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 issues 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.
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 16\textsuperscript{th} 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:


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 (1 seat)
- 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__________________________________________

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*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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