



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER 2007 INVESTIGATIONS AT BOURBON FIELD, SAPELO ISLAND, GEORGIA

2007 UWF field school students investigated two very different areas – one lot in downtown Pensacola that had been occupied until recently for over 2000 years and a very different type of site on a small island on the coast of Georgia occupied periodically for 3400 years. The program for this month will report on the activities and results of the investigations in an area called Bourbon Field on Sapelo Island. No, this was not the site of an early distillery, but instead the name comes from the occupation of the island by settlers from France. Sapelo Island has been occupied by many groups - Native Americans, Spanish, British, French, wealthy executives and heirs and African Americans. Norma Harris, UWF archaeologist, has worked on Sapelo Island for 17 years collecting stories about life on the island from older residents as well as conducting archaeological investigations. She will present one more chapter in the ongoing archaeological investigations on Sapelo Island. Join us Tuesday night for a journey to coastal Georgia and bring a friend.

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).

Make plans now to participate in and volunteer to help with FPAN events planned for 2008 beginning with March, **Florida Archaeology Month**. The

kickoff for Archaeology Month will take place at the FPAN Center in Pensacola on **March 1 from 10-2**. Many activities are planned for children and adults including a visit from the Bearheart Native Paths Museum, a traveling exhibit of a Creek Indian village in SE Georgia. PAS will have a booth at the event to recruit new members, sell the NEW t-shirts and hand out the 2008 Florida Archaeology Month posters and postcards. SEE THE COMPLETE LIST OF ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE INSERT. Please contact Mary (mfurlong@uwf.edu or 850-595-0050 ex 103) if you are interested in volunteering.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE WORKS ON SLATE OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee of Elizabeth Benchley, Barbara Wright and Gail Leroy has the job of drawing up a slate of officers and two board members for 2008-2009 that will be presented at the March membership meeting. They are looking for YOU, members who would like to help plan and carry out PAS activities during the coming year. No prior experience is necessary. All officers' positions and two board positions are open. After the slate is presented, nominations will be taken from the floor until just prior to the vote at the April membership meeting. Contact a committee member to volunteer to serve.

TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES

The UWF crew continues to identify and investigate other targets in the vicinity of the Emanuel Point shipwrecks that could be other shipwrecks from the 16th century to recent times. Diving also continues on the "brick wreck," possibly a mid-19th century wreck in the bay. The dive barge is out of the water for repair and should be refloated in March or April. Archaeologists hope to offer some public opportunities to visit the barge and work at the screens as excavations continue on the 1559 Emanuel Point 2 wreck before field school starts in May.

The main focus of field school 2008 will be the Emanuel Point 2 wreck, but work will also continue on the "brick wreck" and the Seminole wreck.

No terrestrial field activities are ongoing at this time, except monitoring continues in areas of utilities replacement in the historic district. Construction plans at the Barkley House on Bayfront Parkway will result in excavations there soon.

The terrestrial field school 2008 will return to Sapelo Island, Georgia for part of the summer and the students will also participate in remote sensing activities at Crystal River State Park, Florida. A 3 week biological anthropology field school is scheduled for May.

The three final candidates for the Collections Manager position at the Archaeology Institute will visit the UWF campus February 11, 12 and 15. Most of each day is filled with interviews and introductions, but each candidate will make a presentation. The public is invited to these presentations that will address some aspect of collections management. If you are interested in attending the presentations, call 474-3015 for more information about the time and place.

BOTTLE CREEK TOUR OFFERED FEB. 20

The Bottle Creek site (AD 1200-1400) with its 18 earthen mounds is the largest Mississippian chiefdom on the north-central Gulf coast. The site is located on Mound Island in the Mobile-Tensaw River delta. Access is only by boat and Blakeley Park is offering a tour to visit the site aboard the *Delta Explorer* on Feb. 20. The tour leaves from Lower Bryant's Landing just south of the town of Stockton in north Baldwin County, Alabama, at 9:30 am with return expected by 12:30 pm. Tour leaders are Bonnie Gums and Debi Lawrence from the Center of Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama. There is restroom on the boat, but it is not handicapped accessible. Wear warm clothes as the ride may be quite cool. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. Some strenuous walking is involved to get to the mounds so please wear hiking boots or similar comfortable shoes. Don't forget your camera and binoculars. Cost is \$30 adults/\$15 children. Reservations and payment will be directly through Blakeley Park at 251-626-0798 <http://new.siteone.com/sites/blakeleypark.com/delta.asp>

2008 FAS ANNUAL MEETING

It is time to start making your plans and reservations to attend the 60th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society, hosted by the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS). The meeting this year will be held from May 2-4, 2008. in Ybor City/ Tampa. Chris Hardy is the Registration Chair (**1668** Nantucket Ct., Palm Harbor, FL 34683 – the address was incorrect in the FAS

newsletter). At the Friday night reception at the Ybor City Museum State Park, the Stewards of Heritage Awards will be hosted by the FAC.

