

Virginia

Conservation Association

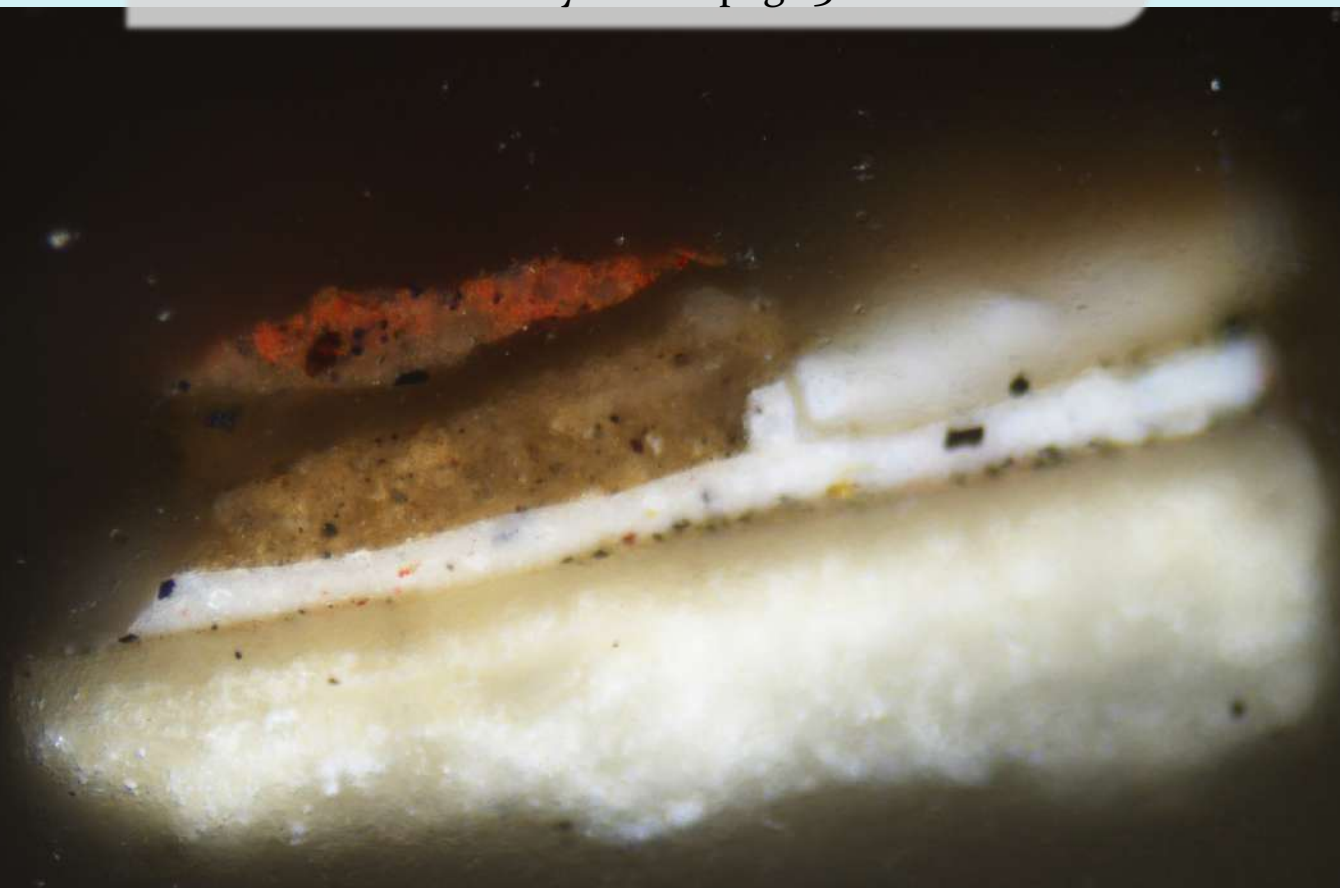
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The Virginia Conservation Association promotes the care and preservation of cultural materials. The VCA offers education and training for those involved in conservation and provides a forum for discussion of pertinent issue and developments in the field.

Layers Abound!

