

# Maryland Archeology Month Events

The following events are currently planned for the 2011 celebration of Maryland Archeology Month. This listing, organized by region and date, will be updated throughout the month..

## Western Maryland

### *Allegany County*



**Exhibits:** *The Barton Village Site*

**Description:** This exhibit on the Barton site highlights previous work done at the site under the direction of Bob Wall and features the upcoming ASM Field Session to be held at the site in June and how the public can get involved with the excavations.

**Sponsor:** Western Maryland Chapter of the Archeological Society of MD

**Location:** LaVale Library, 815 National Highway, LaVale.

**Date/Time:** Throughout April, Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM, Friday & Saturday 10AM-5PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Roy Brown [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com),

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**Exhibits:** *First Residents, and The Barton Village Site*

**Description:** First Residents focuses on Native American lifeways from the Paleo-Indian Period through the Late Woodland. The Barton Village Site explores the archeological work conducted by Dr. Bob Wall over the past 20 years and explains how he has revealed the life of people who lived along the Potomac.

**Sponsor:** Western Maryland Chapter of the Archeological Society of MD

**Location:** Allegany Museum (Pershing Street in downtown Cumberland)

**Date/Time:** Throughout April, Tuesday - Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM, Sunday Noon to 4 PM.

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** The Allegany Museum can be reached at 301-777-7200,

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## Western Maryland, *Allegany County*, continued

**Speaker:** *Monthly Meeting of the Western Maryland Chapter of ASM*

**Description:** Stephen Israel, Archeologist US Army Corps of Engineers Retired, will speak on his investigations of rockshelters in the Maryland Eastern Piedmont. These "prehistoric motels" were utilized as stop over campsites during forging, hunting and trading trips. The Rockdale Rockshelter, located on a tributary of the Prettyboy watershed in northern Baltimore County will be the focus of Steve's presentation.

**Sponsor:** Western Maryland Chapter of the Archeological Society of MD

**Location:** LaVale Library, 815 National Highway, LaVale.

**Date/Time:** April 22, 7:30 PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Roy Brown [wmdasm@yahoo.com](mailto:wmdasm@yahoo.com),

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## Central Maryland

### *Anne Arundel County*



**Fieldwork and Lab Work:** *Hands-on Archaeology in Anne Arundel County.*

**Description:** Every month is Archeology Month at the Lost Towns Project! We welcome volunteers and interns throughout the year. This month, we will be working at Pig Point, a significant prehistoric site in southern Anne Arundel County, and also at Historic London Town, a former colonial tobacco port.

**Sponsors:** Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project

**Location:** Archaeology Lab at Historic London Town and Gardens (839 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD 21037) and archaeology sites in the county.

**Date/Time:** April 1 - April 29, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 3:30 PM

**Fee:** Free.

**Contact:** Jessie Grow, Lab Director and Volunteer Coordinator. 410-222-1318 (lab) or [volunteers@losttownsproject.org](mailto:volunteers@losttownsproject.org)

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## Central Maryland, *Anne Arundel County*, continued

### Field Work and Lab Work: *Providence Farm Site*

**Description:** Excavation and lab work on an 18th century domestic site.

**Sponsor:** Anne Arundel Archeological Society

**Location:** Entrance 400 block of Little Kidwell, Centreville, MD

**Date/Time:** April 2 and 3 AM to 4 PM both days

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Mechelle Kerns (401) 109-5187 AAChapASM@hotmail.com

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**Symposium:** *The Uses of Forensic Sciences, the Natural Sciences, and New Technologies in Support of Archeological Research*

**Description:** Seven scholars will present archeological research that used scientific techniques like those seen on such popular TV shows as CSI, Bones, and NCIS. Come see how tools like DNA and X-ray fluorescence are being used by archeologists.

