



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*****MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL*****

CHRISTMAS MEETING AND PROGRAM

SHIPWRECK ARCHAEOLOGY IN ELMINA, GHANA

At the next PAS meeting, Greg Cook (Research Associate at the Archaeology Institute) will present his research in Ghana, West Africa. During summer of 2005, archaeologists and students from UWF, Syracuse University and the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board conducted an intensive investigation of a shipwreck site located off of Elmina, in Ghana's Central Region. Divers recorded the exposed features of the wreck site, which included masses of European manufactured goods meant for trade on the West African coast, and numerous iron cannon. The vessel likely sank on the inbound leg of a trading voyage to the Gold Coast during the end of the eighteenth or beginning of the nineteenth century. Cook will provide a preliminary report which summarizes the research conducted so far on this important example of transatlantic connections with West Africa.

This meeting will also be our annual Christmas celebration. Bring a sample of your favorite goodies to share with others. Beverages will be provided as usual. Hope to see all of you there for this interesting program and fellowship.

T SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Are you looking for some gifts that are inexpensive and unique? PAS t-shirts are just the item!! Some special shirts have the PAS logo and the UWF logo on the front and others have only the PAS logo. Both have the Pensacola colonial waterfront on the back. The price is only \$10 each. The shirts will be available at the December meeting. All future sales are profit that will benefit the Student Awards Fund. These make great Christmas presents.

FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

At the **FAS Board Meeting** on Nov. 12 in Winter Park, Kay Gautier, PAS chapter representative, presented the chapter nominations for the Lazarus and Bullen Awards. Our two nominees this year are Ken Alderman and Jan Lloyd. The theme for this year's Florida Archaeology Month poster is *The Land Provides*. The Emerald Coast Archaeological Society in the Ft. Walton area was involved in the design and layout of this poster. The design responsibility for the FAM poster will rotate among the FAS chapters and our turn will come. Letters of support for the 2007 poster grant are due to President, Dave Burns, as soon as possible to make the Dec. 15 grant proposal deadline (see info in Nov. PAS newsletter). PAS was asked to host the annual FAS meeting in 2007, but with conference hotel space in Pensacola limited, we will probably ask to host it in 2009 instead (which, by the way, will coincide with the 450th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola by Luna). Abstracts of papers for the 2006 Annual meeting are due by Feb. 6.

The 58th Annual FAS Meeting will be held in Stuart, Florida on May 12-14, 2006. The meeting will be hosted by the Southeast Florida Archaeological Society. The primary host hotel will be Pirates Cove Resort and Marina in Stuart and reservations should be made soon. FAS and FAC events are scheduled for Friday, May 12, with board meetings in the afternoon and a reception that night at the Stuart Recreation Center. Paper presentations are scheduled all day on Saturday. The bookroom and vendors as well as paper presentations will be held at the Wolf High Technology Center, Indian River Community College. The Saturday night banquet is scheduled for the Pavilion at Indian Riverside Park, home of the Mt. Elizabeth Indian mound on the Indian River Lagoon. More information and more details will be available later.

FAS membership is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. FAS members receive the journal *The Florida Anthropologist* and the *FAS Newsletter*. Information on FAS can be found on the website: <http://www.fasweb.org> Dues are: Regular and Institutional - \$30, Family - \$35, Sustaining - \$40, Student - \$15 with copy of valid student ID, Patron - \$100, Life - \$500, Benefactor - \$2500 or more.

Please add \$5 for foreign addresses. Write to Beth Sarney, 5331 Lansdowne Way, Palmetto, FL 34221 or email excav8@tampabay.rr.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*****LAB WORK** – Building 13 Lab –. Lab class is over for the semester, but help is still needed to process artifacts from the Commanding Officers' Compound excavations last summer. Jobs rough sorting (for novices) and sorting/coding (for experienced workers) are available. No experience necessary!!! WE NEED YOU. Monday through Friday 9 to 4. The lab will be **CLOSED from Dec. 21-27**. Merry Christmas! For more information call Jan at 474-2087 or just show up.

*****LAB WORK** – At the Archaeology Institute, artifacts recovered during salvage excavations at the County Courthouse are still being processed, but this lab is closed until January.

****MAKE A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION TO GET OUT OF YOUR RUT AND JOIN US AT THE LAB AGAIN ONE DAY A WEEK. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AND YOU CAN BE A TREMENDOUS HELP WITH THE PROCESSING. NEW PARKING HANG TAGS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE REGULARS AND WILL BE DELIVERED SOON. FOR MORE INFO, CALL JAN AT 474-2087.**

PAS MEMBERSHIP/DONATION INFORMATION

PAS membership dues are: Individual \$15, Family \$20, Student \$6 and Life \$200. Dues, contributions to Student Awards Fund or in memory or honor of individuals should be sent to the post office box listed on this newsletter.

FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH ACTIVITIES

At the PAS Board meeting on Dec. 6, activities for members during March, Florida Archaeology Month, were discussed. We will get posters and book marks in Feb. to be distributed to libraries, schools and other places where the public will learn of the importance of our cultural resources. If you can help, let us know.

A traveling exhibit from the British Museum featuring everything you ever wanted to know about **MUMMIES** will be running at the Explorium in Mobile during this time and the board is pursuing reservations for a PAS group visit. More information will follow in the next newsletter about the plans for this trip.

If you have ideas about activities or trips that would interest the group, contact a board member and they will pass the information to others. It is not too early to make plans for the spring events that we all enjoy. We want your input! (President – John Crane, 934-4645 or Ken Alderman, 453-2371)

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 6 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida

DEC. 13 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PROGRAM
SHIPWRECK ARCHAEOLOGY IN AFRICA, SUMMER 2005
GREG COOK
UWF Research Archaeologist
7 PM, ROOM 10, TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 3400 BAYOU BLVD

Jan. 3 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida

JAN. 10 EXPLORATION IN PENSACOLA BAY USING REMOTE SENSING
HARV DICKEY
PAS Member and UWF Archaeology Volunteer

JAN. 11-15 SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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