

2019 Virginia Archaeology Month Events

Throughout the month:

Beginning October 7, on Mondays & Wednesdays, **Buckles, Bottles, and Boxwood Tours**, 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Location: Colonial Williamsburg archaeology laboratory.

Description: Colonial Williamsburg offers a series of guided lab tours showcasing artifacts from Ivor Noel-Hume's 1964 excavation at Custis Square, along with a sneak peek from our current project on the former Custis property. Come see our latest discoveries! True archaeological aficionados may round out the experience with a visit to the Custis site, (opposite Nassau Street from the Public Hospital) where archaeologists are investigating Custis' four-acre home and early 18th century gardens.

Speakers/Guides: Jack Gary, Director of Archaeology; Meredith Poole, Senior Staff Archaeologist; Megan Vaness, Project Archaeologist; Eric Schweickart, Staff Archaeologist; Crystal Castleberry, Public Archaeologist

Cost: Free with Colonial Williamsburg Admission Ticket

Sponsor: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/>

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October 9, 16, 23, 30, Curator-led **Tour of the Betsy artifacts**, 2 pm – 3 pm

Location: American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, 200 Water St. Yorktown, VA 23690

Description: Visitors will have the opportunity to view the artifacts recovered from the *Betsy* with a curator at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. This hour-long program will focus on the archaeological project and conservation of objects from the recovery and their display in the museum's permanent gallery.

Speakers' names and titles: Luke J. Pecoraro, Phd – Director of Curatorial Services, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Cost: Program is free with museum admission

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When: October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6-9 pm

Title: Archaeology Lab Nights at the CAPE

Location: Center for Archaeology, Preservation and Education (the CAPE), 6783 Main St., Gloucester VA 23061

Description: Visitors will generally sort and wash artifacts from Fairfield Plantation and other sites in the area. There are also opportunities to view the Fairfield artifact collections. Visitors are welcome to stop by for a few minutes, or stay the entire time. Children are welcome, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. If groups are interested in attending, please contact us.

Cost: Program is free

Sponsor: The Fairfield Foundation <https://fairfieldfoundation.org>

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Individual Events by Date:

Oct. 5

When: October 5, 2019, 10 am – 4 pm: **Monticello Archaeology Open House**

Title: Monticello Archaeology Open House, Lightning talks and walking tours

Location: Woodland Pavilion at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello Visitor's Center, Charlottesville, Virginia

Description: Celebrate Virginia Archaeology Month! Monticello's Archaeology Department hosts its annual open house, featuring displays, exhibits on recent discoveries in the field and the lab, walking tours of the vanished Monticello Plantation landscape, lightning-talks about current research, and an interactive dig for children. Archaeology staff members will be on hand to answer questions. Displays and exhibits are found in the Woodland Pavilion and the Visitors Center. Lightning talks will happen at 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 2:30 PM. Walking Tours leave the Woodland Pavilion at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM.

Cost: Free!

Sponsor: <https://www.monticello.org/exhibits-events/calendar-of-events/details/archaeology-open-house/2019-10-05/> Crystal Ptacek, cptacek@monticello.org

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When: October 5, at 11:00 am: **A Children's Archaeology Program** for ages 6-12

Location: Booker T. Washington National Monument.

Oct. 6

When: October 6, 2019, 12 pm – 4 pm: **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Day**

Title: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Day

Location: George Washington's Ferry Farm, 268 King's Highway, Fredericksburg, VA, 22405.

Description: A guided tour of the new Washington House, archaeology laboratory, Museum gallery, and the eighteenth-century demonstration garden.

Cost: \$9.00 adults, \$4.50 students; under six free.

Sponsor: The George Washington Foundation, 540-370-0732, ferryfarm.org

Oct. 7

When: October 7, 10:00-11:30 am

Title: Conservation on Display

Description: Join Conservator Chelsea Blake as she works on the *Betsy* gun-carriage and answers questions about the conservation process, underwater archaeology, and the conservation of maritime artifacts. Chelsea is re-treating the organic artifacts from *Betsy* courtesy of a National Parks Service Maritime Heritage Grant.

