



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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ANNUAL BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14

If you haven't made your reservations for the annual banquet, you still have time to call Kay Gautier (857-0707) and send your money. The annual banquet this year will be held at 6 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, our monthly meeting location, but in the church parlor rather than the choir room. It will be buffet style catered by Rich's Bar-B-Q. The cost this year will be \$10 per person and will include bar-b-q pork and chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert and drink. The reservation slip is available on the insert in this newsletter. Plan to join us for an evening of fellowship, awards, information and good food. Dr. Judy Bense and Dr. John Bratten will present a summary of the past year and plans for the future. Reservations are due by JUNE 10 for the June 14 event.

UWF 2005 FIELD SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After the May 9 orientation meeting for students and PAS volunteers and the May 10 groundbreaking ceremonies, the field school students got right to work learning important new skills of excavation and site management.

The terrestrial crew has opened a trench (30' x 5') behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum and they have excavated through the rubble and house remains from the late 1800s and 1900s. Colonial deposits are exposed and include construction trenches and trash pits. A suspicious feature in the southeast part of the site has been cored using a small auger and may be the colonial well that Dr. Bense has been looking for. More information will be gathered as excavations begin in this area. *** Margo Stringfield will give a presentation about colonial

wells on Thursday, June 2 at 2 PM on site. If you are interested in attending or need more information, call April Holmes at 516-1932.***

PAS volunteers are operating the information booth, giving site tours, selling T shirts and working in the rough sorting lab under the big tent. Volunteers are welcome. Call Mary Furlong for more information (516-1932).

The underwater crew spent the first week getting their diving certifications before they began work. Because of the number of students this year, some have been working on different projects during the month of May.

The crew inspected the Santa Rosa Island wreck just north of Battery Worth near Fort Pickens to assess damage done by Hurricane Ivan. The site is in good condition and is mostly reburied now.

Part of the crew next spent 4 days on the wreck called the B Street Schooner located in Pensacola Bay along the waterfront. This wreck has a site number and was identified during the 1991 survey in the bay. The wreck is uncovered more now that it was previously. Planking, frames and the copper sheeting of the hull were studied by the students and findings suggest this could possibly be a lumber schooner. A bottle and ceramics from the wreck indicating a date of around 1890-1910 suggest that perhaps the ship was sunk during the 1906 hurricane.

The most recent activities included evaluations of the Shields Point wrecks up the Blackwater River. Some recording was done on Wreck 5, a steam tug, located last year with the magnetometer.

Each week part of the crew is rotating to the magnetometer survey boat and they are learning to use the equipment and analyze the data.

DUES ARE DUE NOW

The new PAS year began May 1, 2005, and dues are due now. Dues will remain the same this year and are as follows: Individual - \$15, Family - \$20, Student - \$6, Life - \$200. Don't forget - your **donations for the Student Awards fund** are always welcome and important. See form available on the insert.

T SHIRT NEWS

T shirt sales are booming. Another special order will have the PAS logo and the UWF logo on the front and the 1765 painting of the downtown Pensacola waterfront on the back. These can be worn by UWF field school students. Colors will be gold and sand (pockets) and blue and green (no pocket). The price is only \$10 each. The new shirts will be available at the June banquet and on site behind the T.T. Wentworth museum. All profits benefit the Student Awards Fund.

FAS MEETINGS IN GAINESVILLE, MAY 2005

The 2005 Florida Anthropological Society met May 13-15 in Gainesville at the Hilton. The opening night reception took place at the Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH). The exhibits, including the wonderful butterfly garden, were open during the reception. The natural history and archaeological exhibits are worth a special trip to Gainesville! Dr. Jerald Milanich of FLMNH was honored at the reception for his very active role in studying Florida history and prehistory and his numerous publications. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award of FAS.

On Saturday three parallel sessions of papers were presented covering prehistoric, historic and underwater topics. PAS and UWF were well represented. Papers were presented by PAS members Dr. Judy Bense, Greg Cook, Krista Eschbach and Jason Raupp and UWF students Marissa Condosta, Jorge Provenzali, Shane Pickett and Paul Sjoldal.

The Annual Banquet on Saturday night included FAS awards including one for the Student Paper Competition and featured speaker. Christine Newman received the Bullen award and Tommy Abood, member of Emerald Coast Archaeology Society (Ft. Walton and vicinity) received a special award for his contributions to Florida Archaeology. The winner of the Student Paper Competition, Neill Wallis of U of Florida, won a wonderful library of books supplied by publishers and other donors. The featured speaker, Dr. Milanich, presented an overview of the Florida missions including both archaeology and history in the presentation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other FAS chapters and hear what is happening across the state. It is often a long distance to travel for a weekend, but is worth the trip.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*** **FIELD LAB WORK** – Field school continues downtown behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum. Monday through Friday through August 5, volunteers can rough sort artifacts being recovered on site. Contact Mary Furlong at 516-1932.

