

Archaeology Society of Maryland
Mid-Potomac Chapter
September 15, 2005
Meeting Notes

Next Meeting: **Tuesday** ,
October 18, 2006
Speaker: Walter Goertz author of
Montgomery County Gold
“Fever”
Place: Needwood Mansion
Time: 7:30 pm.
Dinner at 6 (Thai Farm)

**(please note that the next meeting is being held
Tuesday rather than Thursday)**

In Attendance: Heather Bouslog, Michael Perrino, Georgia Nasios, Kathy Steuer, Don Housley, Jack Marshall, Vicky Surles, Jerry Glynn, Mike Smith, Jim Sorensen

Beginning with a wonderful (as always) dinner at the Thai Farm, we had a very interesting meeting. We had invited Andy Stout of the Archaeological Conservancy to come speak to our group.

First we discussed the successful passing of an Archaeology Law in Frederick, Maryland. Frederick has become the second city in Maryland to enact legislation to protect archeological sites, following the lead of Annapolis. Andy Stout was hired to write the ordinance. He welcomed support from archaeologists from around the state which included many ASM members. (To read more about the Frederick archaeology law, please see your September ASM Ink.)

Andy gave a slide presentation where he outlined the function of the Archaeological Conservancy. Andy is the Northeast Region representative of the Archaeological Conservancy. He spends a lot of time on the road looking at properties, finding funding to buy new properties and monitoring properties.

The criteria for selecting a property is based on its eligibility for the National Register and its research potential. Sites are selected on a case by case basis. Although sites with no standing structures are preferred, there are a couple of Conservancy sites that have structures. Andy works with a site's stewards to ensure the site's preservation and protection. Stewards are usually local interested parties, including Archaeological Societies. The Archaeological Conservancy works under the archaeological conservation principle: that a site should not be totally excavated.

Andy's slide presentation showed us a range of Northeastern Sites, including one as close as the Berry Farm in Prince Georges County.

After the presentation, we discussed Montgomery County's Seldon Island Site and its potential to be included in the Archaeological Conservancy.

Archaeological Opportunities

Archaeological Interpretation at the Annual Harvest Festival

When: Saturday, October 1, 2006

Time: 11 am – 4 pm.

Where: The Agricultural History Farm Park

What: Work at the “Junior Archaeologist” Activity at the Harvest Festival teaching little children the basic archaeological techniques on the “salted site.”

Contact: Heather Bouslog @ 301-840-5848 or heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org

“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

Lab Night

When: Thursday, October 6, 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 or Vivian Eicke @ 301-681-6497

ASM Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, October 15, 2005

Time: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Where: Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Cumberland, Maryland

Theme: French & Indian War

What: Our Mid-Potomac Chapter is selling our Braddock Road T-shirts

Contact: http://www.marylandarcheology.org/2005_Annual_Meeting.php
(See flyer on next page)

Tour of Gold Mines (Archaeological Sites) in Montgomery County, Md. With Walter Goetz author of “Montgomery County Gold Fever”

When: Saturday, October 22, 2005

Time: 10 am – 2 pm.

Where: Meeting place tba

What: Walking tour of the old gold mines near Great Falls

Bring: Lunch, hiking shoes, water

Contact: Heather Bouslog or Jim Sorensen @ 301-840-5848 or
heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org

Oakley Cabin Excavation/Archaeological Interpretation on Emancipation Day

When: Saturday, November 5, 2006

Time: 11 am - 4 pm.

Where: Oakley Cabin, Brookeville, Maryland

(prob. Meet at Needwood Mansion to prepare at 10 am)

What: Excavation with the public.

Contact: Heather Bouslog or Jim Sorensen @ 301-840-5848 or

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.

See you at the Next Meeting!!!!

Agenda for the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.

"The French and Indian War"

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2005

Location: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cumberland, MD

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration and Refreshments
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome- Ed Hanna, Pres., W.MD Chapter
9:00 – 10:00	ASM Business Meeting
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	The Frederick M. Stiner Memorial Lecture “The French and Indian War in the Western Frontier”- Mr.Charles C. Hall, Pres., Fort Edwards Foundation
11:00 – 12:30	“Fort Cumberland”- Lecture and Tour - The Reverend Edward Carter Chapman, Rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch – ‘a la carte’ lunch may be purchased on-site. Provided by Gabel’s Catering, Cresaptown, MD
1:30 – 2:15	“Native Americans and the French and Indian War”- Gina Hamlin and Guy Wells, Living Historians
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:15	“Braddock’s Road” Robert Bantz, Historian
3:15-3:30	Closing Remarks

Directions: I-70 to I-68 West. Exit 43C(Downtown). Left at end of Ramp. Right at the light onto Mechanic Street. Left at the light onto Baltimore Street. Cross the tracks and up the hill. Baltimore becomes Washington Street. Church is on the left. Park in the lot at the Episcopal Church or across the road in the Presbyterian Church lot.

Admission donation is \$5.00. Free admission with paid (\$10) annual membership in the Western Maryland Chapter. To pre-register or for more information contact:

Ed Hanna, 12509 Bedford Road, Cumberland, MD 21502

Email: wmdasm@yahoo.com Phone: 301-777-1380

For local information: Visit the Allegany County Tourism website: www.mdmountaininside.com

