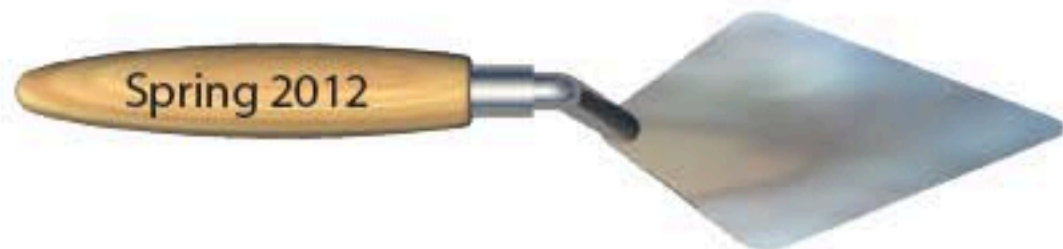


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**FOFA** attempts to provide the membership with a regular newsletter to report on-going archaeological and preservation activities. It will offer professional presentations, opportunities for the public to participate in volunteer activities, tours 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 the historic investigations in Colchester Town and the paleo areas on the ridges near the water (see page 3). The excitement for March was provided by the deployment of mobile earth-penetrating radar equipment in the cemetery yard location near what is believed to be the 17th(?) century Occoquan Church.

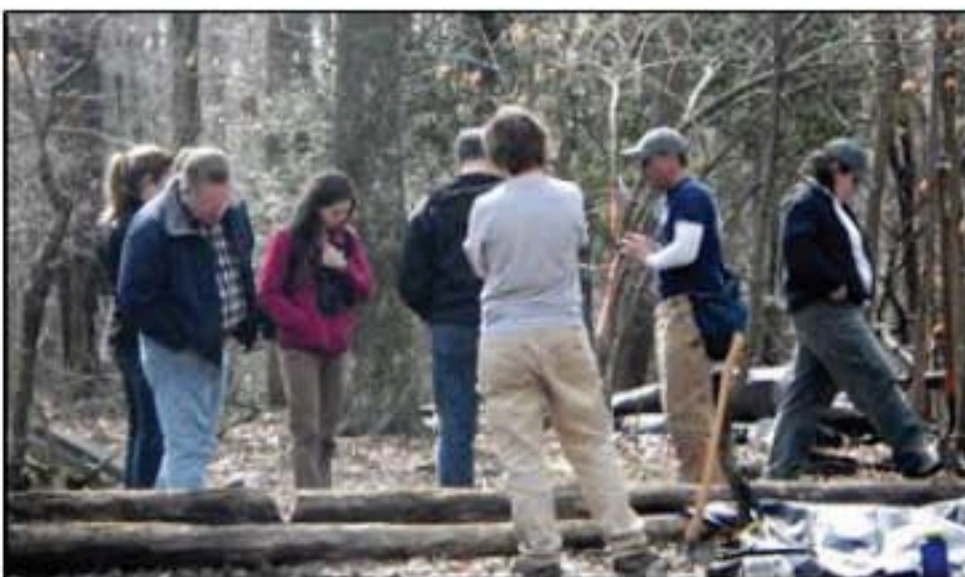




## The Colchester Archaeological Research Team (CART)



Tour of the Digs



Feature





## Colchester Archaeological Research Team

The C.A.R.T.

### Weekly Update

One can be placed on the Colchester Archaeological Research Team (The C.A.R.T.) Weekly Update letter mailing list, by sending an e-mail request to [cart.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cart.volunteers@gmail.com).

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### Fieldwork Update

The last week has been an interesting one at OCPP! Last Friday, several important guests (including FCPA Board members Gorham and Vellucci) toured the Park led by representatives from both the Cultural and Natural Resources Branches of the FCPA.



And this past Tuesday, the GPR survey was conducted at FX0704. It was fun and informative! See details on [the blog](#).

The lab continues to run smoothly. Both prehistoric and historic teams are bringing materials that have been water-screened through window mesh. Very tiny flakes, the remnants of ancient flint knappers, are constantly being picked out of the small debris by the prehistoric team. The historic team continues to pick through feature fill. They are finding artifacts such as fish scales, straight pins and small light blue beads. There are a few things that would make the lab run even better. If you happen to have some old items around the house that you are not using, we are running low on a few things. We need old small table fans, stools, swing or hinged arm table lamps, and large medicine bottles (with all personal information removed).



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## FOFA Makes Appearance in Virginia Beach.