Our March meeting will include a presentation from Susan Buck, PhD about her work with microscopy and cross-section analysis. See page 3 for details



Here is a cross-section of a 17th century oil painting on panel belonging to Agecroft Hall and Gardens. The work was recently examined by VCA member Allison Kelley with consultation from Susan Buck as part of the Paintings Block for the first-year class of the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation

ACP 1788 Sample in visible light at 200x magnification

Letter From the President



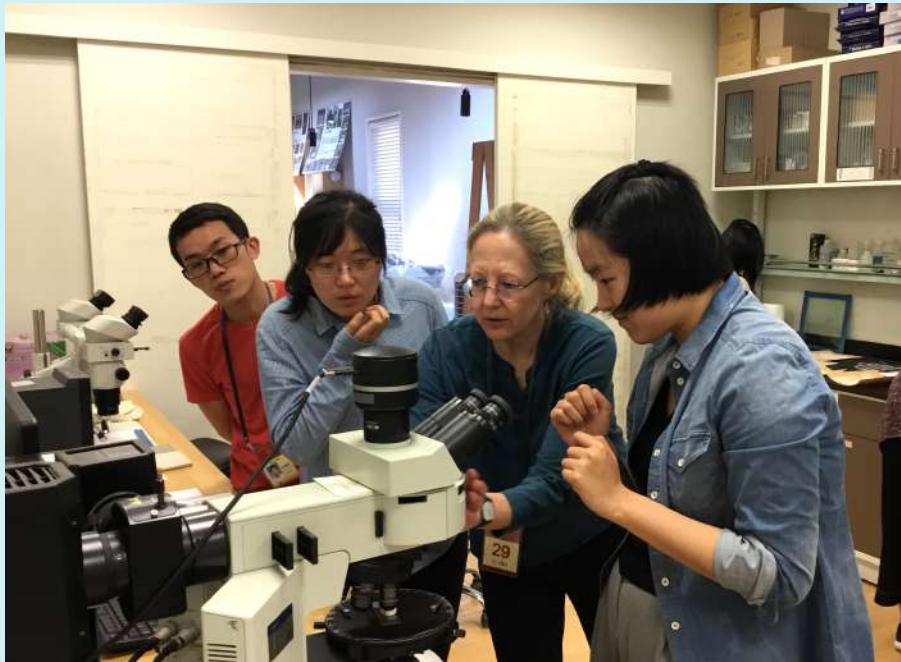
Kate Ridgway, VCA President

A big thank you to everyone who came to the VCA special meetings to talk about our organization's future. In addition, an extra thank you to everyone who watched online and helped us test this new (to VCA) technology, it seems to have worked like a charm! As promised, there will be a meeting in Richmond. It will be the evening of April 16th at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Thanks to their generosity, we will be able to use one of their large classrooms, so please, everyone come and discuss this important topic. This meeting will also be streamed for those who cannot make it in person. I will send out a special email closer to the date with all the details.

I was asked at the last meeting what the time line is for these changes. After the meeting in April, there may be one more meeting and that would be in May or early June. Then the board will meet over the summer to discuss the results and come up with a few options for reorganization. Those options will then be sent out to the membership so that they can see the ideas and get back to the board with comments. If there are no major objections, then the membership will vote on the options at the member meeting in November. This will allow time for the options to be printed in a newsletter as well as be sent out as a special email. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments!

March Meeting in Williamsburg: Art Under the Microscope

with Susan Buck, PhD, Conservator and Paint Analyst



When: Thursday, March 19 6:00 PM

Where: Stryker Center,
Williamsburg Public Library
412 N Boundary St.
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Many of you may remember in September when the VCA posted a notice for a talk that Dr. Susan Buck was giving at William & Mary about microscopy and art conservation. Dr. Buck has kindly agreed to give her talk again to the VCA. Optical microscopy techniques reveal minuscule clues about object's creation, history, deterioration, and past interventions. This talk will explore how reflective and transmitted light cross-section microscopy can be used to inform conservation decision making and further our understanding of objects and the past.

