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HIDDEN VESTIGES-HIDDEN LANDSCAPES : ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF NORTH HILL HISTORIC SITES

FLORIDA HISTORY THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY theme for the 2009-2010 membership meeting lecture series is underway. Della presented an interesting outlook about Florida's trouble with treasure at the August meeting and there is more to follow. See the complete list of programs as the insert page and save for future reference. These programs will continue to be held at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street, since attendance has outgrown the meeting room at FPAN.

Buried beneath the city of Pensacola, Florida are the remains of an extensive network of earthworks and archaeological deposits from a 1781 Revolutionary War battle known as the Siege of Pensacola. A GIS approach to understanding this battlefield landscape is used to reconcile the modern landscape with an old and complex urban landscape. Maps and documents provide additional information, along with an extensive record from landowners and previous archaeological investigations related to the event. Results from this study reveal conclusions about how the historical landscape was once overlooked or deemed unapproachable, but now can be recognized as a landscape worthy of study and preservation.

Larry James, graduate from the College of Charleston and now grad student at UWF, will present this information from his thesis research.

The meeting will be held at 7 PM on August 11 at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street. See you there and bring a friend.

NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Northwest Region Director based at the FPAN Center here in Pensacola, and Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director, contribute monthly to the newsletter (595-0059).

The search is underway for a new Outreach Coordinator for the Northwest Region. Lab opportunities at FPAN will be limited until this job is filled.

On August 24, UWF interns Irina Franklin, Melissa Timo and Tara Giuliano joined FPAN. These graduate students will work on projects throughout the year to learn about public archaeology.

Della is just back from the North Central region in Crystal River where she presented an orientation about underwater archaeology for divers. During this first meeting of its type, the divers learned how to fill out Florida Site File forms and how to go about investigating a site in the correct way. The divers will field check areas where symbols on nautical maps indicate some sort of obstruction on the ocean floor. Shipwrecks will be reported on the Florida site file forms. Della hopes to be able to present another such seminar in the Pensacola area.

Della is continuing to present Heritage Awareness Diving Seminars in the Keys in the spring and will begin these seminars in Tampa during the fall.

See the information about the upcoming CONQUISTADORS, COLONISTS AND THE CROWN SYMPOSIUM to be held Sept. 18-19 locally. FPAN is one of the sponsors for this FREE event on the date of the hurricane that destroyed Luna's chances for a successful colony here in Pensacola 450 years ago.

UNDERWATER AND TERRESTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY REPORTS

The very successful underwater and terrestrial field schools ended the first week of August. During the fall, several underwater students will complete documentation on and backfill the units that were excavated at the Emanuel Point II wreck this season. Work in the conservation lab is progressing on the artifacts recovered from the wreck. Hopefully the visibility at the site will improve this fall and this will make their work easier. The barge should be in the water until about October and then it will be removed until next summer for repairs. UWF is resubmitting a special category grant to the Florida Historical Commission and hopes the state funding will be available next year. None of these projects has been funded for the past two years although the Emanuel Point II grant was ranked #1 in its class. Field school will return to the EP II site next summer. Visit the site on line: http://www.uri.edu/artsci/his/mua/project_journals/wf/wf_intro.shtml

Both terrestrial groups located what they sought. Working on private property near Molino, one group located the remains of a small village and mission site occupied during the 1700s as well as a prehistoric site (500 BC to AD 500). See the blog for more info: <http://pensacolacolonialfrontiers.blogspot.com/>

The second terrestrial group located a building foundation a residence at Arcadia Mill near Milton. Look at the blog on line about the excavations at Arcadia. <http://arcadiamillvillage.blogspot.com/> Both groups plan to return to their respective sites again next summer.

The lab methods class is underway with 14 students. These students will process materials recovered from both terrestrial sites. Your help is needed on Monday and Wednesday each week to rough sort and clean the artifacts before the students complete processing. Come help us see what was found.

Excavations are presently underway just east of St. Michael's Cemetery to gather information about a 4000 year old site before a new technology campus will be built. So far the archaeologists have exposed a burned hearth with charred wood, stone tools and refuse including shell and animal bone. Archaeologists hope to find a pattern in the position of the posts that might indicate a structure has been present. In addition to stone tools, some bone tools have also been recovered. Work will last about 3 more weeks and the site is open to visitors.

Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, Dr. Bill Lees and John Phillips are submitting a proposal to do a survey at Natural Bridge State Park just south of Tallahassee. The park has acquired 55 new acres and has received a grant for a survey of the cultural resources on the property. Not only are there prehistoric sites in the area, but there is also an important Civil War battlefield. The results of this battle resulted in Tallahassee being the only southern capitol never taken by Union forces. The survey will incorporate usual archaeological survey methods (shovel tests on a grid) with metal detecting to locate the bullet scatter on the battlefield. Results will give clues to the location and size of the prehistoric sites and the exact location of the battle. Volunteers will be used in many aspects of the survey and some of the work will be completed on weekends. Contact Dr. Lees or Dr. Benchley for more information.