**Sponsor:** The Archeological Society of Maryland

**Location:** People's Resource Center, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownville

**Date/Time:** April 98:30 AM – 3:20 PM

**Fee:** \$7.00 for the public, \$5.00 for students and ASM members.

**Contact:** Claude Bowen, (301) 953-1947 and claud.bowen@comcast.net.

### *Carroll County*



**Exhibit:** *A Day in the Life of Carroll County's Prehistoric Peoples*

**Description:** An exhibit of paleo, archaic and woodland period peoples will be presented with pictures, maps, and artifacts in the glass cabinet at the Westminster library..

**Sponsor:** Carroll County Public library, Westminster Branch

**Location:** 50 East Main St., Westminster, Maryland

**Date/Time:** Throughout April, 9AM to 8:45PM. Monday - Thursday, 9AM to 5PM, Friday & Saturday

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Maryl Harshey 410-386-0344; or Christina Kuntz, Westminster Library 410-386-4490 ext 7739

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## Central Maryland, *Carroll County*, continued

**Public Lecture:** *The Archaeology of an American Indian Camp Site at Pine Valley Park.*

**Description:** Retired Archaeologist, Stephen Israel, representing Central Chapter of the Archeological Society of Maryland will present a power point illustrated lecture covering a short overview of Carroll County archaeology as an introduction to the archaeology story of an American Indian camp site at Pine Valley Park in Manchester, Maryland

**Sponsors:** Carroll County Public Library, North Carroll Branch

**Location:** North Carroll Branch Public Library, 2255 Hanover Pike, Greenmount.

**Date/Time:** April 5, 7:00 PM

**Fee:** Free.

**Contact:** Kristina Peters (410) 386-4480

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**Field Investigation:** *Archeological Testing of the Pine Valley Park Prehistoric Site .*

**Description:** ASM members and the general public are invited to participate in the excavation, screening and troweling of test squares in the exploration of a prehistoric archeological site which pre-dates ceramic period. To date, a small assemblage of stone tools, likely associated with a small resource procurement camp site in the Late Archaic Period, has been recovered. The archeological testing involves the documentation of an open field archeological site located in the town of Manchester in Carroll County, Maryland.

**Sponsors:** Central Chapter and the Board of Directors for the Manchester Parks Foundation

**Location:** Northern Carroll County

**Date/Time:** April 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 29 & 30; weather permitting. Future Dates: TBA..

**Fee:** Free.

**Contact:** Stephen Israel at [ssisrael@verizon.net](mailto:ssisrael@verizon.net), (410) 945-5514 or Benton Watson at (410) 857-4970.

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## Central Maryland, continued

### Harford County



**Lecture:** *You Are What You Eat...Drink and Smoke: Seventeenth-Century Burials and the English Way of Life.*

**Description:** Julia A. King; PhD., associate professor of anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland, will discuss how archaeologists have used probate inventories and animal bone assemblages to conclude that the 17th-century Chesapeake colonial diet was more nutritious and therefore healthier than the English diet. However, pathological conditions observed on a number of 17th-century era human skeletons, including 19 individuals from a single cemetery in southern Maryland, suggest nutritional deficiencies among the colonists. The excessive but culturally acceptable consumption of meat, alcohol, and tobacco by the Chesapeake colonists appears to have been the culprit.

**Sponsor:** Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake

**Location:** Harford Community College, Edgewood Hall.

**Date/Time:** April 8, 6:30 PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Bill McIntyre, [williamlmac@comcast.net](mailto:williamlmac@comcast.net)

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### Howard County



**Hands-on Artifact and Document Workshop:** *Howard County's 10,000 Year History.*

**Description:** Lee Preston will conduct this hands-on workshop where participants will be able to work with artifacts representing the 10,000 years of Howard County history.

**Sponsor:** UPAG (Upper Patuxent Archeological Group)

**Location:** Howard County Historical Society, 8328 Court Ave., Ellicott City.

**Date/Time:** April 10, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** call 410-750-0370 for information

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## Central Maryland, *Howard County* continued

### **Tours and Activities:** *Archaeology In The Park at Patapsco Female Institute*

**Description:** Docent tours will highlight new information learned about the Patapsco Female Institute and its attendees. You can participate in the archaeology dig in the kitchen midden and handle some of the 105,000 artifacts excavated at the site. Bring a picnic if you like and join us.

