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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for 2008 should be submitted now to ensure the receipt of future *Inksherds* and the *Bulletin*. Dues are as follows: Sustaining (\$50.00), Contributing (\$30.00), Family (\$15.00), Library (\$15.00), Individual (\$10.00), and Junior (\$8.00). Mail to the Archaeological Society of Delaware, P.O. Box 12483, Wilmington, DE 19850-2483. Please remember to put the year for which the dues apply on your check! See form on last page.

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ASD's New Website - delawarearchaeology.org

Currently in the process of switching ownership of the domain name delawarearchaeology.org, the ASD will soon have online articles and links regarding Delaware and regional archaeology. Stay tuned!

ASD Certification

Historic Glass Workshop

For over three hours on the morning of November 15, the Delaware Archaeology Museum in Dover was filled with about 25 individuals interested in learning about historic glassware. Keith Doms was the presenter, who provided a chronology of bottles and jars from the

colonial period to the twentieth century. Doms provided two time lines, one being a chart showing

bottle manufacturing techniques and bottle types. The other chart showed a canning jar time line showing important jar producers, dates of invention of jar seals, and types of jar seals and when they were in use.

These charts were augmented by drawings and a lively presentation by Doms.

Attendees were also provided a bibliography of glass references which gave direction for further study. Another handout was a chronology of some major developments in glass bottle technology between 1850 and 1934. A striking example of the usefulness of this guide follows: "1933 - Prohibition ends in the U.S., in December, with the Twenty-first Amendment. Liquor bottles are now required to bear a phrase to the effect that 'FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS SALE OR RE-USE OF THIS BOTTLE'. This requirement was maintained



until 1964."

Avery's Rest Update

The ASD's excavations at Avery's Rest have located at least part of the house: a twelve-foot square, six-foot deep cellar. The faunal remains are plentiful, and the quantity and quality of the Delft are impressive. However, there is concern about long-term conservation needs. Of special concern are the metals, some of which will need professional conservation.

Many volunteers have made considerable donations of field and lab supplies. The ASD is currently waiting to see if any grants have been awarded to assist in the

costs. The Board has decided to create an Avery's Rest Fund. All monies in the fund will go to cover work

on the Avery's Rest site only. Donations can be sent to:

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Delaware Archaeology

Historical Presentation - "Millers, Miners and American Indian Farmers along White Clay Creek—History in White Clay Creek State Park" - Dr. Cara Lee Blume

7:00 pm, Monday, December 1, 2008
Deerfield Golf and Tennis Club, Newark, DE

Over the last 25 years, Dr. Cara Lee Blume has researched the history of White Clay Creek State Park, focusing on the people who lived there and their relationship with the land. In her presentation, she will discuss the settlement of the area included in the Carpenter Recreation Area, White Clay Creek Preserve and Whiteley Farm (now known as Possum Hill) and the many ways people have made a living from this diverse landscape. Dr. Blume is Cultural Heritage Program Manager for the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation.

The presentation is part of the fall meeting of the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park, which will begin at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 1, 2008 at the park's Deerfield Golf and Tennis Club. This event is free and open to the general public. No reservations are required. For more information call 302-239-2471 or visit www.WhiteClayFriends.org.

Delaware Park Racetrack History - Ken Baumgardt is pleased to introduce his first book, now for prerelease. "Delaware Park: Winners, Losers and Longshots" chronicles the history of Delaware Park Racetrack, founded in 1937 by William DuPont. A true Delaware institution, Delaware Park was one of the first "modern" parks. DuPont's desire to develop and operate a place of excitement and family fun continues to the present. The book is a study of the park from its humble beginnings to the present and includes many historic photos. A portion of the proceeds will support the efforts of the Christiana Historical Society.

http://www.historypress.net/index_forthcoming.php or, http://www.amazon.com/Delaware-Park-Winners-Losers-Shots/dp/1596294663/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1215652942&sr=8-1

Delaware Air National Guard History - Since the Korean War, the Delaware Air National Guard has flown and fought in almost every corner of the globe. It answered the call in Vietnam, the Middle East, the Balkans, and most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan. The new book, *Delaware Air National Guard* commemorates 60 years of service from this well-known local institution.