Location: The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Cost: Standard admission rates apply

Sponsored by: Virginia Department of Historic Resources and National Parks Service Maritime Heritage Grant

Oct. 9

When: October 9, 12-3 pm

Title: Archaeology Wash Day at the CAPE

Location: Center for Archaeology, Preservation and Education (the CAPE), 6783 Main St., Gloucester VA 23061

Description: Visitors will have the opportunity to wash historic artifacts excavated from various contexts at Fairfield Plantation in Gloucester, as well as tour the CAPE, which is a restored 1930s Texaco Station that serves as the headquarters of the foundation. Visitors are welcome to stop by for a few minutes, or stay the entire time. Children are welcome, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. If groups are interested in attending, please contact us.

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Oct. 12

When: October 12, at 11:00 am

Description: Join a park ranger for a **program on the history of the park** archaeology and the Sparks Cemetery archaeology project that was conducted at Booker T. Washington National Monument in December 2018.

When: October 12, 1 – 7 pm Portside in Old Town Fall Festival

Location: Waterfront Park, 1 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Description: Enjoy a day of live music, maritime history, nautical demonstrations and children's activities on the Old Town Alexandria waterfront. Explore Portside History from the Office of Historic Alexandria, highlighting the archaeological findings of 18th-century ships uncovered along the Old Town waterfront. Discover why a ship would be found in the ground with Shoreline Engineering, test your archaeology skills by documenting a model of the ship remains with Ship Mapping, and try your hand at Rope Making the 18th century way using a mini rope machine.

Cost: Free

Sponsor: Alexandria Archaeology, 703.746.4399, archaeology@alexandriava.gov
www.alexandriarchaeology.org

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When: October 12, starting at 9 am

Title: Archaeology Day at Historic Jamestowne

Location: 1368 Colonial Pkwy, Jamestown, VA 23081

Time/ Schedule – <https://historicjamestowne.org/visit/archaeology-day/>

Description: Multiple Activities:

9:00 am–4:30 pm: *Archaeology in Action!*

Share in the moment of discovery at the original 1607 James Fort. Meet the *Jamestown Rediscovery* archaeologists and learn about ongoing excavations as well as the latest discoveries. *Location: [James Fort](#)*

9:00 am–5:00 pm: *In the Footsteps of Democracy*

Visit the newly-refurbished Memorial Church to view the archaeological remains of Jamestown's 1617 Church, the meeting place of the first representative government in English America. Stand on the exact spot where the first General Assembly was held in 1619 and our nation's democracy began! *Location: [Memorial Church](#)*

9:30 am–5:30 pm: *From Fort to Port: Legacies of 1619*

Explore the newest exhibit in the Archaearium to discover how Jamestown developed into a flourishing port town by the second half of the 17th century. Learn more about the tobacco boom in Virginia as well as the exploitation of Africans, Virginia Indians, and indentured servants for labor. *Location: [Archaearium](#)*

10:00 am–10:45 am: *"The Foundations of Democracy: The Archaeology of the 1617 Church"*

Join Director of Archaeology, David Givens, for a presentation on the exciting discoveries relating to the 1617 church and the Knight's Tomb made during the recent excavations within the Memorial Church. *Location: [Memorial Church](#)*

10:00 am–4:00 pm: *Hands on the Past!*

Visit the Ed Shed where our younger visitors can participate in an array of hands-on activities, from pottery mending or build-your-own-fort. *Location: [The Ed Shed](#)*.

10:00 am–4:00 pm: *Artifact Adventures at the Archaearium*

Join some of our curators to learn how artifacts make it from the field to exhibit and learn about the tools used to conserve them. At the "sorting and picking" station lend a hand and help the archaeological team by combing through excavated material to discover the tiniest clues to fort life in the 17th century! *Location: [Archaearium](#)*

10:00 am–4:00 pm: *Forged in History*

Blacksmithing was one of the earliest trades to be practiced at Jamestown. Join blacksmiths Shel Browder and Steve Mankowski for demonstrations and a discussion of metalworking practices at the site of the original James Fort forge. *Location: [James Fort](#)*.

