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*39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016, 7:00 PM***

*AT*

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



*Jessica Miller*

*Ph.D. Candidate, University of South Florida*

***Middle Woodland Complexity and Culture Change in Northwest Florida from a Domestic Perspective***

Throughout the Eastern U.S., the Middle Woodland was a period of increased cultural complexity. This complexity is best identified in the Apalachicola-lower Chattahoochee River region of northwest Florida through the combined presence of Swift Creek Complicated-Stamped ceramics and early Weeden Island ceramic types along with nonlocal trade items, burial mounds, and evidence of elaborate mortuary ritual. The Otis Hare site (8LI172) is a freshwater shell midden on the east bank of the Apalachicola River occupied for over one thousand years, with the most intensive occupation during the Middle Woodland period (A.D. 300-650). The site is used as a case study to characterize the Middle Woodland and examine culture change in the river valley from a domestic perspective.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://goo.gl/nZ9wpg> . You can also call 727-453-6500 to register*

## DUES ARE DUE!

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. Thank you for all that you do to make this group possible (and thank you for your continued support!)

Please note that the dues have increased as of January, 2016. See the new rates under the Membership heading. 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!

## ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT WEEDON ISLAND

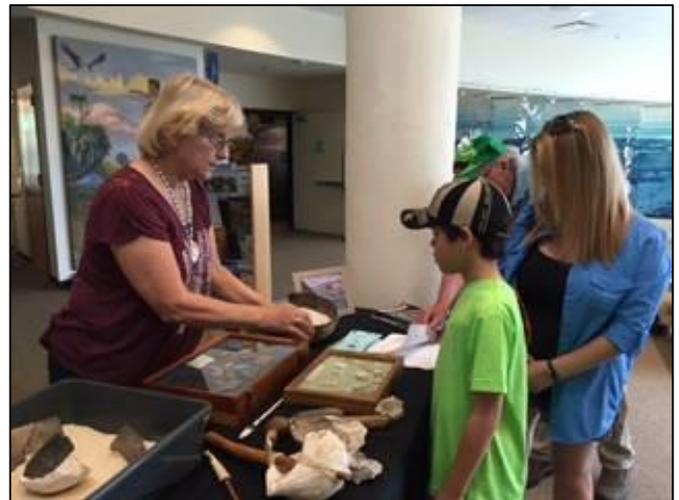


*CGCAS Board Members Dave Burns and Linda Allred talk to visitors for Archaeology Day at the Weedon Island Preserve.*

This past weekend, CGCAS partnered with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and the Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) to put on an archaeology day at the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center. Visitors were able to start the day off by learning more about the Woodland Period and archaeology at Weedon Island through presentations by FPAN staff. Participants were then able to sign up for special tours and activities such

as: a hike out to an excavation site at Weedon Island led by Dr. John Arthur, a specialized pottery lab led by CGCAS Board Member Kassie Kemp, an archaeo-eco kayak tour, and even a hike that focused on plant use by Native Americans in Florida. For those who wanted to stay at the center, CGCAS members had out a great display of artifacts and replica tools for people to check out. Thanks so much to Linda Allred, Dave Burns, and Chris Hardy for helping out with the CGCAS table. Thanks also to Loren Blakeley for setting up a wonderful pottery display and showing visitors how to make their own pots to take home with them. All in all it turned out to be a great day!

To learn more about Woodland Period sites in your area you can visit go to the "Explore" page at [www.fpan.us/wrcr](http://www.fpan.us/wrcr) or check out the Florida Archaeology Month website starting in March at [www.FLarchmonth.org](http://www.FLarchmonth.org)



*Linda shows visitors some of the interesting artifacts that Native American left behind at sites throughout Pinellas County.*



*Dr. John Arthur talks to hikers about the archaeology that is being done at Weedon Island.*



*Members of the public hike out to part of the Weedon Island site for a special tour led by archaeologists from AWIARE and FPAN.*

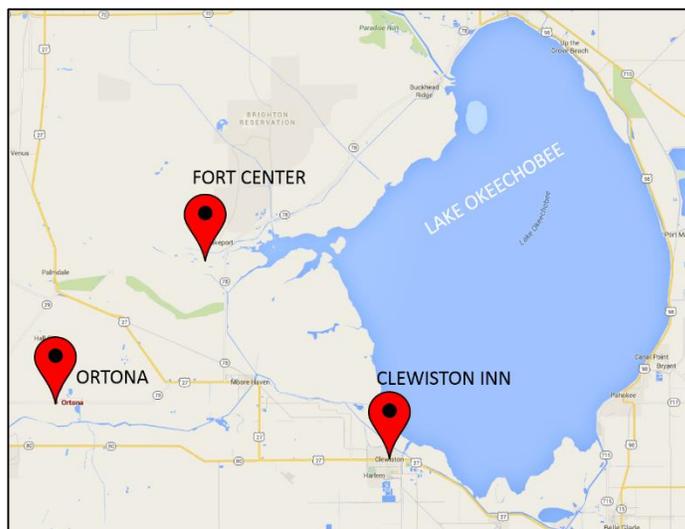


*One of the many artifacts found during excavations at the Weedon Island site.*



*Kayakers on the Archaeo-Eco Kayak tour led by FPAN and Pinellas County Sea Grant Agent Libby Carnahan.*

### CGCAS FIELDTRIP APRIL 2-3: FORT CENTER AND ORTONA



*Locations for our next fieldtrip to Fort Center and Ortona.*

Mark your calendar! On April 2-3 we hope you will be able to make it out for our CGCAS fieldtrip to two amazing archaeological sites: Fort Center and Ortona! We plan to travel to Fort Center, located along Fisheating Creek just west of Lake Okeechobee on Saturday, April 2 then spend the night at the historic Clewiston Inn. Sunday we will venture over to the nearby Ortona site then head back to the Tampa area. The trip will be all the better because of our expert tour guide – Bob Austin (thanks for offering to show us around, Bob!)



