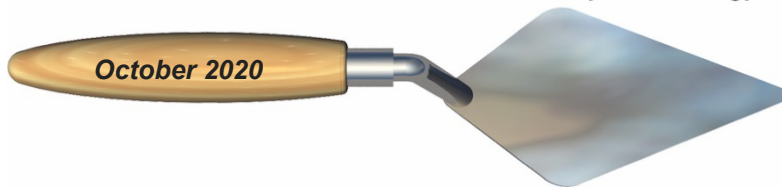


# The SCOOP

A Newsletter of the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources FOFA



## FOFA ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER: TBA

The Annual Members Meeting of the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources will be held on virtually via ZOOM in mid-to-late December 2020. Our guest speaker will be **Alisa Pettit from Fairfax County!** Details will follow

FOFA will hold a brief meeting prior to the presentation in order to elect the 2020 FOFA officers and board members. If you would like to serve on the Nominations Committee (we are looking for 2-3 replacements) or are interested in joining the Board and becoming more active, please email [FOFArch@gmail.com](mailto:FOFArch@gmail.com). **Nominations also will be taken from the floor at the meeting.**

## ARCHAEOLOGY COLLECTIONS FACILITY

Early voting in the 2020 election has already started! Our ballot includes the decision to approve a new Fairfax County park bond, which is important to the future of the Archaeology and Collections Branch, as it will support continued funding of the **“historic and archaeological collections support facilities [and] exhibit space”** – our new Archeological Collections Facility – in addition to numerous other natural and cultural resource projects covered by the park bond.

The Fairfax County Park Authority talked to us via zoom at the end of August. FOFA had several questions about the Collections Facility and how funds from this bond are distributed – to which we received the following:

### *Inside:*

1. *FOFA Annual Meeting TBD in December With Alisa Pettit*
2. *Vote for to support Archeology and our Collection Facility through our Bond Referendum!*
3. *Register to Attend the Free Online ASV Annual Conference October 17 and 24, 2020*
4. *Save River Farm from Development*

**The existing project is designed to store collections up to 15 years funded by the 2020 Bond. Future projects will include increasing storage capacity to the facility. The scope or funding for those projects has not yet been defined. Below is the schedule for the existing project.**

**Design: Fall 2020 – Summer 2021**

**Permitting: Summer 2021 – Winter 2021**

**Bidding: Early 2022**

**Construction: Spring 2022 – Spring 2023**

**If you need any more information about the bond or want more information, please visit online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2020-bond>.**



**Virtual Archeological Society of Virginia  
Annual Meeting - NO FEE / ITS FREE  
October 17 and 24, 2020**

*Courtesy of the ASV*

As with so many of our activities this year, the Annual Meeting of the Archeological Society of Virginia has gone virtual. Here's how it works: On two successive Saturdays -- October 17 and 24 -- the ASV is sponsoring virtual sessions on the archaeology of Virginia.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom links to attend the live session. Please use this link to register:

**<https://forms.gle/F3Q3nxAQpckBLxv9>**

There is no fee associated with this registration.

You can watch the presentations in advance, but we will also view them during the live session. Questions to presenters can also be submitted via the registration form or they during the session in the Zoom chat box.

Spend a few hours with the ASV as we keep the conversation about Virginia archaeology going!

**October 17, 2020  
10 am to 12 pm**

**Session 1: Historical Archaeology**

1. *The Arsenal at New London: From the American Revolution to Securing the Northwest Territory.* Stephanie Wright, Liberty University (will only answer questions submitted registration form)
2. *The Catlett's Branch Quarries.* Patrick L. O'Neill, Northern Virginia Chapter, Archeological Society of Virginia
3. *Germanna Archaeology, 2020 Field Season – Beneath the Layers.* Kelly Arford-Horne, MA, RPA, Germanna Foundation/Germanna Archaeology
4. *The Archaeological Evidence of the Domestic Architecture of Mulberry Island across the Centuries.* Christopher L. McDaid, Fort Eustis