The annual Middle Atlantic Conference was held at the Cavalier Convention center in Virginia Beach, March 22-25, with several FOFA members attending, and very importantly, the Colchester team presented a full Friday afternoon session of four papers on the historic and prehistoric archaeology of Colchester.

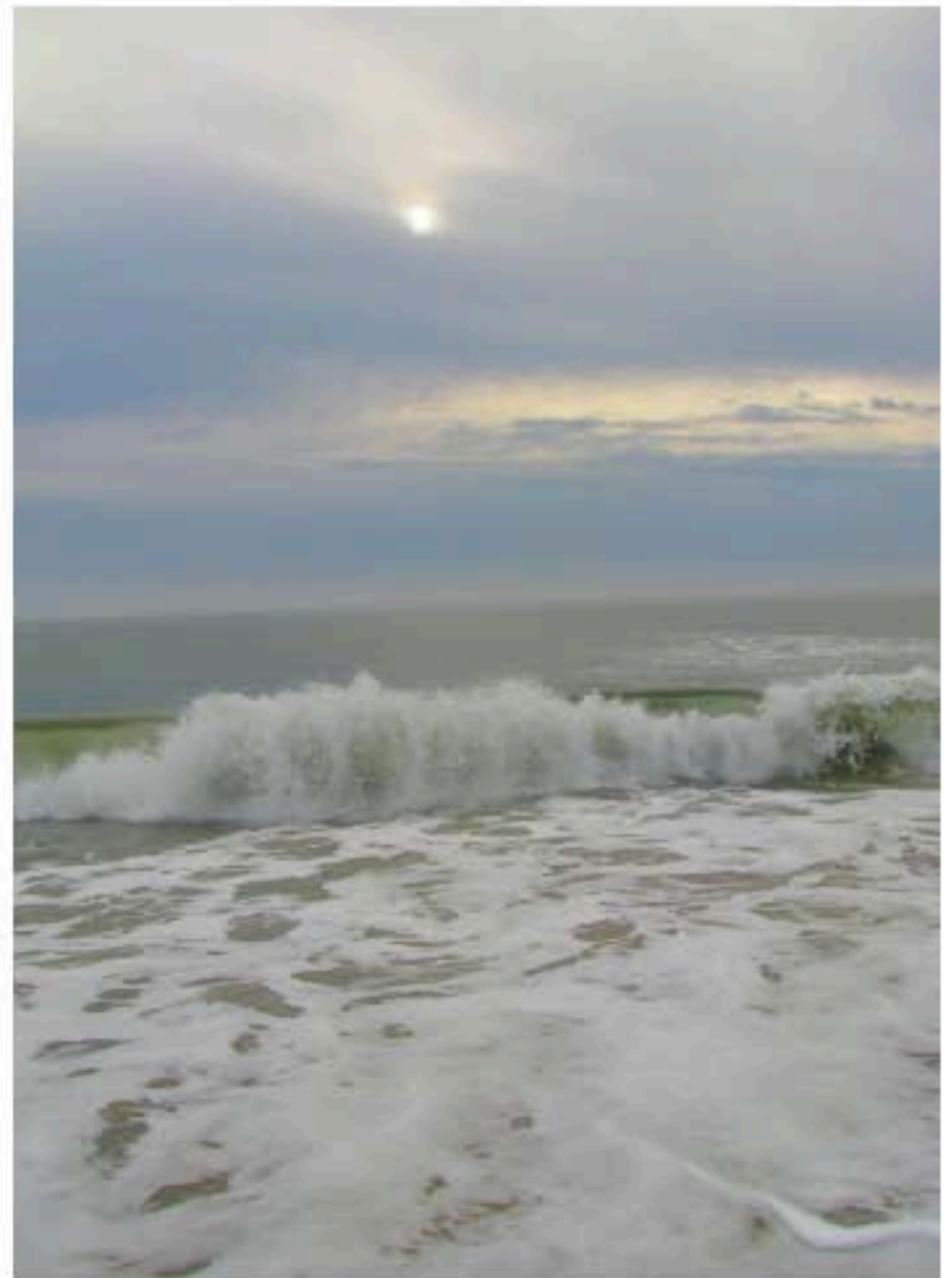


Our FOFA display happily found its way into the Colchester presentation session. Mike Johnson Presented in the paleo-archaeology session on Sunday.

The highlight and keynote speaker of the conference was John Broadwater who presented a very graphic and dynamic discussion on Research and Recovery Operations on the Site of the Civil War Ironclad USS Monitor.

