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39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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Complex Hunter-Gatherers of Interior British Columbia: Archaeology of the Middle Fraser Canyon

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 St'át'imc villages in the Mid-Fraser Canyon shortly after 2000 years ago. The villages grew to peak size by 1300 years ago with some communities including as many as 1000 persons organized in clans and ranked house groups. The villages were subsequently abandoned for several hundred years but reoccupied several centuries before European arrival 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.

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

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... DUES ARE 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. Again, your dues are what make our monthly speaker series possible, thank you for your continued support of CGCAS!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



Let's all give a warm welcome to our newest CGCAS members: **James Harley, Calley Warman, and Dennis Bowles!** Looking forward to meet you at our next lecture and thank you so much for your support.

DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: HERITAGE
MONITORING SCOUTS PROGRAM



Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida) is a public engagement program developed by the

Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and focused on tracking changes to archaeological sites at risk, particularly those impacted by climate change in the form of erosion and sea level rise. The public is encouraged to apply to the program and will receive monthly updates on training and resources available for HMS Florida participants statewide.



HMS Scouts visit all sorts of cultural resource (everything from historic cemeteries to prehistoric shell middens) then report back what they see with a simple monitoring form.

Monitoring archaeological sites is a form of service to our community, the environment, and past cultures. It honors all three to be able to say you've been to these places, and with a purpose... and it can be very simple!

The database built by the Heritage Monitoring Scouts will help provide basic information to document change over time in light of the rapidly changing climate of our planet. Monitoring takes place currently in many places across Florida--however--there are significant gaps, storage of monitoring data falls through the cracks, and few offer opportunities to Florida's greatest resource--motivated citizens who want to get out there and make a difference.

Sea levels are rising in Florida 20 percent faster than the global rate. Local governments are already planning for major changes to the infrastructure, including elevating roads and shifting development, to prepare for a future only 50 years from now. Cultural resources will be left behind. Fifty years from now many will be eroded out, flooded, or destroyed by future development.



No experience is needed to become an HMS Scout, just a desire to get outside and help monitor some archaeological sites!

So let's look at the positive. Let's enjoy these places while they are still here. Let's raise our own quality of life; get out there on the water, or on a hiking trail, or out with friends or your favorite civic group. Site monitoring is good for you and good for the sites. Besides, you never know which site you may be the last to see before a site is damaged or destroyed. It could be your record and your images land managers use next to make decisions and describe changes to the landscape.

To register to be a Heritage Monitoring Scout, please fill out the application form at this address: www.fpan.us/HMSFlorida.

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 before January 22nd, 2017. Other relevant deadlines are below. For more information please contact Becky O'Sullivan at rosulliv@usf.edu.

Important Deadlines:

Deadline to Submit Abstract: January 22nd, 2017

Deadline to Submit Paper and Powerpoint: February 5th, 2017

Winners Announced: February 23, 2017

Winning Papers Presented: March 16, 2017

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

Presentation – Archaeology of the Tocobaga at the Safety Harbor Site

Saturday, January 25, 2017 from 6:30 – 7:30pm



First visited by archaeologists in 1880, the Safety Harbor site was once home to the capital city of the Tocobaga people. Although many of the features of this ancient village were destroyed over the years, clues to the lives of the Tocobaga still remain beneath the surface. Learn about some of the amazing finds at this site, as well as what they reveal about the history of the area, as we celebrate some of the earliest residents of Safety Harbor.

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

Volunteer Archaeology Lab

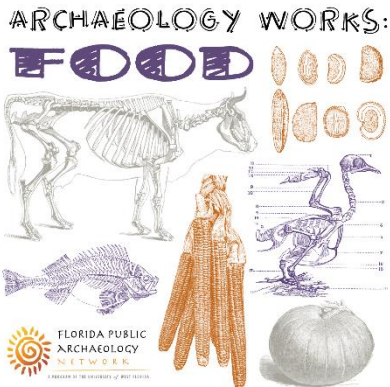
Friday, January 27, 2017 from 10:00 – Noon

Ever wonder what archaeologists do with all that stuff they dig up at archaeological sites once the fieldwork is finished? At the FPAN Volunteer Lab, you can come find out for yourself! Learn all about how artifacts and other archaeological material get processed in the laboratory so that we can use them to learn about the past. You will get the chance to sort through, identify, and wash artifacts and other material from real archaeological sites! All ages are welcome to participate or observe, children 12 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

WHERE: Weedon Island Preserve
1800 Weedon Dr NE
St Petersburg, FL

Archaeology Works: Food

Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 10:00 – Noon



The foods we eat say a lot about who we are; one family's comfort food might be another's worst nightmare! Just like other artifacts that

archaeologists find, food remains can say a lot about past people's diet, environment, and culture. Learn how archaeologists study tiny bits of food to learn about people in the past, then try your hand at identifying different animal bones and seeds that might have made up an ancient meal. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Weedon Island Preserve
1800 Weedon Dr NE
St Petersburg, FL

Archaeology Works: Learn to be an HMS Scout *Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10:00 – Noon*

Learn about FPAN's newest program, Heritage Monitoring Scouts of Florida. Join FPAN staff for this program information session to learn how to become a heritage monitoring scout and how you can save Florida archaeology sites. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Weedon Island Preserve
1800 Weedon Dr NE
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CGCAS Lecture - What's Cookin': Identifying the Food Preferences of Prehistoric People in Coastal Northeast Florida

Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:00pm

Zooarchaeology studies begin with the identification and quantification of faunal remains. To understand patterns of cultural choice, it is necessary to place an assemblage of such remains within the contexts of time, zoology and biology, climate, and environment. This presentation will discuss how such contextual interpretations are achieved through the identification of the skeletal elements of vertebrate food remains and by using prey age and size to identify capture methods and equipment. By comparing these observations between local sites, we have learned the range of faunal selections favored by the St. Johns II (A.D. 900-1300) people in the estuaries of Northeast Florida.

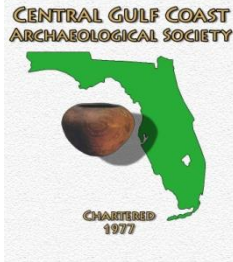
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THE SOCIETY

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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