

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MIDDLE JAMES RIVER CHAPTER OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

The Middle James River Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia invites you to our third meeting since our inception. Join us on **Sunday, March 29th. We'll meet from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Hamble Center, located just behind the Amherst County Historical Society, 154 South Main Street, Amherst Virginia, 24521**

<https://amherstcountymuseum.org>

Membership in the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) is not required to attend this meeting. All are welcome.

The March 29th meeting will focus on the historic resources available to us in central Virginia and how archeological field work can engage people with what remains of the past.

1. Michael Lachance from the Programs Committee will share his recent review of the **2010 Historical Resources Survey of Amherst County, establishing context for archeological work in central Virginia.**

Michael will discuss how that document can be used to evaluate both past archeological work done in the county and how it can be a tool for future investigations. This 146 page document was prepared for The County of Amherst and The Virginia Department of Historic Resources in Richmond. W. Scott Smith was the Principal and Daniel Pezzoni was the Report Author. Sandra Esposito also contributed to the report. The pdf version of the document can be downloaded by using the [Academic.org](https://academia.edu/resource/work/7619225) website. <https://academia.edu/resource/work/7619225>. Michael's program will last 30 minutes.

2. Daniel Pezzoni, who is an architectural historian with preservation consulting firm Landmark Preservation Associates, will present an introduction to **Native American Ritual Stone Construction in the Middle James River Chapter ASV Area (Short-Play Version!).** Pre-colonial stone constructions are usually associated with other parts of the United States but we may have been too quick to assume local stone fences and enclosures were built by early European settlers and African American slaves. Dan will provide a 20-minute presentation on this subject.

3. After a short break we will reconvene to discuss chapter business and future activities. People who are not members of the Archeological Society

are welcome to stay and learn more about the work and benefits of membership. Chapter vice president Peter Harrison will lead the business session, standing in for president Cindy Shelton who has an important and unexpected family commitment that day. The agenda will include the following...

- **Funding** – Discuss and approve \$500 Local Chapter Funding Request to be submitted to State Board of the ASV.
- **Lynchburg 250 Event** – Discuss our interest in supporting this event by having a Middle James River Chapter presence to promote interest in local archeology and chapter membership.
- **Archeological Society of Virginia Annual Meeting (Sept 24-27, 2026, Drury Plaza Hotel Richmond)** – Provide information on attending this meeting, along with hotel reservation details.
- **Certification Opportunities** – Provide list of activities that can contribute towards ASV Archeology Technician certification hours.
- Reminder to complete member roster (per Cindy's earlier message). Deadline for completion is April 29th.
- Thank our host and presenters, and agree date for next meeting.