10:00 am–4:00 pm: *"Hoops and Staves"*

Join cooper Marshall Scheetz as he demonstrates traditional methods and tools for creating buckets, barrels, and casks. In the 17th century these wooden vessels were used not only for household activities but also for the transportation of precious cargo, such as wine, beer, tobacco, sugar, and salt. *Location: [Archaearium](#)*

10:00 am–4:00 pm: *Native Lifeways of the Chesapeake*

Meet Dan Firehawk Abbott of the Nanticoke people of Maryland's Eastern Shore

to learn about the material culture and lifeways of the Tidewater Algonquians as well as their interactions with the settlers of Jamestown. *Location: [Archaearium](#)*

10:00 am–4:00 pm: “A tractable trade”

Learn firsthand about the trials of the first English settlers and their experiences exploring the Chesapeake from Anas Todkill, one of the settlers who explored the bay with Captain John Smith. *Location: [James Fort](#)*

11:00 am–12:00 pm: James Fort Archaeology Walking Tour

Join an archaeologist for an in-depth tour of the 1607 fort site and learn about this season’s excavations and new discoveries. *Tour begins at the [Tercentennial Monument](#).*

11:00 am–12:00 pm: Kids Dig Historic Jamestowne

This “field work” for children will be focused around a simulated archaeological dig. Here, kids will practice digging techniques, participate in screening activities, and learn more about archaeological features, artifacts, and stratigraphy. *Location: Dig Box near the [The Ed Shed](#).*

12:00 pm–1:00 pm: Angela’s Story

Meet one of the earliest Africans who lived on Jamestown Island as she recalls her former home in Angola and the new world in which she was brought to live. *Location: Benches near the [Hunt Shrine](#)*

12:00 pm–1:00 pm: “Our best commoditie was iron”

Join blacksmiths Shel Browder and Steve Mankowski for a discussion of the materials and techniques used to re-create objects recovered by the *Jamestown Rediscovery* archaeologists. They will compare the original artifacts—from tools to swords—with reproductions made for the living history programming. *Location: [Memorial Church](#)*

1:00 pm–1:45 pm: “The Foundations of Democracy: The Archaeology of the 1617 Church”

Join Director of Archaeology, David Givens, for a presentation on the exciting discoveries relating to the 1617 church and the Knight’s Tomb made during the recent excavations within the Memorial Church. *Location: [Memorial Church](#)*

2:00 pm–3:00 pm: First Africans Walking Tour

This walking tour of [New Towne](#) will focus on the arrival of the first Africans in Virginia in 1619 as well as the story of African Americans at Jamestown beyond 1619. *Tour begins at the [Tercentennial Monument](#).*

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3:15 pm–4:15 pm: Angela’s Story

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Cost – Free with paid admission to Historic Jamestowne

Sponsor – The Edward Maria Wingfield Endowment Fund established by The Wingfield Family Society to honor Wingfield as soldier, investor and Jamestown's first president.

Contact: (757) 856-1250 <https://historicjamestowne.org>

Oct. 15

When: October 15, at 7 pm: Join Germanna Archaeology for “**Shipwrecks and Canoes of Virginia**,” lecture.

Location: Hitt Archaeology Center, 2062 Germanna Hwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508

Description: Dr. Bernard Means of Virginia Commonwealth University will highlight his work documenting shipwrecks and canoes of Virginia through 3D scanning and printing, focusing upon the *Betsy*.

Sponsor: Germanna Foundation, 2062 Germanna Hwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508

Contact: Eric Larsen elarsen@germanna.org 540-423-1700 www.germanna.org

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When: October 15, 7 pm

Title: Special Guest Lecture by Dr. Carole Nash of James Madison University *Archaeology, Citizen Science, and Community Engagement*

Location: Dairy Barn Lecture Hall / Frontier Culture Museum 1290 Richmond Road, Staunton, Virginia

Description: Public Archaeology refers to those aspects of the broad field of *archaeology* that relate to the *public* interest. Public archaeologists investigate the outcomes of the various innovative ways we can engage the public in archaeological research, both within archaeology and in terms of public awareness.

