



M A R Y L A N D

Office of Planning and Zoning

Cultural Resources Section

and our partners with the

*Lost Towns
Project*



APRIL IS MARYLAND ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH!

DID YOU KNOW?

Anne Arundel County has more recorded archaeological sites than any other jurisdiction in the State! Over 1,600 sites represent our archaeological heritage, from 13,000 year old Native American camp sites, to colonial plantations, to the ruins of 20th century beach resorts. The discovery, preservation, and study of these sites help to write new chapters in local history, and we want you to get involved!

Check out the public events and activities offered by our office, and other local history & archaeology programs as part of the statewide celebration of Maryland Archaeology Month. We invite you to sign up for one of our programs in the coming months. Bring your family and friends to discover and interact with actual artifacts.

From lectures and workshops, to lab processing and artifact analysis, to exciting archaeology fieldwork opportunities, these programs cater to a range of different age groups and interests. Email our public outreach coordinator Dr. Zachary Singer at pzsing23@aacounty.org to learn more or to sign up for these events.

The County Archaeology Laboratory is expanding its hours!

- ◆ Students and volunteers are invited to help professional archaeologists wash and label artifacts at the County laboratory located at Historic London Town in Edgewater.
- ◆ We will now be open every Thursday evening (2pm until 9pm) and on most Saturdays from 10am until 3pm. Space is limited, so you must sign up in advance. Email pzsing23@aacounty.org
- ◆ Nervous? Haven't worked in a lab before? Join us for a **Lab Open House** on April 5, 2018. No reservations required for this special event~ Just drop by between 4 and 8 pm.
- ◆ Lab activities are appropriate for students as young as 12. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.





*Excavations at the
"Java" site - 18AN339*

*"Archaeology is a
great hook for
engaging students in
order to teach them
social studies content
and skills."*

*~ George Brauer, Social
Studies Educator,
Baltimore County
Public Schools*

March 1, 2018 at 6pm

Artifact Cataloging Introduction focusing on identifying colonial era artifacts. (County Lab)

March 3, 2018 at 1pm

"Partying through Time": An interactive workshop focusing on food ways and historic beverages. Joint program with Historic London Town and Gardens.

Reservations Required: \$FEE.

Sign up at www.historiclondontown.org/events

March 10, 2018 (9am-3:30pm)

Archeological Society of Maryland Annual Workshop. Our own Dr. Zac Singer will be presenting the latest discoveries about the River Farm Site on Jug Bay, including residue analysis results at this annual statewide conference.

March 15-18, 2018

Mid Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Virginia Beach, VA

www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/conferences.htm

*(*County Lab will be closed as staff will be attending the conference)*

March 27, 2018 (all day)

Central Middle School STEM Field Trip to Two Run Branch, a Native American Site. (Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary)

April 5, 2018 (4-8 pm)

Archaeology Lab Open House. Drop by, see the latest discoveries, and sign up to volunteer for the 2018 season! (County Lab)

April 7, 2018 (9am -4pm)

Atlas Obscura Archaeology Session at Two Run Branch, a Native American Site at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary.

\$FEE: Sign up at www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/washington-dc#events

April 8, 2018 (10am-3pm)

It's '**Maryland Day' Weekend**. Come explore artifacts from the County's colonial past. Special Open Lab Hours! (County Lab)

Learn more at www.marylandday.org

April 21, 2018 (10am-3pm)

Celebrate colonial history and archaeology at "**Brice House Community Day with Bob the Builder**" County archaeologists will be on hand with the "Traveling Archaeology Exhibit" at this interactive kid-friendly street party event. FREE. (East Street, Annapolis MD)

April 21, 2018 (11am-4pm -- rain or shine)

Discovering Archaeology Day at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, State Museum of Archaeology. St. Leonard, MD. FREE.

<http://www.jefpat.org/Documents/2018-DADFlyerAndRegistration.pdf>

April 23, 2018 (9-11:30am)

Guided tour of the County Archaeology Lab and Museum at Historic London Town for the "*Archaeology Conservancy*". Reservations Required: \$FEE.

Tour information available at www.archaeologicalconservancy.org

April 28, 2018 (all day)

Severn River Land Trust "Walk in the Woods": County archaeologists will lead a guided archaeology tour of Bacon Ridge Natural Area and share artifacts recovered from several sites on the property.

