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**PRESIDIO SAN MIGUEL AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION  
AT THE FPAN CENTER  
DECEMBER 9, 7 PM**

The journey continues as Dr. Elizabeth Benchley tells us about the history and archaeology of Presidio San Miguel in downtown Pensacola at our holiday meeting. Join us for the presentation, bring a friend and your favorite holiday treat to share in our holiday celebration.

Formally established in 1752 when the Spanish left Santa Rosa Pensacola on Santa Rosa Island, Fort San Miguel was located from just behind the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Museum eastward to behind Old Christ Church. For 300 years, colonists and others have lived continuously in the downtown area and Native Americans were there before that time. One might think as people move out and others move in, the evidence of the previous inhabitants would be erased. Such is not the case. There are intact colonial archaeological deposits still present throughout the historic district. Archaeology in urban settings is a challenge because there is so much disturbance to the ground and this is continuing today. Excavations must be done carefully in order to determine the relationship between post holes, wall trenches, trash pits and other features that are found adjacent and overlapping one another throughout the area. Some features even contain very modern refuse such as pop tops and aluminum cans often mixed with colonial artifacts from disturbed deposits. Dr. Benchley has spent a lot of time excavating in downtown Pensacola and figuring out the maps. She will share the information from previous excavations as well as those from the 2005 and 2006 field seasons.

**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, ([mfurlong@uwf.edu](mailto:mfurlong@uwf.edu)), contribute monthly to the newsletter (595-0059 for info).

December is off to a busy start with lectures, training sessions and school groups. A workshop for law enforcement agencies about enforcing underwater laws associated with shipwrecks is coming up soon and officers from Fish and Wildlife, Coast Guard and Water Police will participate.

Plans are well underway for the Florida Archaeology Month 2009. The kickoff activity will be held at the FPAN Center on February 28 from 10 am-2 pm and other activities will continue during the month of March throughout the Panhandle. More details will follow, but PAS will host a table again this year to sell t-shirts and sign up new members. If you are interested in helping with FPAN and/or PAS activities, contact Mary or Della.

Mary is requesting donations of **STYROFOAM EGG CARTONS** that are used in school activities. Bring them to FPAN or the Lab at UWF.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT UWF AND FPAN**

**UWF**, BLDG. 13 LAB – Help is needed to rough sort materials from the Barkley House excavations and from Bourbon Field on Sapelo Island. Call Jan for info at 474-2087. The lab will close for volunteers Dec. 12 and reopen Jan. 5. Hours will be Monday through Thursday 9-4 for the spring semester.

**FPAN**, LAB – The lab will close Dec. 22 and reopen Jan. 14. Lab hours are **Wednesday** and **Friday** 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Call Mary -595-0050

### **FAS ANNUAL MEETING 2009**

Plans for the FAS Annual Meeting to be held May 8-10, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Hotel are well underway. A planning meeting will be held beginning at 5 pm before the membership meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, if you are interested. Many **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with publicity, registration, the reception, the banquet, tours and sessions. Please give Martha Ridlehoover, Volunteer Coordinator, a call (433-0656) to offer your help. Volunteers receive a break on conference registration fees for a few hours of work.

### **UNDERWATER AND TERRESTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY REPORTS**

I know this sounds familiar, but excavations at the Barkley House will resume shortly. Contact Dr. Benchley if you are available to volunteer.

Excavations east of St. Michael's Cemetery where construction of a High Tech Research Park is planned produced 3000 year old Native American artifacts. Archaeologists are recommending a redesign of the facility to avoid impacting the site or further excavations to recover the information from the site.

Monitoring continues on the storm water project down Florida Blanca Street. Monitoring will resume on Alcaniz Street when the next section is under construction after January 1.

The Underwater Team has taken the barge out of the water for the winter and some repair work will be needed. Occasional dives will continue through the winter on the Emanuel Point 2 shipwreck as weather allows. Grad students are continuing their work on the site called the Brick Wreck and the survey along the waterfront downtown. They, too, will be diving as weather allows as they continue work on their theses. In the fall we will hear from these students about their work.

### **NOVEMBER FAS BOARD MEETING**

Kay Gautier, our FAS representative and the FAS membership secretary, attended the FAS board meeting in Gainesville on Nov. 8. She presented the proofs for the 2009 Florida Archaeology Month poster and bookmark that are based on the painting by Eric CCC that we are using on our present t-shirts. Both were accepted unanimously (and have been sent to the printer here in Pensacola). FPAN sponsored the printing of the posters and the Archaeology Institute at UWF sponsored the printing of the bookmarks this year since no state grants were awarded. Bill Lucas of the Emerald Coast Archaeological Society has volunteered to transport the posters to the next FAS board meeting that will be held in Gainesville in February where they will be distributed to representatives from all the FAS chapters. The 2010 FAS annual meeting will be held in Lee County on May 7-9. FAS will seek a state grant for the 2010 poster that will include letters of support from FAS chapters and other individuals and organizations. The FAS website is scheduled for an update soon and will include the Pensacola 2009 FAS annual meeting details.

### **COMING EVENTS**

Dec. 2, Tues. Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center,  
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. MEMBERS WELCOME

December 9, Tuesday **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND**

**PRESENTATION ABOUT PRESIDIO SAN MIGUEL**

**Dr. Elizabeth Benchley**

Director, UWF Archaeology Institute

7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN ST.

***BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TREAT TO SHARE***

Jan. 6, Tues . Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center,  
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. MEMBERS WELCOME

Jan. 10, Sat. Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage Speaker Series lecture-  
SHELL WORKS ON THE ST. JOHN'S RIVER by DR. RYAN WHEELER,  
State Archaeologist and Chief of the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research  
1-2:30 pm, Indian Temple Mound Museum, Ft. Walton Beach

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