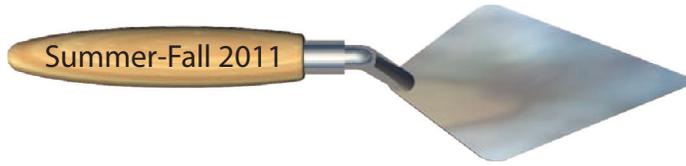


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**FOFA** attempts to provide the membership with a regular newsletter to report on-going archaeological and preservation activities. It will offer professional presentations, opportunities for the public to participate in volunteer activities, tours of on-going excavations and a diversity of entertaining events.

**We really appreciate and need your contributions of articles and photographs for *The Scoop* newsletters.** We especially need news and photographic records from throughout the county.

Thank you for supporting FOFA through your membership subscription! We shall make every attempt to leverage our membership subscriptions in support of Fairfax County Archaeology.

For further information contact Sallie Lyons at [\*\*lyonshare@cox.net\*\*](mailto:lyonshare@cox.net).

Friends Of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources also resides on Facebook. Dig it!



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Is it Time to Renew your **FOFA** Membership? Please use the mailer on page 8 to subscribe to great conferences, excellent speakers and topics, worthy projects, preservation initiatives, informative newsletters and great fellowship.

## Moving Along

The Colchester Research Team continues with surprises and delights (See page 3).



"TD" Tobacco Pipe from 44FX0704

## Colchester Archaeological Research Team The C.A.R.T.

### Winter Update

We have successfully moved part of the lab operations to the James Lee Center (JLC) in Falls Church. We are enjoying the extra space and resources. The crew now spends a couple of days at JLC cataloging artifacts. The rest of the week they return to Colchester for field-work. Dirty artifacts remain at the Colchester basement lab where they are washed, dried and sorted prior to transport to JLC. Volunteers are now welcome at JLC on Wenesdays from 9 to 3 and continue to be welcome in the Colchester basement lab on Thursdays, Fridays and most Saturdays from 9 to 3. The lab schedule is a work in progress, but we will keep you informed as changes occur.

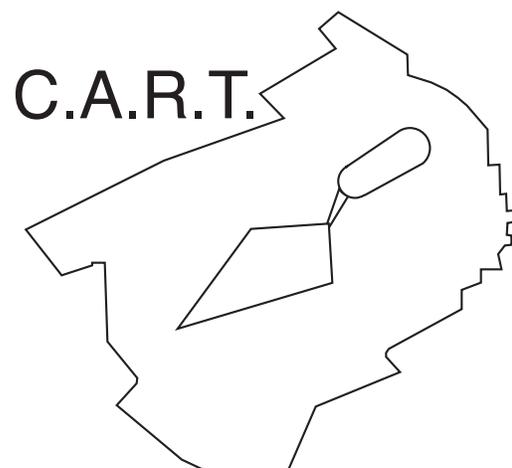
The second of our two historic transcription orientations took place this past Monday, so we have five new volunteers that are working with us on this collaboration with Mount Vernon. We are transcribing ledgers from the Colchester store. If you'd like to become involved, drop us a line!

The Prehistoric Crew has finished the last of the units along the river, and will be working to set up units on the Finger Ridges. We will be there for the next month or so, identifying and delineating sites. It's a significantly longer walk to and from these areas, so be prepared to hike over varied terrain in colder weather. These sites were last visited in early Spring, and yielded interesting finds and seemingly intact stratigraphy. We are excited to finally be returning, especially in this beautiful Fall weather. Let's hope it lasts!

The Historic Crew continues work on 44FX0704, and are discovering new features and interesting artifacts including the "TD" tobacco bowl and a wine bottle seal probably belonging to the original landowner for the whole area. We are finishing up some units on the town site (44FX3197), and will focus on the large stone foundation originally discovered by GMU in the 1980's. Further excavation on the foundation hopefully will reveal more mysteries of the town and its occupants. Volunteers are welcome to join us at 44FX0704 on Thursdays and Fridays and at 44FX3197 on Saturdays.

We have posted more pictures and details of the artifacts from 44FX0704 on our blog:

<http://www.cartarchaeology.blogspot.com/>



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SUMMER - FALL, 2011

## Archaeology Field Opportunities

 Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon has an active archaeology program, and much recent work has focused on the site for the new library, which has both historic and prehistoric components. Contact Curt Breckenridge at [cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org](mailto:cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org).

 Gunston Hall. There is an active dig at the hall itself. Dave Shonyo, the resident archaeologist, would welcome volunteers. He usually is in the field on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Volunteers can park in the visitor lots. The current dig is just a short walk from there. Since it's on the main grounds, there are restroom facilities and no bothersome forest creatures to deal with. This would be a good opportunity for those needing historical archaeology hours for their certification and who have limited field experience. Contact Dave at [archaeology@gunstonhall.org](mailto:archaeology@gunstonhall.org)

 Old Colchester, with on-going sites for both historic and prehistoric archaeology. The Colchester Archaeological Research Team (C.A.R.T.) has a posting on the following pages.

There is also on-going lab work at the Fairfax County lab in the James Lee Center as well as at Mount Vernon.

SUMMER, 2011

## Volunteer Appreciation Day

The Fairfax County Park Authority Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch sponsored a Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Colchester site, Furnace Road building on Saturday, July 9, 2011. The event enjoyed good attendance, highlighting opportunities for storytelling and shares adventures among volunteers.



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FALL, 2011

## 2011 History Conference

The seventh annual Fairfax County History Conference was held on November 12, 2011 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax County. The focus was on the Civil War in Fairfax County. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Sharon Bulova gave the welcome and opening remarks.

The keynote speaker was Stephen Potter, Archaeologist with the National Park Service, who presented on the archeology and the battle of Brawner Farm.



