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# CENTRAL GULF COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016, 7:00 PM***

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



***Kendal Jackson, MA  
University of South Florida***

***The Pollen Record at Crystal River: Reconstructing Environmental Change, Site History, and Ancient Plant Use***

The forager communities living in the Crystal River/ Salt River drainage of Florida's Big Bend Gulf Coast during the Woodland Period (1000 BC – AD 1050) are well known among southeastern archaeologists for their elaborate shell mound architecture, maritime lifeways, and participation in wide-ranging exchange networks. What remains uncertain are the local environmental conditions involved in the development and history of the Crystal River Site (8Ci1) as a village and civic-ceremonial center. By combining the analysis of ancient pollen grains preserved within archaeological soils with an extensive radiocarbon dating program, it is possible to shed light on how local communities experienced and interacted with broad environmental fluctuations during the first millennium AD.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <https://goo.gl/4Gzgs2>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... DUES ARE ALMOST DUE

Thank you for all that you do to make this group possible (and thank you for your continued support!) Your dollars go toward bringing top archaeological researchers from throughout Florida and the Southeast to speak in our area. CGCAS wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

Dues can be paid in a variety of convenient ways: they can be paid directly to Cheryl Shaughnessy at our monthly meetings, they can be mailed to Cheryl at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780, or they can be paid online at our website through Paypal at [www.cgcas.org](http://www.cgcas.org). Again, your dues are what make our monthly speaker series possible, thank you for your continued support of CGCAS!

## SUGAR MILL FIELD TRIP A SWEET SUCCESS

On our most recent CGCAS fieldtrip members got to explore an interesting part of Florida history that many people don't think about – historic sugar mills. Sugar is an important part of Florida's economy today, but it was also an important industry during the early 1800s. On this tour we visited four different sugar mills dating to this time period: Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park, Dummett Sugar Mill Ruins, the Cruger-de-Peyster mill at Sugar Mill Ruins Park in New Smyrna Beach, and the sugar mill/pancake house De Leon Springs State Park.



*Starting the tour at Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park looking out over Bulow Creek.*



*Great looking group in front of the Bulow Plantation sugar mill ruins!*



*Checking out the Cruger-de-Peyster sugar mill in New Smyrna.*



*Great dinner that night in downtown Deland complete with a byproduct of the sugar making process we can all enjoy – rum!*



*We rounded out our sugar mill fieldtrip with a stop at De Leon Springs State Park where you can make your own pancakes on the site of a historic sugar mill.*



*Getting started on our white elephant gift exchange.*



*Looking forward to the next fieldtrip!*



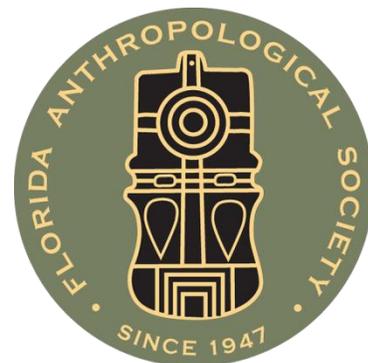
*Great looking group, thanks so much for coming out!*

## FUN TIMES AT THE CGCAS HOLIDAY PARTY

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> CGCAS members came together for our annual holiday party and white elephant gift exchange at the AWIARE research station at Weedon Island. A great time was had by all, and it was nice to get together and see some familiar faces. As usual, everyone brought their favorite food item and we all enjoyed a delicious spread of dishes.

Another fun part of the party was the white elephant gift exchange. Everyone brought an item from their house (gifts included everything from a can of collard greens, to a virtual reality headset, to a box full of different liquor). Then we went around and chose gifts or stole an already opened gift from someone else. In the end everyone seemed happy with what they got. Thanks again to everyone who made it out!

## FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND CALL FOR PAPERS



The Archaeology Lab at the University of North Florida (UNF), with the support of the Jacksonville Society of the Archaeological Institute

of America (AIA), is honored to host the 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). Situated amid woodlands, beautiful lakes, and nature trails, the meeting presentations and related events will be held on the UNF campus in Jacksonville, May 5-7, 2017.

UNF is located within 10 miles of both the Atlantic Ocean and Downtown Jacksonville. Arrangements with a nearby hotel close to the St. Johns Town Center are almost final. The conference rate will be \$99 a night.

On Friday evening, the welcome reception will take place in an open courtyard adjacent to the UNF Archaeology Lab (Building 51). Reception attendees will have the opportunity to view displays showcasing Jacksonville archaeology courtesy of the Archaeology Lab, Jacksonville Museum of Science and History (MOSH), National Park Service's Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, and Big Talbot Island State Park.

More details about the hotel, meeting registration, Sunday tours, and other event activities will be available on the FAS website in January 2017.

**Call for Papers** - The Florida Anthropological Society invites the submission of abstracts for paper or poster presentations at the annual meeting. We encourage submissions on a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology, archaeology, history, and other related disciplines. Paper and poster presentations will occur on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

An abstract of no more than 100 words is required from each presenter. Individuals may submit only one paper or poster as first author for consideration. All presenters must register and pay the appropriate registration fee at the time they submit their abstract. A 20 minute time limit for each paper presentation will be strictly enforced.

Conference registration and abstract submission access will be available through the FAS website in early January 2017. The abstract submission deadline is Monday March 13, 2017. The deadline for proposing symposia, panel discussions, or other special programs associated with the conference is January 31, 2017.

**Student Prize Competition** - Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in degree granting collegiate programs are encouraged to compete for a prize. The student must

submit a paper of original research that contributes to our understanding of Florida's cultural history.

Contestants must register for the conference and submit a copy of their paper by Friday, March 31, 2017. The written paper cannot exceed 2,500 words and must be typed and double-spaced. Students are required to make an oral presentation drawn directly from their written paper at the FAS annual meeting. Past first place winners of the student paper prize are not eligible.

Judging criteria for student papers and oral presentation are: quality of writing, overall presentation, quality of arguments and supporting data, and overall contribution to our understanding of Florida's cultural past and/or present. Prizes will be awarded during the Saturday evening banquet.

Email questions and student paper submissions to Keith Ashley at kashley@unf.edu.

## UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

**CGCAS Lecture - Complex Hunter-Gatherers of Interior British Columbia: Archaeology of the Middle Fraser Canyon**  
*Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:00pm*

The Middle Fraser Canyon of interior British Columbia is the traditional home of the St'át'imc people, famous for their intensive salmon fishing, large pithouse villages, and complex social organization. Archaeological research has identified the establishment of permanent villages along the terraces of the Mid-Fraser Canyon shortly after 2000 years ago. The villages grew to peak size by about 1300 years ago with some communities including as many as 1000 persons organized in clans and ranked house groups. The large villages were subsequently abandoned for several hundred years but reoccupied several centuries before the coming of Europeans in the early 19th century. This presentation provides an introduction to the ethnology and archaeology of the Middle Fraser Canyon with a particular focus on the Bridge River site, one of the largest and most intensively studied St'át'imc villages.

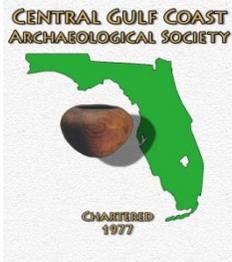
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## THE SOCIETY

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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