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**SANTA ROSA PENSACOLA
AT THE FPAN CENTER
NOVEMBER 11, 7 PM**

The first two of the special presentations at PAS monthly membership meetings in celebration of 450 years of occupation in Pensacola drew larger crowds than usual and introduced a number of new people to the sites around Pensacola. These presentations about some important archaeological sites in our area continue this month with Norma Harris's information about excavations at Santa Rosa Pensacola. These meetings are advertised as part of the Celebrate Pensacola offerings on their website for those interested in excavations that been going on in our area for over half a century on sites dating from our earliest colonial settlers.

The excavations on Santa Rosa Island toward the west end took place from 2002-2004 and over one hundred and fifty thousand artifacts were recovered. As with the analysis of Santa Maria de Galve artifacts, the careful recovery of the artifacts from Santa Rosa Pensacola has enabled archaeologists to interpret life among the 18th century settlers and their interactions with local Native Americans, the French in Mobile and others in Veracruz, Mexico. Information from historians, archaeologists, zooarchaeologists and botanists has been used to study the population, activities and buildings present on the site from 1722-1752.

An archaeologist's dream is to excavate a site that has only been occupied for a short time by one group of people and Santa Rosa Pensacola is just such a site. Although conditions during the excavation were not ideal and features in the sugary white sand had leached away badly, careful examination of the remains in the field and lab has revealed quite a story. You will want to hear all about this site.

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, (mfurlong@uwf.edu), contribute monthly to the newsletter (595-0059 for info).

November is already off to a busy start for the FPAN staff. On Nov. 1st, FPAN set up information booths at the Baker-Block Museum's Heritage Day and Rocky Bayou State Park's Pioneer Day. In addition, FPAN staff identified artifacts brought in by the public and at Rocky Bayou FPAN staff and several UWF graduate students demonstrated how archaeologists use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to locate and learn about sites without digging.

During November Milton High Anthropology/Archaeology students under the direction of FPAN archaeologists continue to carefully excavate and analyze a brick kiln site from the mid to late 1800s in Santa Rosa County. The students plan to share the information they have gathered on a virtual museum website they are creating. The FPAN staff has several special events scheduled throughout the rest of November, including HART (Historical and Archaeological Resource Training), a Girl Scout merit badge clinic and several school presentations.

Be sure to stop by the FPAN center to see the new museum exhibit, A Road Trip Through Florida Archaeology. The exhibit is open Monday – Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. It will also be open as part of the Arts Council of Northwest Florida's Gallery Night on Nov. 21 from 5 to 9 pm. During Gallery Night, FPAN will showcase the work of local artist, Dave Edwards, featuring his paintings of the Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT UWF AND FPAN

UWF, BLDG. 13 LAB – Help is needed to rough sort materials from the Barkley House excavations and from Bourbon Field on Sapelo Island. Call Jan for info at 474-2087. The lab hours are **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9-Noon because class is Monday through Thursday afternoons. Lab is closed Dec. 6 until January 10.

FPAN, LAB – open **Wednesday** and **Friday** 9 am to 3 pm. Call Mary -595-0050

UNDERWATER AND TERRESTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY REPORTS

This fall the terrestrial archaeologists have spent most of their time working on paperwork from the summer excavations and responding to emergencies. Although everyone thought work was finished at the site of the relocated houses on Zarragosa Street, monitors have had to excavate a number of features from the British period as more ditches were opened in the area.

Excavations at the Barkley House will resume shortly. Construction of the two new out buildings is scheduled to begin in February 2009 and excavations must be completed before that time.

Follow-up excavations have resumed east of St. Michael's Cemetery where construction of a High Tech Research Park is planned. Previous testing at the site revealed a Late Archaic-early Woodland prehistoric site identified by stone artifacts and clay balls. Present work should last about 2 weeks and will identify the site boundaries as well as locate any other features that might be present.

The Underwater Team will bring the barge out of the water for the winter since the water temperature has cooled enough to make diving uncomfortable without heavier wetsuits. They measured and mapped the much-publicized shipwreck on private property near Ft. Morgan, Alabama, just before the county reburied it last week. Vandalism by the public after the ship's discovery was recorded during several news programs. Several other shipwrecks and artifacts exposed during the latest tropical weather were evaluated by the crew and some of the ships' remains have already been reburied by subsequent storms.

The draft report for the special category grant about the Emanuel Point II shipwreck is nearing completion and conservation of artifacts continues in the lab.

FAS ANNUAL MEETING 2009 AND NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Plans for the FAS Annual Meeting to be held May 8-10, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Hotel are underway. The efforts of many VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with publicity, registration, the reception, the banquet, tours and sessions. Please give John Leroy a call and offer your help with something you enjoy doing.

Kay Gautier will present the Florida Archaeology Month 2009 poster design to the FAS Board meeting this weekend. It looks GREAT thanks to Ken Alderman and Nancy Miller and will be unveiled for you at the next PAS meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Nov 4, Tues. Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. MEMBERS WELCOME

November 11, Tuesday **SANTA ROSA PENSACOLA**
Norma Harris
UWF Archaeology Institute
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN ST.

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December 9, Tuesday **PRESIDIO SAN MIGUEL**
Dr. Elizabeth Benchley
Director, UWF Archaeology Institute
7 PM, FPAN CENTER, 207 E. MAIN ST.

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