Delaware Air National Guard boasts more than 200 vintage images and a supportive narrative from local author Brig. Gen. Kennard R. Wiggins Jr. The new book is a revealing look at the "Blue Hen Air Force" and its evolution into a professional organization that shoulders a significant operational role for the U.S. Air Force and serves as a versatile emergency resource for the state of Delaware.

Author Brig. Gen. Kennard R. Wiggins Jr. hopes the new book has "captured the legacy of the men and women of the Delaware Air National Guard."

Highlights of *Delaware Air National Guard*:

- The halcyon days of the 1950's and early sixties when Delaware was enjoying the post-war boom and the Delaware Guardsmen were flying fighter jets
- The charismatic leadership of the vintage days when the ANG was transformed from an amateur "flying club" to a professional organization
- Living legends such as Brig Gen William Spruance, who flew with Gen. Patton and David "Snapper" McCallister.

A portion of the profit from book sales will be donated to the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation's Delaware Military Museum. Price: \$21.99, 128 pages/ softcover

Author book signings scheduled for **Barnes and Noble**, Concord Pike, Saturday 20 December at 2 PM Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Institute of Maritime History Report

IMH recently released a status report entitled *Submerged Historical Inventory Project (SHIP) Potomac River, St. Mary's River, Smith Creek and St. George's Island Reconnaissance* - Oct. 2008

SHIP, a multi-state project to locate submerged historic sites for SHPOs, began in 2003 and utilizes volunteer divers and researchers. In 2007, fieldwork confirmed the location of one Civil War wreck and four previously unknown 20th century wrecks.

Please contact ASDinksherd@comcast.com for the full report.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

In Memoriam

Archaeologist Howard MacCord passed away November 3. From 1962 to 1976, he served as Virginia's State Archaeologist, and also served on the Boards of the Archaeological Societies of Maryland and Virginia. With over 100 publications to his name, he was a solid supporter of Middle Atlantic Archaeology and most recently was involved in the future plans of the Kittiewan Plantation, the new home of the Archaeological Society of Virginia.

Please read Lyle Browning's tribute to Howard MacCord at <http://asv-archeology.org/News/News.html>

Chapter Meetings

New Castle County Chapter - Officer: Joan Parsons, President

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Greenbank Mill, 500 Greenbank Rd., Wilmington, DE at 8:00 p.m.

The People's Chapter (Kent County) - Officers:

Linda Horstick, President
Craig Lukezic, Vice President.

Meet on the second Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Delaware Archaeology Museum, 316 South Governors Avenue, Dover.
Call the Museum, 302-739-3260.

Sussex County Chapter - Officer: - John Bansch, President; Board Members: Peter Bon, Terri Lottmann, John McGovern, Jill Showell

Held every other month on the second Thursday of the month at the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes at 7pm, starting in January.

Most regular meetings will be joint meetings with the Maritime Chapter, in order to share training, guest speakers, and mutual projects.

Maritime Chapter - Officer: William Taylor, President

Held every other month on the second Thursday of the month at the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes at 7pm, starting in January (meetings combined with Sussex Chapter)

Name _____

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- ___ \$ 50.00 Sustaining Membership
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- ___ \$ 15.00 Family Membership
- ___ \$ 15.00 Institution Membership
- ___ \$ 10.00 Individual Membership
- ___ \$ 8.00 Student/Junior Membership

I would like to attend the following Chapter Meetings:

- ___ The Peoples Archaeological Society of DE (Kent County)
- ___ Southern Chapter (Sussex County)
- ___ Maritime Chapter (Sussex County)
- ___ Northern Chapter (New Castle County)

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