<https://srlt.org/news/walk-for-the-woods>.
(Farm Road, Crownsville.)

May 5, 2018 (9am-3pm)

Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites 27th annual Statewide Conference. Stacy Poulos will be representing Anne Arundel County's program and sharing best practices for regulatory oversight of historic cemeteries.

<http://cpmb.org/event/2018-annual-meeting-and-statewide-conference/>



Exotic artifacts from the prehistoric Pig Point site near Jug Bay (18AN50)

May 5, 2018 (9:30-11:30am)

"The Archaeology of Glendening Nature Preserve: A Hike Though History." Cultural Resources Section Staff will lead this hike, and share how our research has informed us about the people who lived here thousands of years before us. Reservations Required: \$FEE.

Sign up at <http://www.jugbay.org/>



17th Century navigational dividers from 18AN932

May 12, 2018 (10am-3pm)

Special Lab Program: *London Town Shore Party*. Celebrate the County's maritime roots. Maritime artifacts recovered from across the County will be highlighted. Oyster shell, fishhooks, net weights, and even the fish bones themselves will come out of the storage boxes for the public to see and touch!(County Lab) No registration required, but Historic London Town Entrance Fee applies.

June 9, 2018 (10am-2pm)

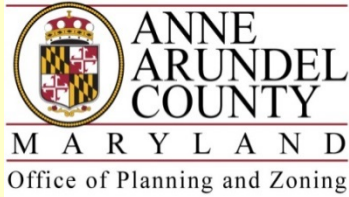
"The Archaeology of the Patuxent River: Canoeing through History." Join Cultural Resources Section Staff to see the land as Native Americans would have-- from the River. Jane Cox and Zac Singer will lead a paddling tour along the Patuxent, pointing our sites of interest and talking about the general 'prehistory' of the area. Reservations Required: \$FEE.

Sign up at www.jugbay.org/

July 7, 2018 (10am-3pm)

Special Lab Program: *Revolutionary London Town*. Artifacts from around the time of the Revolutionary War will come out of the storage boxes for the public to see and touch!(County Lab) No registration required, but Historic London Town Entrance Fee applies.

www.visitmaryland.org/event/revolutionary-london-town



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July 21, 2018 (9:30-11:30am)

"The Archaeology of River Farm: A Hike Through History." Cultural Resources Section Staff will lead a tour of the ongoing excavations at River Farm. Once the site of a large Indian village, scientific excavation is ongoing at this important Native American site which has yielded artifacts nearly 10,000 years old! Reservations Required: \$FEE.

Sign up at www.jugbay.org/

July 21, 2018 (10am-3pm)

Day of Archaeology Festival at Dumbarton House (2715 Q St NW, Washington, DC 20007). County archaeologists will share our archaeology and history programs, display the "Traveling Archaeology Exhibit", and look for new volunteers! Fun for kids and adults alike. FREE!

www.archaeologyincommunity.com

Ongoing Through May 2018

"Pieces of the Past" An interactive kiosk exhibit on key archaeological sites from Anne Arundel County. Linthicum Branch Library. 400 Shipley Road, Linthicum Heights, MD.

Ongoing Through Summer 2018

Skipwith's Addition Archaeological Exhibit: Learn about recent discoveries at this 17th century house site. Heritage Center, Anne Arundel County Permit Center, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD

Public Archaeology Field Sessions at the 18th century Ferguson Site (18AN1519) at Historic London Town

Anne Arundel County is excited to announce summer archaeological field sessions at the Ferguson Site on the shores of the South River. The County Cultural Resources Section, in cooperation with Historic London Town and Gardens and the Lost Towns Project, will be hosting a hands-on real world archaeological dig! Open to the Public!!

Investigations will begin in June 2018 at the 18th century home site of Alexander Ferguson, a merchant, a tailor, and a prominent resident of the colonial seaport of London Town.

Two sessions will be open to the public: June 20th-23rd and June 27th-30th, 2018.

Reservations are required, and space is limited. Families welcome, but children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Email pzsing23@aacounty.org or call the County Archaeology Lab at 410-222-1318 for more information.

Online registration will be posted soon!



19th Century painting looking south, across the South River towards London Town and the Ferguson house and warehouse.