



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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A MARITIME LANDSCAPE OF DEADMAN'S ISLAND PROGRAM TOPIC FOR HOLIDAY MEETING DEC. 11

It's that time of year again for the Holiday Meeting Dec. 11 at 7 PM. Remember to bring your favorite holiday treat to share with other PAS members and guests as we learn some interesting facts about Deadman's Island.

Krista Jordan_Greene, a graduate student at UWF, recently defended her thesis and will present the information as the PAS December program. Located off Gulf Breeze, Deadman's Island and Old Navy Cove were used as a carenage facility since early Spanish colonial times and a quarantine station in the 19th century. With deep water near the edge of the island, large ships could be turned on their sides and repaired here. The participants of the 2005 and 2006 UWF underwater field schools reevaluated the area that includes the abundant remains of ships, ballast piles and discarded items as well as a marine railway. With the use of magnetometer and side scan sonar data, the students and crew uncovered previously undocumented shipwrecks and fully documented the marine railway. In addition, following Hurricane Dennis in 2005, human remains and wooden coffins eroded from the shore near the marine railway. The discovery not only helped confirm the presence of a 19th century quarantine station, but also sparked the interest of archaeologists, biological anthropologists and environmental scientists. In order to understand a shipwreck in Old Navy Cove, the researcher needs to evaluate the history, archaeology and environment of the landscape.

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 pm for this presentation of local interest and bring a friend or two.

2008 FAS ANNUAL MEETING

Plan now to attend the 60th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society, hosted by the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) from May 2-4, 2008. The meeting will be held in Ybor City/ Tampa. Known as Tampa's Latin Quarter for over a century, Ybor City is a blend of aromas, flavor, sights and sounds and is one of the only 2 National Historic Landmark Districts in Florida. Meeting organizers will be Shanna Drwiega and Marcie Connors and Chris Hardy is the Registration Chair (**1668** Nantucket Ct., Palm Harbor, FL 34683 – the address was incorrect in the FAS newsletter). Advanced registration is \$45 with late registration of \$55 after April 2. The registration and Call for Papers forms were enclosed in the last FAS newsletter and are available on line as well.

NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Public Archaeologist based at the FPAN Center here in Pensacola, Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director, and Mary Furlong, Outreach Coordinator, contribute monthly to the newsletter (595-0059 for info).

Mary hosted Archaeology Day at Rocky Bayou State Park in November with assistance from FPAN interns Larry James and Irina Franklin, as well as grad student Jennifer Melcher. Della attended the Walton County Environmental Forum where she presented information on FPAN's conservation mission. On November 28th, Della presented a lecture on shipwrecks of northwest Florida at the Indian Temple Mound Museum in Fort Walton Beach.

Larry, who is directing the St. Michael's Interparochial School students for the Save Our History grant, led a field trip for the students to the UWF campus where they toured the library, Archaeology Institute and the terrestrial, biological and conservation labs in building 13.

Bill is advertising for a new host for the Southwest FPAN region. A new host site will be identified soon and operations will continue in that area.

On December 14-16, FPAN and PAS will participate in Old Seville Square's Christmas Market in downtown Pensacola. This will be a great event to share information with holiday shoppers about FPAN, PAS and Pensacola's archaeological resources.

FPAN Archaeology Lab is open WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm each week THROUGH DEC. 21 to rough sort materials from downtown excavations. The Lab closes for Christmas and reopens Jan. 2.

TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES

The UWF underwater team continued to investigate the new Emanuel Point II shipwreck through November as weather permitted. Plans for the last six dives include opening one more unit and securing all units with landscaping cloth before winter diving break. The barge will be pulled from the site soon since the water is getting too cold for much work although the visibility is improving. Conservation and other lab work on the recovered artifacts will continue through the winter. The crew will continue to survey areas of the bay to identify other targets

UWF archaeologists continue to monitor utilities replacement through historically sensitive areas along Alcaniz and Florida Blanca Streets. Students under the direction of John Phillips are working near Chipley on a cultural resources survey of Falling Waters State Park. A number of prehistoric historic sites have been located so far and with caves and springs on the property, there is always the possibility of finding sites dating to 10,000 years ago.

The students in the lab methods class are preparing for the class presentations on Monday, Dec. 10. Students will report on their analysis of the results of their lab work. They should be able to date the features that were excavated at Main and Reus, see patterns of settlement and activities in Bourbon Field and determine which Indian groups occupied Pumpkin Hammock. You are welcome to attend from 1-4 in the Conference room in building 13. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped the students complete their assignments.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION UPDATE

All lab opportunities require **NO previous experience**. Join us when you can to see the artifacts from Pensacola's past that are being recovered during excavations in our area.

*****FPAN lab -** Volunteers are needed to help rough sort artifacts from the downtown projects. Lab work occurs from 9:30 to 3:30 on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY at the FPAN Center downtown THROUGH Dec. 21. They will reopen Jan. 2. For more info about the lab, call Mary Furlong at 595-5524.

*** **UWF Archaeology Lab** - VOLUNTEERS are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the field school excavations BEGINNING AGAIN IN JANUARY. Watch the January newsletter for the beginning date. The lab class has completed its work with the help of a number of volunteers and class presentations will be at 1 pm on Monday, Dec. 10. You are welcome to attend. Call Jan (474-2087) for more info and location.

*****The Center for Archaeological Studies at the University of South Alabama** has volunteer opportunities available in the field and in the lab. Bonnie Gums, CAS archaeologist, can be contacted for more information at 251-460-6562.

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING IN MOBLIE

The 2008 AAS winter meeting will be held in Mobile on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Alfred and Lucile Delchamps Archaeology Building on the campus of USA. The program will include presentations about excavations and artifacts will be on display. A tour of the facility occurs in the afternoon. Registration is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. All are welcome. Contact Bonnie Gums for more information.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 4 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**, Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. Members welcome.

DEC. 11 A MARITIME LANDSCAPE OF DEADMAN'S ISLAND
Krista Jordan Greene
Finishing Graduate Student at UWF
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN STREET
HOLIDAY MEETING – BRING A HOLIDAY TREAT TO SHARE TONIGHT

*Jan. 3, Thursday - Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**, Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. Members welcome.

JAN. 8 Take that Hill, Mr. Young:
Reconstructing the First Seminole War Campaign in North Florida
Using Geographic Information System Technology
John Phillips, UWF archaeologist
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN STREET

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