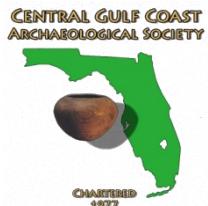


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*39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016, 7:00 PM**

AT

WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CENTER  
1800 WEEDON DR. NE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33702



***Mark Donop, Ph.D. candidate  
University of Florida***

## *Mounded Rituals: The Long History of Palmetto Mound, Levy County, Florida*

The long-lived Palmetto Mound on Hog Island is an important burial mound north of Cedar Key in Levy County, Florida. Recent research indicates that the site and the island were dedicated to mortuary activity at least as early as 2400 BP as part of a network of small, evenly-spaced mortuary sites along the coast. Palmetto Mound was gradually enlarged and elaborated upon until intense ritual activity accompanied the construction of the monumental Shell Mound (8LV42) to the west between 1550-1350 BP. This phase ended abruptly and was followed by a dramatic shift in ritual practices from 1300-1000 BP that included dense deposits of bundled human burials, elaborate Weeden Island mortuary pottery and rare effigies, and exotic materials. Activity at the burial mound waned during the Mississippian Period (ca. 1000-1500 BP) and was eventually discontinued.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <https://goo.gl/izwyZN>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

IN MEMORIAM  
I. MAC PERRY 1940 – 2016



Long-time CGCAS member, I. Mac Perry, passed away on October 7, 2016 after a courageous battle against cancer. Mac was a true renaissance man – musician, writer, artist, primitive technologist, horticulturalist, teacher – who loved archaeology and history and sought to bring the past to life for children and adults alike. He was born, raised, and educated in Virginia and in 1969 he and his wife, Linda Faye, moved to Florida, living on top of a prehistoric shell mound in St. Petersburg. The mound was the site of a CGCAS excavation directed by archaeologist Bob Austin in 2009. Mac introduced Bob and CGCAS to his neighbors so that the midden and mounds associated with the Bayshore Homes archeological site could be investigated. His front yard was turned into an educational tour stop for anyone who was interested in learning about Florida's Native American inhabitants, dubbing it Bayshore Village. He often participated as musician or primitive technologist in Archaeology Month activities and was instrumental in developing the prehistoric village at the Science Center in the late 1990s. Among Mac's many books are *Indian Mounds You Can Visit*, highlighting archaeological sites on Florida's west coast, *Life and Lunch in a 9th Century Indian Village*, describing the lifeways of people of the Manasota culture, and

several novels with historical or Native American themes. His devotion to archaeological education and support for CGCAS will be greatly missed. Mac is survived by his wife, Faye, and their two sons, Teague and Clay. In lieu of flowers the family asks for contributions to Suncoast Hospice Care Center in Pinellas Park in Mac's honor.



Mac talks to fourth grade students about the archaeology of the Bayshore Homes site at his home.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

MAC PERRY PUBLIC  
ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENT  
PAPER COMPETITION

In honor of the memory of longtime CGCAS member Mac Perry's dedication to bringing archaeological knowledge to the public, CGCAS is starting a student paper competition. Just as Mac did with his book *Indian Mounds You Can Visit*, CGCAS hopes to promote the dissemination of archaeological research and findings to the general public in an engaging manner through this student paper competition.

The goal of this competition is to encourage students of archaeology, whether at the undergraduate or graduate level, to present their research in a way that is interesting and accessible to the general public. Students should try to present their archaeological research in a way that is inspiring, accessible, and interesting, without sacrificing the scholarly content or findings of their work. Papers will be judged on how well they represent this goal. Papers should be 8-10 pages and

should be submitted along with a PowerPoint presentation (other presentation formats such as Prezi are also acceptable) to go along with the paper.

First prize for this competition is \$100 while second place is \$50. The first and second place winners of the paper competition will be expected to present their work at the March meeting and lecture series of the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society. The inaugural Mac Perry Student Paper Presentation will be held on Thursday March 16, 2017 at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center in St Petersburg. Both winners must present their papers to the general membership in order to receive their prize.

Paper title, abstract, and contact information for the student (including name, email, university enrolled in, level of education) should be submitted to Becky O'Sullivan at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu) before January 22nd, 2017. Other relevant deadlines are below. For more information please contact Becky O'Sullivan at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu).