*****LAB WORK** – Building 13 Lab –work on artifacts from Santa Rosa Pensacola. No experience necessary. Monday – Friday 9 to 4. For more information call Jan at 474-2087 or just show up! This work will continue through the summer.

*****MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC PENSACOLA VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE.** June 4. Museums and village are open free of charge. PAS volunteers will be at various locations selling T-shirts, handing out information and conducting site tours. Call the Archaeology Institute to volunteer for a shift. 474-3015

COMING EVENTS

- June 2 Lecture by Margo Stringfield, 2 PM at the field school site behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum. Call for info – 516-1932.
- June 4 MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC PENSACOLA VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE. FREE admission (See Volunteer Opportunities, page 3)
- June 7 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- June 14 PAS ANNUAL BANQUET, Trinity Presbyterian Church
6 PM, Church Parlor (Reservations due by June 10, see insert)
A LOOK AT THE PAST YEAR AND AT THE FUTURE
DR. JUDY BENSE AND DR. JOHN BRATTEN
- July 5 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- August 2 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida

*******NO MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
DURING JULY AND AUGUST*****

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PAS ANNUAL BANQUET RESERVATIONS

The annual PAS banquet will be held June 14, 2005, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The banquet will be catered by Rich's Bar-B-Q and will include chicken and pork bar-b-q, baked beans, cole slaw, banana pudding and iced tea for \$10 per person. Serving will be buffet style. Please make your **reservations by June 10** and mail the payment to the PAS post office box or turn it in at the May meeting. It is also time to renew your membership for the 2005-2006 year. This can be done at the same time AND with the same check as the banquet reservations. Also don't forget your contributions for the Student Awards Fund. You don't have to wait until December to make these tax deductible contributions.

NAME _____

NUMBER OF BANQUET RESERVATIONS _____ X \$10 = _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES _____

(Individual \$15, Family \$20, Student \$6, Life \$200) _____

CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT AWARDS FUND _____

CHECK TOTAL _____

IN THE NEWS

In the May/June issue of *Archaeology*, Dr. Jerald Milanich of the Florida Museum of Natural History, has an article called "The Devil in the Details." In this article Dr. Milanich discusses how the engravings of Theodor de Bry, a Flemish engraver in the 1590s, have duped archaeologists. De Bry claimed they were based on paintings by Jacques le Moyne, who had been to Florida and drawn the scenes from life. These de Bry engravings, which for so long have been great sources for seeing how the Timucua Indians on the west coast of Florida looked and lived, now are suspect. It seems de Bry combined items from many sources in his engravings, such as Brazilian war clubs and Pacific Ocean shells. Many le Moyne paintings have survived, yet only one from the alleged Florida series and that one is of dubious authenticity. The authentic paintings show le Moyne was an accurate naturalist and would not be expected to make crude mistakes like showing an oversized alligator with protruding ears.

Read the article to find out more about this interesting topic.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAS 2004-2005 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED AT THE FAS BOARD MEETING BY KAY GAUTIER

2004-2005 was not the easiest for PAS as members worked hard to overcome the devastating effects of Hurricane Ivan. Also PAS lost two strong supporters this year – Chuck Lapp and John Daniels. Despite these setbacks, the newsletter was sent by mail rather than email for a few months and only one meeting was not held.

Volunteer hours were down during the fall, but there were still a few who continued to work in the lab and on other projects. Volunteers numbers started to pick up again during the spring. Many are continuing to help finish up the Santa Rosa Pensacola artifacts in the lab at UWF while others are rough sorting artifacts, giving site tours and helping screen dirt at the current excavations of the 2005 UWF Field School downtown. During the year volunteers helped during the 2004 summer excavations and field lab at Santa Rosa Pensacola, the Pensacola Waterfront Survey project, the Escambia County Courthouse Block project and the UWF Maritime Field School.

The Student Award Fund received donations of \$4000.00 this year and granted four \$250 awards to students for various projects. The plan is to have two presentations per year (October and March). Two of the students who received awards this year presented papers at the May FAS Annual Meeting.

The sale of Santa Rosa Pensacola T shirts ended in March with a profit of \$150 for the Student Award Fund. A new shirt was designed and sales began in April. These shirts are selling very well and there has already been one reorder.

Programs this year included project updates and recovery from local sites as well as topics from other research. All were well-attended usually drawing from 40 to 50 members and guests.

During March, PAS celebrated Florida Archaeology Month with several activities. Members distributed posters and bookmarks to libraries and other public areas for distribution. At least one display was set up in the library downtown. PAS members participated in work days at the Arcadia Mill site, a group trip to Mobile to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, a booth with the Archaeology Institute at UWF Festival on the Green and acted as docents in the T.T. Wentworth Museum for the Florida Heritage Month and Museums open house activities.

PAS is alive, well and financially sound. THANK YOU for your work, ideas and donations of time and money. We all look forward to another good year of archaeology in the area and interesting programs at the monthly meetings.