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Vandalism at Cattashowrock Town, Courtland VA

Email from Teresa Preston

Dear ASV members,

At our regular monthly meeting the Nansemond Chapter was shocked & saddened to learn of the recent vandalism at the replica palisade village, "Cattashowrock Town", located on the 100 acres owed by the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation, Inc. which is the 501(c)3 non-profit arm of the Tribe.

Martha Williams suggested I send you an email so you can disseminate this information to the numerous chapters' members who have visited the village, attended the Pow Wows and volunteered at the ASV Nansemond Chapter's Artifact Identification Days graciously hosted twice

a year since 2005 by the Tribe. By the Tribe graciously providing ASV with a free tent & roughly 50 feet of tables for artifact & book displays, the ASV has enjoyed an extensive public outreach & educational program that our chapter never dreamed possible. Chief Brown is a life member of the ASV and the Tribal members are all staunch supporters of archeology.

The vandalism was discovered when Chief Brown and I gave a private tour to three gentlemen from the Gloucester area. As we drove up to the village, we could see the slashed mats and whole sections of matting ripped from the longhouse and round houses. The vandals even removed some of the stones lining the hearths inside the longhouse. We haven't figured out what they did with the stones, but chances are they were flung out into the grass to damage lawn-mower blades at some later date. They also pushed over and broke off numerous palisade poles that depict the unique square fort area of the village which was laid out in replication of William Byrd II's village description recorded in his diary in 1728.

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Chief Brown called the Southampton County Sheriff's office and reported the vandalism. Deputies found three separate sets of footprints made by tennis shoes next to one of the smaller round houses. It is likely this damage was caused by teenagers judging by the size of the tracks. The Tidewater News sent a reporter to cover the story.

<http://www.tidewaternews.com/2016/02/12/vandals-damage-indian-fort/>

One of the Tribal members created a GoFundMe site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/cheroenhaka>

We estimate it will cost around \$5,000 to purchase replacement mats and palisade poles. (Each 4' x 8' bamboo mat costs \$49 dollars, and it took 80 just to compete the 40' x 15' long house.) The GoFundMe site has the complete story and photographs of the destruction.

Several of the Nansemond Chapter members in attendance at this month's meeting have donated toward the rebuilding of the village. This information is being sent out to all of our Nansemond Chapter membership and others on my email list. I don't have all the ASV member's emails who volunteered at last summer's field school, or who may have volunteered when we were re-establishing the excavation area of the Hand Site (44SN022), or those who attended the dedication of the Highway marker commemorating the ancestral village of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) & the ASV archeological digs in 1965, '66 & '69.

If you could share this information with all of our ASV chapter Presidents so they can forward the information to their members, it would be greatly appreciated.

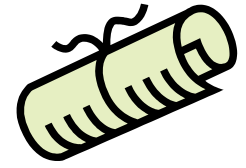
Thank you!

Teresa Preston

ASV Nansemond Chapter

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[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 link 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 3) *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 Membership Application (dues are FREE) 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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West Point, VA 23181

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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

- Mar 2 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: "Artifact Classification and Analysis," presented by Dr. Carole Nash, James Madison University.
- 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 Schrufer, 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: TBA
- 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.
- Oct 5 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
Program: TBA
- Dec 10 5pm, MCASV Christmas Party in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.

March Birthdays

- March 4 Robert Hebron
March 7 Trisha Maust-Blosser
March 9 Cindy Turner
March 17 Linda Farrar
March 27 Page Shields
March 29 Kathy Holm



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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