**Sponsor:** UPAG (Upper Patuxent Archeological Group)

**Location:** Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park, Ellicott City.

**Date/Time:** April 30, Noon to 3:00PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Lee Preston, (410) 465-8500 or [leeprestonjr@comcast.net](mailto:leeprestonjr@comcast.net)

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### **Meet the Author:** *Archaeology in Howard County....and Beyond.*

**Description:** Lee Preston will talk about what he has learned in 40 years about key sites and people in Howard County

**Sponsor:** UPAG (Upper Patuxent Archeological Group)

**Location:** Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park, Ellicott City.

**Date/Time:** April 30, 1:30 PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Lee Preston, (410) 465-8500 or [leeprestonjr@comcast.net](mailto:leeprestonjr@comcast.net)

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# Southern Maryland

## Charles County



**Lecture:** *A Sunken Ship Under City Streets: The World Trade Center Ship.*

**Description:** Nichole Doub, Head Conservator at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, will discuss the 18th century ship discovered at the World Trade Center Site in New York City in the summer of 2010. Free.

**Sponsors:** Charles County Archaeological Society

**Location:** Center for Business and Industry room 113. CSM, La Plata Campus

**Date/Time:** April 15, 7:00 PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Elsie Picyk, (301)-934-3153

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**Field Work:** *Excavating Through Time.*

**Description:** Come and see a historical site being excavated. Members of CCASM and ASM members will be excavating near the Burch House in Port Tobacco. The site was occupied from the mid-1700's through the twentieth century.

**Sponsor:** Charles County Archaeological Society and Port Tobacco Archaeological Project.

**Location:** Port Tobacco Village, Port Tobacco, MD

**Date/Time:** April 30, 9AM – 3PM

**Fee:** Free.

**Contact:** Carol Cowherd 301-375-9489

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## Southern Maryland, continued

### Calvert County



**Day of Discovery:** *Discovering Archaeology Day at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.*

**Description:** Spend a day at the park (Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum) with archeologists! This annual event brings archeologists and the public together at the State's Museum of Archaeology for hands-on exhibits, displays, and activities, tours of the grounds and the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, and much more. You can visit an on-going dig at an 18<sup>th</sup> century plantation site, or learn how Native Americans made tools of stone. A visit to the Indian Village is not to missed!

**Sponsor:** Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum  
**Location:** 10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard, MD  
**Date/Time:** April 16, 10 AM until 5 PM  
**Fee:** Free.  
**Contact:** Kate Dinnel at kdinnel@mdp.state.md.us

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### St. Mary's County



**Lectures:** *Three Centuries of St. Mary's City.*

**Description:** Join us for three mini- updates linking three centuries of archaeology at St. Mary's City entitled "And all outhouses in the said orchard and garden", "Fram'd Dwelling-house, old and crazy", and "African-American Life and the 19th Century Plantation at St. Mary's City".

**Sponsor:** Historic St. Mary's City, MD.  
**Location:** HSMC Visitor Center Auditorium  
**Date/Time:** April 7, 6:30 PM  
**Fee:** Free.  
**Contact:** Call (240) 895-4489 or email programs@stmaryscity.org

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## Eastern Shore Maryland

### *Kent County*



#### **Prehistoric Skills Competition and Workshop: *Atlatl Contest***

**Description:** Join Washington College's Anthropology Club at an Atlatl competition, and learn prehistoric hunting techniques, tools, and technologies. Try your hand with a replica prehistoric spear-thrower on the club's baby mammoth, Murry.

**Sponsor:** The Anthropology Club at Washington College

**Location:** The campus lawn at Washington College, Chestertown, MD.

**Date/Time:** April 8, 11 AM to 5PM

**Fee:** Free

**Contact:** Kat Muller, kmuller2@washcoll.edu or (484) 643-8440

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## Pre-Archeology Month Events

#### **Museum Lecture Series: *The Colony of Avalon***

**Description:** Dr. James A. Tuck, Professor Emeritus, Memorial University, Newfoundland will present his findings from the Colony of Avalon, established by Lord Baltimore in the 1620s.