**2 pm to 4 pm**

**Session 2: Maritime Archaeology**

5. *Recent Research on Sunken British in the York River.* John Broadwater, JRS Explorations, Inc.
6. *The Appomattox River Pilot Study (ARPS): A Proposed Model for Documenting Historic Sites in Virginia's Riparian Zones.* Brendan Burke, Maritime Heritage Chapter, Archeological Society of Virginia
7. *Whittle's Mill Dam: Examining the Need for Archaeological Studies on Virginia's Forgotten Structures.* Lisa Vaughan Jordan, Ph.D., Southside Virginia Community College/ Maritime Heritage Chapter, Archeological Society of Virginia
8. *2020 Maritime Survey Project Update of the Wreckage of the Confederate Ironclad Steamram C.S.S Richmond (44CF0744).* Mike Nusbaum and Bill Waldrup

**October 24, 2020  
10 am to 12 pm**

**Session 3: Poster session**

1. *Maritime Heritage Stewardship in Virginia* Elizabeth A. Moore and John D. Broadwater
2. *Health Resorts of Virginia Society* Irene Grace Hoisington, Liberty University
3. *Treading Water: A Three-Pronged Approach for Mitigating the Impacts of Erosion and Rising Sea Levels on Fort Eustis Archaeological Sites* Patrick C. Barry, Fort Eustis
4. *A Window onto the Matthew Jones House.* Courtney Birkett, Fort Eustis

**2 pm to 4 pm**

**Session 4: The Archaeology of Virginia's First People**

5. *The Visibility of Rockshelters and the Creation of Long-Term, Place-Based Identities.* Carole L. Nash, Ph.D., RPA, James Madison University

6. *Ceramic Analyses from 2019 Excavations at the Ely Mound, Lee County, Virginia*. Shannon Medah Wooten and Sophie Husslein, University of Mississippi
7. *Laying the Groundwork for the Smith River Survey: A Geospatial Analysis of Archaic through Late Woodland Settlement Patterns in the Upper Dan River Drainage*. Hayden Bassett, Virginia Museum of Natural History and Madeline Gunter Bassett, College of William & Mary
8. *Wade Site (44CH0062) Triangular Projectile Point: A Multilinear Analysis*. Michael B. Barber, Ph.D., RPA, Research Fellow, Longwood Institute of Archaeology

## See you online at the ASV Conference!

### SAVE Historic River Farm!

The American Horticultural Society has decided to put up their River Farm property for sale for financial and other reasons. The land was once owned by George Washington, but farmed by his nephew, George Augustine Washington. The property has not been surveyed but likely contains numerous archaeological resources.

Several preservation groups, including FOFA, private citizens, stakeholders and civic leaders were alarmed at the potential loss to historic resources if the land was developed. Senator Scott Surovell started an online petition, which has gained steam.

<https://scottsurovell.org/petition-to-save-river-farm/?fbclid=IwAR0rj-ny6Ekx1vfPv1B2Br8pkiFxoIgj1JONXdpBRBKaneEz6sWU2zc1x7A>

Supervisor Dan Storck has been working with Senator Adam Ebbin, Delegate Paul Krizek, representatives from the offices of Congressman Beyer, Senator Kaine and Senator Warner, and with representatives from the National Park Service, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and the Fairfax County Park Authority to come up with a potential solution.

The story was covered today on NPR – and has interviews with Scott Surovell, Katherine Ward (chair of a local citizens association) and the Executive Director of NOVA Parks, Paul Gilbert.

<https://wamu.org/story/20/10/16/neighbors-fight-to-save-george-washingtons-historic-river-farm-which-has-taken-financial-hit-from-pandemic/>

## We will keep you updated!

### FOFA Volunteers NEEDED!

FOFA is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that supports the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority. We seek to further promote the understanding and appreciation of Fairfax County's cultural resources through archaeology and historic preservation. Among our other activities, FOFA can now offer support in the acquisition of needed field equipment, artifact storage systems, and computer software.

We need you to become a supporting member! Please fill out the attached membership application, and especially let us know areas that you can assist (i.e. website development and maintenance, fundraising, outreach, etc.).

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Membership Form here.