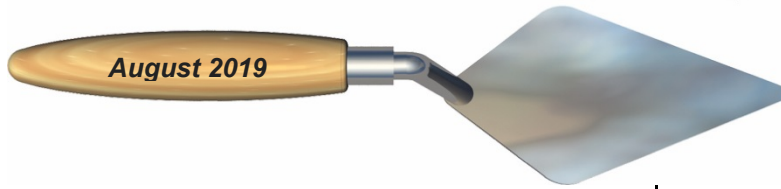


The Scoop

A Newsletter of the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources **FOFA**



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Welcome back to the Scoop!

FOFA has been busy so far this year beginning with our Spring Symposium at Gunston Hall in March 2019. ***Exposing a Buried History: The Archaeology of Slave Life*** was co-sponsored by Gunston Hall, the Archaeology and Collections Branch and FOFA.

David Shonyo began our symposium with an overview of all previous and recent excavations leading to the *First Evidence of a Slave Quarter at Gunston Hall*. **Audrey Davis and Eleanor Breen** led us *Five Years Down the Road: Commemorating the Freedmen's Cemetery in Alexandria, Virginia*.

Doug Sanford described the value of identifying and documenting all remaining slave quarters in Virginia in his presentation on *Virginia Slave Housing: Issues of Research, Preservation, and Interpretation*. We were honored to have **Fraser D. Neiman** to *Deciphering the Social Dynamics of a Slave Society from Archaeological Evidence: Some Examples from Monticello*. And finally, 2019 is the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans to Jamestown. **Chardé Reid and David Givens** are working to recreate the cultural landscape through the archeological record on *The Angela Site: An Archaeological Study of Race, Inequality, and Community in Early Jamestown*.



(Left to right: David Givens, Fraser D. Neiman, Eleanor Breen, Audrey Davis, Chardé Reid, Doug Sanford and David Shonyo)

Save the Date!

October 5, 2019

FOFA Symposium on Cemeteries

Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference

In March 2019 FOFA sponsored one student to attend and present at the annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC). We will be happy to present her paper in our next newsletter.

In continued celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Archaeology in Fairfax County, Dr. Elizabeth Crowell and Christopher Sperling organized the session *Fairfax Archaeology: Highlights of the Past, Current Projects, and Future Directions*. The session featured current and former members from the Archaeology and Collections Branch, as well as other archaeological professionals with several years of experience in Fairfax County!



FOFA at the 2019 Mason Neck Eagle Fest!

On February 2, 2019 FOFA held the annual meeting and election of officers in the Urbanite Room at the James Lee Center. After the close of the “official business” FOFA members and meeting attendees were treated to a presentation by **Mike Clem**, the Eastern Region Archaeologist for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR).

Mike Clem presented on the **Eyreville Site** in Northampton County on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Archaeological work began when a landowner contacted DHR after discovering ceramics, pipe bowls and stems, coins, and other artifacts including yellow “Dutch” bricks in a hole created from the removal of a tree stump. After a visit to the site and several archaeological field sessions staffed by volunteers it appeared that the tree removal had exposed a seventeenth century cellar!



One of three recovered Hans Krauwinckel II Jetons made in Nuremberg between 1585 and 1635

Work was continuing at the site and the processing of the artifacts is not yet complete; however, it appears that there are at least two possible houses at the site- one from the earliest occupation and one from the later part of the seventeenth century.

More information on the site can be found here:
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/news/update-on-archaeology-at-eyreville-northampton-county/>

Dr. Elizabeth A. Moore, Virginia's New State Archaeologist

Contributed from DHR's website



Moore joins DHR after serving since 2007 as Curator of Archaeology at the Virginia Museum of Natural History, Martinsville, where she also was assistant director of Research and Collections for two years.

Elizabeth Moore is no stranger to DHR. Since 2007, she served as chairman of our agency's State Review Board, before recently stepping down. Under her former position at VMNH, she also oversaw laboratory analysis and investigation of artifact collections recovered during DHR field schools on the Eastern Shore, and participated in, and led volunteers during many of those annual and semi-annual events.

Moore's career research has focused on how faunal remains—bones, shells, hides, etc., and molecular vestiges of DNA or proteins—can offer insight into the ways “people in the Middle Atlantic region have used animals and food through time for subsistence, economics, ceremonial, and social purposes, particularly in Virginia and Maryland,” in her words.

During her career in Virginia, she has served as president of the Archeological Society of Virginia, which recognized her as “Professional Archeologist of the Year” in 2015. She has served as a member of CoVA's Collections Committee and as Virginia's State co-Coordinator for Public

Archaeology with the Society for American Archaeology, among her membership in many other professional organizations.

Author or co-author of numerous technical reports and articles in professional journals, as well as contributing chapters in edited books, Moore earned her doctoral and master's degrees in anthropology from The American University in Washington DC, and her undergraduate degree from State University of New York at Potsdam. She replaces former State Archaeologist Dr. Michael Barber who retired in March.

Museum & Archaeological Collections Facility

Fairfax County is the steward of over 10,000 historic objects, such as furniture and paintings, and of over 3 million archaeological artifacts dating back to 10,000 B.C. These irreplaceable objects are inadequately have been stored at various facilities across the County including the basement of the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church.

Due to your support of a 2016 bond initiative, the Fairfax County Park Authority moved forward with solicitating Statements of Qualifications from consulting firms to design and construct the Museum and Collections Facility. An existing building near the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center has been chosen for the site and we hope to hear more news soon!

Slave Dwelling Project

Joseph McGill of the Slave Dwelling Project will be coming to Mount Calvert Plantation for a exploration of the lasting legacy of slavery in Prince George's County, Maryland. Events include an overnight campout (reservation required) on September 6, 2019 and a public archaeology day and a panel discussion on September 7, 2019.

<https://slavedwellingproject.org/>
<http://www.pgparcs.com/3007/Mount-Calvert-Historical-and-Archaeology>

In case you missed it... In September 2018, the Archaeology and Collections Branch received American Museum Alliance accreditation for the archaeological collection! A lot of hard work, dedication, and elbow grease from the staff and the hardworking volunteers made this possible!



Dr. Elizabeth Crowell accepting the AAM Certificate at a reception at Green Springs Garden

FOFA NEEDS YOU!

FOFA is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that supports the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority. We seek to further promote the understanding and appreciation of Fairfax County's cultural resources through archaeology and historic preservation. Among our other activities, FOFA can now offer support in the acquisition of needed field equipment, artifact storage systems, and computer software.

We need you to become a supporting member! Please fill out the attached membership application, and especially let us know areas that you can assist (i.e. website development and maintenance, fundraising, outreach, etc.).

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Yvonne and John at Celebrate Fairfax!



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What ideas would you suggest for the enhancement and support of Fairfax County's archaeology and other cultural resources programs?

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