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*39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017, 7:00 PM***

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



***C. Andrew Hemmings, Ph.D.***

*Florida Atlantic University*

## **The Old Vero Site: Some Recent Findings and Thoughts on Paleoindian Archaeology in Florida**

In 1913 workers dredging a canal near Vero Beach found fossilized bones. State Geologist, Dr. Frank Sellards, visited the site and later began excavations, finding bones of humans and Pleistocene animals. Although convinced his finds confirmed that humans and extinct Late Ice Age animals lived side by side in Florida, his discoveries were dismissed by the scientific community. In 2008 renewed local interest in the site protected it from destruction and led to a multi-year excavation. Analysis of this material is well underway and is combined with information gathered from old collections and archives. A wealth of new information regarding the Terminal Pleistocene environment, and how the first humans to arrive adapted and flourished in a rapidly changing Pleistocene Florida.

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

## MAC PERRY PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

In honor of the memory of longtime Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (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, and level of education) should be submitted to Becky O'Sullivan at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu) before January 22nd, 2018. Other relevant deadlines are below. For more information please contact Becky O'Sullivan at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu).

### Important Info and Deadlines:

**Who can submit a paper?** Undergraduate or Graduate level students in Anthropology,

Archaeology, History, or related fields. Papers related to research in Florida or the Southeast are preferred.

**Deadline to Submit Abstract:** January 22nd, 2018

**Deadline to Submit Paper and**

**Powerpoint:** February 5th, 2018

**Winners Announced:** February 22, 2018

**Winning Papers Presented:** March 15, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — CGCAS  
HOLIDAY PARTY!



Mark your calendar- Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon we will be meeting for our annual Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange!

**WHAT:** CGCAS Annual Holiday Party  
**WHEN:** Saturday, December 9th  
**WHERE:** AWAIRE, 1500 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

**BRING:** Covered dish to share AND if you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a white elephant

**REMINDER:** Also a good time to remit your annual dues

## FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING, 2018



HOSTED BY THE ALLIANCE FOR WEEDON ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (AWIARE) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST PETERSBURG ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM



The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Anthropology Program are honored to host the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). The meeting will take place on the beautiful harbor side campus of USFSP in the **University Student Center**, May 11-13, 2018. The USFSP campus is located in the bustling downtown of St. Petersburg, which offers countless restaurants and top tier museums, including the Dali, the Chihuly, and the Florida Holocaust Museum. A room block at the Bayfront Hilton has been secured for the event with a nightly rate of \$135. The newly renovated hotel is conveniently located 1000 feet north of the USFSP campus and within walking distance to many Downtown amenities.

Additionally, the Hilton has offered to make our conference rate available to attendees three days before and after the FAS meeting for those interested in spending more time in this vibrant city. To take advantage of this opportunity and/or book your room for the conference, the Hilton is ready to accept your reservation by calling (727) 894-5000.

On the evening of Friday, May 11, conference attendees will be treated to a Welcome Reception at

3 Daughters Brewery between 6-8pm. The reception will feature food from a local favorite, The Tavern, a variety of games, and the Florida Archaeological Council's Stewards of Heritage Awards ceremony. Transportation to and from the venue will be provided.



On Saturday night, May 12<sup>th</sup>, attendees can enjoy a refreshing cocktail overlooking gorgeous views of Bayboro Harbor before the FAS Awards and Banquet commences at the USFSP **University Student Center**, the same location as the Conference. Dr. Michael Francis, Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies and Professor of History at USFSP, has graciously accepted our invitation and will provide the Conference's Keynote Address.

On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, tours will take place in the greater St. Petersburg area. Folks may decide between guided tours to archaeological sites located in four City of St. Petersburg Park lands or to the AWIARE Research Station and famous Weedon Island Archaeological Site located at the Weedon Island Preserve. We look forward to celebrating the Florida Anthropological Society with a wonderful 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting event and hope to see all of you in St. Petersburg, May 11-13, 2018.