Rich Gillespie presented on "1861 - The Spring the Civil War Came to Northern Virginia".

David Blake presented on "Buckland - A Land of History, A Land to Preserve".

Susan Hellman presented on "Woodlawn on the Eve of the Civil War: A Changing Cultural Landscape".

Art Candenquist presented on "The Centerville Military Railroad".

Gar Schulin presented on "Robert E. Lee - The American".

One of the event highlights included presentation of the History Commission's Lifetime Achievement Award to Mike Johnson by BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova and Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Conference Chairperson, Fairfax County History Commission.



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Summer, 2011

## Celebrate Fairfax

FOFA shared a tent display with Fairfax Chapter of ASV at the annual Celebrate Fairfax celebration/fair on "History Hill" at the Fairfax county Governmental Center during June 11 - 12, 2011. While our display tent was considerably distanced from the major event pathways, the occasional visits to our site by a mounted Colonel Mosby helpfully increased visitation to our FOFA and ASV displays.



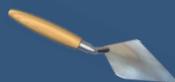
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WINTER, 2012

New  
and  
Upcoming  
Events

Save  
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Dates



Society for Historical Archaeology Conference

January 4-8, 2012

Baltimore Waterfront Marriott, Baltimore, Maryland

700 Aliceanna Street - Baltimore, Maryland 21202 USA

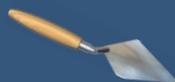
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Mason Neck Archaeology Symposium

January 28, 2012

Gunston Hall Plantation, Mason Neck, VA 22079



Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference

March 22 -25, 2012

Cavalier Hotel

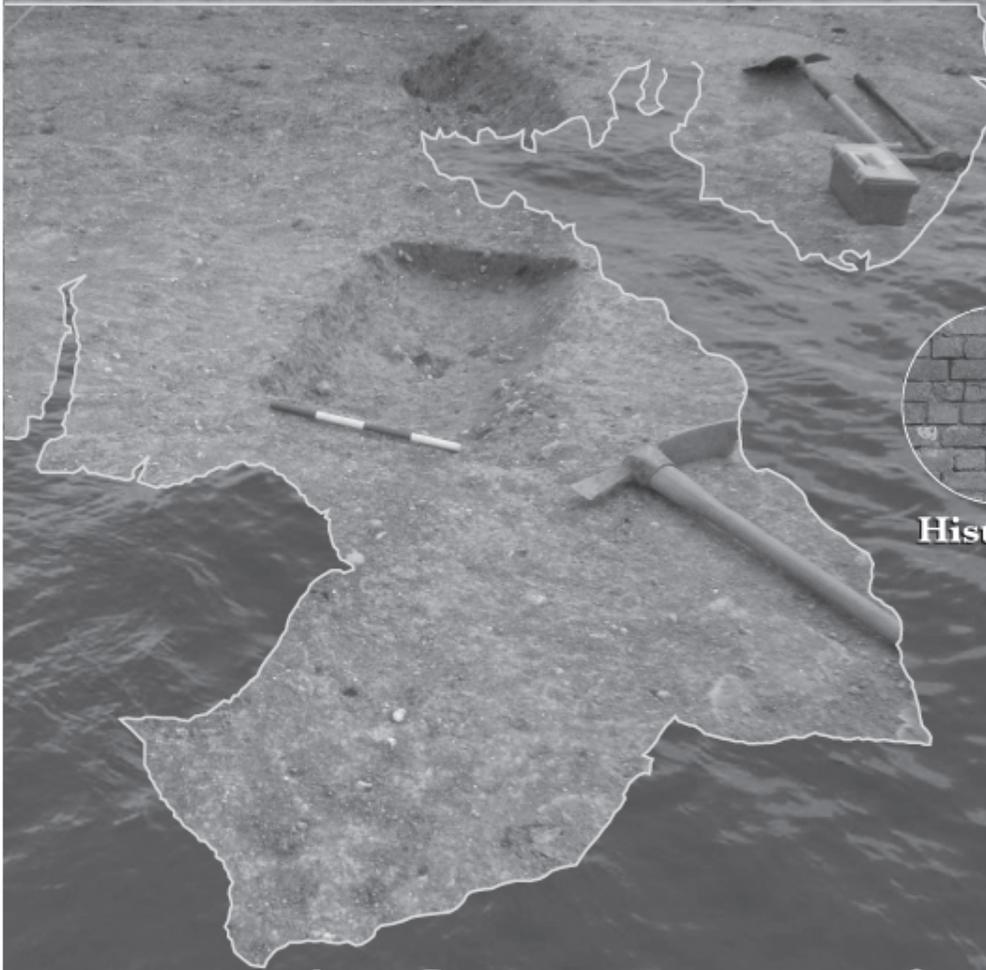
4201 Atlantic Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

<http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/2012conference.htm>

# MASON NECK UNDERGROUND

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Historic

Prehistoric

## A Symposium

Dedicated to the Archaeology  
and Cultural Resources of Mason Neck



**SAVE THE DATE**



**GUNSTON HALL**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012**

Donations: \$50.00 - General Public, \$40.00 - Friends of Gunston Hall .

Morning Sessions: 9:00 - 12:00. Lunch Break: 12:00 - 1:00. Afternoon Sessions: 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Reservations at [www.gunston hall.org](http://www.gunston hall.org), or at 703-550-9220 with credit card.



**FRIENDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ARCHAEOLGY  
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**Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewing Member  
Annual Dues: Individual (\$15) \_\_\_ Family (\$20) \_\_\_

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**Please indicate skills or background that you would be willing to share with the Friends:**

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\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_ Archaeology \_\_\_ Preservation \_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**What ideas would you suggest for the enhancement and support of Fairfax County's archaeology and other cultural resources programs?**

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