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# THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Founded and incorporated, January 1974, at St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands as a non-profit, scientific organization.

The object for which this corporate society is formed is to bring together those persons having a serious interest in archaeology, history and related studies; to explore, excavate (under the aegis and direction of the Territorial Archaeologist of the government of the U.S. Virgin Islands), chart and study the cultures of primitive peoples who once inhabited our Islands; to publish the Society's findings; to communicate with other archaeological and historical societies and disseminate knowledge acquired through such activities.

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## SOCIETY JOINS COALITION

The Virgin Islands Archaeological Society joined with the V. I. Conservation Society for a Coalition Meeting on 26 February 1977. We searched the community for organizations interested and involved in preserving and enriching the cultural life of our islands and in promoting a quality existence for those people who live here. Surprisingly, a list of more than 40 such private organizations and a dozen governmental agencies was produced. The Coalition Committee is currently preparing a resource document listing all of these organizations and their interests as well as Officers and contact information.

Any person who is interested in receiving a copy of this document, or would like to submit an entry should contact either Mr. Arthur Watres, V. I. C. S., Box 4187, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801 or Mrs. Katheryne Kay-Willock, Administrator, V. I. Archaeological Society, Box 7783, St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands 00801.

Mr. Charles Tilton said in his opening address to the Coalition: Like every American community, we have a wealth of good things which we have enjoyed and taken for granted. But we know that if our descendants are to know and enjoy a quality existence, we have a large task before us to defend, preserve and enrich the best that nature created and man have produced. We have a further task of instilling an appreciation and an understanding of these good things in the minds and the hearts of the young people. A civilization can last and thrive only as long as the eyes of the people are open to its glories."

"The groups represented, constitute this community's highest commitment to a quality existence....Though it appears that we represent a vast array of interests, our larger goals are identical, and where we find consensus, we can exert powerful force for reforms and initiatives for public good....Recognition of the fact that the boundaries of cultural interests are arbitrary, we must not obscure our immense shared interests. Let us consider how we can increase our capacity for service by cooperative effort."

The Coalition Committee will meet on 23 April 1977 at the V. I. Archaeological Society Headquarters at 10 AM. We wish to accept any comments or further information that can be provided.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

*Gary S. Vesceilius* is Territorial Archaeologist for the U.S. Virgin Islands. A graduate of Yale and the University of Michigan, he has taught archaeology at the City University of New York and the University of Illinois, and has been associated as a researcher with various other universities and a number of museums and foundations. He has done archaeological fieldwork in Peru, Mexico and many parts of the continental U.S. as well as in the West Indies. His areas of special interest are the prehistory of the Central Andean and the Caribbean regions, human ecology, the application of statistical techniques to the solution of archaeological problems, and dating methods (radiocarbon, in particular).

*Kenneth C. Dick* was born in Sheepshead, New York: Historian, sinologist and Egyptologist, his field experience in archaeology ranges from Central America, to the Middle East and China. His special interests are in the prehistory and Ptolemaic Dynastic Period of Egypt. His forte is pyramidology. As one of the founders of the Virgin Islands Archaeological Society, he has become involved in the study of Pre-Columbian and Columbian toponymy of the Caribbean Islands and Cays. He is the author of three published books and numerous articles.

*Katheryne Kay-Willock* has been employed by the United States Government of the Virgin Islands as an Archaeologist for the last three years. As one of the founders of the Virgin Islands Archaeological Society, she has maintained an active interest in conservation, education and 'public archaeology'. A graduate of Arizona State University, her areas of special interest are in West Indian prehistory, insular adaptation, osteology and archaeological ceramics. She has done archaeological fieldwork in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Vieques, the U. S. Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands and Antigua as well as in the Southwestern United States.

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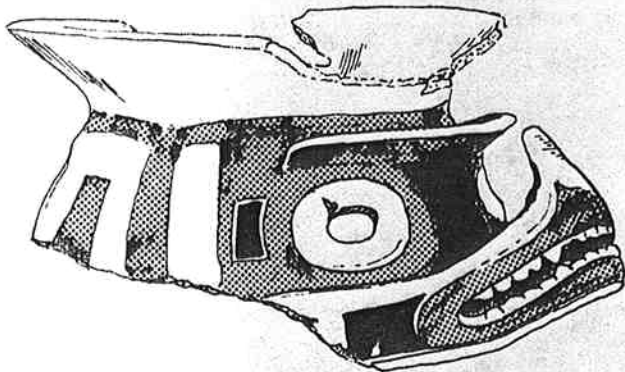
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ARNOS VALE RIVER, ST. VINCENT, WEST INDIES

Another exciting new discovery has been made by Mrs. Janet Wall of Union Island which is the subject of an article by Mrs. Katheryne Kay-Willock entitled ANIMISTIC ART IN THE ANTILLES. This drawing was made from photographs provided by Mrs. Wall and was executed by Mr. Norman A. Willock. The photographs show a rather large pot, approximately 12 inches across the flared rim, with a heavy "eyebrow" or "shade" ledge over the eyes which open into the vessel. The mouth is also hollowed out or open and has distinctly modeled teeth set in a protruding jaw which is slanted upward to a horn-like snout. This may be only a section of a larger vessel, the top of a "stand". It is very finely modeled, incised and painted in three colors: red, black and a whitish-buff.