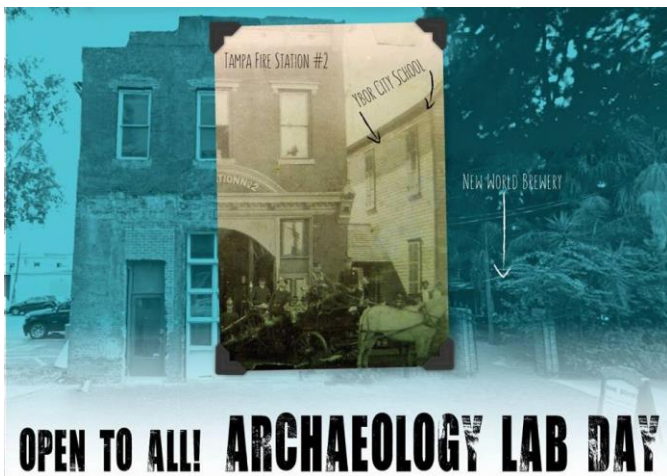
### UPCOMING FALL CGCAS LECTURES

**Florida's Container Revolution: The Historical Consequences of Late Archaic Pottery Adoption**  
*Thursday, December 21, 2017 from 7-8pm*

*Zachary Gilmore, Ph.D. Rollins College*

Traditional accounts suggest that the adoption of pottery technology in Florida approximately 4,700 years ago came with few, if any, discernible impacts on the hunter-gatherer societies involved. Recent research, however, has revealed a number of important cultural transformations that coincided with pottery's appearance, including shifts in settlement, exchange, monument construction, and mortuary traditions. New data from the Silver Glen shell mound complex in the middle St. Johns Valley indicate that the earliest pottery vessels played a significant role in ritual feasting events and long distance exchange networks, which integrated people and communities across peninsular Florida. In this way, the new technology helped to challenge preexisting political structures and usher in truly revolutionary change across the region.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



**Archaeology Lab – Ybor City**  
*Friday, November 17, 2017 from 9:30 – Noon*

Discover the history beneath your feet in Ybor City. Help archaeologists from FPAN and USF wash and sort artifacts from Ybor City's past, or just come by and see some of the things we found during our excavation at New World Brewery. No experience required, free and open to all!

**Archaeology Works: Mounds and Middens**  
*Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 10am – Noon*

What's the best way to learn about a person, whether they lived thousands of years ago or today? Look through their garbage of course! Archaeologists study prehistoric trash piles or middens to gain a

wealth of information about the past. They also investigate purpose built mounds that still dot the Florida landscape in order to learn about prehistoric societies. Learn the difference between a mound and a midden in this fun and hands-on workshop. Recommended for all ages.

**Indigenous Lifeways and Spirituality Tour at Weedon Island**  
*Saturday November 25, 2017 at 10am*

Join professional Archaeologist, Naturalist, and Science Educator Jungle Jay, Fine Artist and Deep Historian Hermann Trappman and Florida-Forager-Extraordinaire Andy Firk for an insightful examination of daily life, habits, diet and beliefs of the native Manasota Culture of west central Florida at Pinellas County's jewel, Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center.

This experience will begin at the center's NE parking lot entryway sign with a description of the Education Center building itself and how its orientation, design and decoration reflect the art and spirit of the people that populated the site. On a leisurely guided hike, you will learn how various plants were used as the food, medicine and raw materials of daily life. Along the boardwalk and through the extensive mangrove forest you will see how the abundant animal life was part of the local environment and food supply and was integrated into the spirituality our early inhabitants.

Finally we will examine the ancient canoe and interactive displays in the Center's "state of the art" museum and facilities with the shared insights and interpretation of your guides.

**SUGGESTED DONATION** (all proceeds benefit UU of Clearwater / Beacon Community Garden and Food Forest) Adult, \$20; Teens and Students (w/ ID), \$15; Under 6, FREE (but not recommended).

More information at this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/899096436918340/>

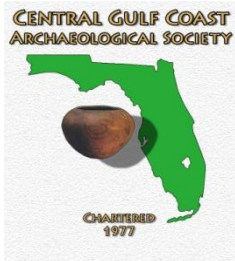
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## THE SOCIETY

The Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) is an association of amateur and professional archaeologists and concerned citizens dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. CGCAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) and is a state chartered non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.



## 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

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

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