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THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH TO THE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. John Worth joined the Anthropology department at UWF this fall and has brought his many talents to our area. Dr. Worth continues to study historic Indians of the Southeast and research documents pertaining to Spanish settlement of the Southeast. He has visited archives in Spain and Cuba to study and translate these documents and plans to return to Spain this summer to continue this work. He has studied Mexican materials and will expand his work to Mexico in the near future. During his presentation, Dr. Worth will show how historical and archaeological data are the two complementary sides of anthropological-oriented research for the historic era.

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7 pm for this interesting presentation.

NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SHIPWRECK DISCOVERED

A good crowd, including a number of PAS members, gathered October 11 when the Secretary of State, Kurt Browning, Dr. Cavanaugh and archaeologists from UWF announced the discovery of another nationally significant shipwreck in our area, another in the second oldest group in North America. During surveys of Pensacola Bay, many targets are located with magnetometer and side scan sonar. Investigations of targets sometimes reveal things like washing machines or other metal objects, but Target 17 proved to be an important find. Located very near the 16th century Emanuel Point shipwreck excavated previously by the State and UWF 1992-1998, the new discovery is another early wreck from the same time period

and is called Emanuel Point II. Investigations are ongoing and will continue for some time through grants from the Department of State, Division of Historic Preservation. After the announcement, people viewed display cases of artifacts recovered from the shipwreck and people were invited out to the barge for a site tour.

Around 700 artifacts have been recovered so far and are undergoing conservation and analysis at the UWF Conservation Lab. Diagnostic artifacts include 16th Century Spanish ceramics, lead sheathing from the hull and Spanish bricks. The ship's construction is another diagnostic characteristic of a 16th century vessel. Diving will continue until around Thanksgiving when the waters become too cold to continue. The barge will be returned to shore, but will be reset in the spring when diving will resume on this important wreck.

NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Public Archaeologist based at the FPAN Center here in Pensacola, Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director, and Mary Furlong, Outreach Coordinator, contribute monthly to the newsletter (595-0059 for info).

The FPAN staff had a busy month traveling throughout the country and even internationally for conferences. Presenting papers on a variety of topics including preservation of underwater cultural resources, teaching archaeology in the classroom and the appearance of pierced coins in the archaeological record, the FPAN staff carried the message of public archaeology everywhere they went.

FPAN continues to grow throughout Florida. Positions for new staff members and partnering organizations are currently being advertised. The goal is to have every region in the state matched with a strong partnering organization and staffed with a director and outreach coordinator soon.

FPAN's Northwest Regional office has several events planned for November and December. There will be an Archaeology Day and lecture (10 am to 2 pm) at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park in Niceville on November 10. On November 28th, Della will present a lecture on shipwrecks of northwest Florida at the Indian Temple Mound Museum in Fort Walton Beach. On December 14 and 15th, FPAN will participate in Old Seville Square's Christmas Market in downtown Pensacola. This will be a great event to share information with holiday shoppers about FPAN, PAS and Pensacola's archaeological resources.

FPAN Archaeology Lab is open WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm each week to rough sort materials from downtown excavations.

TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES

The UWF underwater team continued to investigate the new Emanuel Point II shipwreck this fall as weather permitted. About 700 artifacts have been recovered so far and are being treated in the conservation lab at UWF. The barge will be pulled from the site soon since the water is too cold for more diving until spring. Conservation and other lab work will continue through the winter on the artifacts recovered so far. Artifacts included 16th century ceramics, lead sheathing from the hull, wood samples and early Spanish bricks.

UWF archaeologists continue to monitor utilities replacement through historically sensitive areas along Alcaniz and Florida Blanca Streets. Planning continues concerning a restoration project at the Barkley House on Bayfront Parkway. Previous work on this lot has found that cultural deposits are shallow and any construction would impact these deposits. Indian villages and perhaps an early mission site have been located in this area according to early maps.

In the lab, the students in lab methods class have completed processing artifacts from Pumpkin Hammock (Sapelo Island) and are continuing work on artifacts from Bourbon Field (Sapelo Island) and the lot at Main and Reus. Presentations about the results will be presented at PAS monthly meetings in the spring. Join us in the lab to help with rough sorting so we will be able to finish all the cataloging by December.

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 recovered during excavations in our area.

*****FPAN lab** - Volunteers are needed to help rough sort artifacts from the downtown projects. Lab work occurs from 9:30 to 3:30 ONLY on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY at the FPAN Center downtown. For more info about the lab or to volunteer, call Mary Furlong at 595-5524.

*** **UWF Archaeology Lab** - VOLUNTEERS are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the field school excavations. The lab is open Monday and Wednesday (9-12), Tuesday and Thursday (9-12 and 1-4) for volunteers (No Friday work this semester.) through November. 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, can be contacted for more information at 251-460-6562.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 6 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. Members welcome.

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TO THE ARCHAEOLOGIST**
Dr. John Worth
Historical Archaeologist, University of West Florida
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN STREET

Dec. 4 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. Members welcome.

DEC. 11 **A MARITIME LANDSCAPE OF DEADMAN'S ISLAND**
Krista Jordan Greene
Finishing Graduate Student at UWF
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN STREET

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FAS MEMBERSHIP

PAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society. FAS is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. 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*. FAS members have the opportunity in May each year 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.

ACTIVITIES COMING UP IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

FORT MIMS EXCAVATIONS:

The Center for Archaeological Studies will sponsor continuing excavations at Fort Mims to follow the proposed path of the reconstructed fort. The activities will be on the following Saturdays – Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and 24, and Dec. 15 and 22. These excavations are featured in the Fall 2007 *American Archaeology* magazine. For more information contact Bonnie Gums, 251-460-6562.

ALABAMA'S HISTORICAL POTTERS

As an introduction to the Alabama Folk Pottery Exhibit at the Mobile Museum of Art, Joey Brackner will present a special talk about Alabama's Historical Potters on Nov. 15, 5:30 PM at MMA. The exhibition was organized by the Birmingham Museum of Art and documents the heritage of pottery making in Alabama. The exhibit traces pottery-making families from the early days of building food storage containers to the later days when decoration and artistry became more important. Brackner is the director of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture and has worked on numerous special projects since 1985. These projects include a film documentary on Alabama folk potter Jerry Brown and editorship of *Tributaries*, the Journal of the Alabama Folklife Association. Brackner's recent book, *Alabama Folk Pottery*, is the result of 20 years of research. One chapter on potters on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay was written in collaboration with USA archaeologists Dr. Greg Waselkov and Bonnie Gums and their study of old kiln sites in Daphne, Montrose, Fairhope and on the Fish River. Please RSVP by 11/12 at 251-208-5200.