

Calendar of Events

Virginia Archaeology Month, October 2016

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This Busycon shell cup and disk from the Wade site, at Staunton River Battlefield State Park in Charlotte County, originated along the Gulf of Mexico or Florida's Atlantic coast. They show that long-distance trade partnerships existed in the prehistoric past.

A student excavates post features at the Wade site. These large, stone-lined features are unique in Virginia but known in cultures farther to the south, indicating the sharing of ideas between people.

WADE SITE
41062
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CONTEXT 5-16-09

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What Does an Archaeologist Do?

- Works as part of a team to unearth past cultures
- Excavates archaeological sites to help us understand the way that people lived hundreds or even thousands of years ago
- Uses artifacts and other data to interpret that past and share this new knowledge with the public

Where Can You Learn to Be an Archaeologist?
Your local chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia as well as university field schools around the state

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October 1 (Saturday) Forest

- Event:** Archaeology Behind the Scenes Tour at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest
- Place:** Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest
1542 Bateman Bridge Road
Forest, VA 24551
434-534-8120
- Time:** Archaeology Lab open 10 – 4; Tours at 11:30 and 2:30
- Description:** Ever wondered what it would be like to work on the archaeology of Mr. Jefferson's retreat home? Join Poplar Forest's archaeologists on a walking tour of their latest project, the archaeology of the new Poplar Forest Parkway. Explore the course of the road and where it intersects with historic aspects of the property. In addition to the Parkway walking tour, the Archaeology Lab will be open all day. Stop in and see some of the archaeologists' favorite artifacts that have been found at Poplar Forest and hear about what these artifacts tell us about life at Poplar Forest.
- Cost:** The event is free for Poplar Forest members and is included with general admission to non-members
- Speakers:** Jack Gary, Director of Archaeology and Landscapes,
Eric Proebsting, Senior Research Archaeologist, and
Dr. Jenn Ogbourne, Archaeology Lab Supervisor
- Sponsor / Contact** Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest / Mary Massie mary@poplarforest.org

October 1 (Saturday) Ware, Gloucester

- Event:** Cemetery Documentation and Recordation Workshop
- Place:** Ware Episcopal Church Parish Hall
7825 John Clayton Highway
Gloucester
- Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Description:** Workshop on symbols, stewardship, and proper documentation of historic cemeteries. Classroom presentations focus on iconography, burial law in Virginia, care and maintenance of graveyards, cemetery archaeology and how to identify and record cemetery information in the Department of Historic Resources database. The field portion of the workshop in the church cemetery will highlight general stewardship issues and interpreting symbols on grave markers. There will be time for discussion and questions.
- Cost:** \$60 for the day; **pre-registration by September 27th is required**; contact Dee DeRoche at 804-482-6441 or dee.deroche@dhr.virginia.gov
- Sponsor / Contact:** Virginia Department of Historic Resources / Dee DeRoche as above

October 1 (Saturday) Chase City

- Event:** Arthur H. Robertson Archaeology Day
- Place:** MacCallum More Museum & Garden
603 Hudgins Street
Chase City, VA 23924
343-372-0502
- Time:** 10 am to 2 pm
- Description:** Free admission; View the 50,000 piece collection of Arthur H. Robertson in the Museum; Free identification of artifacts; Flint knapping demonstration; Free space to display artifact collections; Food available.
- Speakers:** Spencer Adams, historian and collector
J. Clinton Gurley, flint knapper
Patrick Stewart, Sappony Heritage
William "Jack" Hranicky, archaeology in Virginia
- Cost:** free
- Sponsor / Contact:** MacCallum More Museum & Gardens mmmg@verizon.net www.mmmg.org

October 2 (Sunday) Fredericksburg

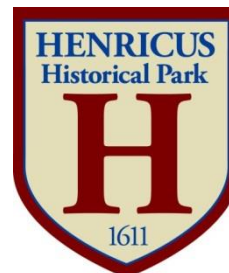
- Event:** Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Day
- Place:** George Washington's Ferry Farm
268 Kings Highway
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405
540-270-0732
- Time:** 2 pm – 4 pm
- Description:** Guided tour of the Archaeology Laboratory, Washington House Construction Site, Museum Gallery Exhibits, and Eighteenth-Century Demonstration Garden led by Archaeology Lab Supervisor Melanie Marquis and translated by ReBecca Bennett using American Sign Language. Reservations not required.
- Cost:** Regular admission: \$8 adults; \$4 students; under 6 free
- Sponsor / Contact:** The George Washington Foundation
www.ferryfarm.org www.facebook.com/FerryFarmAndKenmore

October 13 – 16 (Thursday – Sunday) Williamsburg

- Event:** Annual Meeting of the Archeological Society of Virginia
- Place:** Colonial Plaza of Williamsburg
3032 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185
757-565-2600
- Description:** Each year the ASV holds an annual meeting, generally in October. Held in conjunction with the Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA), the meeting has a series of paper presentations, workshops, exhibits, a book room, an awards presentation, and a banquet. This year's meeting includes optional tours to several archaeological sites.
- Cost:** Registration \$40; Banquet \$35.
- Sponsor / Contact:** Archeological Society of Virginia www.archeologyva.org/News/NewsAM.html nashcl@jmu.edu

October 14 (Friday) Chester

- Event:** Family Fun Day - - Archaeology
- Place:** Henricus Historical Park
251 Henricus Park Rd.
Chester, VA 23836
804-318-8797
- Time:** 10 am – 3 pm



- Description:** Demonstrations, crafts, and archaeology activities located at multiple site stations. Designed for the whole family, activities are ongoing and self-paced. Presented by Education and Interpretation Staff.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Sponsor / Contact:** Henricus Historical Park solomona@henricus.gov

October 15 (Saturday) Alexandria

- Event:** Java Jolt Lecture: The Octagon House
- Place:** Alexandria Archaeology
105 N. Union Street, Suite 327
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-746-4399
- Time:** 10 am – 12 pm

Description: From 1856 to 1866 an octagonal house stood on the grounds of the First Baptist Church at 2932 King Street. For its short existence, the unique house played a remarkable role during a turbulent time in Alexandria's history. Julia Claypool's narrative will weave together the fascinating history and people associated with an all but forgotten landmark.