LAST CALL FOR 2009-2010 DUES

The PAS membership year is May through April the following year. If you have not paid your dues since January 2009, you are about to be deleted from the roster in September. Dues: student \$6, individual \$15, family \$20, life member \$200. Current year is listed on the mailing label.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 8 – HIDDEN VESTIGES-HIDDEN LANDSCAPES : ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF NORTH HILL HISTORIC SITES

Larry James, UWF grad student
7 PM, Bowden Building, 120 Church Street

SEPT. 18-19 CONQUISTADORS, COLONISTS AND THE CROWN SYMPOSIUM, STORIES OF 16TH-CENTURY SPANISH FLORIDA FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SEE ENCLOSED INFORMATION.

Oct. 6 BOARD MEETING- FPAN Center, 207 E. Main Street, MEMBERS WELCOME.

Oct. 13 RECONSTRUCTION OF GALVEZ'S SHIP, *GALVEZTOWN*
Sam Turner, L.A.M.P in St. Augustine
7 PM, Bowden Building, 120 Church Street

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES –
NOTE NEW HOURS**

- The lab at **UWF** is open for volunteers Monday & Wednesday 9AM-4 PM through September. Processing artifacts from the Barkley House and rough sorting artifacts from the field schools are the projects now. The volunteers logged 149 hours at the building 13 lab during August. THANK YOU!!! Be sure to stop at the information center for a parking hang tag if you come to the UWF lab.
- Lab at the **FPAN** Center will reopen when the new Outreach Coordinator has been hired. Check the Oct. newsletter for the new FPAN lab schedule.

**FLORIDA HISTORY THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY 2009-2010
PAS MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

- 2009 Aug. 11**– All Aboard the Failboat: Florida’s Trouble with Treasure
Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN
- Sept. 8** – Hidden Vestiges, Hidden Landscapes: Archaeological Investigations of North Hill Historic Sites – Larry James, UWF grad student
- Oct. 13** – Reconstruction of Galvez’s Ship, *Galveztown*
Sam Turner, L.A.M.P. in St. Augustine
- Nov. 10** –Civil War Archaeology in West Florida
Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director
- Dec. 8** – Wakulla in the Sandhills: Analysis of a Late Weeden Island Site in the Northwest Florida Interior Uplands – Chris Mickwee, UWF grad student
- 2010 Jan. 12** – Swift Creek in Northeast Florida
Dr. Neill Wallis, UWF
- Feb. 9** –Two Second Spanish Period Households: St.Augustine-Pensacola
Debby Mullins, SEARCH and PhD student UF
- March 9** – Mission San Luis
Jerry Lee, Mission San Luis archaeologist
- April 13** – An Outdoor Museum Chronicling the Diverse History of Pensacola – Margo Stringfield, UWF
- May 11** – Mission San Joseph de Escambé and the Arcadia Mill Village
Dr. John Worth and John Phillips
- June 8** – ANNUAL BANQUET- The year in review and a look ahead

**CONQUISTADORS,
COLONISTS AND
THE CROWN SYMPOSIUM
Stories of 16th-Century Spanish Florida**

In honor of the 450th anniversary of the Luna expedition (1559), join us for a FREE public symposium to highlight the role of Pensacola during the 16th-century Spanish exploration and colonization of the New World. The symposium will be held on the exact anniversary of the hurricane that destroyed the Luna colony, preventing Pensacola from being the oldest continually occupied city in the U.S. Internationally recognized scholars from throughout the United States will lecture on a variety of topics within the context of 16th-century Spanish colonization.

Friday, September 18, 2009 (also Gallery Night)

5:00 – 6:30 pm, Reception, meet the scholars and purchase signed copies of *Unearthing Pensacola* and *Colonial Pensacola* (T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum)

7:00 – 8:00 pm, Keynote Address, Dr. Judith A. Bense (Old Christ Church)

Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Symposium (Old Christ Church)

Lectures by leading scholars including:

Dr. John Bratten, University of West Florida
Dr. Kathleen Deagan, University of Florida
Dr. Mary Glowacki, Bureau of Arch. Research, State of Florida
Dr. Paul Hoffman, Louisiana State University
Dr. Roger Smith, Bureau of Arch. Research, State of Florida
Dr. John Worth, University of West Florida

www.flpublicarchaeology.org/nwrc/symposium