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Maritime Archaeology - Free Online Course

Submitted by Dr. Carole Nash

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Hi, everyone --

Midwinter is just around the corner with Groundhog Day on Tuesday. Going stir crazy? How about signing up for a free on-line course? "Shipwrecks and Submerged Worlds: Maritime Archaeology" is being offered by the University of Southampton through FutureLearn. The tag line: "Learn how maritime archaeology investigates our changing relationship with the oceans and seas, from 2.5m years ago until today."

This does not count as a Certification Program course -- just thought you might want to check it out!

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/shipwrecks>

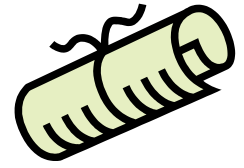
Look for announcements re: upcoming field and lab events soon. Thanks, Carole and Bruce

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No More Chapter Dues

Submitted by Jeffrey F. Good

At the January Chapter Meeting a motion was made with a proper second, and voted on by the membership to abolish chapter dues. This was done in an effort to get all chapter members to join the state organization. This will cut the chapter funds by about \$125 annually. Chapter President Cindy Schroer and Vice President Dr. Carole Nash assured the membership that this would not impact the chapter finances due to the success of the chapter's silent auction at our annual Christmas party.



[Council of Virginia Archaeologists](#)

The Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA) was founded in 1975 and incorporated in 1996 as an organization dedicated to the preservation and study of Virginia's archaeological resources. The council fosters public awareness, knowledge, and support for the preservation of Virginia archaeology; advances knowledge through dissemination of information on Virginia's archaeological resources; facilitates interaction between the communities of professional and avocational archaeologists in Virginia; and acts as an independent professional advisory group for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

[Virginia Department of Historic Resources](#)

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources maintains information on the Commonwealth's historic architecture and archeological sites. It is the mission of the department to foster, encourage, and support the stewardship of Virginia's significant historic, architectural, archeological, and cultural resources.

Click on the line with DHR Official Survey Manual (PDF) in the yellow box to go to the [Guidelines for Conducting Historic Resources Survey in Virginia](#).

These non-regulatory guidelines are implemented and distributed by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources

The Secretary of the Interior has developed broad national performance standards and guidelines to assist federal agencies in carrying out their historic preservation activities. These federal standards and guidelines are titled *Archeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines* (48 FR 44716-44742). Professionals working in Virginia have long recognized the need to standardize archeological field investigations. This set of guidelines was established to meet this need and to fill the gap between the broad-based federal guidelines and the various previously published field manuals. The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) guidelines are intended to provide standards and offer general guidance without hindering the development and use of new and innovative approaches.

[Passport In Time](#)

Passport in Time (PIT) is a volunteer archaeology and historic preservation program of the USDA Forest Service (FS). PIT volunteers work with professional FS archaeologists and historians on national forests throughout the U.S. on such diverse activities as archaeological survey and excavation, rock art restoration, archival research, historic structure restoration, oral history gathering, and analysis and curation of artifacts. The FS professional staff of archaeologists and historians will be your hosts, guides, and co-workers.

Virginia Archeology Resources (continued from page 2) *From the ASV Website*

[Passport In Time](#) (continued)

Over the years, volunteers have helped us stabilize ancient cliff dwellings in New Mexico, excavate a 10,000-year-old village site in Minnesota, restore a historic lookout tower in Oregon, clean vandalized rock art in Colorado, survey for sites in a rugged Montana wilderness, and excavate a 19th-century Chinese mining site in Hell's Canyon in Idaho.

New PIT volunteers receive a "Passport" and a PIT Passport number. Each time a volunteer visits a project, the project leader stamps the volunteer's passport and documents their hours. Volunteers for multiple projects can fill up their passports with stamps from projects all over the country!

[The Virginia Canals & Navigations Society](#)

This organization was formed in 1977 to preserve and enhance Virginia's rich inland waterways heritage in all its fascinating aspects. History, exploration, archeology, modeling, local lore and legend, restoration, preservation, park and trail development—these are some of the many areas of interest our members pursue to their own great satisfaction and frequently to the lasting benefit of their communities and state.

