

## Press Release

Dr. Darrin Lowery to speak on Kent Island's Archaeology – Wednesday, March 20

The March General Meeting of the Kent Island Heritage Society will feature a special presentation on local archaeology. Noted archaeologist, Dr. Darrin Lowery, will discuss “Kent Island’s Archaeological Treasures and What They Tell Us”. Dr. Lowery, affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Delaware, is considered the most knowledgeable living expert on the archaeology of the Eastern Shore. In the early 90’s he conducted an extensive survey at multiple locations around Kent Island in cooperation with the Kent Island Heritage Society. He discovered and documented hundreds of archaeological treasures, both from the prehistoric and historic eras, including numerous Native American artifacts at locations spread across the Island. He also located melted trade beads on Southern Kent Island at or near the location of Kent Fort, William Claiborne’s first settlement and fort, established in 1631. The fort suffered an early fire in which those beads melted. He recently found additional beads in that same area.

Dr. Lowery was raised on Tilghman Island and has deep Eastern Shore roots extending back to the mid-1600s. He has both bachelors, masters degrees in anthropology / archaeology, and a doctorate degree in geology from the University of Delaware, where he continues to serve in adjunct faculty positions. His affiliation with the Smithsonian includes a research fellowship, a research associate position, and a post-doctoral fellowship.

“We are excited and honored to have Darrin Lowery join us to share his passion and expertise”, said Jack Broderick, KIHS President. “It’s safe to say that Dr. Lowery knows more about the archaeological history of Kent Island than any living person”.

He will share his experience, insight, and some of his artifacts at on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Christ Church in Stevensville. It promises to be a fascinating evening. The public is invited. For more information call Jack at 410-829-7760.



Dr. Darrin Lowery