



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

The African Diaspora was the largest forced migration of a group of people, not just from one country to another, but from one continent to another. Migrations of this nature produce biological consequences, including gene flow and adaptations to new environments. September's presentation by Dr. Kate Spradley, a new addition to the Anthropology faculty at UWF, will focus on secular changes in the skeleton resulting from gene flow and exposure to a new and different physical environment. Join us on September 11, 7 PM at the FPAN Center downtown to kick off the new series of programs for this year and welcome Dr. Spradley to Pensacola.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL LAB METHODS CLASS OFFERED

In the past a number of PAS members and other interested persons have participated in the archaeological lab methods class to learn more than they ever wanted to know about the artifacts they have spent hours rough sorting in the field and in the lab. This opportunity is available again this fall beginning **Aug. 27**. The class meets **Monday and Wednesday** from **1 – 4 PM** this year. For 6 weeks, class participants will receive hands-on instruction about identification of ceramics, glass, metal, stone and faunal artifacts. After that time, students and volunteers will work on projects that involve processing artifacts from the Main and Reus lot as well as Sapelo Island. Volunteers can set their own hours after the first 6 weeks of

instruction. **No prior training is needed** –for more information or to reserve a spot, call Jan (474-2087 lab) during the week of Aug. 22-24.

NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Public Archaeologist based at the FPAN Center here in Pensacola, and Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director, will contribute FPAN information monthly to the PAS newsletter.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network has been busy. Della and Mary taught a teacher training course called “Archaeology in the Classroom” to 10 Escambia County middle school teachers and two educators from the Emerald Coast Science Center in Ft. Walton Beach. The training gave teachers hands-on experience with archaeology-related activities, lesson plans and Power Point shows to use with their classes. This first class served as a pilot program and will be repeated in Escambia County and other counties of the Northwest Region.

Mary assisted West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., with their annual History Camp by leading the kids for the archaeology segment during two sessions.

On Saturday, June 23, FPAN, St. Michael’s Cemetery and PAS hosted the second Cemetery Workshop, organized by Margo Stringfield. This workshop focused on problems with vandalism in local historic cemeteries. Representatives of state government and local law enforcement offered advice on how to prevent and deal with this issue.

A Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge clinic was held on July 7 for 20 scouts. One scout is working with FPAN on his Eagle Scout project.

The FPAN lab will continue to be open on **Wednesdays only** for volunteers to rough sort materials from ongoing excavations in the Historic District. Call Mary Furlong at 595-5524 for more information.

If you need to contact Della or Bill or Cheryl Phelps (Office/Grants Manager), the FPAN office is located in the old L & N Marine Terminal, 595-0050.

DUES ARE LATE!

Don’t forget to pay your dues and add a few extra dollars as a donation to the Student Awards Fund. The fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30 each year.

(Student - \$6, Individual - \$15, Family - \$20, Life - \$200). The last newsletter for those forgetting to renew will be September.

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 discovered during excavations in our area.

*****UWF excavations** at the Lee House lot and near the Tivoli House on Zarragosa Street to prepare the lot for moving two historic houses onto the site are complete. Volunteers are needed to help rough sort artifacts. Lab work occurs from 9 to 3 on WEDNESDAYS only at the FPAN Center downtown. For more info about the lab or to volunteer, call Mary Furlong at 595-5524 (Mon., Wed. and Fri.).

*** **UWF Archaeology Lab** - VOLUNTEERS are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the Lee House and other sites. The lab is open Monday and Wednesday (9-12), Tuesday and Thursday (9-12 and 1-4) for volunteers (No Friday work this semester.) beginning Sept. 5. 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 at USA, can be contacted for more information at 251-460-6562.

STUDENT AWARDS FUND INFORMATION

Because of your generosity, the Student Awards Fund is in good shape and growing daily! The funds have been invested in a CD and will continue to earn interest. The CD amount is \$3074 as of July 31, 2007, will cover the two awards during 2007 – 2008 and is nearing the amount of the awards for 2008-2009. Your large and small donations make this help available to graduate students who would otherwise not be able to pursue research or travel to study collections in other areas. To continue these awards in the amount now set (\$400 for two students twice a year), we must continue to support this fund. Thank you from the Board and students for your support.