Cost: Though free and open to the public, reservations are required (archaeology@alexandriava.gov 703-746-4399).

Sponsor / Contact: The lecture is sponsored by Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA) in celebration of Virginia Archaeology Month. www.alexandriaarchaeology.org

October 15 & 16 (Saturday & Sunday) Yorktown



Event: American Revolution Museum at Yorktown preview/Yorktown Victory Celebration

Place: American Revolution Museum at Yorktown
Route 1020 South & Colonial Parkway (GPS: 200 Water Street)
Yorktown, VA 23690
888-593-4682 toll-free or
757-253-4838

Time: 9 am – 5 pm

Description: Permanent exhibition galleries of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, replacing the Yorktown Victory Center, debut in a weekend preview of the new museum coinciding with an annual celebration of the decisive American victory at Yorktown in 1781. Along with immersive environments, dioramas, interactive exhibits and short films, period artifacts will engage visitors in the story of the American Revolution, from its origins in the mid-1700s to the early years of the new United States. Artifacts from the Betsy, a British troop transport sunk during the 1781 Siege of Yorktown, will be exhibited courtesy of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The new galleries will continue to welcome visitors as outdoor living-history elements of the new museum are completed in time for a grand opening celebration March 23-April 4, 2017.

Sponsor / Contact: Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation www.historyisfun.org

October 16 (Sunday) Charlottesville



Event: Site visit with archaeologists

Place: James Monroe's Highland
2050 James Monroe Parkway
Charlottesville, VA 22902
434-293-8000

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Description: On-site informal discussion of current archaeological research at James Monroe's Highland. The event will feature drop-in conversations and brief site tours by the researchers. Archaeology Month program is included with site admission.

Speakers: Dr. Ben Ford, Principal, Rivanna Archaeological Services, Mr. Kyle Edwards, University of Virginia Department of Anthropology (Ph.D. candidate), and Dr. Sara Bon-Harper, Executive Director, James Monroe's Highland

Sponsor / Contact: James Monroe's Highland www.highland.org info@highland.org

October 22 (Saturday) Martinsville / Henry County



Event: Archaeology Open House

Place: Virginia Museum of Natural History
21 Starling Avenue
Martinsville, VA 24112
276-634-4141

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Description: Are you interested in archaeology? Have you been wondering what our scientists are doing behind the windows of the archaeology lab? Visit VMNH on Saturday October 22 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and go behind the scenes to learn about archaeology in Virginia, the archaeology research programs at VMNH, and see some of the artifacts in our collections.

Sponsor / Contact: Virginia Museum of Natural History www.vmnh.net

October 22 (Saturday) Alexandria

- Event:** Java Jolt Lecture: Archaeology Surrounding Major Braddock's 4th Encampment at Little Meadows, Maryland.
- Place:** Alexandria Archaeology
105 N. Union Street, Suite 327
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-746-4399
- Time:** 10 am – 12 pm
- Description:** Mark Ludlow presents an illustrated lecture based on the first comprehensive metal-detecting survey of the Braddock Road in Western Maryland--a key area related to the French and Indian War.
- Cost:** Though free and open to the public, reservations are required (archaeology@alexandriava.gov 703-746-4399).
- Sponsor / Contact:** The lecture is sponsored by Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA) in celebration of Virginia Archaeology Month. www.alexandriarchaeology.org

October 1 – 31 (and ongoing) Williamsburg



- Event:** Jamestown Settlement Galleries
- Place:** Jamestown Settlement
Route 31 South & Colonial Parkway (GPS 2110 Jamestown Road)
Williamsburg, VA 23185
888-593-4682 (toll free)
757-253-4838
- Time:** 9 am – 5 pm daily
- Description:** Jamestown Settlement's permanent exhibition galleries chronicle the nation's 17th-century beginnings in Virginia in the context of its Powhatan Indian, English and African cultures. On exhibit is archaeological material from Paleo- to Woodland-period Virginia Indian sites, including an early 17th-century Paspahugh town in close proximity to the English settlement at Jamestown, and from 17th-century colonial sites, including possibly the earliest slave quarter found in Virginia. Full-scale structures re-created from archaeological sites depict Indian, slave and planter dwellings in the late 17th century.
- Sponsor / Contact:** Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation www.historyisfun.org

October & November Gloucester

Event: *Paradise Revisited* Exhibit

Place: Gloucester Museum of History
6539 Main Street
Gloucester, VA 23061
804-693-1234

Time: 8 am – 3 pm Mondays through Saturdays

Description: Display of artifacts from the site of 'Paradise Plantation,' 17th Century home of Richard Lee in Gloucester. This is an addition to a permanent exhibit already in place.

Sponsor / Contact: Gloucester Museum of History www.gloucesterva.info/museum