There are different areas of specialization within public archaeological practice, such as heritage education, cultural resource management (CRM), interpretation, museum studies, descendant collaboration, ethics, and cultural tourism, among others. There are also different research objectives including educational archaeology, archaeology activism, community archaeology, civically-engaged archaeology, and the archaeology of social justice.

Cost: Free

Contact: (540) 332-7850, visitor.center@fronteirmuseum.org

Oct. 16

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Oct. 18

When: October 18, 10 am to 4 pm

Title: **Archaeology Dig Days at King William Courthouse**

Location: King William County Courthouse, King William, VA

Description: Please stop by to see our test excavations at the Historic King William County Courthouse. We will be conducting some archaeological survey and testing to learn more about former buildings and activities that took place adjacent to the Colonial courthouse. You can see what we are finding, learn about archaeological survey techniques, and help us figure out where to do some additional testing.

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Oct. 19

When: October 19

Description International Archaeology Day

Sponsor: The Archaeological Institute of America

Contact: <https://www.archaeological.org/programs/public/archaeologyday/>

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When: October 19, 2:00-3:30 pm

Title: Join Archaeologist Karen McIlvoy for "**Exploring the Archaeology of Slavery at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.**"

Description: Over the past 30 years, archaeologists at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest have been able to excavate and interpret many sites related to the experiences of the enslaved Africans who lived and worked on the property. This presentation explores some of these key archaeology sites and emphasizes the impact these individuals had on shaping the history of Poplar Forest.

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When: October 19, 10 am – 5 pm

Title: Exhibit Opening "**Preserving Alexandria's Maritime Heritage**"

Location: Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St, #327, Alexandria, VA 22314

Description: Recent development of Alexandria's waterfront has led to significant discoveries by archaeologists, including the remains of four historic ships. Follow the story of the city's maritime heritage from excavation to preservation. View a 3D model of one of the historic vessels and find out how archaeologists are answering questions about the age and use of the ships, and what role they may have played in Alexandria's 18th and 19th century economies.

Cost: Free

Sponsor: Alexandria Archaeology

Contact: 703-746-4399 archaeology@alexandriava.gov
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When: October 19, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Title: Archeological Kids Day

Location: The Price Farm (just South of Richmond, North side of James River, off Osborn Turnpike)

Description: Food and drinks will be available.

Contact: Harry Jaeger snafu.manor@verizon.net or call 804-273-0247

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When: October 19, 9 am – 5 pm

Title: Archaeology Day

Location: Frontier Culture Museum, 1290 Richmond Road, Staunton, Virginia

Description: Enjoy demonstrations and hands-on activities involving the wide range of the archaeological record. Dig boxes will be available for the kids at the 1740s American Settlement exhibit. Other activities will be ongoing throughout the day at each of the Museum's exhibits at the West African Farm, the English Farm, Irish Farm and Forge, German Farm, Native American Homestead, 1740s American Settlement, 1820s and 1850s American Farm.

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When: October 23, 10am to 4pm

Title: Archaeology Dig Day at Fairfield Plantation

Location: Fairfield Plantation, Gloucester VA. Please email for directions.

Description: Participants can visit the historic site of Fairfield plantation and get involved in hands-on archaeology. Our current research is looking at test units adjacent to the ruins of the manor house (built c. 1694 and burned in 1897) that will help us understand the history of this structure and create 3D digital and printed models of the excavations. Other areas of focus include slave quarters and gardens that were near the main house. Visitors will help us excavate layers of soil and screen for artifacts. Children are welcome to attend, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact us.

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Oct. 24

When: October 24, 10 am – 4 pm

Title: Appreciate Kittiewan Day

Location: Archeological Society of Virginia headquarters, Kittiewan, 12106 Weyanoke Road, Charles City County, Virginia 23030

Description: Visit the Kittiewan site, learn about its preserved heritage, discover new opportunities to participate in its archaeology, and help with a variety of ongoing projects.

Contact: (804) 829-2272

Oct. 24-27

Title: 79th Annual Meeting, Archeological Society of Virginia

Location: Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center, Williamsburg, VA

Oct. 30

When: October 30, 2 pm – 3 pm

Title: Curator-led **Tour of the *Betsy* artifacts**

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