There will be a business meeting and refreshments prior to the talk. The Stryker Center is across from the Scotland St. Williamsburg Public Library. They share a parking lot.

Workshop - Prepare for the Unexpected & Keep Operating During a Disaster

Monday, April 6

Jamestown Settlement

2110 Jamestown Road

Williamsburg, VA

Emergencies can happen at any time, and often when you're not at your museum. Join VAM and the *Peninsula Museums Forum* to hear first-hand accounts from museum staff about how a disaster can happen during the most unexpected times and how they reached out to community and colleagues to tackle it. Learn how to be prepared and get your team involved before an emergency takes place. Topics covered will include developing policies and procedures such as a continuation of operations plan (COOP) and the importance of having a relationship with your local first responders and how to create it. Time will also be devoted to how to use various emergency supplies.

Featured Guest Speakers:

Tracy Bryan, Director of Facilities, Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Jennifer England, Director, Isle of Wight County Museum

Homer Lanier, Interpretative Site Manager, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

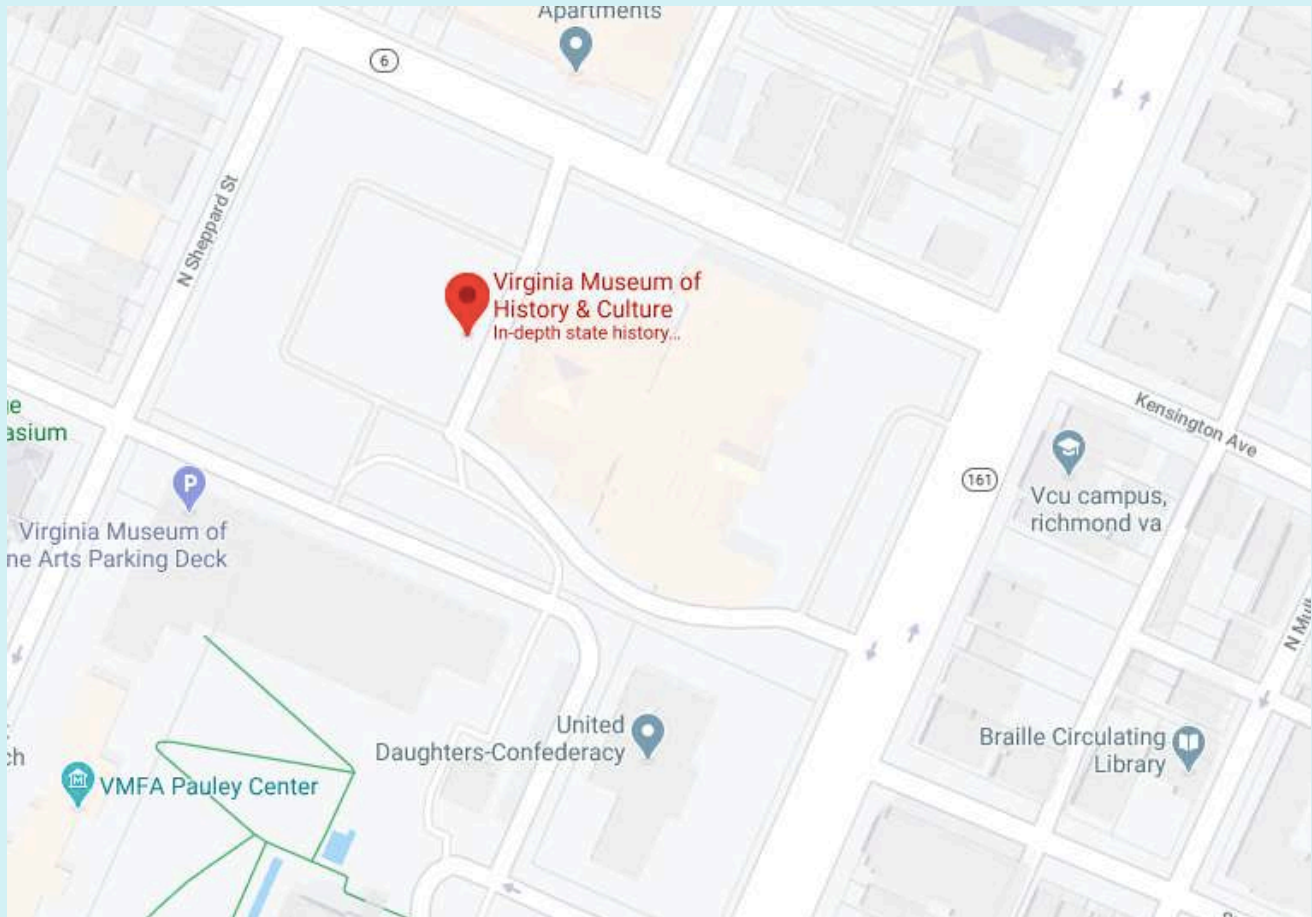
Tracey Neikirk, Curator, Isle of Wight County Museum

