Frederick County.

Dr. Julie Markin, of Washington College will follow and will provide a (remote-virtual) presentation on preliminary results of excavations from the 2023 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology held at the Chapel Branch West Site, near Denton, Maryland; a Native American occupation yielding artifacts of the Woodland period 3,000 to 1,000 years ago.

Beau Lockard, Archeologist/ Historic Preservation Planner with Frederick County, will talk about the just released 2023 Frederick County Historic Preservation Ordinance, inclusive of the Monocacy Chapter's long-awaited considerations for buried archeological resources. The updated Ordinance has just opened for public comment. Your active participation in assessing and providing comments is appreciated.

A lunch break will follow (approximately 12-1:30pm).

During this time participants may view the permanent display of select Biggs Ford artifacts prepared by former FCC student Katherine Duckworth under direction of FCC's Dr. Lauren Lippiello, and local archeologist Hettie Ballweber.

After lunch:

Megan Reeve of the Archeological Conservancy's Eastern Region, will speak to the work, accomplishments, acquisitions, and Frederick's Rosenstock Site (18FR18), a significant late Woodland occupation under their ownership and management (within the city of Frederick).

The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society (Thurmont), will report on their progress, collaborative research, development, Smithsonian channel production, and opening of the Museum of the Ironworker.

Frederic M. Stiner Memorial Address Keynote Presentation

Francis Gray, Tribal Chairman of the Piscataway Conoy will speak to the historic and contemporary Piscataway perspectives on archaeology.

ASM President's Note:

What a treat the MHT Workshop in Archeology was! It was wonderful to see some of my favorite people and to meet many new faces. I was especially pleased to meet students from the newly formed University of Maryland Anthropology Club and several other students from local schools.

Matt McKnight and the MHT team deserve congratulations for an excellent, well-run day. I heard this event described as the "best ever." Even the weather cooperated—so none of us were longing to be outside enjoying a beautiful September day!

Thank you to each speaker and presenter—to take time out of your busy weekend and spend it sharing your passion with us is greatly appreciated!

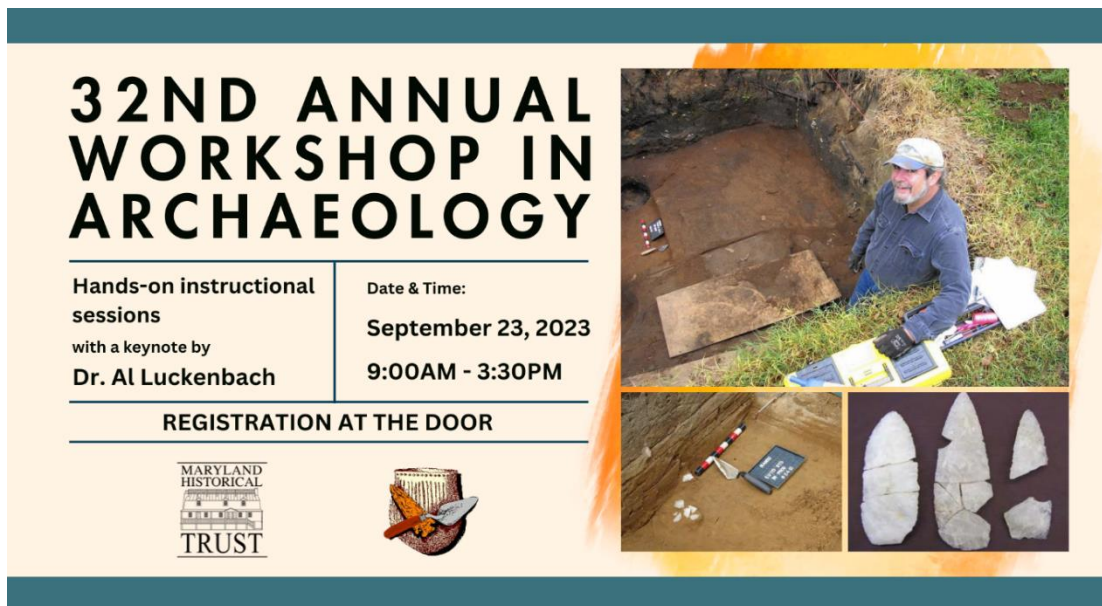
Also, thanks to the ASM members who arrived early, brought and set up the breakfast, helped set up chairs, and served at registration, you all are the best!

And, in a few short weeks, I will look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting of the ASM on October 14th and at the ESAF Annual Meeting October 26th-29th.

