



# INKSHERDS

## Newsletter of the Archaeological Society of Delaware

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### Coast Day 2009

The ASD will be participating for the first time at Coast Day on October 4 at the University of Delaware, College of Marine Sciences in Lewes. The ASD Sussex Chapter and the ASD Maritime Chapter, along with IMH, will be exhibiting. The dive boat Roper, owned by IMH, will be there. The lab for the Lewes Shipwreck project has been located at the college for the past 3 years. **If you would like to help ASD exhibit during this very popular annual event that draws 1000's of people, please contact Dawn Chessaek at [chsh8kd@verizon.net](mailto:chsh8kd@verizon.net).**

### Cannon-Maston Farm Project (7S-E-205)

On August 13, Sussex County performed Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) at the Cannon-Maston Farm in Seaford in an effort to locate underground features as part of ASD's archaeological survey of this historic property. The goal of this testing was to identify features and foundations in the yard area adjacent to the old brick house.

Peter Bon explains the project below:

*We had Cherie Clark, Craig Lukezic, Ken Bryson, Keith Short, Terri Lottman, John Bansch, Jim Carmine, Randy Murray, Anne Nesbitt plus others from the Seaford Historical Society who visited briefly. Dan Parsons, Sussex County Historic Preservation Planner, was with us most of the day also. The folks from the Sussex County Engineering crew were very interested and worked hard all day. We had a 100-foot square mapped out for them to scan before they were set up and running, so we were able to "cover" the square by quitting time. Fortunately the rain held off, except for a brief sprinkle. The entire day was a learning experience for the Engineering guys and our gang, and we hope to survey another section with GPR after we have digested what was obtained yesterday.*

*I recorded the coordinates, the depth and the "direction" of the significant echoes, following the GPR crew, which included two of our people moving tapes as guides for the radar vehicle. We recorded 62 targets and actually did STPs at three locations. All three held artifacts. One unit provided a case bottle base, about 2 inches square with some body sherds. Another unit provided coal fragments, iron nails and cracked pebbles. The third unit uncovered an iron one-inch pipe parallel to a slightly larger black plastic pipe. The pipes appear to lead from a pump house (well?) to the Cannon Maston House about 150 feet to the south.*

*Near the end of the day, it was noted that most of the radar returns showed a depth of one to two and a half feet. However in the eastern section there was a row of returns at a depth of 5 feet running from E63 past E100 to about E110. (My first thought was that we might have picked up a fence line.)*

After completion of field work at Avery's Rest, and when the harvest is over, the Sussex Chapter is interested in conducting a surface survey to define the boundaries of a Native American site in the adjacent fields that Glen Mellin found (7S-E-3). Currently, a tree is undermining a section of the western wall of the house, and its roots must be removed in the near future. This research will be used by Dan Parsons of Sussex County to develop a preservation plan for this property. Please let Peter Bon ([borntodig@verizon.net](mailto:borntodig@verizon.net)) or John Bansch ([beach-home@verizon.net](mailto:beach-home@verizon.net)) know if you would like to help.

Future ASD projects at the Cannon-Maston farm will be announced as they materialize over the next year or two.

### Amstel House Excavations

The ASD, The New Castle Historical Society, and the New Castle Community History and Archaeology Program conducted excavations at the Amstel House in July and August as part of improvements to the property. Preliminary analysis suggests that below the twentieth century landscaping, an eighteenth century fenceline and gravel walk was located north of the house, and a nineteenth century brick walk sat nearer to the house. Analysis should be completed by the end of September. A report of the work will be on file with the Historical Society.

### Avery's Rest Work Moving Indoors

The lab work for the cleaning and sorting of artifacts excavated from the past two summers will begin soon in Frederica. If you or somebody that you know is interested in this lab work, please contact John Bansch or Dan Griffith. Training will be provided. Dates and times to be determined.

