

ASM, Inc. Mid-Potomac Chapter  
January 19, 2006  
Meeting Summary

**Upcoming: Lab Night: Feb. 2, 2006**  
**Needwood Mansion**  
**7 – 9 pm.**

Many of the chapter members began the January meeting with an enjoyable meal at the Thai Farm Restaurant in the King Farm. Later everyone met at Needwood Mansion to discuss and plan for the upcoming year.

In attendance: Heather Bouslog, Peggy Robinson, Mike Robinson, Jean Goertner, Mike Smith, Lynne Bulhack, Deela Dicello, Deby Dicello, Vicky Surles, Jack Marshall, Jeanne Springmann, Sue Gagner, Jerry Glynn, Steve Berry, Pete Peltier, Vivian Eicke, Don Housley, Jim Owens

## I. Old Business

Vivian began the meeting by going over the 2005 activities of the chapter. (See Recap following Meeting Notes.)

A couple things needed to be added to the recap:

Dowden's Ordinary Excavation (how could we forget?!)  
Video Night: "The First Americans"

Special Congratulations go to: Kathy Steuer for earning the "Certificate of Archaeological Training"

Thank you to: Mike Perrino and Georgia Nasios for initiating, developing, and maintaining our chapter's web page. ([www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org](http://www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org))

Thank you to: Vicky Surles for creating and designing the 2006 Calendar: Montgomery County Heritage "Preserving the Past For the Future"

## II. New Business

We discussed several ideas for the upcoming year:

- 1) Holding a Lab Field School  
holding this field school in the Spring in the evenings
- 2) Going back to Blockhouse Point for the August Field School  
(Two weeks: August 7 – 18)  
Planning Excavations using David Monsees Gradiometer Map
- 3) Creating a "Traveling Trunk" for educational programs at schools

- 4) Road Trips:
  - Foster and Theda at the “Arts of Fire” Glassblowing Studio
  - View a reconstruction of a Civil War Winter Camp in Stafford, Virginia
  - Reschedule Gold Mine Tour
  - Visit Jamestown: maybe get to work on the site
  - Visit John Smith’s boat in Annapolis
  - Tour & work at Jefferson-Patterson Park and MAC Lab
  - See the archaeological interpretive display at Independence Hall in Philadelphia
  - Explore St. Mary’s City
  
- 5) (Possible) Speakers for Monthly Meetings
  - Lenore Barbarian, Forensic Anthropologist, Curator at Walter Reed Medical Museum: Civil War Specialty
  - An archivist?
  - Lenore Bulhack & Jean Goertner: Ceramics Demonstration & Workshop
  - Paleobiologist, Dr. Jorge Santiago-Blay of the Smithsonian
  - Dr. Mary Gallagher: Update of the Watt’s Site
  - Paleontology of Montgomery County
  - Flotation—Paleobotany (Jean French?)
  
- 6) Public Archaeology Day
  - Oakley Cabin
  
- 7) Gradiometric Investigation at Uncle Tom’s Cabin
  - Check with David Monsees; there might be too much trafficMetal Detecting at Uncle Tom’s Cabin
  - Use our own group (to control looting)
  
- 8) Dowden’s Ordinary Photo
  - Mike Robinson offered to look into the possibility of someone examining the Dowden’s Photo to calculate depth (he will ask the Monocacy folks)
  
- 9) Tour to Palmer-Robinson Rockshelter
  
- 10) Get soil scientist out to Palmer-Robinson Rockshelter
  
- 11) Raising public interest & awareness
  - Booth at Fair
  - Montgomery College Science Day



- **Community Outreach Projects:**
  - Menare Foundation Open House and Juneteenth Celebration
  - Oakley Cabin Excavation in conjunction with Emancipation Day
  - Public Dig Day at Dowden's Ordinary
  - Jr. Archaeology at the Gas & Steam Engine Show
  - Braved the Agricultural History Farm Park's Harvest Festivals working at the **Jr. Archaeology Dig!**
  - Capitol Hill Day School "Intro to Archaeology"
  - The Barrie School "Intro to Archaeology"
  - The Bullis School "Intro to Archaeology"
  - Helped Drs. Robinson and Gallagher give an Archaeology Workshop at the Rockville Senior Center
  
- **FieldTrips:**
  - Devil's Den Toured the National Museum
  - Enoch George Howard Plantation of the American Indian
  - Button Farm Civil War Tour led by  
Charlie Jacobs
  - Toured Uncle Tom's Cabin Walter Reed Medical  
Museum
  - National Air & Space Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Dulles
  - Smithsonian Natural History Museum "Behind the Scenes" Tour of Forensic Anthropology
  
- Participated in events at the Maryland Historical Trust: **The Annual Workshop in Archaeology**  
**The 40th Spring Symposium: "Cyber-Archeology: High Tech Help for the Past"**
  
- Participated in Montgomery College courses:
  - **"12,000 Years of Prehistory,"** taught by **Mid-Potomac Chapter members Genie Robinson and Mary Gallagher**
  - **Integrating Archaeology into the Classroom,** a teacher training class taught by **Mid-Potomac Chapter member Tara Tetrault**
  
- **Participated in numerous CAT classes**
  - Several Mid-Potomac members went to the **Archaeology Society of Maryland's Annual Field Session at Swan Cove** co-sponsored by the Lost Towns of Anne Arundel County
  - **Excavated at Blockhouse Point for M-NCPPC Summer Field Session** (Primitive Technology Day with Tim Thoman!)

- **Holiday Party!** We had a fun year! Please come to the meeting this month, January 19, from 7:30 – 9 pm at Needwood Mansion to plan activities for this coming year— Heather