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## PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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### JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### EXPLORATION IN PENSACOLA BAY USING REMOTE SENSING

PAS member, Harv Dickey, will present this month's program. Harv is the volunteer extraordinaire for both underwater and terrestrial programs at UWF! He has presented programs at schools, worked in the field and lab, and recently has mastered the computer programs used to monitor and analyze the readings from equipment used in underwater surveys. This month Harv will tell us what the nautical archaeologists do when they go surveying. Unfortunately space on the boat is limited so you usually cannot see for yourself. Come to the January meeting and get a second hand look at what goes on out there on the water. Harv will talk about the various types of remote sensing surveys and the equipment used to conduct them. A quick history of some of the surveys done by UWF in the local area and representative pictures will be part of the presentation. See you there. No wetsuits or other special gear are needed for this trip.

#### **MUMMY: the inside story**

You may have seen mummies before, but not like this!! As usual in March, Florida Archaeology Month, PAS offers activities that spotlight archaeology. This year beginning in March, the Exploreum in Mobile will host a traveling exhibit from the British Museum – Mummy: the inside story. This fantastic exhibit features a 3-D movie that gives you a virtual "look" into the unopened mummy case and under the wrappings of Nesperennub, a 3000 year old Egyptian priest. More than 90 funerary objects from the British Museum's outstanding collection will be on display in the adjoining gallery. These include the beautifully painted mummy case and coffin containing Nesperennub. Also included in the ticket price

is Mystery of the Nile IMAX film, an adventure filmed while traveling down the 3260 miles of the Nile River, the world's deadliest river. The gift shop will feature exhibit souvenirs and collectibles from the British Museum shops.

PAS members will travel to Mobile on MARCH 25 to see the exhibit. Sign up for the trip at the membership meeting and hear more about the details. Group ticket price is \$17.50.

### **T SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

T shirts will be available at the membership meeting. 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. All future sales are profit that will benefit the Student Awards Fund. Christmas sales were good and the inventory is dropping. Get one soon.

### **FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS**

The 58<sup>th</sup> 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 as soon as possible. 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](mailto:excav8@tampabay.rr.com)

## **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.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

\*\*\***LAB WORK** – Building 13 Lab – 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 until JAN. 17** since faculty and grad students are attending SHA in Sacramento. 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 February. Watch the newsletter for information.

## **FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH ACTIVITIES**

Kay Gautier will attend the FAS board meeting in Orlando in February and will pick up posters and book marks to be distributed in March 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.

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) See information on page 1 about the Mummy trip to Mobile March 25.

## **EXCURSION TO BOTTLE CREEK MOUNDS**

USA'S Center of Archaeological Studies in Mobile will be offering a field trip to the Bottle Creek site on Saturday, Feb. 4. The pontoon boat, Delta Explorer, will take the crew on a one hour boat ride through the Mobile-Tensaw Delta to reach the site. Cost will be \$20 per person. Space is limited. Contact Bonnie Gums, 251-460-6562, for reservations or email [bgums@jaguar1.usouthal.edu](mailto:bgums@jaguar1.usouthal.edu).

Bottle Creek is a Mississippian Period to early historic mound site (AD 1250-1750) located on Mound Island in the delta. The largest mound is 45 feet high and access is only by boat to this site.

## COMING EVENTS

- 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**
- Feb. 7      Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- FEB. 14    **EXCAVATIONS AT THE COMMANDING OFFICERS' COMPOUND 2005**  
**DR. ELIZABETH BENCHLEY**  
PAS member and UWF Archaeologist

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