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## **PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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### **A LOOK AT THE PAST YEAR AND A LOOK AHEAD JUNE 12 ANNUAL BANQUET**

The PAS Annual Banquet will be held at the Azalea Trace Banquet Room on June 12 at 6 PM. It is TOO LATE for banquet reservations, but you are invited to attend the program portion of the banquet which should begin between 7:15 and 7:30. Seating will be available for Azalea Trace residents and others at that time.

Dr. Judy Bense and Dr. John Bratten will present a summary of excavations and investigations which occurred during the past year and will offer a look into the future for archaeology in our area. There have been some very exciting discoveries during the past year in the surrounding waters as well as on land. Plans for the coming year include continued PAS participation in excavations and lab activities on several very interesting sites.

As in the past, this will be the last membership meeting for the year until September, but the Board continues to meet the first Tuesday of each month. Contact a board member if you have questions or issues that we need to address. Hope to see you downtown at Main & Rues during the month of June for field lab rough sorting activities.

### **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.

Della is just returning to Pensacola after spending two weeks offshore on the Mardi Gras Shipwreck Project. The project is sponsored by the Federal Minerals Management Agency (MMS), who asked for FPAN's assistance with public outreach and educational materials. FPAN is hosting a web site for the project at

[www.flpublicarchaeology.org/mardigras/](http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org/mardigras/) and Della posted daily updates for the project. Paul Sjoldal will take over the updates for the final two weeks of the project.

Two Archaeology Days are coming up – July 14 in Panama City and July 21 in Baker. Assistance from PAS members and UWF students would be welcomed. Contact Della if you'd like to come out and help.

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.

## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION UPDATE**

This summer there are several opportunities available for volunteering. Some sites are in the field and some are in air conditioned buildings. 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 this summer.

\*\*\***UWF FIELD SCHOOL LAB** – Field school excavations at the corner of Main and Reus Streets will begin June 11 and volunteers will be needed to rough sort artifacts ON SITE Monday through Friday **MORNINGS (9 – Noon)** through June 29. After that time, the field school will move to other locations, including Sapelo Island, Georgia, and volunteers will not be needed. For more info, call 474-3015.

\*\*\***UWF excavations** at the Lee House lot are complete, but work will start on Monday, June 11, south of (behind) the Tivoli House on Zarragosa Street to prepare the lot for moving two historic houses onto the site. Volunteers are needed to help with excavations and 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.). Call the UWF field phone with inquiries about field work (516-1932).

\*\*\* **UWF Archaeology Lab** - VOLUNTEERS are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the Commanding Officers' Compound and the Lee House. The lab is open Monday through Thursday 9 AM until Noon for volunteers (No Friday work this summer) through the end of July. Most lab workers are in the field now and we still need help in the lab. 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.

### **TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES**

UWF Field School 2007 is underway. The barge is in place at the mouth of Bayou Texar and the UWF underwater team is continuing to investigate a ballast pile near the Emanuel Point shipwreck. The underwater field school students completed their dive certification the last week of May and diving began last week. The terrestrial students have loaded equipment into vehicles and trailers and set up downtown at the corner of Main and Reus Streets.

Dr. Victor Thompson and field school students will excavate several areas of a lot at Main and Reus Streets during the month of June. There will be a field lab on site from June 11-29 and volunteers will be needed for rough sorting artifacts from these and other excavations. In addition to historic artifacts, Native American artifacts (Deptford culture around 2000 years ago) have previously been recovered from this site and that component will be the focus of this year's excavations. After the field work moves to Georgia in July, Norma Harris and Victor will work in several different areas on Sapelo Island investigating prehistoric and historic occupations. These excavations in wooded areas will be quite different from the excavations in downtown Pensacola!

Under the direction of Norma Harris, field work continues for the month of June on a lot behind (south of) the Tivoli House on Zarragosa Street in Historic Pensacola Village. Two historic houses will be moved to the lot and archaeologists will excavate the footing areas prior to this move. The FPAN Center lab will be

open for volunteers to rough sort artifacts from these excavations ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS 9 am til 3 pm (See volunteers needed section.).

### **DUES REMINDER**

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)

### **COMING EVENTS**

- June 5            Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center,  
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street
- June 12           PAS ANNUAL BANQUET, 6 PM, AZALEA TRACE BANQUET ROOM  
Dr. Judy Bense and Dr John Bratten  
**A LOOK AT THE PAST YEAR AND A LOOK AHEAD**  
(The program is open to Azalea Trace residents and PAS member even if  
you do not attend the banquet. A short business meeting and program  
will begin between 7:15 and 7:30. Seating is available in the back.)

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

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## **FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

From May 11-13 the 59<sup>th</sup> annual FAS meeting was held in Sebring-Avon Park, Florida, hosted by the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy (KVAHC). A number of PAS members attended to participate in the FPAN meeting, Florida Archaeological Council meeting, the FAS Board Meeting and other activities which took place at the same time. The Friday night reception and Saturday night banquet were well attended. The keynote speaker at the banquet was Dr. Barbara Purdy, University of Florida professor emerita. A number of participants took the opportunity on Sunday to tour the Blueberry Site in Lake Placid, a significant Belle Glade village site, with David Butler.

More than 30 papers on all aspects of anthropology were presented on Saturday at the University Center at South Florida Community College, Avon Park. Most of the papers were covered archaeological topics, but there were also papers on a few other anthropological topics. Several people displayed posters about their research or areas of expertise.

The Trail of the Lost Tribes has been renamed to reflect a change in its mission to include existing Native American historical facilities as well as museums and archaeological sites. The new name is Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage.