For registration details visit the link below:

<https://www.vamuseums.org/events/workshop---prepare-for-the-unexpected-and-keep-operating-during-a-disaster>

Workshop hosted by Virginia Association of Museums

April Reorganization Discussion Meeting



When: April 16th, 6pm - 8pm

Where: Virginia Museum of History and Culture Learning Center,
Blueford Classroom
428 North Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23221

(Parking is in a lot on Kensington Ave. It is the same lot for DHR parking, the entrance to the learning center is also on the Kensington Ave side of the building)

Board Position Openings

There are several board positions becoming available in the upcoming nomination period. The nominating committee will soon be announced. If you are interested in a board position, contact the board member currently in that position. Elections will be held during the May members meeting.

The Board is Seeking the Following:

Secretary (1 seat)
Membership (1 seat)
Programs (1 seat)
Publications (1 seat)
Refreshments (2 seats)
Web Manager (1 seat)

May Meeting Date Change

Thursday, May 14th; 6 pm*
Recent Painting Treatment at Richmond
Conservation Studio

Lorraine Brevig – Richmond
Conservation Studio

*Location: Ginter Park branch,
Richmond Public Library,
1200 Westbrook Ave.
Richmond, VA 23227*

*The meeting has changed to the
SECOND THURSDAY of May so that
those attending AIC can also attend the
VCA meeting

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The Virginia Conservation Association

Membership Application & Dues Payment

***Required**

*Date: _____, 20_____

* _____ New * _____ Renewing

(Name as you would like for it to appear in the Directory-Please indicate if you do **not** want to be included in the Directory)

*First _____ *Last _____

*Address: _____ *City _____

*State _____ *ZIP _____ *Telephone: (_____) _____

*Email: _____ Title: _____

Organization(s): _____ Website: _____

I Identify As:

_____ Administrator	_____ Conservator	_____ Librarian
_____ Appraiser	_____ Conservation Technician	_____ Post Graduate-Intern/Fellow
_____ Collector	_____ Curator	_____ Supporter
_____ Collection Mgr./Registrar	_____ Framer/Preparator	_____ Student
_____ Other (Specify) _____		

Areas of Conservation Expertise:

_____ Objects	_____ Furniture	_____ Paintings
_____ Ethnographic Objects	_____ Frames/Gilded Objects	_____ Painted Surfaces
_____ Archaeological Objects	_____ Textiles	_____ Conservation Science
_____ Architecture	_____ Books and Paper	_____ Preventive Conservation
_____ Sculpture	_____ Photographic Materials	_____ Accept Private Contracts
_____ Other (Specify) _____		

Are you willing to be a Disaster Response Volunteer in the event of an emergency? _____

Are you willing to serve as a Mentor? _____ Would you like to have a Mentor? _____

Are you interested in serving on the VCA board in the future? (see website for details) _____

Practicing Conservator/Consultant Conservators Only:

Would you like your contact information included in our website's VCA Services Directory? _____

The Virginia Conservation Association is open to all interested individuals. To become a member, complete this form and return it with your check made payable to VCA for \$30 (Regular) or \$15 (Student: Enclose a copy of a valid student ID) to the address below. To join online, visit www.virginiaconservationassociation.org/wp/.

Application and dues payment must be received by **October 15th** to ensure inclusion in the VCA Directory.

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