

"...a place now known unto them:" **Finding the Zekiah Fort**, *Julia A. King*. For decades, archeologists and historians have searched for traces of the elusive Zekiah Fort, the settlement where the Piscataway relocated in 1680 to escape ongoing raids by the Susquehannock and other "foreign Indians." Under the leadership of Michael J. Sullivan, a Charles County businessman, archeologists from St. Mary's College of Maryland, including students, launched their own investigation, deciphering documents, reconstructing surveys, and reviewing earlier archeological findings. Their forensic-style approach paid off when the fortified settlement was discovered last year just a few miles south of Waldorf. The site's remarkable preservation and the rich artifacts that have been recovered are revealing not only how the Piscataway used their relationship with the Calvert government to maintain or adapt traditional lifeways but how the Piscataway tayac (or chief) maintained his authority in a colonial world.

**Update on Pig Point: A Deeply Stratified Site on the Patuxent River**, *Al Luckenbach*. Three years of investigations at the Pig Point site (18AN50) have revealed over seven feet of stratified deposits reaching back to the Early Archaic. These include extensive Woodland period middens containing excellent charcoal, carbonized seed, and bone preservation as well as the outlines of structures. Recent work at the site has established that the site is much larger in size than originally believed, and has revealed impressive evidence of long distance trade and exchange.

**The Application of High Technology to Investigate Old Boats and Bones**, *Steven Anthony*. The Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society and Azulmar, LLC use cutting edge technology to investigate the wreck of an old Chesapeake Bay schooner and its skeletal remains.

**CAT SESSION—Prehistoric Overview**. *Charlie Hall & Bob Wall*. This program is designed to introduce the participants to the basics of prehistoric archeology with a focus on Maryland. During the first hour, the presenters will provide participants with a history of prehistoric archeology in Maryland, as well as an introduction to the concepts and research topics that characterize prehistoric archeology in our State today. In the second hour they will review the sweep of 12,000 years of Maryland's prehistory beginning with Paleoindian settlement and culminating with 17th century European colonization.

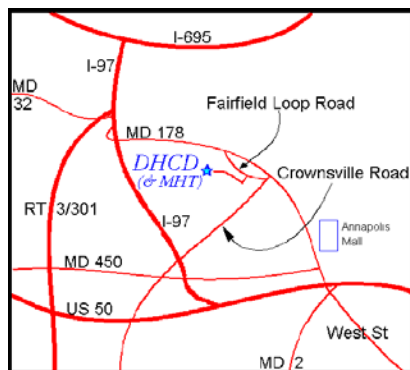
**Two Not So Ordinary Wrecks: Discoveries in the Mattaponi River, Virginia**, *Bill Utley*. Sometimes the routine becomes the extraordinary. Such was the case with the investigation of two small and seemingly insignificant wrecks wedged on shore along the Mattaponi. Located just upstream from Newington Plantation, Virginia, the small, side-by-side flattened hulks yielded a trove of associated artifacts that date the wrecks to the early 18th century, making them among the oldest examples of colonial watercraft yet found in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This fascinating and successful project is an excellent example of coordination between avocational and professional archeologists.

**Cottage to Corporation: The Shell Button Manufacturing Industry**, *Scott Emory*. The humble shell button represents a common form of fastener that served both rich and poor. Despite its ubiquitous form, the process to create a shell button, from acquiring the shell, to creating a blank, to the final chemical processes, reflects a labor-intensive operation. While mechanization of the shell button industry substantially increased output, small cottage industries still thrived to meet demand. This presentation will discuss the shell button manufacturing industry in the United States, the process of creating a shell button, and local and regional archeological finds associated with shell button manufacturers.

**The Pocomoke River: Claiborne vs. Calvert / Picaroons vs. Protector**, *Bill Wilson*. This paper will present a picture of the Lower Eastern Shore's little changed National Scenic River, the Pocomoke, and two little known military actions separated by 150 years. The first naval skirmish (over fur trading rights) took place on the Pocomoke River soon after the founding of Maryland in the 1630s and involved the forces of William Claiborne and Lord Baltimore. It has been described as the first naval action between English-speaking peoples in the New World. One hundred and fifty years later "The Battle of the Barges" in Kedges Straits was fought between the Pocomoke-built barge *Protector* and the loyalist *Picaroons*. This naval action is considered the last sea battle of the Revolutionary War.

**Elements of Bones: A Certified Archeological Technician Workshop**, *Jim Gibb*. Faunal analysis—the identification, examination, and interpretation of animal remains—is a specialized field in archeology requiring comprehensive type collections and thorough knowledge of comparative zoology, ecology, and anthropology; however, with a little background and some basic textbooks on the subject, non-specialists can learn how to distinguish between the bones and other preserved remains of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles, and to identify the basic skeletal elements. This workshop will focus on identifying skeletal elements through slides and reference collections that participants will handle.

**S.H.I.P., 2011-2012**, *David P. Howe*. The Submerged Historical Inventory Project is the Institute of Maritime History's ongoing effort to locate and assess underwater sites for State Historic Preservation Offices. Projects undertaken in 2011 included Revolutionary War and Civil War sites and shipwrecks. Plans for 2012 include assessing sites in Chesapeake Bay, searching for a 17th century Swedish fort and a War of 1812 wreck in the Delaware River, and reconnaissance survey in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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