Legal provisions have been made for archaeological easements in the State of Florida to be carried into perpetuity. Once in place, these easements can protect sites on private property forever, but drawing up these agreements is a lengthy process.

FAS celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> year of bringing professional, avocational and student archaeologists together to share their knowledge by using the "owl" logo on all correspondence throughout the coming year. The new logo was designed by James Hunter, a longtime member of FAS and archaeological illustrator, who donated his talent to FAS in celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The meeting next year will be held in Tampa, Florida, May 2-4, 2008 with Marcie Connors and Shanna Drwiega as cochairs for local arrangements. Dr. Bob Austin will chair the program committee. The Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society is the host. In 2009 the meeting will be here in Pensacola to help celebrate our 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you are not already a member of FAS, consider joining. Dues are as follows: Student \$15, Regular \$30, Family \$35, Institutional \$ 30, Sustaining \$40,

Patron \$100, Life \$500, Benefactor \$2500. Mail to FAS, c/o Kay Gautier, Treasurer, P.O. Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591

### **PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2006-2007**

PAS has had a very active year that involved one drastic change. After holding the general membership meetings at Trinity Presbyterian Church for 10 years, the Florida Public Archaeology Center opened and not only provided PAS with a meeting room, but also with an office. We finally have a home. The February general meeting was the first to be held in the new quarters and the speaker, Dr. Judy Bense, had an overflow crowd.

Each year PAS members participate in a number of activities in the Pensacola area and statewide and this year was no exception. The FAS meeting in Stuart, Florida, in May 2006 was the first major activity of the year. During June 2006, PAS members participated in the Pensacola Historical Museums annual Open House. Members participated in FPAN's Archaeology Day in Cantonment in October. PAS members were guests of the local Public Radio affiliate, WUWF, at a reception to introduce Dr. Judy Bense's new book, *Unearthing Pensacola*, which she co-authored with Sandra Averhart and Nancy Miller. PAS members and UWF students and faculty answered questions and handed out materials at the UWF Festival on the Green in the spring.

During summer 2006, PAS members joined the UWF 2006 Summer Field School Activities as units were excavated behind the T. T. Wentworth Museum downtown. PAS members excavated, screened and rough sorted artifacts under the big tent all summer long. The underwater crew hosted an open house at the Seminole Shipwreck site in July that was well attended.

During March 2007, Florida Archaeology Month, a group of PAS members went to Mobile's Exploreum for the exhibit, *A Day in Pompeii*, which was exceptional. PAS, FPAN and St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation hosted a Historic Cemetery Preservation Workshop that was held at the FPAN Center in March.

The Student Awards Fund continues to be well supported by the PAS membership. At the end of July, the fund reached \$4075.59. Two students received \$400 each at the October membership meeting and two students received \$400 each at the March membership meeting to further their research and attend professional meetings to present papers. The year ended with a Student Award

Fund balance of \$2715.64, \$2540 of which has been invested in a CD to gain interest until it is needed. T-shirt sales this year resulted in \$344.06 profit added to the Student Awards Fund.

**PAS volunteers logged 2284 hours this year. Wow, what a year!**

TENTATIVE UWF FIELD SCHOOL 2007 CALENDAR AND INFORMATION  
Landowner permission, weather and other unforeseen forces may cause adjustments to be made to this schedule. Call 474-3015 if there is a question. A date has not been set at this time for the Open House at the Emanuel Point 2 underwater site. Watch the July newsletter for an update on scheduling.

June 11-15           Volunteers needed at Main and Reus Streets site to rough sort under the tents.

June 18-22           Open house at the Main and Reus site with site tours available. Volunteers needed to rough sort artifacts under the tents.

June 25-27           Volunteers needed at Main and Reus site to rough sort artifacts under the tents.

June 28-29          Remote sensing project at Bernath. Volunteers not needed at this time.

July 2-6            Other Projects in Pensacola area – Volunteers not needed at this time.(off July 4)

July 9-13            Other Project – Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City. No volunteers needed at this time.

July 16 – August 10 – Sapelo Island,Georgia. No volunteers needed.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN TALLAHASSEE AT THE  
MARTIN/DE SOTO SITE

Archaeological excavations are currently being conducted at the Martin/deSoto

site in Tallahassee, Florida as part of an archaeological field school being jointly sponsored by the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research and Florida State University's

Anthropology Department. Participating students are posting an on-line journal to inform the public about the project's progress. The on-line journal can be read at <http://msbar.blogspot.com/>.

The Martin/de Soto site is thought to be the village of Anhaica Apalache, once home to the Native American group known as the Apalachee. The village was occupied

for over 100 years, and according to historic accounts, was comprised of at least 250 dwellings. Between 1539-40, the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his expedition

of 600 men spent the winter at this location. The site has proven to be one of the earliest Spanish sites in the United States and the only known campsite associated with the de Soto expedition. Rare artifacts such as chain mail armor, glass beads, Spanish and Portuguese coins as well as Apalachee pottery, projectile points, and gaming pieces have been excavated.

If you are in the nearby area, please join Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research Staff and FSU students on Saturday, June 9th at the Martin/de Soto Archaeological Site between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for a Public Archaeology Day. Activities include spear throwing, open excavation units, recovered artifacts on display, horses and pigs, projectile point manufacturing, children's activities, and historic home tours of the Governor Martin House, also located on site. For more information please visit the web site.

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[www.flheritage.com](http://www.flheritage.com)

<http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/comments/>

Physical Address of the Martin/de Soto Site:

B. Calvin Jones Center for Archaeology at the Governor Martin House

1001 de Soto Park Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32301