



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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ON THE TRAIL OF THE LOST CALUSA INDIANS

People lived and fished on Florida's Gulf Coast long before the first pyramids in Egypt. Among these were the Calusa, a rich, powerful and artistic society. The Calusa built towns, engineered canals and developed a complex society. The Calusa heartland was located near present-day Fort Myers, but their influence spread throughout South Florida. Information about these Indians can be found in historic Spanish documents beginning in 1513. The Calusa tribe died out in the late 1700s because many were captured by Indian tribes from Georgia and South Carolina and sold as slaves. In addition, many died from diseases such as smallpox and measles brought into the area by the Spanish and French explorers. It is believed that the few remaining Calusa Indians left for Cuba when the Spanish turned Florida over to the British in 1763.

On May 9, Dr. John E. Worth, Curator of the University of Florida's Randell Research Center in Pineland, Florida, will present our monthly program *On the Trail of the Lost Calusa Civilization*. For the last decade, Dr. Worth has been tracing the remaining descendants of Marco Island's legendary Calusa Indians. His landmark detective work has discovered the link between Cuban residents and the Calusa tribe. Join us for the program at 7 PM in Room 10, Trinity Presbyterian Church on Bayou Blvd.

DUES ARE DUE

It's the end of the PAS fiscal year again 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. Please use the ENCLOSED FORM for dues and annual meeting reservations.

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2006-2007

The slate of officers was approved by membership vote during the April 11 membership meeting as there were no nominations from the floor.

The vote was unanimous so your officers for 2006-2007 are:

President – John Crane Vice President – Ken Alderman
Rec. Secretary – Jan Lloyd Treasurer – Kay Gautier
Corresponding Secretary – Gail Leroy and Elizabeth Benchley
Board – Martha Ridlehoover and Greg Cook
(Gene Feicht and Robert Koonce have 1 more year on the Board.)

T SHIRTS UPDATE

The 2006 t-shirt order HAS ARRIVED and they will be available at the May meeting. The design is the same since it was a big hit, but great, new colors were selected. The new shirts have both the PAS and UWF logos on the front.

2006 FIELD SCHOOL INFORMATION

UWF Field School will begin on May 15 with an orientation for students and VOLUNTEERS. Students arrive at 8, but the presentation for students and volunteers will begin at 9 a.m. in the Bowden Building. Dr. Elizabeth Benchley and Norma Harris will be in charge of the excavations that will take place behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum again this year. Archaeologists and students will continue to search for more wells and foundations from the Spanish and British occupations downtown. Dr. John Bratten and Greg Cook will be in charge of the underwater field school this summer with investigations planned in the waters of NW Florida and nearby Alabama. Beginning May 21 volunteers will be needed to rough sort artifacts under the big tent in the field lab behind the Museum, but available space on the boats prevents additional people from volunteering during the underwater activities. An open house will be held at one of the underwater sites so watch the newsletter for announcements about this activity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*****SUMMER FIELD LAB** - In addition, BEGINNING MAY 21, the field lab under the big tent will be open for volunteers. Work will involve rough sorting bags of artifacts that are being recovered from ongoing excavations behind the T.T. Wentworth Museum again this summer. Hours are 9-3 each week day except Memorial Day and July 3-4. For more information call the Archaeology Institute at 474-3015 or just show up.

FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The 58th Annual FAS Meeting will be held in Stuart, Florida on May 12-14, 2006. The meeting host will be the Southeast Florida Archaeological Society. The primary hotel will be Pirates Cove Resort and Marina in Stuart. FAS and Florida Archaeological Council events are scheduled for Friday, May 12, with board meetings in the afternoon and a reception that night at the Stuart Recreation Center. Dot Moore will be honored for work at the New Smyrna Beach site and Governor and Mrs. Bush for their present and future support of Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. Paper presentations are scheduled all day on Saturday followed by the FAS annual meeting and banquet. 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. Advanced registration is closed and the on site fee is \$50.

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.

Write to the new membership secretary, Beth Sarney, 5331 Lansdowne Way, Palmetto, FL 34221 or email excav8@tampabay.rr.com

STUDENT AWARDS FUND

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Student Awards Fund in the past. Keep up the good work! The fund total was \$2753 when the fiscal year 2005-2006 began. During this year, \$1600 in awards were made to students who traveled for research and to present papers at international conferences. They represented UWF and PAS very well. At this time because of the generous donations by PAS members, the Student Awards Fund stands at \$3345! We should be able to continue our support of these students with this strong support from the PAS membership. Thanks again from the PAS Board of Directors.

COMING EVENTS

- May 2 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- May 9 **ON THE TRAIL OF THE LOST CALUSA INDIANS**
DR. JOHN WORTH
RANDELL RESEARCH CENTER, PINELAND, FLORIDA
7 PM, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bayou Blvd.
- May 15 **Field School Orientation** for Students and Volunteers,
9 am, Bowden Building in the Historic District
- June 3 History Museums' Open House, Downtown Pensacola, volunteers needed
- June 6 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- 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

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BANQUET RESERVATIONS

PLEASE INDICATE CHOICES FOR BANQUET MEAL(S) BY WRITING A **NAME** IN THE BLANKS BELOW SO YOUR NAMETAG WILL REFLECT YOUR PREFERENCE. EACH MEAL THIS YEAR WILL BE \$12.50.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 1.

_____ TRIPLE SALAD PLATE with shrimp, egg and chicken salad,
fresh fruit, muffin, tiramisu for dessert

_____ GRILLED CHICKEN EUGENE (with ham and Swiss on top),
wild rice, broccoli, Caesar salad, bread, tiramisu for dessert

NUMBER OF MEALS _____ AT \$12.50 EACH = \$ _____

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