The venue for the meeting will be the L'Unione Italiana (The Italian Club), a completely restored 100-year old building in the heart of Ybor City. The conference hotel is the Hampton Inn and Suites (813-247-6700) (\$119 per night) Cut-off for group rate is April 2, 2008. Alternate hotels can be found on the FAS web site. Advanced registration is \$45 with late registration of \$55 after April 2.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 5, Tues. Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center, Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. Members welcome.

FEB. 12, Tues. **SAPELO ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY, SUMMER 2007**
NORMA HARRIS, UWF ARCHAEOLOGY INSTITUTE
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN STREET

MARCH 1, SAT. **FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH KICKOFF ACTIVITIES**
FPAN CENTER, PENSACOLA
10 AM TO 2 PM – SEE INSERT FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

MAR. 11, Tues. **SOURCING OAXACA POTTERY: DETERMINING THE SOURCES**
OF CLAY IN THE POTTERY FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES
MARY THIEME
Panama City, Florida

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FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH ACTIVITIES

MARCH 1, SAT. – KICKOFF CELEBRATION, 10 AM TO 2 PM, FPAN CENTER, PENSACOLA, 207 EAST MAIN STREET; Bearheart Native Paths Museum, guided tours of T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum, Colonial Archaeological Trail, artifact identification, hands on activities for children and adults, FREE archaeology posters

MARCH 4, TUES. – 7 PM – LECTURE - Tugging on the Past: The Site Recording and Interpretation of the USS Narcissus. FPAN Center, PENSACOLA.

MARCH 8, SAT. – ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at Northwest Florida Heritage Museum, VALPARAISO, 10 am to 2 pm., Artifact identification by archaeologists.

MARCH 8, SAT. – ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, MILTON, 10 am to 2 pm, Artifact identification by archaeologists.

MARCH 11, TUES. – Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly membership meeting. LECTURE, 7 PM, FPAN Center, PENSACOLA. Open to the public. Speaker: Mary Thieme, Determining the Source of Clay in Pottery from Archaeological Sites in Oaxaca, Mexico.

MARCH 13, THURS.-12 PM, LECTURE AT LUNCH– Frauds, Myths and Archaeological Sciences, Indian Temple Mound Museum, FT. WALTON BEACH.

MARCH 15, SAT. – ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, PORT ST. JOE, 10 am to 2 pm, Artifact identification by archaeologists.

MARCH 15, SAT. – OPEN HOUSE, HERITAGE and ARCHAEOLOGY DAY, City of Ft. Walton Beach Heritage Park and Culture Center, FT. WALTON BEACH.

MARCH 16, SUN., 1 – 4 PM, SPECIAL EXHIBIT featuring artifacts from the 19th century lumber industry, Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, MILTON.

MARCH 18, TUES. – 7 PM, LECTURE – Exploring the Emanuel Point II: A 16th Century Spanish Shipwreck, FPAN Center, PENSACOLA

MARCH 21, FRI. – 6:30 PM, LECTURE- From Prehistory to Preservation: The Prehistoric Archaeology of Northwest Florida, Bay County Library at Gulf Coast Community College, PANAMA CITY.

MARCH 22, SAT. – ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at Bay County Library at Gulf Coast Community College, PANAMA CITY. 10 am to 2 pm, Artifact identification by archaeologists

MARCH 25, TUES. – 7 PM, LECTURE – There's a Battlefield in Your Backyard? A Study of Fort George and the Siege of Pensacola Under the Modern Landscape, FPAN Center, PENSACOLA.

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. For more info about the lab, call Mary Furlong at 595-0050 EX 103.

*** **UWF Archaeology Lab** - VOLUNTEERS are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the field school excavations. The lab is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 3 pm. Call Jan (474-2087) for more info.

*****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.