

October 19, 2005  
Meeting Notes  
Speaker: Walter Goetz

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2005**  
Speaker: Charlie Jacob  
“Montgomery County in the Civil War”  
Time: 7:30 pm. Needwood Mansion

In Attendance: Vivian Eicke, Mike Robinson, Peggy Robinson, Don Housley, Sue Gagner, Vicki Surles, Jack Marshall, Anton Steuer, Kathy Steuer, Callan Bentley, Jim Sorensen, Mrs. Goetz, Walter Goetz, Lynne Bulhack, Jim Owens, Jerry Glynn, Jeanne Springmann, Georgia Nasios, Mike Perrino

We opened the meeting by informing the group that the Mid-Potomac Chapter had 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the attendance at the ASM Annual Fall Meeting held in Cumberland this year. The meeting was very informative and focused on the French & Indian War. One of the highlights of the meeting was a tour of the tunnels underlying the Emmanuel Episcopal Church where the meeting was being held. The tunnels are believed to be original features of Fort Cumberland which was located at the same site. Another highlight for those of us who have not excavated there was a quick tour of the Barton Site. The Barton Site is a prehistoric site with AMS dates going back to 15,000 B.C. Bob & Dana Wahll of Towson University were out at the site finishing excavation units which had been started during the Barton Site Field School.

Some of our members stayed in Cumberland and took advantage of the Sunday tour to Little Meadows and the Braddock Road led by Bob Banz, a retired engineer who has tracked most of the Braddock Road. Bob Banz was the recipient of this year's William B. Marye Award for his contribution to Maryland Archaeology.

Walter gave a wonderful presentation about the Gold Mines in Montgomery County, Maryland, giving a history of the mines in and around the Great Falls area.

We had expected to meet with Walter Goetz for a walking tour of the mines on the following Saturday (October 22, 2005) but were rained out. We hope to reschedule.

Please, don't miss our next meeting (Tuesday, November 15, 2005) when Charlie Jacobs gives an overview of Montgomery County's involvement in the Civil War. We also will have a tour of Civil War Sites the following Saturday—November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## **Chapter Notes:**

**Thank you** to all the volunteers and **chapter members** who helped at the **Annual Harvest Festival** doing the Jr. Archaeologist Activity: Theresa Bouslog, **Jean Goertner, Vivian Eicke, Steven Eicke, Ariel McMullen, Karen Feily, Jack Marshall, Vicky Surles, Betsy Cheakalos, Samantha Cheakalos, Georgia Nasios, Mike Perrino** and Buffy Kahal.

We had a great turnout for the Festival; it was a gorgeous day and over 150 kids kept us busy!!!

## **Archaeological Opportunities**

### **“Volunteer Wednesdays”**

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 9:30 – 2:30 pm

Where: Needwood Mansion

What: Activities include fieldwork and labwork; call contact for details

Contact: Heather Bouslog @ 301-840-5848 or [heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org)

### **Lab Night**

When: Thursday, November 3, 2005

Time: 7 – 9 pm

Where: Needwood Mansion

What: Work on the many M-NCPPC Archaeological Collections

Contact: Heather Bouslog, Jim Sorensen @ 301-840-5848, Vivian Eicke @ 301.681.6497

### **Oakley Cabin Excavation/Archaeological Interpretation on Emancipation Day**

When: Saturday, November 5, 2005

Time: 11 am - 4 pm.

Where: Oakley Cabin, Brookeville, Md.(prob. Meet at Needwood to prepare at 10 am)

What: Excavation with the public.

Contact: Heather Bouslog, Jim Sorensen @ 301.840.5848; [heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org)

The Emancipation Day Celebration is held every year to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation in Maryland. The event includes: tours of Oakley Cabin, open hearth cooking, reenactors, crafts for children. Emancipation Day includes a hike on the Underground Railroad Trail starting at Woodlawn Manor in Sandy Spring at 9 am.

### **Montgomery County Civil War Sites: Van Tour with Charlie Jacobs**

When: Saturday, November 19, 2005

Time & Meeting Place: tba (check in with [www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org](http://www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org).)

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