EXHIBITS OF INTEREST

Lucy, the 3.2 million year old skeleton unearthed in Ethiopia in 1974, will tour the US on exhibit for the first time. The fossil remains of *Australopithecus afarensis*, better known as “Lucy,” begin the tour on August 31 at the Houston Museum of Natural History. Other tour stops have not been finalized.

The *Titanic* exhibit will be available through Sept. 3. at the Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida in Panama City (Tues–Sat 10 am–8 pm, Sun 12–6 pm)(Adults \$12, children \$8, seniors 65+ \$9).

COMING EVENTS

- August 7 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. Members welcome.
- Sept. 4 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**,
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SEPT. 11 **BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASPECTS
OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA
DR. KATE SPRADLEY
UWF Biological Anthropologist**

THERE ARE NO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST.
BOARD MEETINGS OCCUR ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AND MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES

UWF Field School 2007 is history. The barge will remain in place at the mouth of Bayou Texar as weather permits and the UWF underwater team will continue to investigate and evaluate targets near the Emanuel Point shipwreck this fall. Smaller crews during the fall investigations may allow some volunteer opportunities. A Public Day is in the planning stages for the fall when weather and water are more hospitable. During the field school this year, work continued on the Seminole wreck in the Blackwater River in Alabama with students alternating between several sites. A public day was held at the site again this summer. Other students worked on a wreck called Emanuel Point 2 (EMP 17) in Pensacola Bay, which seems to be another 16th century shipwreck located near the Emanuel Point wreck that was excavated in the 1990s. Over 300 artifacts have been cataloged and the orientation of the vessel has been established. More units will be excavated off the ship's baseline during the fall that will provide more cultural material and allow a better understanding of how the ship went down. Students also participated in remote sensing activities in other parts of the bay to identify more targets for investigation. For images and more information about the successful summer, visit the website <http://uwf.edu/anthropology/schools/mfs07.cfm>

The terrestrial students started the summer in downtown Pensacola working on a lot at the corner of Main and Reus Streets. Evidence of 2000 years of occupation on that lot was found and will be analyzed during the archaeological lab methods class at UWF this fall. The terrestrial students then loaded equipment into vehicles and trailers and set off for Sapelo Island, Georgia, for the last month of field school. Dr. Victor Thompson and Norma Harris lead students during investigations of prehistoric and historic occupations on the island and on nearby hammocks. These test excavations and remote sensing in wooded areas were quite different from the excavations in downtown Pensacola during June! More details will be available in the next newsletter.

Fieldwork is complete on the Lee House lot and the lot behind (south of) the Tivoli House on Zarragosa Street in Historic Pensacola Village. Archaeologists excavated the footing areas prior to moving two historic houses to the lot. The FPAN Center lab continues to be open for volunteers to rough sort artifacts from local excavations ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS 9 am til 3 pm (See volunteers needed section.).

Work begins the week of August 13 on two city projects to replace utilities under Alcaniz and Florida Blanca Streets from Bayfront Parkway to Garden and Romana Streets. UWF archaeologists will be on hand to monitor these excavations through historically sensitive areas.

Two new faculty have joined the Anthropology Department at UWF. Dr. Kate Spradley, a biological anthropologist, and Dr. John Worth, historical archaeologist, will begin teaching this fall and will need PAS help on projects and research in the future. Dr. Worth presented a PAS program in the spring and Dr. Spradley will present the September program next month.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF FAS?

PAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society and we must maintain a number of FAS memberships to continue this relationship. FAS is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Our local interest in archaeology is allied with the interest and ethical concerns of other FAS members throughout the state. FAS membership includes a very nice journal, *The Florida Anthropologist*, covering diverse archaeological and anthropological excavations and events in the state, and the *FAS Newsletter*. Our PAS treasurer, Kay Gautier, is the new FAS membership secretary and is working hard to update and maintain the FAS membership rolls. FAS members have the opportunity in May to attend the annual meeting held at a different location throughout the state each year. PAS will host the FAS annual meeting during May 2009 as we celebrate Pensacola's 450 Anniversary. Papers are presented on a wide range of topics, tours are available to local sites, and workshops are offered each year. At the business meeting, members have the opportunity to express ideas and vote on issues. Membership dues are as follows:

\$35-Regular and Institutional, \$35 - Family, \$40 – Sustaining, \$15 – Student with a valid student id when applying, \$100 – Patron, \$500 – Life, \$2500 or more – Benefactor.

Send dues to Kay Gautier, FAS treasurer, PO Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591.