*Beautiful murals adorn the walls of the bar at the historic Clewiston Inn.*

If you are interested in going please contact Linda at [all@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:all@tampabay.rr.com). You can make your room reservation at the Clewiston Inn for the night of April 2<sup>nd</sup> by calling 863-983-8151 and asking for Valerie. Please make your reservation over the phone and **not online**, and mention that you are with the group CGCAS when making your reservation. Online reservations are not eligible for the group discount. If we get at least 10 rooms for our group we will all get a discount. You can reserve the room without cancellation fee if you cancel BEFORE 3PM on Friday, April 1st. Check-in time on April 2nd is 3PM. Free continental breakfast is offered from 6:30AM until 9:30AM. You can also find more information about the hotel at this link: <http://www.clewistoninn.com/>.



*Hope you can make it out!*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Would you like to get more involved with CGCAS? We are looking for volunteers to take over the Treasurer and Membership Chair roles on the CGCAS Board. This is a volunteer organization, and we can only make it work with your help! Please contact Cheryl Shaughnessy at [shaughnc@me.com](mailto:shaughnc@me.com) if you would like more information.

## SAVE THE DATE: CGCAS PICNIC



Please plan to join us on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11-4pm at John S Taylor Park in Largo for the annual CGCAS Picnic. More information to come in a future newsletter. Hope you can make it out!

## REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JUPITER MAY 19-22

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society will be held in Jupiter, Florida from May 19-22, 2016. Palm Beach County Archaeological Society is proud to host the meeting at the Wyndham Grand Harbourside overlooking the scenic Intracoastal Waterway.

We invite all FAS members, professionals, students, and avocationalists to submit abstracts about your current research projects for paper or poster presentation at the conference. We are encouraging presentations of a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology, archaeology, history, and other related disciplines. Paper and poster presentations will occur on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Papers and posters should state the research question(s) that guided the work and summarize conclusions or issues resolved by the investigation.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Only one paper or poster per presenter will be accepted
- An 18-minute time limit for each paper presentation will be strictly enforced
- Abstracts of up to 100 words will be accepted
- Submission of conference registration form and conference fee must be completed before submission of abstract
- Conference registration and abstract submission will be available through the FAS website at [www.fasweb.org](http://www.fasweb.org)

**Registration for presenters is due by Thursday, March 31, 2016**

To register for the Annual Meeting online:

- 1) Visit <http://fasweb.org/annual-conference/>
- 2) Scroll/read to the bottom of the page
- 3) Click "To Register Online Please Click Here"
- 4) Register and we'll see you in Jupiter!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**EVENT – Five Centuries of Florida History**  
*Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20th from 10am – 3pm*

Five Centuries of Florida history is a unique opportunity to experience 500 years of Florida history in one weekend. Converse with Civil War soldiers, talk with Rough Riders, learn about the plight of WWI trenches and the experiences of WWII GI's. Five Centuries of Florida history brings together re-enactors from all over Florida as they portray their particular periods of time from the time of Spanish conquest to the present day.

WHERE: DeSoto National Memorial  
8300 Desoto Memorial Hwy  
Bradenton, FL

**LECTURE – Archaeology on Tap**  
*Friday, March 25, 2016 from 4pm – 5pm*

Graduate student Alex Delgado will be sharing his research: More than just Empty Space? Integrated Geoarchaeological Investigations of a Plaza

Historically, plazas are utilized as spaces for cultural expression, daily interactions between members of the community, economic exchanges, and discourse of all types. They also serve as a symbolic space, critical to the formation and maintenance of cultural identity while also embodying social and political relations. For this study I employ ground penetrating radar and magnetometry, as well as microartifact and sediment chemical analysis to allow me to reconstruct the possible activities which were undertaken in the plaza at the Crystal River site.

WHERE: Gaspar's Patio  
8448 N 56<sup>th</sup> St  
Tampa, FL 33620

**CGCAS LECTURE – Spring Surprise:**  
**Archaeology at Chassahowitzka Headsprings**  
*Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 7pm – 8pm*

Archaeology Lecture Series - Spring Surprise:  
Lessons Learned and Unexpected Results of the Chassahowitzka Headsprings Archaeological Assessment and Monitoring Project - Michael Arbuthnot, M.S., SEARCH

In 2013 SEARCH conducted underwater archaeological investigations and monitoring at the Chassahowitzka Headsprings in Citrus County. Although the initial underwater survey yielded a sparse artifact count, hundreds of rare objects were recovered during the monitoring phase, including a Suwannee projectile point, a bone fishhook, an intact Pasco Plain bowl, Spanish majolica fragments, hand-carved wooden paddles, a large wooden fin effigy and over 100 bottles dating from 1885 to present. The project is important not only for the cultural materials it produced, but for the lessons learned; the results of which will undoubtedly influence future underwater archaeology work in Florida springs.

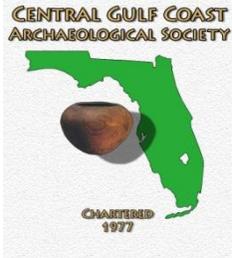
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## THE SOCIETY

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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