#### Important Deadlines:

**Deadline to Submit Abstract:** January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**Deadline to Submit Paper and Powerpoint:** February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Winners Announced:** February 23, 2017

**Winning Papers Presented:** March 16, 2017

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR UPCOMING LECTURES!



**Thursday, November 17, 2016, 7-8 PM**

#### **Prehistoric Use of Everglades Tree Islands: A (Rare) Case from the Northern Everglades**

*William Locascio, Ph.D., Florida Gulf Coast University*

Tree islands were important locations of historic and prehistoric settlements. Archaeological data from the southern Everglades provides a model for prehistoric use of tree islands where they served primarily as locations for resource procurement camps, but occasionally supported large villages, suggesting a settlement system adapted to the unique wetlands environment. Recent excavation of the Wedgworth Midden (8PB16175) in western Palm Beach County offered a rare opportunity to investigate a tree island site from the northern Everglades. This talk reports on the results of those excavations and discusses the patterns that have emerged so far. Questions are addressed regarding when the island was occupied, which among the many resources were most important to the past occupants of the island, and the nature of interactions the past occupants had with surrounding groups.

#### CGCAS FIELD TRIP – FLORIDA’S HISTORIC SUGAR MILLS

Mark your calendar because November 11-13 we are planning a sweet field trip to explore some of the historic sugar mills along Florida's east coast. The tentative plan is to stay in the Flagler Beach area Friday night; then visit several sugar mills including Bulow Plantation, Dummett Mill, and Dunlawton Mill on Saturday; then visit our final sugar mill on Sunday in De Leon Springs (this one happens to double as a pancake restaurant so breakfast will also be part of the fun!)



*Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park*

Field trips are always free to members, but if you are not a member they are \$25 for adults or \$12

for students. This includes membership in CGCAS so you can go on future fieldtrips for free. We hope you can join us for this fun trip! For information on the hotels we plan to stay at, or to RSVP for the fieldtrip, please contact Marcie Connors at [tjconnors@verizon.net](mailto:tjconnors@verizon.net)



## CGCAS LECTURE VIDEOS NOW ON OUR WEBSITE!

Missed one of our lectures and still regretting it? Have no fear! Many of our past lectures are now up on our website thanks to the hard work of CGCAS Vice President (and excellent videographer) Tom Connors. Check them out at this link: <http://www.cgcas.org/videos-of-lectures>

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Please help us extend a warm welcome to our newest members (listed below)! Thanks for joining CGCAS and helping to promote the archaeology and history of the Tampa Bay area. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

**Nathan Durbin**

**Alexis Petterson**

**Ryan Berger**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Archaeology on Tap *Friday, October 21, 2016 from 4-5pm*

University of South Florida graduate student Kate Padula will present “Re-Placing the Plantation Landscape at Yulee’s Margarita Plantation, Homosassa, Florida”. Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins Historic State Park (CI124B) contains the remnants of a 19th century sugar mill, associated with the Margarita plantation located in Homosassa, Florida. At present, documentation of the plantation boundaries is limited and the locations of various associated buildings, including slave quarters, are unknown. To address this issue, a reconnaissance survey is underway in the vicinity of the mill to identify associated plantation structures and boundaries. Preliminary results indicate that remains of the plantation are not in the immediate vicinity of the sugar mill, warranting further survey.

WHERE: Gaspar's Patio  
8448 North 56th Street  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

### The First Thanksgiving: St Augustine, 1565 *Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 6:30 – 7:30pm*

Join FPAN at this family friendly presentation which discusses the first contact between European explorers and Native Americans in what is now Florida, as well as the real story of the first Thanksgiving in St. Augustine.

WHERE: Safety Harbor Museum  
329 S. Bayshore Blvd  
Safety Harbor, FL

### CGCAS Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange *Sunday, December 11, 2016 at Noon*

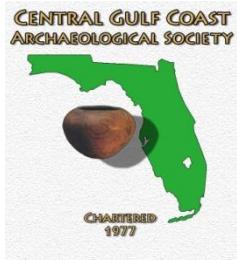
Mark your calendar. Bring a covered dish to share AND if you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a white elephant gift.

WHERE: AWIARE Research Station  
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## THE SOCIETY

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the cultural past of Florida and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage.

Amateurs, professionals and concerned citizens are welcomed as members. Membership is yearly and all dues are payable in January. Contact Cheryl Shaughnessy at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780

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Individual	\$25.00
Student	\$12.00
Family	\$30.00

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