[Virginia's Indians Past & Present](#)

This website offers historical information, lesson plans, bibliographies, and links to tribal home pages. The site includes sections on the Powhatan Indians as well as on topics of early colonial history such as Jamestown and Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions. Much of the information is provided for younger readers, who may be researching class projects. The site is fully searchable and contains an index and site-map.

[Virginia Museum of Natural History](#)

This website offers information on current research, lab activities, volunteer opportunities and information with a focus on studies of Invertebrate Paleontology, Vertebrate Paleontology, Recent Invertebrates, Archaeology, Mammalogy, Marine Science and Geology.

[Guide to Virginia's Historical Resources](#)

This website offers historical information on a variety of sites and locations that contain information about Virginia's past, including library and archival sites, as well as sites for kids and families.

[Historical Archeology in Harpers Ferry and Loudoun Valley](#)

An online presentation of historical archeology studies supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

[VirginiaDigs.net](#)

A schoolteacher oriented website with emphasis on the greater Richmond, VA area.

2016 State Dues & Chapter Membership Application *Submitted by Tom Mizel*

As 2016 has quickly arrived, we are gently reminded that “Dues for ASV are now due.” Please check your records and start the New Year with a smile and show of support for both ASV and your local chapter. Annual Membership Renewal Dues are due **January 31, 2016**. Prompt remittance ensures that members continue to receive the Quarterly Bulletin and Newsletter. Other benefits include major discounts on all Society publications and participation in Society supervised archeological activities in the field.

There is a **Membership Renewal Form** that is included in the most recent ASV mailing and available on the ASV website. You may submit the **form with payment** directly to Carl Fischer, ASV Treasurer. Mr. Fischer’s address is provided at the end of this article. A second option is for you to submit both the Massanutten Chapter (Dues are FREE) Membership Application and State dues to me. I will be glad to forward the State dues to Mr. Fischer for you. If you opt for this alternative please provide the completed **Membership Renewal Form** and the funds to me at your earliest convenience. I will have a stock of the forms available at meetings. The **MCASV Chapter Membership Application** will also be available at the meetings.

Chapter Dues are FREE and **State dues** vary as shown below:

Regular Membership Dues	\$35.00
Senior (65 and older)	\$25.00
Student	\$15.00
Life	\$450.00
Sustaining	\$65.00
Additional family members	\$3.00 (please provide their names)

You may take care of this on-line through PayPal:

<http://www.archeologyva.org/Org/OrgMembers.html>

For those opting to submit directly to Mr. Fischer (ASV Treasurer) his mailing address follows:

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The Massanutten Chapter ASV appreciates your attention to this matter and we look forward to your participation in the life of our Chapter in 2016!

2016 Upcoming Events

- Feb 3 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: "The Peopling of the Americas: How Early and Why Does it Matter", presented by Dr. Carole Nash, James Madison University.
- Mar 2 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building. **Program:** TBA
- Apr 6 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building. **Program:** TBA
- May 4 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: Brooks Lawler, JMU Archaeology senior, "Preliminary Insights into Prehistoric Toolstone Preference of Two Igneous Materials in the Tanana River Drainage, Interior Alaska."
- Jun 1 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: Jim Schroefer, JMU History Department, "Farmer, Miller, Slave and Hand: The Agricultural Community of the Cedar Creek Battlefield as Revealed Through Archaeology and Records."
- Jul ?? MCASV Picnic **Date Location and Time:** TBA
- Aug 3 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: Dr. Bernard Means, VCU, "Printing the Future to Preserve the Past."
- Sep 7 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: "Archaeology and Public Outreach on Virginia's Middle Peninsula", Dr. David Brown, Fairfield Foundation.
- Dec 10 5pm, MCASV Christmas Party in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.

February Birthdays

- February 4 Robert Frye
February 4 Georgianne Catlett



Please complete the MCAV Membership Application and submit to the MCASV Treasurer, so we have your birthdates for the newsletter

Submissions encouraged!
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