Valerie L. Hall

Maryland Historical Trust 32nd Annual Workshop Re-Cap

The Maryland Historical Trust, working in partnership with The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., proudly presented the 32nd Annual Workshop in Archaeology on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023, from 9 AM until 3:30 PM at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD (and grounds) during tropical storm rain.






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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST



Dr. Matthew McKnight and Elizabeth Hughes began the workshop with salutations and introductions. Matt listed the many MHT projects that occurred during the year.

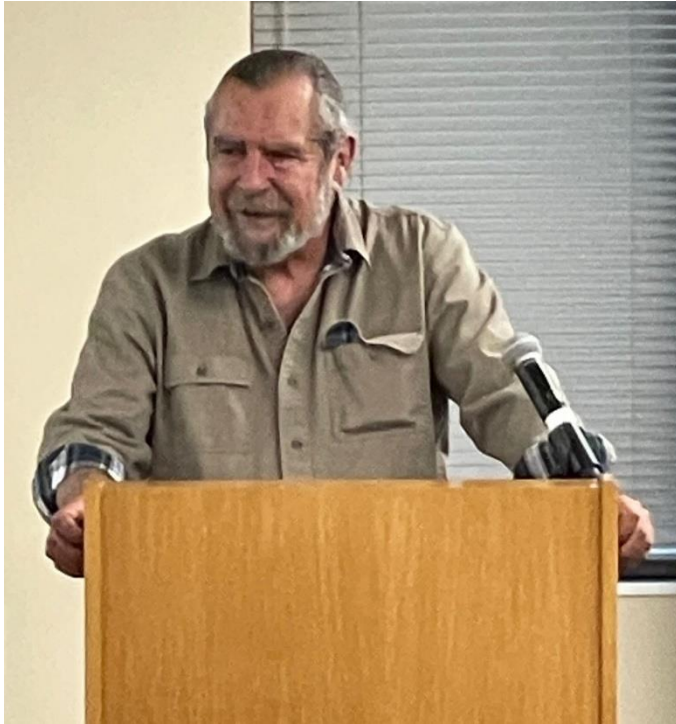


Slides and photos sped by because there were so many projects that each could only be touched upon for a moment. Many slides showed sites that ASM members participated in and many more projects that they did not. The list appeared endless and showcased extraordinary work.



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

The keynote speaker was Dr. Al Luckenbach. He is a retired Archaeologist for Anne Arundel County and founder of the Lost Towns Project.



Dr. Luckenbach's presentation discussed 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.

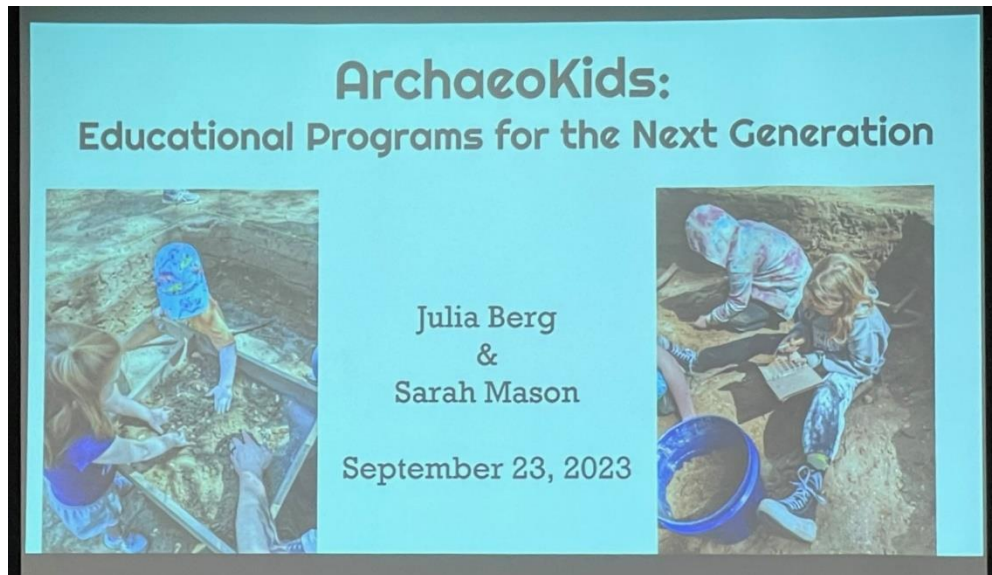
Pig Point, site 18AN50, has a complete sequence of 10,000 years to present stratigraphic record. Carbon 14 dating confirmed many of the dates though there was an outlier that created more questions when it dated later in the record than expected.