## News from Maritime Chapter

The Maritime continues to hold joint meetings with the Sussex Chapter. The Institute for Maritime History's dive boat *Roper* will be returning to Lewes on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for two weeks of scanning and diving in Lewes Harbor and, conditions permitting, Hen and Chickens Shoal in the Atlantic. Or, if there is enough interest (6 student minimum), a four-day field school can be held. The one held in August in the Potomac River was highly successful. If you are interested, please contact David Howe directly as soon as possible at david.howe@maritimehistory.org. Contributions for fuel welcome. The general plan for scanning will be to leave the dock at 9am and return about 5pm. There will be no scanning on October 3-4 because *Roper* will be participating in "Boast the Coast" on Saturday and Coast Day at the University of Delaware on Sunday, along with the Sussex and Maritime Chapters.

Click on the following article to learn more:  
Volunteers to conduct underwater archaeology  
<http://www.capegazette.com/storiescurrent/200909/underwaterarch08.html>

## Archaeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake

The ASNC chapter is hosting the annual meeting of the Archaeological Society of Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 17th at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum. Please check out their updated website for more information: <http://sites.google.com/site/northernchesapeake/>

### Dr. Doug Owsley to Speak

On the evening of Thursday, September 24, Dr. Doug Owsley will give the presentation *Forensic Files of the 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Chesapeake* at the Nabb Center in Salisbury. This lecture will be sponsored by the Edward H. Nabb Research Center and the Pemberton Hall Foundation. For more information, please see <http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu>

Also related, is the current exhibit at the Smithsonian: <http://anthropology.si.edu/writteninbone>

### Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck

The DHCA has a virtual exhibit of some of Sharon's excellent drawings of the artifacts from the Roosevelt Inlet shipwreck.

Please check it out at:  
<http://history.delaware.gov/archaeology/shipwreck1.shtml>

## Chapter Meetings

### New Castle County Chapter

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)

Meetings are currently on hiatus.

### Sussex County Chapter

Meetings will be announced via email and on the ASD web site under the Sussex Chapter page. Meeting dates, times, and places will vary.

### Maritime Chapter

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

## 2010 Membership Dues

ASD membership dues should be sent in by the end of the year to ensure continued delivery of e-mails, *Inksheds* and *Bulletins*.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership/Annual Dues

Enclosed are the dues for (check type):

- \_\_\_ \$ 50.00 Sustaining Membership
- \_\_\_ \$ 30.00 Contributing Membership
- \_\_\_ \$ 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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DELAWARE **Humanities** FORUM  
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***Picturing Delaware: Inside and Outside the Frame:  
Inspired by Place***  
**Milton, Delaware, Sussex County**

**Friday, September 18, 2009**  
**Keynote Lecture and Reception**  
**Milton Theatre, 110 Union Street**

7:00 pm "*Buildings of Delaware*"  
Keynote Speaker: W. Barksdale Maynard

8:30 pm Reception

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**  
**Symposium**  
**Milton Public Library, 121 Union Street**

8:15 am - 9:00 am

***Registration and Continental Breakfast provided***

9:00 am - 9:10 am

Greetings & Introductions: Larry Josefowski, Marilyn Whittington  
"*Our Effect on the Land: Industry and Agriculture*"

9:10 am - 9:30 am

*Avery's Rest: Archaeology of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Colonial Sussex County* (Daniel Griffith)

9:35 am - 9:55 am

*Railroads through Sussex County* (Keith Short)

10:00 am – 10:20 am

*Church Camp: A Tradition of Unique Connections* (Reverend Jack Shitama)

"*Land's Effect on Us: The Environment*"

10:30 am – 10:50 am

*Delaware's Priceless Environment: 400 Years from 1609 – 2009* (Gerald Kaufmann)

11:00 am – 11:20 am

*The Arts and Mysteries of the Delaware Bay and River* (Dick Buckaloo)

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Sport hunting (not confirmed)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

***Lunch (on your own)***

*Picturing Delaware: Portraying Place*

1:30 pm – 1:50 pm

*Title on Jack Lewis and Howard Schroeder* (Ann Baker Horsey)

2:00 pm – 2:20 pm

*Title* (David Ames)

2:30 pm – 2:50 pm

*Drawing from the Past* (Stephen Ruskowski)

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm

*Outside In: Art Inspired by the Aesthetics of Residential Architecture in Bethany Beach* (Ricky Sears)

3:20 pm – 3:30 pm

***Closing Comments***

Friday keynote lecture is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Saturday symposium events are free.  
Donations are greatly appreciated.