Representing Fairfax County (and FOFA) was MAAC Program Co-chair, Liz Crowell, Cultural Resource Management Protection Section, Fairfax County Park Authority.

In a wonderful conspiracy with the organizers of MAAC 2012, Nature was a most congenial host for the conference





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## FOFA Presenters at the MAAC • March 23 - 25, 2012

Michael F. Johnson

*Bluberry Hill(44X327); Replicating Again the Cactus Hill Paleo-american Model in the Nottoway River Valley of Southeastern Virginia*

Elizabeth Crowell

*ARCHAEOLOGY in Fairfax County Parks*

Christopher Sperling

*Archaeology of a Park: The Colchester Example*

Alisa Pettit and Johnathan Mayes

*Walking the Ridges and Digging the Prehistory of Mason Neck*

Megan Veness and Robin Kuprewicz

*Buried at Church or Buried at Home, Either Way, you're Still Dead; Excavations near the Cemetery Site of Colchester, VA*

Robin Kuprewicz and Megan Veness

*Pounding Out the Details and Redrawings: Colchester Revisited*



Alisa Pettit



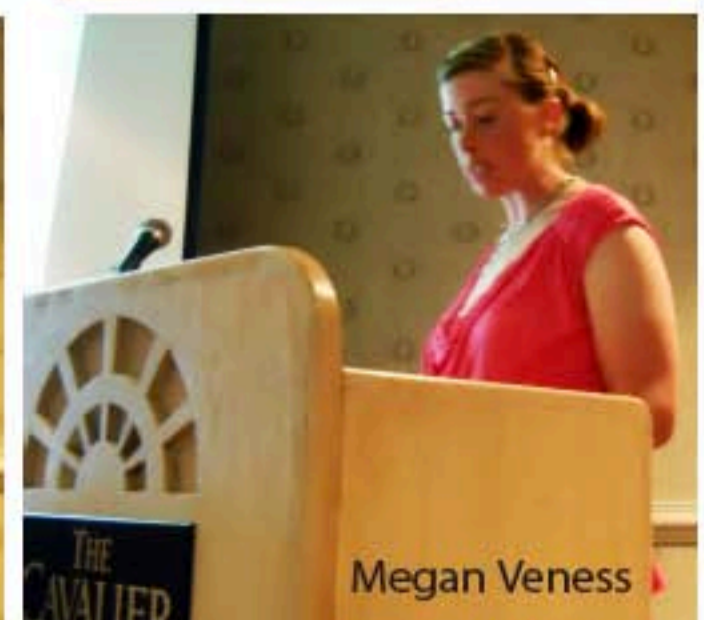
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## Archaeological Technician Certification

Open to interested volunteers, Virginia's Archeological Technician Certification Program is designed "to give individuals the opportunity to obtain recognition for formal, extended training in the techniques and goals of archaeology without having to participate in an academic degree program." The statewide certification program is sponsored by the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV), the Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA), and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR). Co-chairs are Carole Nash of COVA and Bruce Baker of ASV.

About two dozen archeology volunteers in Northern Virginia are currently in training to become certified archeology technicians.

"The aim, as I understand it, of the Cert program, aside from producing archaeological technicians, is to foster a wider understanding of the practice and application of archaeology ...and for me it has certainly done that," says Bill Cole, who graduated and received his certificate at the ASV annual meeting in October.

"The field work has its own inherent interest and fulfillment, but I'd like to take it to the next level. Completing the certification program is a major part in achieving this goal," says Anthony Burke, who is well along in the program and has traveled from the Petersburg area to Northern Virginia to take courses.

To earn a certificate, a candidate must complete 180 hours of hands-on experience in the field and laboratory, attend 11 formal lectures, receive specific field instruction on a number of topics, take part in a field school, read a list of required books and articles, and pass laboratory and written tests. The requirements include historic and prehistoric archeology, field survey, excavation, laboratory processing, and site recording.

A variety of opportunities are provided to complete these requirements over a period of 2-3 years or longer. Candidates are assigned professional and avocational mentors, and must keep a journal.

Those interested in finding out more about Virginia's certification program should go to the ASV website: <http://asv-archeology.org/> Under "Organization," go to "Certification". Instructions for enrollment are included. Participation requires membership in the ASV, which must be maintained in good standing.

New enrollees from Northern Virginia are invited to email Ann Wood, certification liaison for the Northern Virginia Chapter of ASV, at [annpwood@verizon.net](mailto:annpwood@verizon.net) to be notified of courses in the area.







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

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