Many features were found including the introduction of ceramics in the stratigraphy beside projectile points that were dated to similar time periods elsewhere allowing for tentative timeline confirmation. Evidence of structures or wigwams were found as well as a large Delmarva Adena component that included burials that used red ochre and where projectile points were deliberately broken. The area was a sacred site and is on a horizontal line with Cape Henlopen, Delaware.

Many questions emerged from the site. The cultural significance of the timeline of Delmarva Adena and the sacredness of the site after the Adena period ended are left to explore. Whether religion or tradition of breaking objects or "killing" the objects as is sometimes described, is still a question and one that may remain unanswerable. Pig Point is a tremendous resource to understand history and will continue to be in the future despite residential road and house development on or near the site.

The workshop had so many competing timeslots and intriguing topics that I relied on several 007s for the presentations that I could not attend. Many thanks go to Sarah Serenyi, Stephen Israel, and Lynne Bulhack for sharing their intel.

ArchaeoKids: Educational Programs for the Next Generation



Julia Berg and Sarah Mason presented virtually for what might have been an MHT Workshop first. Lynne Bulhack found their program so enthralling that she felt every new volunteer would benefit from the exercises that had been developed. She spoke with Julia and Sarah, and they agreed to have their contact information included to continue the conversations they began.



After experiencing the rigors of an archeological field session, Eastern shore middle school teachers Julia Berg and Sarah Mason have moved beyond the thrill of discovery and designed classroom lesson activities and summer camp programs to teach the purpose, concepts, and processes of archeology to their students. The intention is to interest other teachers and to inspire the next generation of young people to become involved in discovery, stewardship, preservation, and auxiliary information important to history. The materials they have designed are available to people who are interested in teaching archeology, and they are happy to collaborate to create additional lessons and programming upon request!

—007 Lynne Bulhack

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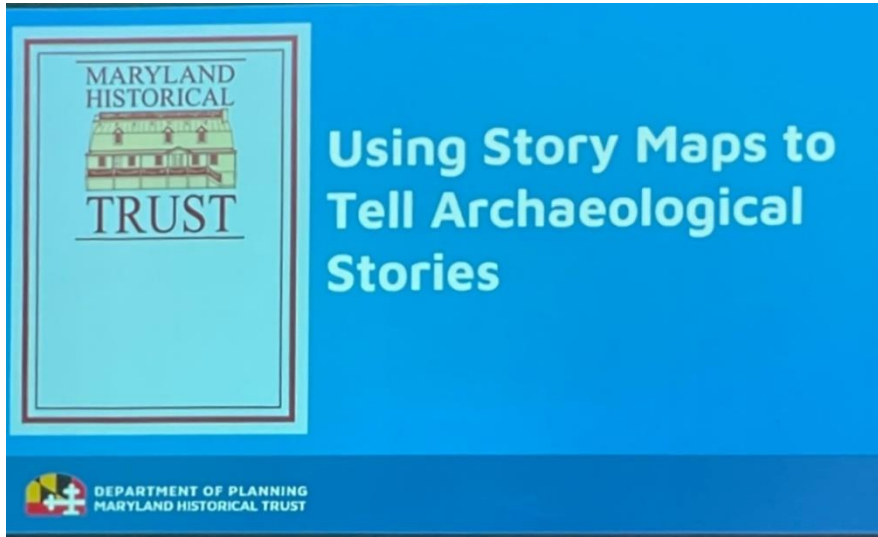
Swinging into the Past: Metal Detecting Basics for Archaeology

Daniel Dean presented and the rain did not dampen spirits. Many different uses for metal detecting were given. **007 Sarah Serenyi** took photos and explained that “participants learned about the differences in metal detectors at different price points. They then got the chance to test out the different metal detectors that Daniel brought with him.”



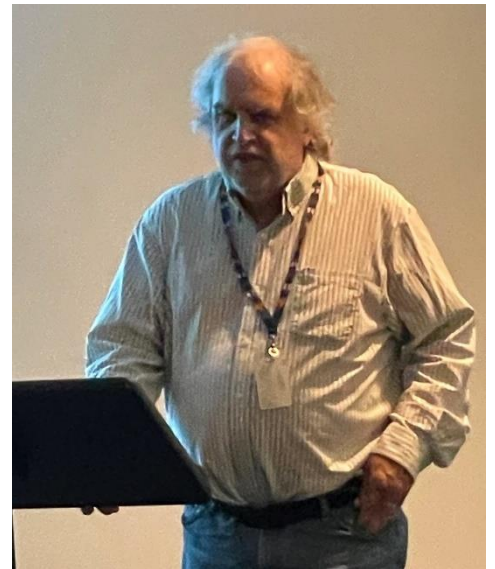
Using Story Maps to Tell Archaeological Stories

Gregory Brown presented to a large audience about connecting the past to the future and how to make archeological data relevant.



