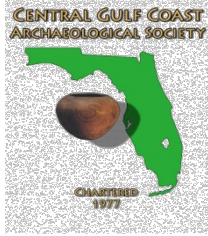

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39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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



Vickie Roland, MA
University of North Florida

What's Cookin': Identifying the Food Preferences of Prehistoric People in Coastal Northeast Florida

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.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <https://goo.gl/p9eRQr>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITY!

By: Bob Austin

I have a fun project that needs volunteers to help screen shell mound material from the Kuttler Mound in St. Petersburg. As you may know, the city purchased the Kuttler property and is going to incorporate it into Abercrombie Park. They are demolishing the house and are going fill in the parts that were dug out to build the house and recontour the mound. I have been monitoring the demo and there are shell mound sediments that need to be sifted through for artifacts and fauna.

I need volunteers who would like to help this coming Saturday, February 18. We will meet at 8336 40th Ave. N at 10 AM. I will have screens, bags, shovels, etc. Depending on how many people participate, it shouldn't take more than a few hours. If you are interested please RSVP to my personal email address: roc_doc@verizon.net.

LABORING IN THE FIELDS OF THE LORD EVENT



Lee Trust for Historic Preservation and Friends of Mound Key are pleased to announce a free public event focused on the Spanish Mission period in Florida history. The program entitled, "Laboring in the Fields of the Lord: Southeastern Indians and Spanish Missions," will be held on February 25th at Florida Southwestern State College, Auditorium U-102, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Funding for this program is generously provided by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and local sponsors.

From the 1560s on, Jesuit and then Franciscan friars established over 150 missions

across La Florida – from the southern reaches of the Florida peninsula to the Chesapeake Bay. San Francisco, San Antonio, Santa Fe – names we associate today with Texas and the southwest – were first missions among southeastern Indian groups. Yet by 1763, when Great Britain took over Florida from Spain, only two missions and less than one hundred mission Indians remained.

This program brings together five preeminent scholars in American Indian languages and mission period history and archaeology. The presenters will address the rise and fall of the Spanish missions including language barriers and contrasting world views, the impact on indigenous peoples and cultures, and how these histories are interpreted and presented to the public at heritage sites.

Interested parties are encouraged to register in advance at this link: <http://heritagematters.org/mound-key-events/>. Attendees may attend one presentation or all presentations. Box lunches are available for advance purchase should you wish to remain on-site to interact with the speakers at lunch. Event speakers: Jerald T. Milanich, John E. Worth, J. Michael Francis, Rochelle Marrinan, and George Aaron Broadwell.

FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION FORMED TO HEAD OFF ARTIFACT COLLECTION AND SITE DESTRUCTION ON FLORIDA'S PUBLIC LANDS

By: Lonnie Mann, FAPA Board of Directors

As many are without doubt aware, several groups linked to the antiquities market, one based in Georgia with members from Alabama and Florida, have lobbied the Florida legislature to legalize excavating and artifact collecting on Florida's Public Lands. Tribal groups, archaeologists and preservationists, and several municipalities were active in the Florida legislature last session and successfully defeated the proposed measures, House Bill 803/Senate Bill 1054. Similar bills will likely be introduced very soon in the 2017 legislative session.

Collector groups and some of their wealthy supporters operate at a distinct advantage by expending considerable sums to retain well-

connected professional lobbyists. In contrast to unincorporated collector groups, non-profit organizations, such as FAS, are 501(c)(3) organizations for taxing purposes. This status limits the level of expenditures the organization can devote to direct lobbying. Of course, acting as private individuals, members of FAS are in no way restricted from engaging in or contributing to the political process.

The Florida Archaeological Preservation Association (FAPA) was recently incorporated with Glen Doran, Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Florida State University Department of Anthropology, as its president. FAPA's purpose is to participate directly in the political process in order to protect Florida's cultural heritage. FAPA is a 501(c)(4) organization, and is therefore permitted to make expenditures for lobbying purposes.

FAPA has retained a highly competent and ethical professional lobbying firm, Liberty Partners Inc., to represent our cause during the upcoming legislative session. At the same time, FAPA is working diligently to form a broad coalition of organizations to defend cultural resources in Florida.

While these initiatives will certainly help, direct communications from local constituents to their own legislators remains an enormously important factor as well. Membership in FAPA is open to anyone who supports its purposes and who attests that they are not engaged in buying or selling artifacts.

Anyone who wishes to make a material contribution to protect Florida's increasingly vulnerable cultural heritage may join FAPA by paying annual membership dues of \$25 for a Regular Membership or \$75 for a Sustaining Membership. In addition, donations will be gratefully accepted.

For anyone who itemizes, please note that these expenditures are not tax deductible; however, FAPA pays no taxes on them. A membership form will be posted on FAPA's "under construction" website (see www.FloridaAPA.com).

Additionally, FAPA invites everyone to check out news about cultural resource protection and to like the FAPA Facebook page.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

Sulphur Springs Art and Archaeology Day *Saturday, February 25, from 11:00 – 1:00 pm*

Please join the Florida Public Archaeology Network and the Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center for an afternoon of fun and history at Mann Wagon Park in Sulphur Springs! Learn about how Native Americans once used the spring and river in their day to day life and enjoy the new Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit "Water/Ways" now on display at the Sulphur Springs Museum. There will be free activities and crafts for kids and families including: mask painting, pottery making, rope making demonstrations, and even a chance to create your own mini boat to take home with you.

For more information: <https://goo.gl/3IbV1u>

WHERE: Sulphur Springs Museum
1101 East River Cove St
Tampa, FL 33604

Archaeology Academy *Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 10:00 – Noon*

Archaeology Academy at Weedon Island Preserve will engage the public through presentations and hands on activities. Come learn about the prehistoric people who made Weedon Island home through short presentations that are open to everyone. After the presentations you can also sign up for a hike to an archaeological site or canoe tours where you will be guided to nearby archaeology sites and get to learn about the Florida Public Archaeology Network's newest program, the Heritage Monitoring Scouts of Florida. Fee for each activity is \$10.00 per participant and registration is required.

For more information or to register go to: <https://goo.gl/pr2gL4>

WHERE: Weedon Island Center
1800 Weedon Island Dr NE
St Petersburg, FL 33702

Heritage Monitoring Scout Training
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 9:00 – Noon

Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida) is a public engagement program focused on tracking changes to archaeological sites at risk, particularly those impacted by climate change in the form of erosion and sea level rise. Join Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) staff for this information session to learn how to become a heritage monitoring scout. We will talk about threats to archaeological sites, how to identify some

common site types and artifacts, and the best way to record and monitor them. Following this introductory session, FPAN will organize a number of scout meet ups to visit sites so that you can get involved and protect sites near you!

WHERE: Emerson Point Preserve
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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

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

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