

The Maryland Historical Trust
and
The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.
present

WORKSHOP IN ARCHEOLOGY

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Early Chesapeake Taverns, Rod Cofield. Historic London Town Executive Director Rod Cofield will cover the various ways by which colonial-era taverns were deeply integrated into all aspects of life. From politics to domestic life, taverns affected most everyone in early Maryland.

Digging for the War of 1812 in Patterson Park, Baltimore, Greg Katz. When the British threatened Baltimore in 1814, the citizens did not panic or surrender. Instead, with the help of militia from all over Maryland and beyond, they rushed to reinforce their city's defenses with earthworks and whatever artillery could be scavenged. The anchor of the defense was high ground known as Hampstead Hill. While most of the city's defenses have disappeared under its expanding neighborhoods, a section on Hampstead Hill survived because it was preserved in what became Patterson Park. As the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore approached, Baltimore Heritage, Inc. put together a research program and funding, and Louis Berger with the help of ASM and the MHT was able to undertake several weeks of archeological investigation in the park. In this talk the history of Hampstead Hill will be reviewed, along with the results of the archeological investigation in 2014.

Artifacts of Religion & Magic: Interpreting the Material Culture of Faith and the Supernatural in Maryland, Sara Rivers-Cofield. When there is evidence of religious faith and superstition in the archeological record, it is a valuable opportunity to explore and interpret the beliefs of the people we study. Artifacts like saint medals and cross pendants were made as religious symbols, but sometimes ordinary objects like coins or horseshoes were used as lucky talismans or protective charms that offered similar comfort. Both kinds of artifacts will be considered in this talk to explore not just where people lived and what they owned or ate, but also how they perceived the world around them.

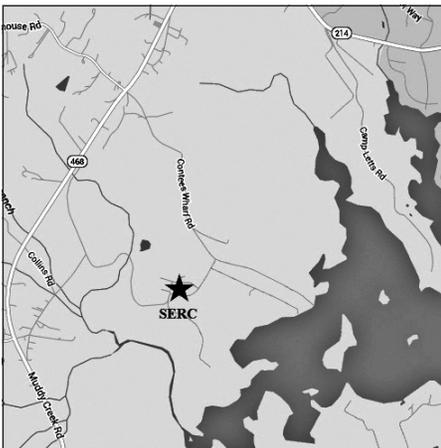
Ordnance 101: Do's, Don'ts, and Myths, Bill Utley. Identification of ordnance is shrouded in poor terminology, misidentification, historical factual mistakes, news errors, internet mythology, and safety issues. This talk will attempt to outline the scope of the problem, to get archeologists to talk intelligently about ordnance, to know the safety protocols, and to know where and when to seek assistance.

Historic Wreck Tagging Program, Austin Burkhard. This presentation examines the process taken to develop and implement a wreck tagging program for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Chincoteague, Virginia, including public informational pages, public websites, environmentally resistant tags, and an app which quickly gathers and catalogs data. In addition to discussing the results of the past two years of the program's existence, data from an ongoing Wreck Tagging Experiment will be considered.

CAT SESSION — Historic Overview, Silas Hurry & Kate Dinnel. This program is designed to introduce the participants to the basics of historical archeology with a focus on Maryland. We will review a brief timeline of Maryland's history from 17th century colonization up through the extensive development of the 20th century, with an emphasis on economic adaptation and population expansion. The history of historical archeology in Maryland will be explored to provide the participants with grounding in the development of the discipline. Modern practitioners in historical archeology, their contributions, and the various programs in Maryland will be discussed. Finally, a range of site types and research foci will be described with an emphasis on where historical archeology is headed as a field of study.

SERC Archeology Program Steps into the Anthropocene, Jim Gibb. The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center's Archeology Laboratory has begun a multi-year, multi-disciplinary research program that examines how different groups within communities occupying the Rhode River sub-estuary of the Chesapeake Bay have altered ecosystems and contributed to the newly defined geological epoch, the Anthropocene. The work encompasses investigations completed and underway, as well as anticipated studies of several additional aboriginal and historic era sites. ASM's Fall Classic Field School will participate in this effort, the specifics of which team members will discuss and illustrate with slides.

The ASM Field Session: The Biggs Ford Site – 2013-2014 Review and 2015 Preview, Presenter TBA. Findings from the 2013 and 2014 field seasons at the Biggs Ford site—the location of overlapping Late Woodland Keyser and Montgomery Complex villages—will be discussed, and plans for the upcoming field season will be outlined.



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9:00 Registration and Refreshments <i>Schmidt Center</i>			
9:30 Welcoming Remarks, Elizabeth Hughes (MHT) and Laura Cripps (ASM) <i>Schmidt Center</i>			
SCHMIDT CENTER	MATHIAS LABORATORY ATRIUM	MATHIAS LABORATORY MEETING ROOM	MATHIAS LABORATORY LIBRARY
9:45 Early Chesapeake Taverns <i>Rod Cofield</i>	Book Sales & Exhibits 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM		
11:00 Coffee Break			
11:15 Digging for the War of 1812 in Patterson Park, Baltimore <i>Greg Katz</i>	Book Sales & Exhibits	11:15 Historic Wreck Tagging Program <i>Austin Burkhard</i>	
12:15 Lunch — There are vending machines (with sandwiches and microwavable meals) on site, but selections may be limited. Several fast food restaurants are located within 3-4 miles. Or save time and bring a bag lunch...several comfortable dining areas are available.			
1:30 Artifacts of Religion & Magic: Interpreting the Material Culture of Faith and the Supernatural in Maryland <i>Sara Rivers-Cofield</i>	Book Sales & Exhibits	1:30 SERC Archeology Program Steps into the Anthropocene <i>Jim Gibb</i>	1:30 CAT Session, Part I: Historic Overview † <i>Silas Hurry & Kate Dinnel</i>
2:30 Ordnance 101: Do's, Don'ts, & Myths <i>Bill Utley</i>	Book Sales & Exhibits	2:30 The ASM Field Session: The Biggs Ford Site – 2013-2014 Review and 2015 Preview <i>Presenter TBA</i>	2:30 CAT Session, Part II: Historic Overview † <i>Silas Hurry & Kate Dinnel</i>

ADMISSION FEE (*payable at the door*): **\$7.00** General admission; **\$5.00** for ASM members and students.
† Certified Archeological Technician (CAT) candidates seeking credit for their certification program must attend both sessions.