007 Stephen Israel was kind enough to get the intelligence on this presentation.

“Greg Brown (MHT, Cultural Resource Information Systems Manager) explained through using a new, powerful, and analytical ArcGIS Story Maps demo-software, both what the MHT is currently doing and what the average person needs to create their own story map (or something similar if there is no access to expensive ArcGIS software). The presentation explained what tools are needed and how to begin to conceptualize a local story that those in Greg’s classroom might want to tell through copying and pasting from existing web sites. ArcGIS story maps and cartography applications are emerging as popular medium to communicate data.”



Basics of Section 106



Dixie Henry presented on Section 106 and how Federal and State agencies are mandated to explore their impact on archeological and historical resources. Projects are not purposefully delayed and through mitigation most projects continue but do not harm potential archeological resources. Creative measures are possible to ensure that site history is understood and preserved to the best of current ability. This was available for CAT credit.

A Practical Guide to Investigating Archaeological Oyster Shell



Sarah Serenyi hopped to Matt Borden’s oyster shell presentation. She took the included photographs and explained that:

“We learned about how Indigenous communities might have affected the oyster population. We also learned what we can learn about the environment from how many parasites were on the shells and what type of oysters they were from the size.”

Maryland's Digital Resources for Archaeological Research and Survey

Dr. Matthew McKnight answered questions and elaborated on his opening presentation during his presentation.

Tips and Tricks for Completing a Site Form

Dr. Zachary Singer taught how to complete an archaeology site form to get archaeological sites recorded in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. While the MHT's archaeology site form may seem daunting at first, the information needed to complete a site form can be easily found online. Zac led participants through the process of drafting an archaeology site form and provided tips and tricks that make filling out a site form easier than screening for artifacts in sandy soil! (Yes, that was Dr. Singer’s joke).

CAT SESSION – Historic Ceramic Identification Workshop, Parts I & II* were taught by Patricia Samford. Patricia Samford brought hundreds of historic ceramic sherds to teach how difference between ceramic types and how to identify using common characteristics. More in depth information will be in the CAT Section of the Newsletter!



Upcoming Events

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

Mid-Potomac Chapter Hosts Interpreting Indigenous Ceramics 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 jamesggibb@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 participated in CAT specific programs to fulfill requirements for the program. At 11:00 am, **Basics of Section 106** was presented by Dixie Henry and each part of the law was outlined as well as how the Trust was involved in the process. Several phases occur. Phase I is Identification. This can include subsurface examination such as ground penetrating radar. Phase II is Evaluations or National Registry Eligibility. Phase III is Data Recovery (mitigation). The class earned an optional workshop signature.



Patricia Samford presented the CAT Historic Ceramic Workshop. The workshop was technically taught in two sessions but was crammed full of knowledge and hands on artifacts that there was no pause. The space was limited and completely full.



The Historic Ceramic Workshop discussed earthenware to stoneware. There were many specific sherd examples and keys to identification were discussed.



The Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum Website [Diagnostic Artifacts in Maryland](#) remains the primary source when identifying and unknown ceramic artifact.



A CAT Site Registration class is upcoming TBA.

For information on the CAT Program please email Tom.

Native American PowWow

The modern Pow Wow is a way for Native American people of all tribal backgrounds to connect with one another, educate future singers and dancers and educate the public. The MC (master of ceremonies) explains Pow Wow protocols, traditions, ceremonies, songs and dances within a historical context. A listing of Pow Wows by state can be found at PowWows.com

Diverse Native American groups gathered at the De. Museum of Art in July to celebrate Native culture. The event was organized by a partnership with the Nanticoke Indian Association and community advisors.

