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## **PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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### **THE YEAR IN REVIEW AND LOOKING AHEAD**

This past year has been full of exciting archaeological happenings. Last summer during the UWF field school excavations, a number of first Spanish, British and 2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish wells and other features were located behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum. Crews of students have worked on several surveys of property destined for construction, preservation and possibly the new sewage treatment plant for our area. A shoreline survey to assess the status of known sites has partially been completed. The Florida Public Archaeology Network was born and is thriving and the western panhandle has its own Public Archaeologist. Students and volunteers in the labs have worked for hundreds of hours and processed literally thousands of artifacts. The underwater crews have participated in surveys and evaluations of known shipwreck sites that may have been affected by our recent hurricanes. Underwater field school students have learned survey and mapping techniques and have put these skills to good use.

As usual, several individuals have been chosen to receive our thanks for their support of archaeology in our area. Awards will be presented to Richard Brosnham of West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., and Donathan Johnson and Travis Shaw of Thompson Pumps. These people have been and continue to be strong supporters of Pensacola archaeology.

All of this and more will be discussed by Dr. Judy Bense, Dr. John Bratten and Greg Cook at the annual banquet next Tuesday, June 13 at 6 PM at Azalea Trace meeting room. It is too late for reservations, but come after dinner for the program at 7:15 if you would like. Hope to see you there to bring one year to an end and look forward to more archaeology in the Panhandle area.

## **DUES ARE DUE**

It's the end of the PAS fiscal year and time for membership renewal. PAS dues are: Individual \$15, Family \$20, Student \$6, Life \$200. Dues and contributions to the Student Awards Fund should be sent to the PAS mail box. Look on your last newsletter address label for your expiration date.

## **T SHIRTS UPDATE**

The 2006 t-shirts have been selling very well and half of the first order has been sold. The new shirts have both the PAS and UWF logos on the front and the colonial waterfront on the back. Shirts are on sale (\$10) every day at the field school site behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum and will be available at the banquet.

## **UPDATED 2006 FIELD SCHOOL INFORMATION**

UWF Field School began on May 15 with an orientation for students and volunteers. Dr. Elizabeth Benchley and Norma Harris are in charge of the excavations behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum for a second year. Archaeologists and students continue to search for more wells and foundations from the Spanish and British occupations in the forts. VOLUNTEERS are needed to rough sort artifacts under the big tent in the field lab behind the Museum. Volunteer turn out has been great this year- 4 to 8 per day! Hours for volunteers are 9AM to 3 PM (except July 3-4). Call Jan on the field phone for more info -516-1932.

Dr. John Bratten and Greg Cook are in charge of the underwater field school this summer. Remote sensing has been used in waters near the Emmanuel Point shipwreck (1559) near the mouth of Bayou Texar. Mapping has begun on the wreck of a side wheel steamer near Seminole, Alabama. The number of students participating in the underwater activities prevents volunteers from accompanying them on the boats.

## **STUDENT AWARDS FUND**

This was a great month for the Student Awards Fund. During the month donations of \$705 were received bringing the total to \$4,050.59! Donations of any amount are welcome! The next awards will be made during October with proposals due in September. Thanks again from the PAS Board and students.

## **FAS ANNUAL MEETING**

A large group from PAS and the FPAN attended the FAS annual meeting May 12-14 in Stuart, FL. The Southeast Florida Archaeological Society was the host and planned the meeting and papers well. The papers on Saturday were held at the Wolf High Technology Center, Indian River Community College. Papers covered work at Little Salt Springs, St. Johns pottery, clues to shamanism in the archaeological record, searching for Ft. Caroline and management of the Calusa mounds in Charlotte Harbor. The Saturday night banquet was held at Indian Riverside Park, location of the Mt. Elizabeth Indian mound on Indian River Lagoon. At the banquet, Elizabeth Benchley accepted certificates of achievement for two PAS members who could not attend. These will be presented at our annual banquet next week. Ryan Wheeler, BAR chief and state archaeologist, presented the program.

Elizabeth Benchley was also elected president of the Florida Archaeological Council (FAC) at their meeting that corresponded with the FAS annual meeting. PAS has offered to host the FAS Annual Meeting in 2009 to coincide with the 450th year celebration of the Luna expedition's settlement in Pensacola. This offer is being considered.

## **DELLA SCOTT-IRETON, FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST**

Welcome to Della Scott-Ireton, new public archaeologist based at the FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK headquarters here in Pensacola. Della was chosen from a strong list of candidates to disperse information to the public, operate a public outreach program, assist teachers with lesson plans, promote regional programs and assist local governments in their efforts to preserve and protect archaeological resources.

Della graduated from UWF with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a Master's degree in Historical Archaeology. She also has a Master's in International Relations from Troy University. She received her PhD in Anthropology from Florida State. Della is certified as a Scuba Instructor with NAUI. She worked with the Pensacola Shipwreck Survey, West Florida Preservation, Inc., Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research and the government of the Cayman Islands before joining FPAN. Della's research interests include public interpretation of maritime cultural resources, both on land and underwater, and training of avocationalists in archaeological methods and practices.

Many of us will be able to volunteer with Della as she develops plans and activities to educate the public and promote protection of archaeological sites.

### **COMING EVENTS**

June 6            Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Bowden Building downtown

June 13            **PAS ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET**  
AZALEA TRACE MEETING ROOM, 6 PM (RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 1)  
**REVIEW OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN PENSACOLA 2005-2006**  
**AND PREVIEW OF 2006-2007**  
**DR. JUDY BENSE, DR. JOHN BRATTEN AND GREG COOK**

**NO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST, BUT BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AND MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

July 11            Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Bowden Building downtown

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