**Sponsor:** Historic St. Mary's City, MD.

**Location:** HSMC Visitor Center Auditorium

**Date/Time:** March 27, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Fee:** Free.

**Contact:** Call (240) 895-4489 or email [programs@stmaryscity.org](mailto:programs@stmaryscity.org)

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## Post-Archeology Month Events

**Field Investigation:** *Archaeological testing of the Pine Valley Park Prehistoric Site*

**Description:** ASM members and the general public who attend the Charlotte's Quest Spring Festival are invited to participate in the excavation, screening and troweling of one-meter and two-meter test squares. The prehistoric American Indian site predates the ceramic period.

**Sponsors:** Central Chapter and the Board of Directors for the Manchester Parks Foundation

**Location:** Charlotte's Quest Nature Center [www.charlottesquestnaturecenter.com/](http://www.charlottesquestnaturecenter.com/), Manchester, MD. Directions will be provided to the individuals who pre-register. The general public attending the Charlotte's Quest Spring Festival are welcome to come and watch and/or participate in the archeological excavation.

**Date/Time:** May 1, 2011, 12 Noon to 4 PM.

**Fee:** None

**Contact:** Stephen Israel at [ssisrael@verizon.net](mailto:ssisrael@verizon.net), (410) 945-5514

**Tours and Activities:** *Archeology Day at Needwood Mansion*

**Description:** Learn first-hand how archaeologists discover the past! You will get to help us dig on the Needwood Mansion site as well as enjoy other fun activities. Make clay marbles, play Civil War era games and take a tour of the 19th century mansion for a day that will be fun for the whole family.

**Sponsors:** The Archaeology Society of Maryland, Mid-Potomac Chapter, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

**Location:** The Needwood Mansion, 6700 Needwood Road, Derwood, Maryland 20855

**Date/Time:** May 14, 2011, 10 AM – 3 PM

**Fee:** \$8 per person/\$15 a family

**Contact:** Heather Bouslog 301-840-5848

**Lecture:** *Ice Age Americans: Voyagers of the Mid-Atlantic*

**Description:** Dr. Dennis Stanford of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, will present exciting new discoveries of archaeological sites dating to the Last Glacial Maximum found on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, and on the Mid-Atlantic Continental Shelf. Artifacts found at these sites are similar to those of Paleolithic sites of south-western Europe. These discoveries suggest that we need to rethink the issues of the peopling of the Americas.

**Sponsors:** Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

**Location:** Schmidt Conference Center, 647 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, Maryland

**Date/Time:** May 18, 2011, 6:30 PM for light refreshments, lecture will begin at 7:00 PM.

**Fee:** None (donations accepted)

**Contact:** For More Information call (443) 482-2300

**Field School:** *Field School in Historical Archaeology.*

**Description:** The 2011 Field School is an intensive 10-week experience designed for students in American Studies, Anthropology, Archaeology, History, or Museum Studies. Lectures on history, archaeological methods, and material culture are amplified by hands-on experience in the lab and in the field..

**Sponsor:** Historic St. Mary's City and St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**Location:** HSMC Visitor Center Auditorium

**Date/Time:** June 1 - August 7, 2011

**Fee:** Contact Dr. Riordan for information (see below).

**Contact:** Dr. Tim Riordan at [tbriordan@smcm.edu](mailto:tbriordan@smcm.edu)

**Weekend:** *Tidewater Archaeology Weekend.*

**Description:** Get down and dirty with the pros as they uncover bits of Maryland's past at one of the finest colonial archaeology sites in the nation.

**Sponsor:** Historic St. Mary's City and St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**Location:** HSMC Visitor Center Auditorium

**Date/Time:** July 23 – 24, 2011, 10 AM – 4 PM

**Fee:** Admission charged.

**Contact:** call 240- 895-4990 e- mail [info@stmaryscity.org](mailto:info@stmaryscity.org).