Lynne Bulhack
ASM Native American Liaison



Maryland Historical Trust

Rediscovering the Ice Age Camp Sites of the Seneca Bluffs Complex in Montgomery County

Assisted by members of the Archaeological Society of Maryland, MHT archaeologists carried out a large-scale shovel test pit surveys in the River Road



Hunting Area of Seneca Creek State Park to study the Seneca Bluffs Complex of Paleoindian sites. The goal of the shovel test pit surveys was to relocate a cluster of 13,000-year-old archaeological sites first reported to State Archaeologists in the 1970s. In the 70s, the property containing these sites was privately owned agricultural land but was subsequently acquired by the State of Maryland to become part of Seneca Creek State Park. After the State acquired the property, the land containing the 13,000-year-old sites was allowed to revert to forest to protect the archaeological resources from private artifact collectors.

Topographic maps provided by the avocational archaeologists who reported

the sites in the 70s were digitized and analyzed in GIS to determine the landforms to survey for MHT's attempt at relocating the 13,000-year-old sites. Surveying for archaeological resources in a new growth forest is a tough challenge due to the hostile flora and fauna associated with these environments. The archaeological site forms for this park, which mentioned that the survey area was "infested with copperheads", raised a particular concern. For the shovel test pit project, survey transects were hacked through



tangles of brambles and poison ivy. Biting and stinging insects were unpleasant but infrequent. Fortunately, only one copperhead was encountered, and no one was bitten.

Though the project is still ongoing, preliminary study of the stone tools and chipping debris recovered in the shovel test pit surveys suggests that the FY23 surveys successfully relocated two 13,000-year-old archaeological sites (Pierpoint (18MO41) and Mill Keeper West (18MO127)) and additional archaeological sites dating between 10,000 and 5,000 years old. Follow up investigations are planned at Seneca Creek State Park for FY24 to study the remnant patterns of activities conducted at the 13,000-year-old camp sites.

***** Trigger Warning*****



Eastern States Archeological Federation (ESAF)

FINAL REMINDER For the Eastern States Archaeological Federation's 90th Annual Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland, October 26 – 29, 2023

Please plan to join us as the Archeological Society of Maryland and the Archeological Society of Delaware jointly hosting the **ESAF 2023 Annual Meeting**. The Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF) is an organization of State archaeological societies representing much of the Eastern United States and Eastern Canada. The ESAF Annual Meeting is open to all. Anyone interested in archaeology, professionally or not, is welcome.

Some highlights of this year's Annual Meeting are:

Thursday Tours – Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes, Delaware and the Nanticoke Indian Museum in Millsboro, Delaware. The Tours are free. Attendees will car-pool from the Holiday Inn, Thursday morning.

Talks - The Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Morning Programs are posted on the ESAF Web Site

CRM Expo, Poster Session, and the Annual Student Paper Competition Exhibit and Book Tables

Annual Banquet Speaker Saturday evening: Dr. Julie King
Social Events

Check the ESAF Web Site 2023 Annual Meeting details at <https://esaf-archeology.org/annual-meeting.html>

Registration for Non-Presenters is open through Friday, October 20, 2023.

Volunteers are still needed at the Registration Table Two-hour shifts from 8am to 4pm on Friday and 8am to 3:30pm on Saturday. Registration will be waived for those who volunteer for two hours. Contact Stephen Israel at ssisrael40@gmail.com.

[Click here to book your room at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront.](#) Conference Room Rates after September 25th will be honored on a room availability basis.

Registration, Banquet, and Tours are all available at <https://esaf-archeology.org/annual-meeting.html>



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.*

Chapter News

Central Chapter

All meetings will be held on Zoom the third Tuesday of every second month. For more information and to be added to the Zoom list contact Katharine Fernstrom at kwfappraising@gmail.com

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.

October 19: Patricia Samford, JPPPM Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory

November 16: Julia King, St Mary's College of Maryland

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 7pm. 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 6:30pm for \$5 per person. If virtual meetings are necessary, they will be via Webex 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

October 19, 2023: (In-person) Lynne Bulhack chapter member, will give a talk on *Interpreting Indigenous Ceramics*.

November 16, 2023: (in-person) Frank Sanford, chapter member, will speak on *The Search for the Jones Mill Site*.

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 pm. 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>

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 on 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:

Myron Beckenstein, the former *ASM Ink* Editor, asked a brilliant question. How do you fit all those pictures in? The real answer is that I'm lucky that I can use PDF files. Myron was just at the cusp of how and when large files could be used. My Word document is atrociously large and would not be able to be sent out. With PDFs however, my Word Document shrinks down to a size that can be kept on the website. The Word document is archived in my document cloud and that PDF filled with photos gets shared!

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*. I am looking for submissions for Tales from the Lab and Tales from the Field. We all want to know about memories and experiences both funny and serious. 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 contact information will appear on the contact page.

Scroll down for contact information!

Contact Us:

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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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